

The Sabbath Recorder

Anti-Drug Film Helpful

"High on the Campus," an anti-drug abuse film by Gospel Films, Inc., of Muskegon, Michigan, will be used by the Government of Brazil in its nationwide effort to halt the use of dangerous drugs.

"High on the Campus," a 52-minute, color, documentary is an authentic and highly dramatic presentation of the drug abuse problem. It deals explicitly with the reasons young people turn to drugs and declares that no family is immune. Art Linkletter, the well-known television entertainer, in a filmed introduction to the film, said,

"I know from tragic, bitter experience, that parents are too often apt to under-rate the drug problem. While you may not always agree with what the producers of this film say, you dare not ignore them."

The Government of Brazil became interested in "High on the Campus" when Colonel Octavio Costa, a member of the President's cabinet, saw the film in a special screening for him and his staff in June and requested that a Portuguese version be made available for use in Brazil.

Billy Zeoli, Gospel Films president, in announcing the first foreign language version of "High on the Campus," said,

"We are grateful for the privilege of helping to warn the people of our country. Since we are catching the problem earlier in Brazil, it could be that the use of our film, both in the schools and on the two television networks, T.V. Tupi and T.V. Globo, will prevent much of the heartache that comes from the abuse of drugs such as the people of the United States have suffered."

Bibles Behind Iron Curtain

In the previous issue we mentioned how hard it was to smuggle Bibles into Iron Curtain countries and that the United Bible Societies had now been permitted to publish Bibles in Hungarian for Romania. We now read that there had been more successful smuggling than could be mentioned. Shlomo Hizak, a young converted orthodox Jew who is also a Sabbathkeeper, is probably the foremost distributor of Bibles to Jews and Arabs in Israel. He has also been able to send Bibles from Israel behind the Iron Curtain in fulfillment of the prophecy "Out of Zion . . . and the word of God from Jerusalem." Here is the way he tells it in a circular letter:

"A few years ago God opened the door for us to send Bibles to countries behind the Iron Curtain. I haven't been able to speak much about this before now, but thanks be to our God that we have been able to send over 5,000 Bibles to people behind the Iron Curtain, and to hear that they have received them. We receive many addresses from refugees coming to Israel from these countries. The reason we have been able to send these Bibles behind the Curtain?

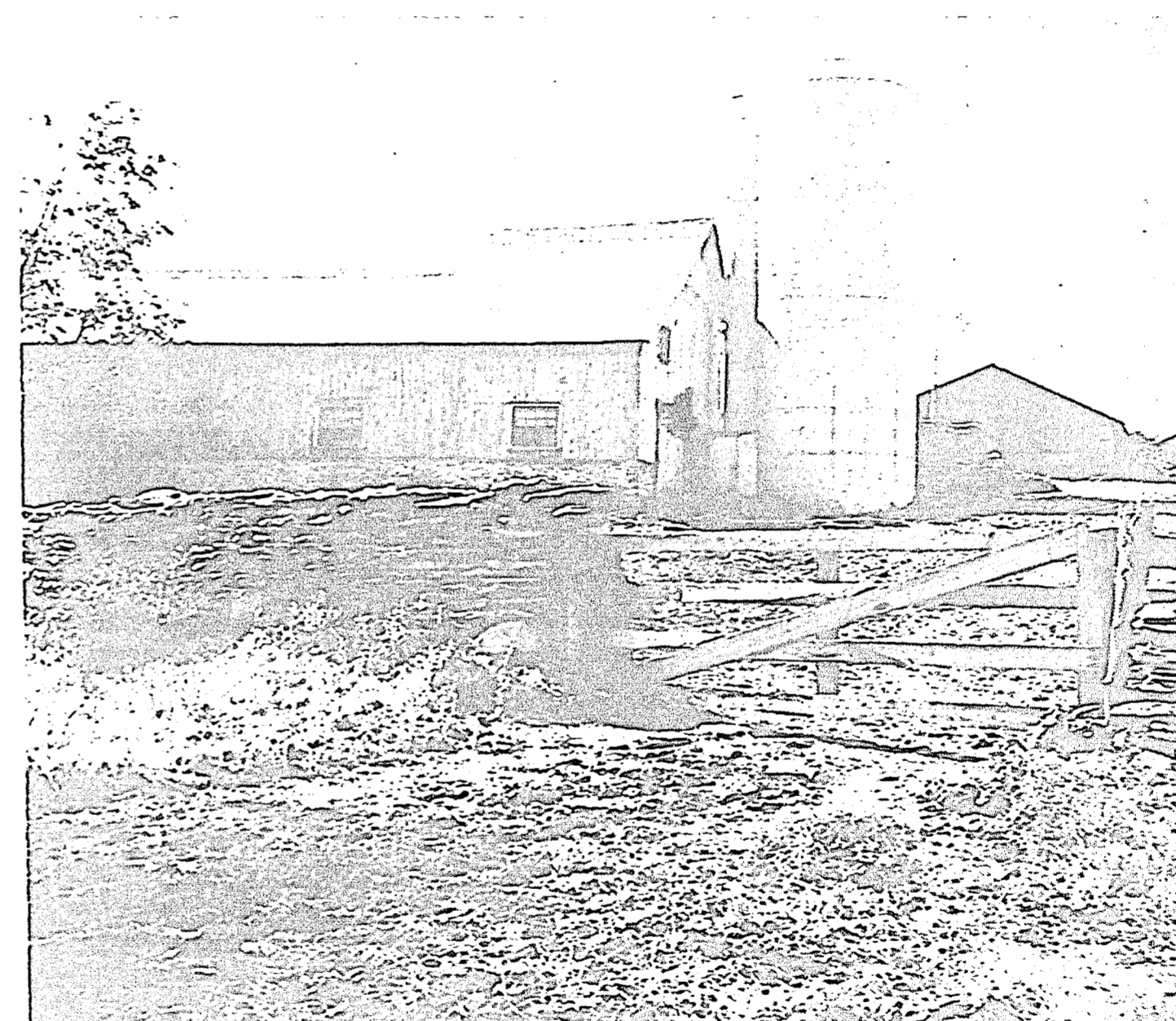
"Who would ever think that Bibles would come from Israel! Therefore we are able to get the Word of God where others cannot."

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for September 25, 1971

GOD GIVES MEANING TO LIFE

Lesson Scripture: Psalm 73:1-3, 16-17, 21-26; Ephesians 1:9-10



Stone Walls and Fertile Soil

The farm scene pictured here may bring back nostalgic memories of time spent in our youth on the farm away from the noise and polluted air of the teeming city. The American farms (most of which are more progressive than this one) are still the source of our abundant supply of milk and produce in a land upon which God still graciously smiles. Seldom does one see anywhere such high walls of natural flat limestone, the edges of which appear to have been rounded in ages past by the waters of Lake Ontario, now ten miles distant. The lime-rich soil is well suited for dairy crops. The farmer and the factory worker depend on each other and all must acknowledge dependence on God. We have a stewardship. The Bible says that the cattle on a thousand hills are His. Let us be faithful.

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Blessedness of Giving

The blessedness of giving is often mentioned in the Bible. Paul, bidding his final farewell to the elders of the church at Ephesus, called on them to "remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" (Acts 20:35). He was calling for missionary giving and benevolences rather than just the maintenance of the local church. He had found those words true even when he was on his missionary journeys and had little to give other than sacrificial service.

It is evident that many Seventh Day Baptists experienced a great blessing during August, for they gave generously to the missionary cause. The figures compiled by our denominational treasurer show unusually high giving even though the proposed goal of a \$20,000 Conference offering was not reached. Please turn to page fifteen of this issue and note what was given by your church and all the churches last month. You will note that the Conference offering is not separated from the regular receipts for the month. It is apparent that individual gifts at Conference were credited to churches whenever possible. Otherwise individuals (unidentified) would be credited with more than \$1,252. The total is good. It had been pointed out by our budget promotion people that up to the first of August we were not giving as well as last year. It is gratifying to concerned people to observe that the total for August this year was over \$22,000 as compared with \$18,000 a year ago. In addition there was \$1,200 non-budget as compared to \$80 last year.

Whether or not there was sacrificial giving on the part of a large proportion of our people is hard to judge. We can safely say that if our blessings are closely related to the amount of our giving we should be experiencing an increase of joy. The giving seems to have been good from nearly all the churches, not just a few of the stronger ones. We responded to the appeal of our stewardship chairman and our local church leaders. This is evident by the pattern over the past eight months as shown in the treasurer's report. Giving has not been uniform (as it would be if all were giving weekly or monthly

tithes). One may notice that from eighteen of the churches the amount credited in August was at least one third of the amount given thus far in 1971. In some cases August giving was as much as all the other months put together. What does this show? that we could give more each month, for we do not store up our money that long.

Another thing we can draw from our August giving is that the goal of \$13,000 per month for the remainder of the year is not impossible. We can give that much and also meet those few special appeals if we try. There is hope that more people will take the world work of Seventh Day Baptists seriously. It is the Lord's work. Money goes farther in the world work than in local church work, since less goes into building maintenance.

New Meaning from Psalms

Many times have we stood in awe at the majestic splendor of the mountains of earth and felt like quoting Psalm 121: "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help." In a camp experience or in some solitary moment we have looked at the beautiful hills and joyously affirmed our faith in the creator of the heavens as well as the earth, as did the psalmist: "My help cometh from the Lord which made heaven and earth."

The recent experience of astronaut James B. Irwin reminds us of a new meaning in that Psalm. A quiet, thoughtful man, Irwin stood on the moon, viewing its hills and mountains. He describes his feelings thus, "You are almost struck dumb sometimes by the beauty you see, not only on the moon, but around the moon, the view back to earth and the various lighting conditions."

It was this beauty of God's creation, and his trust in God during the trip to the moon, which prompted Irwin to quote his favorite Psalm to an international television audience as he gazed at the beauty of the mountains 250,000 miles from his home planet on earth.

When Irwin quoted from memory, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills . . ." Walter Cronkite picked up a copy of the

MEMORY TEXT

"But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another" (1 Thes. 4:9).

Bible and read to a vast watching audience the entire 121st Psalm.

It is not just the green or the rocky hills of earth that speak to the believing soul of the creating and sustaining hand of God; the mountains of the moon tell the story in a grander way.

What we see on the face of the moon even without a telescope are the mountains. The psalmist of old with keen vision and inspired insight could have included the mountains of our nearest heavenly body as well as the hills of Palestine when he spoke of his help coming from the maker of heaven and earth. Be that as it may, a man of like faith found new meaning in that psalm and we were privileged to focus via television camera on the details of those mountains which through all ages have captured the imagination of man.

Never again can we quote Psalm 121 without the fuller meaning that Irwin saw. We, too, can know the guidance of the God of heaven and earth as we "lift up our eyes to the hills."

Our Prayer Corner

Suggestions for Prayer This Week

Pray for:

1) The Yearly Meetings of groups of churches such as Northern Wisconsin-Minnesota at New Auburn and New Jersey-Eastern New York at Plainfield.

2) The new work in Birmingham, Alabama, that is in the process of organizing and trying to build up a substantial congregation.

3) The many scattered Sabbathkeepers in our country who long for more fellowship and help to form groups.

4) The zeal and wisdom needed to follow up fair booth and other contacts and press that claims of Christ.

Our Educational Responsibility



Morning worship on the third day of Conference centered on Christian and ministerial education. The message by the Rev. Rex Zwiebel reviews the past and challenges the future.

No one can doubt that Seventh Day Baptists have always considered that education in, through, and by Christian principles is a primary responsibility of a Christian. They helped to sponsor schools that grew to be academies, and academies that developed into colleges, and in one instance into a university. Seventh Day Baptist men and women, true to God-given foresight, accepted the challenge to overcome all odds to prepare their offspring, not only to be equal to the cares and challenges of everyday living, but, by the grace of God, to understand the very basis of life and thus manifest the very essence of eternal life itself.

Consequently in 1834 several local Seventh Day Baptist Educational Societies were formed: Shiloh and Piscataway in New Jersey; Waterford, Conn.; Westerly, R. I.; Independence and Friendship, N. Y.

To centralize the efforts of the churches, the American Seventh Day Baptist Education Society was formed at Westerly, R. I., on Sept. 14, 1835.

The avowed purpose was "to assist young men of the Seventh Day connection who shall give evidence of being called to the ministry, in obtaining a suitable education for that important work."

Thus, the beginning of ministerial education.

While our forebears apparently felt that the education of our pastors was the most important element to call for church support, they had established, by 1840, a Sabbath School in almost every local congregation. To give them support the denominational Sabbath School Board was organized in 1870. The thought was that

"Sabbath Schools were a most efficient means of developing Christian growth and culture, especially in the hearts and minds of the young, thus sustaining and building up our churches."

This thinking proved to be true as down through the years the majority of new church members have come through our Sabbath Schools.

Later, education was to be fostered in young people's societies, Vacation Church Schools, and the developing camp programs.

The concepts held and enforced by the Seventh Day Baptists of 1840-1880 were right and good and, I believe, acceptable to God. The sacrifices they made to establish institutions of education and higher education have not been made in vain.

Today we live in an era which challenges us to use different methods to teach truths in which we hold our faith.

Our national offices can be more effective in helping us all simply because of the accommodations of correspondence, travel, and other technological conveniences.

While technology has scattered our families around the world, it makes possible a state office for Seventh Day Baptists in the broad state of New York; a Pacific Coast Association can claim active member churches from the northerly tip of the U. S. to the southern cities of California; and in our most recent example, (in which we all rejoice). God, through great technological advances, has made possible the bringing of sixteen SDBWF delegates from around the earth to share these great and memorable days of our 300 years of existence in this great land.

We rejoice and thank God.

Now, while Seventh Day Baptists are growing in number around our earth, we are not accomplishing what we wish.

We regret the fewer students in our Sabbath Schools; we murmur as we lose our peculiar influence in our once-sponsored institutions of higher learning, and many of us thought the light had gone out when we decided that we could no longer afford our School of Theology at Alfred.

What hope is there? How will Seventh

Day Baptists meet the facts and challenge which we face today?

First, we echo the psalmist, professing, "our hope is in God." Just as those stout hearts of the 1840's pledged, worked, and trusted, we will seek to discern His holy will and bend every effort to see that it is done through our efforts in educating and nurturing.

While we firmly aver and devoutly proclaim that our hope is in God we long for concrete evidence of His presence and leading.

Beloved, we have it. Back in 1963 we agreed that the School of Theology must close. It was another manifestation of the end of Seventh Day Baptist ministerial education and consequently our beloved denomination, we thought. But, no, in hope and faith God directed our leaders into a new plan, and by His grace and the wisdom of the persons then directing our denominational efforts, the dedication of the Council on Ministerial Education, and the brilliance of its first dean, we have a program of seminary education that has caused educators from large denominations to exclaim that Seventh Day Baptists are on the forefront in method of theological training.

And hope was reborn.

Last August, when the present dean of the Council on Ministerial Education revealed to the Buffalo congregation that he had the new position, one of the men of the congregation said: "Pastor, we'll miss you, but if you can raise up for our denomination another A. J. C. Bond, or a Loyal F. Hurley, we will not stand in your way."

The Center has watched its men go out to the churches to work, to teach and to nurture. Time will reveal that our hope has not been in vain — either in God or in them, or in all Seventh Day Baptists who have accepted the privilege of being laborers together for God and our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Today, as never before in our history, Seventh Day Baptists have the ability to teach Biblical and other truths so that the Kingdom of God can become a reality for us and for all with whom we serve. The education we offer through our Sabbath Schools, our camps, our churches,

and through the worship service on Sabbath morning will bring marvelous advancement as we penitently accept the challenges that God offers to all who have "eyes to see" and "ears to hear."

We are not intended to bring in the kingdom by ourselves. In fact, I believe that God denies the kingdom itself within any group that thinks that it alone possesses the keys.

We are like a piece of a giant jigsaw puzzle. We have our own shapes and colors. When our lines meet, our corners match, and our colors blend, we will find the kingdom as it should be.

God has set the mold. It has the image of Jesus Christ. We must learn to fit into the image. It will come through labor, both gentle and strenuous, but it will come. And directing us in our labors will be those who are willing to teach, and to be taught, the truths revealed by the spirit of our God.

Questions About Cigarette Smoking

(An editorial written in questions only)

Do you want to live longer? Would you intentionally cut 8½ years off your life? Would you purposefully dig your own grave 8½ years prematurely? Would you, with premeditation, schedule your own funeral 8½ years sooner than necessary? Are you aware that the average smoker does, indeed, shorten his life expectancy by 8½ years? Do you realize this is 8 Christmases too soon, 8 anniversaries too early, 8 birthdays too quickly? Is an untimely grave worth either fighting or switching for? Is all that "Salem out of the country" bit really worth a one-way ride to the cemetery 8½ years earlier than necessary? Is it truly worth that Tarreyton filter foolishness or that mile for a Camel craziness? Doesn't society owe the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. a real vote of confidence for spending nearly \$82 million in 1968 on advertising to hook us on a habit that speeds up our chances for a one-way ride in a hearse?

—Robert J. Hastings, editor of Illinois Baptist.

"Such as I Have, Give I Thee"

By Leon M. Maltby

Secretary, American Sabbath Tract Society

Confronted by a lame man begging for money Peter concentrated on the deeper need saying, "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk" (Acts 3:6).

I have just returned from one of the largest of all state fairs at Syracuse, N. Y., where I helped for two days in the offering of gospel and Sabbath literature to countless thousands who passed by the well-located Seventh Day Baptist booth in the fair's most popular building.

Ever since 1961 the churches of the Central New York Association (with the help of the Tract Society and some of the churches in Western New York) have borne witness to their faith by operating this attractive ten-foot booth. It has never been an expensive booth. Other exhibitors have had goods to sell or well-funded organizations behind them (like the double-size political booth next door that was out to get votes with give-away prizes). Hundreds and hundreds of booth operators were there, not to give but to get. They had something to sell and were interested primarily in seeing silver and gold change hands — like the beggar at the temple gate.

With our booth (and several others) the purpose was not to see how much we could get but how much we could give. We were interested in the people, not their pockets and were trying to minister to needs that they were not fully conscious of—just as Peter gave healing instead of temporary relief.

What are the advantages of this kind of literature distribution? For one thing, it is personal. We may say that broadcasting tracts is wasteful, and it is, though it may have its place. The ideal is to give tracts only to those who are interested or become interested through some personal contact. It is virtually impossible in the daily routine of life to find in one day hundreds or thousands of people in the city or the country who are interested enough to accept literature. But at the state fair the thousands come to you.

You have an opportunity to speak to them in such a way that their faces will light up with a smile and they will be disposed to take a second look at the religious character of the booth and the literature on the table offered in your hand.

What a challenge to see if you can momentarily at least change the thoughts of the passersby who have been listening to everything but the good news of salvation. One is never completely successful, but the responses that come from the most unlikely people are heartening indeed.

It would be possible to set up a tract dispensing machine like the parking lot or toll road ticket dispenser that emits a card when your car comes alongside. Or, if it were permissible, you could just lay out your literature on the counter and make no effort to persuade people that they ought to have it. In such a case about 99 percent of the huge crowds shuffling by would not notice; they would be listening to the barkers on other sides and looking into the booths where there was activity.

The people outside the booth will not be more interested in the product than the people inside. Even when one does his best he wonders if he is doing half as well as the ardent Republican volunteer standing a foot away who offers fans and pencils and holds out several pieces of political literature saying, "The party of my choice is Republican; I hope it will be yours." We could not help but compliment her on the good booth and the enthusiastic approach: "You have a good booth; we have a good cause."

It was a joy to attract children and parents by demonstrating the use of a Finger Fono with the words of Jesus or the love chapter. A grown man almost making a fool of himself for Christ with a toy phonograph is something different. Again busily stamping tracts to keep up with the demand shows people that religious interest is not dead.

What does one do all day at a booth in a very busy area? For one thing, he studies people and perhaps takes a better look at himself in the process. Most of us tend to restrict our contacts to a limited number of friends or relatives whom we know to have like interests.

The fair booth gives us an opportunity to see that all kinds of people are interesting as people regardless of size, shape or color or physical deformity. Incidentally, at the state fair there seem to be almost as many handicapped people in wheel chairs as little children in strollers. One knows that they need a little extra attention and may be glad for some good literature — if they are close enough to reach.

The booth attendant may have his own idea of the nicest person out front and the one most likely to accept Sabbath or gospel tracts. But the responses from others make him conclude that "man looketh on the outward appearance but God looketh on the heart." Central New York State has a high percentage of people of Italian background. It shows in their faces. Not too many of them are disposed to pick up Protestant literature, but one finds that many Catholics are more open to accepting tracts than Protestants. But people are people and cannot be typed. The gospel and the Sabbath are from God to man and all kinds of people respond.

A lady in a neighboring booth knew that Seventh Day Baptists had rented the same spot year after year. She wondered if we saw many results from our efforts. When we admitted that we could not count our results in new members she wondered if we didn't get discouraged. One doesn't get discouraged in doing the will of God, for there is a built-in reward. I was reminded of one reason for the booth that isn't usually mentioned. Our testimony and our free distribution of literature are a service to mankind. Not many things at the pleasure- and business-centered fair remind people of God and Christian truth. The Bible speaks of "a little leaven leavening the whole lump." Time and again strangers tell the people in the Seventh Day Baptist booth, "I'm glad you are here; there ought to be more such displays."

Beyond the many casual conversations there are also quite a number of profitable Bible discussions. Questions are answered both by word of mouth and by tracts on the subject. Many people come to the booth saying that our denomination

must be something new for they have never heard of it. We admit that we haven't made as much noise as some, but that is why we are here — to let people know there have been Sabbath-keeping people here for 300 years and that we want others to know the joy of learning and doing God's will.

Young Adult Pre-Con Retreat

The Christian life is an exciting adventure with Jesus Christ at the center of life. Sure, there are problems in life. But there is a special joy in becoming more aware of the tremendous possibilities for life in Christ which comes through a cleansed life filled by the Holy Spirit.

"My Spiritual Life and Witness" was the theme developed by the director, the Rev. Donald E. Richards of the Marlboro, N. J., church. The lives of the fourteen campers and the staff attending the 1971 Young Adult Pre-Con Retreat, held at Camp Lewis, near Ashaway, R. I., Aug. 4-8, will never be quite the same.

Everyone was especially challenged and helped by the lectures and training sessions on evangelism conducted by the Rev. Mynor G. Soper. Field work included a beach ministry on Friday afternoon, with a few decisions for Christ, and mingled responses by the campers.

Dale Thorngate and Mrs. Janet Smith, both from the Washington, D. C., church guided the group in music, which included both anthems and choral readings. Miss Helen Ruth Green was responsible for worship. Steve Crouch planned the recreation and evening activities, and Miss Nancy Brannon served as camp nurse. Mrs. Mary Jane Uhland and Mrs. Ruth Harris provided delicious meals. Denison Barber was an able business manager.

On Sabbath the group worshipped with the Ashaway Seventh Day Baptist Church people, sharing in the noon meal and the afternoon informal fellowship with delegates attending the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation, and other New England guests.



And God Said . . .

Prophetic Anniversary Sermon
Sabbath Morning of General Conference

By Herbert E. Saunders

It was the year of our Lord, 1971; Richard M. Nixon was President of the U. S., Mao Tse-tung was red star of the East, Brezhnev, Kosygin, and Podgorny constituted the troika governing the northern land of the Soviet Union, and Golda Meir was the shining political light of the Holy Land. It was the year of the "Ping-Pong" — the year when the "little white ball" of uncertainty and the unknown were slammed back and forth across the table of the earth. It was the year of space triumph and tragedy — the year of strategic arms limitation talks, continuing war in Southeast Asia, and religious and international conflict in the Near East. It was a year of political and social turmoil in America, punctuated by violence and tragedy.

It was the year of political and religious rhetoric, and it was the year of celebration for Seventh Day Baptists, the year of retrospect and thanksgiving, the year of search and self-examination, the year of promise and hope.

And the Word of the Lord came to me amid the turmoil of our times and He said: "Go to my people, Seventh Day Baptists, meeting in the steel and concrete halls of the University of Massachusetts, and tell them of my love, my concern, and my desire." But I said, "Who am I to presume to tell these people what you say — they have known me for too long and too well." And He said, "You have been called to be my spokesman as so many others have been before and if your ordination means anything, go, and let my people know what I desire for them to learn about their life this day."

This then is the word of the Lord.

"I rejoice with you at the moment of your celebration, Seventh Day Baptists. I applaud the heritage that has brought

you this moment. I remember with deep affection that devotion of your fathers of the faith, who now, by the gift of life through My Son, share eternity with Me. As I review three hundred years of dedication and trust which you as a people have placed in Me, I witness in my memory the martyrs who have died for me, the prophets who have pleaded for me, the poets who have spoken eloquently of me, the ministers who have served me, and the many unheralded individuals who have lived for me. And my heart rejoices for I have been blessed by so great a cloud of Seventh Day Baptist witnesses.

"But I, the Lord, have a controversy with you — oh, Seventh Day Baptists. I am tired! I am tired of hearing your petty excuses for your lack of growth and witness, blaming everything from poor leadership to My Sabbath. I am tired of hearing your family names and the way you use them to legitimize whether or not one is qualified to share your faith. I am tired of your stubbornness in hesitating to try new approaches of outreach and evangelism, often holding on to outdated ideas about how a man ought to live and witness in the twentieth century. I am tired of your attitudes of religious superiority and your desire to maintain a denominational purity that stifles response to needs of men.

"I am tired of your pious platitudes about my Sabbath when you still haven't experienced it for what it really is—a blessing for you and all mankind. I am tired of your neglect to propagate my Sabbath — to proclaim it as an additional answer to your world's needs. I am tired of your living off your past — even in all its glory — when the burden of life is centered for you in today — in right now.

"I am tired, Seventh Day Baptists, of

watching you sit on the fence of religious faith — neither hot nor cold, like the people of Laodicea — existing but not really a part of anything dynamic or alive. I am tired of having to push you into new fields of endeavor, hearing your complaints and feeling your hostility. I am tired of your maintenance of the status quo — your failure to move forward because it might do you harm — simply because you can't bear the possibility of losing your unique identity which by trying to save you have already lost. I am tired of your selfishness, Seventh Day Baptists, your haughtiness and your pride.

"What am I going to do with you, oh my people? I have kept you intact for three hundred years, for just 'such a time as this' and so far you have yet to fully respond to My goodness. You are existing, but you still are not living. Oh, yes, every once in a while a bright star of hope emerges from your midst to give light to the world. Every once in a while circumstances seem to be better and individual churches begin to offer some glimmer of hope. But I still have to desire to see you come alive to new involvement in the life of your world. I still wait, hoping by some unselfish means you might be willing to step out through your faith in Me and commit yourselves, not only as individuals or as churches, but as a people to the proclamation of My gospel to a world in need.

"But, my people, as long as you continue to sit back waiting for something to happen — as long as you exist in righteous posture behind the stained-glass windows of your wood, brick, and stone edifices — as long as you quote your Biblical passages but ignore their application in your lives — as long as you continue to exist but never really 'come alive' — what have I to do with you? You want a 'hope that will never disappoint you,' but you still haven't given me the chance to give you that hope. You want a love that responds to the reality of life and embraces all men in trust and confidence but you still haven't let me teach you how to love. You want the 'faith of your fathers' — a faith that

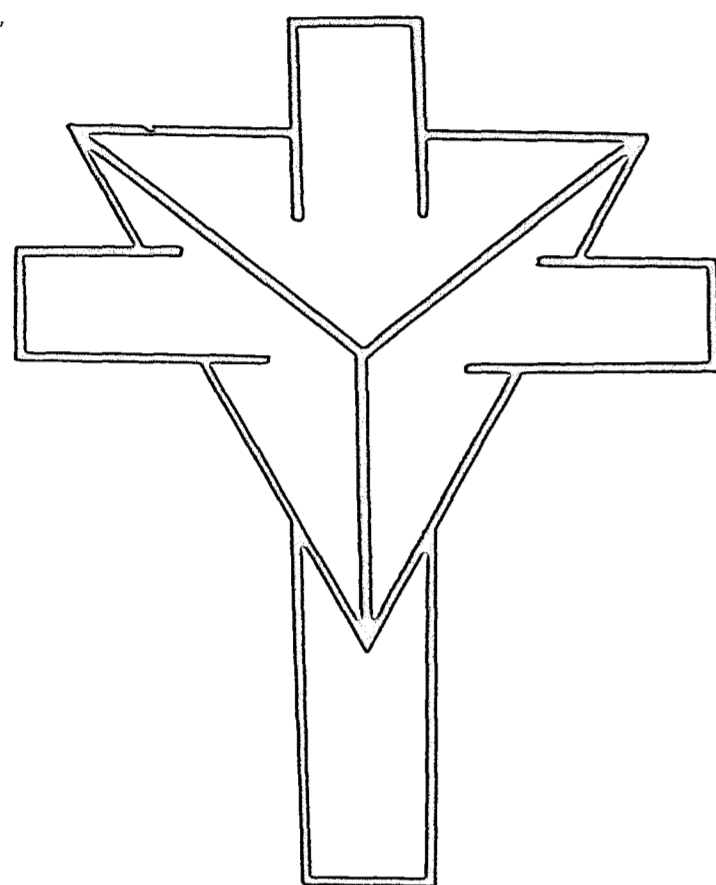
can last another three hundred years because it is dynamic and alive and vital — but you still hang on to the past with the claws of tradition, and I can't get by the barrier it has erected around you. You want to really live — to really know what life is all about — to be in My world living as human beings who have something to live for, but you forget that I created you and ought to know how to give you life abundant, full and free. I am tired, oh, My people. Tired of wanting you so much to be a part of My life on this earth, but receiving so little response from you."

"But I love you," says the Lord, "I love you with everything that is within My divine heart. I sent My Son in love to redeem you—each one of you—and I still have hope in you — I still believe that there is something in each of you that will respond to Me — something within the life of your people that will accept My plan. The time is short — I cannot wait much longer — I cannot plead indefinitely for your loyalty and trust. You must, Seventh Day Baptists, begin to live *now*—today. If you have heard anything at all over three hundred years of existence — three hundred years of struggle, faith, joy, fear, tragedy, success and hope—it ought to be that there is a place for you, if you will only accept it. Please, don't disappoint Me again. Listen to Me, My people, confess your sins, stand up and be counted, and act according to My will, as if there were no tomorrow at all. Live for Me and see if I shall not give you a 'hope that will never disappoint you.'

"For the past week, I have been very close to you — as I seem to be at least once out of every year. I've accepted your worship and praise, I've heard your pleas for wisdom and understanding, I've acknowledged your efforts at being about 'my business' and I've shared your celebration. I rejoice with you that you have something from the past to celebrate, but I call upon you to leave the past where it belongs and stretch out to fulfill My purpose in your world. The past of glory means nothing at all unless it is impetus for the present and future. Three hundred years are as nothing unless

today reaches out with confidence and purpose into tomorrow. Celebration means nothing unless there is commitment grounded in maturity.

"I want you to take a look at something, my Seventh Day Baptist children. All week you have been using as a symbol of your maturity in faith a geometric design — the tetrahedron, with its four equal sides representing the four



basic experiences of life — worldliness, faith, love, and hope. I want you to look at it again, as it is pictured on the front of your worship booklet — the design as it is integrated with the cross of My Son your Lord, Jesus Christ. It ought to represent for you the highest potential and accountability that you as a people can achieve. It ought to represent for you the fact of your personal and denominational life on this earth. It ought to represent for you the basic experience that verifies your maturity, acknowledges your present condition, and creates in you the hope that transcends the ages. Let it speak to you, this morning, as you reflect upon 'the responsibility of your Christian maturity.'

"Take a look at the base of that cross. It is the foundation upon which the cross itself stands, as it holds the tetrahedron as you see it, reaching down to grasp at solid ground. It represents the fact that Jesus Christ must control your worldliness

—your right to be alive and well as you are — I gave you life and reason for living. I provided for you the capacity to be and to do. I saw to it that you were a part of My plan for the world—human creatures with the capacity to love, to work, to play, to weep, to feel, and to live. I put you 'in the world' because I want you — because I love you — because I wish to show to men through you what I am really like. I gave you life and I will show you how to live, if you will only let Me.

"But you've often let worldliness become your God. You've often turned your back on Me and My plan by allowing the goodness of the earth to create selfishness and pride in your hearts. You have waged war, committed crime, tolerated prejudices spoken against others, all in the name of your faith. You have often turned from Me to enjoy the pleasure of the world — the hundred and one things you believe you need. Worldliness has become an obsession for you, oh my people, and you don't really know what you are looking for. You are searching for something, but tragically it is on the other side of worldliness where I am.

"As I told you when my servant Peter was walking with you, 'As obedient children, do not let your character and life be shaped any longer by desires you cherished when you didn't know any better . . . but be holy in all your behavior.' Throw off the burdensome shackles of your pride and selfishness and come to Me — take My hand and learn of Me. Let the cross of My Son Jesus become the foundation of your life — your worldliness — to build a tomorrow that has roots in solid ground."

(To be continued next week)

Wisconsin-Minnesota Meetings

The Semiannual Meetings of the Northern Wisconsin and Minnesota churches will be held this year at New Auburn the weekend of September 24-26. The Executive Committee consists of Mrs. Douglas North, moderator; Rodney North, recording secretary; Mrs. A. G. Churchward, corresponding secretary; and the Rev. Gordon Oliver, pastor.

MISSIONS—Leon R. Lawton

Jamaica Conference Meets

The annual session of the Jamaica Seventh Day Baptist Conference was held July 20-25, at the Bowensville Seventh Day Baptist Church, Dressikie P. O., St. Mary. Under the leadership of President Vincent R. Smith the many matters of business were handled during the week so none were left to be completed following the Sabbath — a new record.

Reports given indicated that:

1) Only six churches and two groups were to receive aid in support of their pastor.

2) Seventeen churches have called and are paying their pastors directly. The corresponding secretary remarked, "Judging from the current rate of churches calling their pastors, the total change-over will be completed within the five-year period specified by Conference (in 1970)."

3) The churches completing arrangements and being served by their pastors have shown some amount of growth and spiritual revival.

4) Owing to the fact that many of our churches do not display an identifying sign on their building or grounds, that the Conference undertake a project in the coming year, through the Conference Building Committee, to have such erected.

5) Negotiations are under way for the purchase of land at Deeside for a church building (site).

6) Reports from the pastors showed that much work was being done in most of the churches. There had been an emphasis on evangelistic work and souls were being born into the Kingdom. The work as Lottery was progressing. New fields at Scotts Pass in Manchester and St. Tulis, Clarendon, are showing promise as well as a work that has been started in Babylon in Manchester.

7) Recognition of 1973 as Jamaica Seventh Day Baptist Jubilee Year.

8) The Conference Rally was attended by 480 with amount raised reaching JA\$500 being collected by individuals within the six circuits of churches.

9) Jamaica's contribution towards the

expenses of the SDB World Federation be US\$100.

10) The new budget adopted of JA\$4,000) reflects a decline in that most of the churches are paying their pastors directly (rather than through Conference).

A recognition service for Pastor C. S. Lyons for forty years in the Seventh Day Baptist ministry was held on the last evening of Conference. The service was a moving, though simple, one in which eight speakers represented a cross section of the denomination paid tribute to the life and work of Pastor Lyons over the years.

The occasion was climaxed with the president of Conference conferring upon Pastor Lyons the official status of delegate representing the Jamaica Conference at the forthcoming Seventh Day Baptist Conference (USA).

The installation of officers for the new Conference year was done by Pastor Lyons. The reelected president, the Rev. V. R. Smith, then announced his theme for the year 1971-72, "Continuing the Unfinished Task" (John 9:4).

One Million Dollars for China

Christian people are contributing funds for two powerful radio stations to broadcast the gospel more effectively over the bamboo curtain into Red China. The two 250,000-watt stations are being constructed on Chiju Island in South Korea and on Luzon in the Philippines by the Far East Broadcasting Company. They are scheduled to start beaming the Christian message to the restless, hungry Chinese in March of 1972. It is believed that this medium wave transmission will reach a high percentage of the 800 million people of China. The cost of this "Open Door Project" is \$1 million.

A Christian First

Deacon Lambert Mims, mayor of Mobile, Ala., asking for prayer for himself and other politicians told a national group of church leaders about his conversion, saying that he was a Baptist for fifteen years before he was a Christian.

Sabbath School Loyalty Day

Without specific dating the Publications Committee has provided materials for use by Seventh Day Baptist church educators to launch the fall season's program. It is hoped that thought and program suggestions will assist local Sabbath Schools to effectively begin their programs after the population has settled down from summer travel, or informal living.

Besides the local emphasis, a nationwide encouragement has been offered in the Loyalty Day program. A good Christian Education book will be given to the Sabbath School with the best percentage of students in attendance on Sabbath School Loyalty Day. That percent is to be figured in terms of (1) attendance on Loyalty Day and (2) average attendance for the past year. Award will be based on figures submitted to the Board of Christian Education, Alfred Station, NY 14803.

This Loyalty Day is a launch encouragement and should not substitute for Christian Education Week programs in your church or Sabbath School.

Youth Field Director

In relation to the suggestions of the Commission-appointed Ad Hoc Committee on Youth Field Worker, the Planning Committee and the 1971 Conference committees, the Board of Christian Education is making its executive secretary available as "youth field director." The secretary will endeavor to provide inspirational ideas and media for both the group process and personal disciplines encouraged by the National SDBYF program. Various types of meetings will be adopted for the local churches, associations, or area youth contacts, according to the request of local youth leaders. Length of area visits will depend on the needs of the local groups, and will be determined, if possible, by correspondence before the local contacts are made.

Please submit requests for services in youth field work, or any department of Christian Education ("enabling the loving

revolution"), to David Clarke, executive secretary, Alfred Station, NY 14803. The board's Executive Committee will assist the secretary in overall planning, while the Youth Work Committee will assist in the content of the field work. May God be glorified in the work we attempt in 1971-72 in "youth field work."

Corporate Meeting Sept. 19

The annual corporation meeting of members of the Board of Christian Education, Inc., was scheduled for Sept. 19 (Sun) at 2 p.m. in the Parish House of the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church. Besides the election of directors and receipt of the annual report, consideration of recommendations for changes in the Bylaws of the Corporation was announced. Amendments deal with clarification of selection of consultants, with continuity of leadership in committees and executive work, and amendment procedure. All Seventh Day Baptists who attended the last session of General Conference are eligible to vote at the corporate meeting.

Of the Reading of Books

How many books do we read — all the way through? According to a Gallup Poll only 26 percent of the U. S. adult population had read a book all the way through in the one-month period of mid-December to mid-January.

The Southern Baptists checked up on pastors and teachers for the same period and found that 61.6 percent of the pastors had read at least one book. Of the Sunday School teachers 49.5 percent had done so.

It would be interesting to have figures on the reading habits of Seventh Day Baptist adults. How much above the national average would our leaders and members be?

The Baptist figures quoted above might justify the conclusion that religious people do more reading and that they probably read better books. There are so many good books that it would be a shame for Christian people to spend much time with books that are not good and do not contribute to mental and spiritual growth.

Natural High SDB

Rocky Hill State Fair

By "Dee" McCall

We believe that August 17-22, 1971 was the first attempt for a Seventh Day Baptist fair booth in Rhode Island.

The day before the fair four of our young people set out, clad in old clothes, to paint the booth. The color scheme consisted of peace yellow for the side walls and black for the back wall. On the back was painted a yellow and orange sun with a long stream of yellow light. The words "Natural High" were painted in orange above the stream of light. On the side walls were hung pictures of our missions in various countries and various posters such as: "God Is Love," "Love Is Kind," "Love Is Eternal," "Love Is Patient," and "Love Never Gives Up."

We chose "Natural High" as a theme because we are so excited about Christ and His love for us. We feel that we can be happy by surrendering our lives to Him and that this will be a lasting happiness or "high." We believe that alcohol and drugs aren't, as some people feel, a necessity for happiness.

Our very first visitor was an elderly man, Mr. Walker. He had heard of Seventh Day Baptists before and promised to tell others about our booth. He came in and talked to us several times that day and every day for the rest of the fair.

Among our many visitors was a lady from Germany. She had heard of our denomination in her country but didn't really know what we were.

We also had two of the most adorable children you ever did see come in for our children's hour. We told them Bible stories, taught them songs, and they even made a poster on helping others for us. That day we spent three hours with them. Their parents had a booth at the fair so they, enthusiastically, joined us for our children's hour every day. Jimmy and Kellie were our right-hand helpers.

A man with a speech defect was one of our regular visitors. He was well informed on the Bible and liked to come and listen to the folk-religious songs we played and just talk to us about various things.

A girl, Kathy, came to us on our second day. She had accepted Christ two weeks earlier at a church camp, but confessed that she had done it because "everyone else did." Skip Johnson told her about the Four Spiritual Laws and used Scripture from 1 Corinthians 13 and Romans 12. We could actually sense the spirit moving her. We ask that you pray for her during the coming year.

On the first day we distributed tracts to more than 250 people. Some of these people came to us for the tracts and while others received them when we went out into the crowd.

Sabbath night our youth group from Ashaway, R. I., went to the fair to sing. Patty Lawton accompanied us on her guitar.

All in all, I would say the week of August 17 through 22 was one of spiritual growth for all who worked at the booth and I hope one for everyone we talked to.

So friends, if you're really excited about Christ's love for you, go and tell others about it. Remember, you have to go to them because they might not come to you.

Ordinations Scheduled

The Waterford, Connecticut, church is calling its young pastor, Dale E. Rood, to ordination. The examination and ordination is scheduled for Sunday, October 17, at 2:00 p.m.

The Denver, Colorado, church has announced the calling of its pastor, Glen W. Warner, to ordination on Sabbath, October 2.

The Nortonville, Kansas, church has elected Kent W. Wheeler and Floreen D. Bond as deacon and deaconess and plans an ordination service for them at the fall meeting of the Mid-Continent Association at Nortonville on Sabbath, October 9.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for October 2, 1971

GOD CALLS MEN

Lesson Scripture: Exodus 3:1-14.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.— The September 4 church bulletin announced plans for the annual Spiritual Retreat to be held at Pacific Pines Camp beginning with a potluck meal Friday evening, September 10, and ending Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. In addition to the morning sermon, "A Growing Faith," there were Bible classes and a time for people to share their summer experiences of dedicated service on the Pacific Coast.

On Sabbath afternoon, September 4, those who had attended Conference on the Atlantic Coast gave a program of highlights. Seventeen members and friends made the long trip. A generation ago the Los Angeles church was not nearly as well represented at General Conference; it has grown.

Mrs. Victor Burdick and Mrs. Albyn Mackintosh are the editors of *Pacific Tidings*, a news sheet for distribution throughout the Pacific Coast Association. The first issue of the new publication was announced in the September 11 bulletin of the church.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.— A recent letter from the Rev. Mary Craig Johnson enclosed newspaper clippings describing the meetings of the Louisiana Seventh Day Baptist Association and told of a successful youth revival under the auspices of God's Mary Lighthouse of Prayer Seventh Day Baptist Church. The association was held on the weekend of July 17-18.

The revival meetings continued from August 16 to 22 with different speakers each evening. The pastor of this eleven-year-old Negro church reports that some members who had drifted away came back to church and four youth accepted Christ and requested baptism. The baptism was scheduled for September 18. One adult joined the church by testimony.

The church is making a new effort to distribute tracts ordered from the American Sabbath Tract Society. Newspaper publicity is reportedly bringing new contacts.

"He being dead yet speaketh"

It was said of Abel in Hebrews 11:4 that he "offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain . . . and by it he being dead yet speaketh." An announcement in the September 4 church bulletin from Riverside, Calif., reads, "Thursday at 5:45 p.m. our radio broadcast over KBBL will continue for a few weeks using the taped messages made by Pastor Fatato for our use." (It was while he was on his way home from taping seven messages at the radio station that Mr. Fatato was murdered.)

HELP WANTED

The *Washington Project Pilot Program*, a five-year cooperative program of expanded outreach in the inner city, is in need of a lay assistant to the pastor.

Following is a list of things he might be called upon to do. Specific assignments would be worked out after the person was selected and his abilities assessed.

- (1) Do evangelistic work (personal witnessing and calling).
- (2) Assist with tutoring, Discoverer's Club, Parents' Night, Teen Center.
- (3) Lead worship, Bible study, and possibly deliver sermons on occasion.
- (4) Sponsor Youth Fellowship and or lead in young adult group.
- (5) Do routine church office and administrative tasks (e.g. prepare bulletins and mailings).

Although a person with a leaning toward the ministry would be acceptable, a layman never expecting to enter the ministry would be equally qualified.

Interested persons should submit a letter of application including age, education, work experience, references, and reason for applying. Please send application letter immediately to

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Washington Seventh Day Baptist Church
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OUR WORLD MISSION

OWM Budget Receipts for August 1971

	Treasurer's		Boards'	Treasurer's		Boards'	
	August	8 mos.	8 mos.	August	8 mos.	8 mos.	
Adams Ctr NY .. \$	536.14	876.14	10.00	Milton Jct WI ..	51.00	788.70	25.00
Albion WI ..		418.04	25.00	Monterey CA ..		100.00	
Alfred NY ..	711.45	3,966.15	182.00	New Auburn WI	82.25	800.56	96.61
Alfred Sta NY ..		1,865.15	30.00	New Milton WV	100.00	527.35	
Ashaway RI ..	461.25	2,428.40	164.00	New Orleans LA		20.00	5.00
Assns & Groups	115.93	679.53	687.00	North Loup NB ..	388.00	2,275.65	45.00
Battle Creek MI ..	1,316.83	4,238.68	302.00	Nortonville KS ..	832.25	2,429.40	241.00
Bay Area CA ..	25.00	490.00	31.20	Ohio Fellowship..	70.00	210.00	250.00
Berea WV ..	122.00	342.29	21.82	Paint Rock AL ..	40.00	375.00	30.00
Berlin NY ..	262.00	1,413.36	266.00	Plainfield NJ ..	1,211.12	4,771.28	482.90
Boulder CO ..	30.00	852.44	107.00	Putnam Cnty FL..		70.00	
Brookfield NY ..	75.00	585.17	95.00	Richburg NY ..	335.00	1,162.74	31.00
Buffalo NY ..	375.00	610.00		Riverside CA ..	1,431.66	5,363.81	80.00
Chicago IL ..	855.00	1,367.50	21.00	Roanoke WV ..		35.00	
Daytona Beach FL	345.30	1,045.30	10.00	Rockville RI ..	69.25	226.50	11.00
Denver CO ..	1,250.21	2,480.08	112.00	Salem WV ..	376.00	2,142.30	182.00
De Ruyter NY ..	55.00	304.00	10.00	Salemville PA ..	113.36	647.46	35.00
Dodge Ctr MN ..	20.00	1,760.28	50.00	Schenectady NY ..	5.00	95.00	20.00
Farina IL ..		207.50	10.00	Seattle WA ..	110.00	219.00	106.25
Fouke AR ..		70.00	10.00	Shiloh NJ ..	310.00	6,097.73	111.00
Hammond LA ..				Stonefort IL ..	160.00	160.00	31.00
Hebron PA ..	320.65	781.65	35.00	Syracuse NY ..		50.00	
Hopkinton RI ..	120.00	175.00	121.00	Texasarkana AR ..		40.00	
Houston TX ..		163.00	5.00	Verona NY ..	415.00	1,646.32	71.00
Independence NY		304.50	51.00	Walworth WI ..	218.35	1,225.35	
Individuals ..	1,252.26	1,302.26	160.30	Washington DC ..	617.75	1,292.75	166.00
Irvington NJ ..		1,475.00	25.00	Washington			
Jackson Ctr OH ..		400.00		People's DC ..			10.00
Kansas City MO	190.00	480.00	10.00	Waterford CT ..	452.85	1,828.36	150.00
Leonardsville NY	3.00	417.77		Westerly RI ..	466.00	3,691.00	263.00
Little Genesee NY	443.48	1,283.96	25.00	White Cloud MI	241.36	660.30	20.00
Little Rock AR ..	70.40	258.64	10.00				
Los Angeles CA ..	1,480.66	4,424.56	192.00	Totals	\$22,058.77	\$89,219.31	\$5,810.08
Lost Creek WV ..	25.00	1,275.00	36.00	Non-Budget	1,213.00		
Marlboro NJ ..	433.08	3,063.14	65.00				
Metairie LA ..				Total			
Milton WI ..	3,067.93	8,462.66	468.00	To Disburse	\$23,271.77		

AUGUST DISBURSEMENTS

Board of Christian Education	\$ 2,406.03
Historical Society	18.94
Ministerial Education	1,717.17
Ministerial Retirement	466.99
Missionary Society	11,793.04
Tract Society	3,378.23
Trustees of General Conference	189.45
Women's Society	322.07
World Fellowship & Service	698.19
General Conference	2,221.66
SDB World Federation	60.00
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SUMMARY

1971 Budget	\$147,770.00
Receipts for 8 months:	
OWM treasurer	\$89,219.31
Boards	5,810.08
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To be raised by December 31, 1971	\$ 52,740.61
Needed per month	\$ 13,185.15
Percentage of year elapsed	66.66%
Percentage of budget raised	64.31%
Eight months:	
Due	\$98,513.36
Received	95,029.39
Arrears	3,483.97

Gordon Sanford
OWM Treasurer

The Sabbath Recorder

DAILY BIBLE READINGS for October 1971



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

God Calls Men

- 1—Fri. Called to Godly Living. 2 Peter 1:13-19
2—Sabbath. God Feeds Spirit and Body. Neh. 9:9-17

God Creates a Community

- 3—Sun. "Keep My Covenant." Ex. 19:1-15
4—Mon. Prepared To Receive God's Law. Ex. 19:16-20:17
5—Tues. God Keeps His Promise. Josh. 23:1-8, 14-16a
6—Wed. Promise of a New Covenant. Jer. 31:27-34; 29:10-14
7—Thur. Members of One Body. 1 Cor. 12:12-26
8—Fri. God's Own People in Community. 1 Peter 2:1-10; Matt. 18:10-20
9—Sabbath. Sabbath, A Community Force. Acts 16:11-22

God Responds to Prayer

- 10—Sun. God Responds to Prayer. Psalm 34
11—Mon. God Hears His People. Psalm 102:1-22
12—Tues. How To Pray. Matt. 6:5-18
13—Wed. Ask, Seek, Knock. Matt. 7:1-14
14—Thur. The Spirit Intercedes. John 16:4-17; Rom. 8:24-28
15—Fri. When Weakness Is Strength. 2 Cor. 12:1-13
16—Sabbath. Thirst for the Living God. Psalm 42

God Heals Broken Humanity

- 17—Sun. The Healer from God. Is. 61
18—Mon. Supported and Protected. Is. 62
19—Tues. His Steadfast Love. Is. 63:7-19
20—Wed. God's Restoring Love. Zeph. 3:14-20; Eph. 2:11-19
21—Thur. Peace from God. Is. 60:17-22; Col. 1:21-23
22—Fri. Assurance in God's Promise. Is. 42:1-12
23—Sabbath. The Sabbath, a Day of Health. Luke 18:10-17

God Judges Nations

- 24—Sun. God Punishes Through Other Nations. Hab. 1:1-13
25—Mon. God's Sure Judgment. Hab. 2:1-8
26—Tues. The Covetous and the Grasping. Hab. 2:9-20
27—Wed. Awe Before the Lord. Hab. 3:1-11; 17-19
28—Thur. God Rules the Nations. Acts 17:22-34
29—Fri. A Drop from a Bucket. Is. 40:9-20
30—Sabbath. His Justice Is Ours. Ez. 22:1-8; 17-22

God Sustains His Creation

- 31—Sun. God's Majesty. Psalm 104:1-18

Pakistan Refugee Relief

Over 4,000 tons of basic protein foods have been shipped into the massive East Pakistan refugee zones by Church World Service.

The relief agency had previously sent large supplies of medicines and shelter materials into the refugee camps. Breakdown of the huge food shipments of 4,128 tons revealed the agency has dispatched 6,614,000 pounds of wheat; 661,000 pounds of powdered milk; 661,000 pounds of vegetable oil and 332,000 pounds of beans.

Field representatives of CWS in India reported that the number of refugees has passed the 8,000,000 mark.

