

The Sabbath Recorder

January. Mr. Mbawa arrived at Makapwa by bicycle to tell us that Mr. Matengele's eldest son had died suddenly the night before and the family had gone to hold the funeral at the home of Mrs. Matengele, near Chileka. We were able to give our condolences on our next trip. We were able to free and send a man from Makapwa who had relieved Mr. Matengele during the vacation times. We are happy to report that the Under Five Clinic did get started mid-February.

These two workers, Mr. Matengele, medical assistant, and Mr. Mbawa, dresser, are now working long hours . . . taking lunch about 2:00 p.m. and then returning about 4:00 p.m. to finish up the later arrivals. Some of the patients have come from far saying, "There is not enough medicine at the Government dispensaries."

Insights and Service

from correspondence of

Tibbie Maddox, R.N., in Malawi

This month I've managed, along with inservice classes, to type up several procedure outlines Sarah Becker has approved, and put them in a manual for the staff at Makapwa Medical Center. I'm so very much rewarded with the small medical library I've managed to accumulate.

To add to these, letters of request were sent to several organizations asking for simple English pamphlets or pictures for our medical staff for reference. And, praise the Lord, not only for the many answers, but even the school teachers are over here borrowing books. I have at

least four out at all times. These people have nothing for reference material. My small medical library, however, can't even fill a niche in the void of reference material here. One teacher told me Blanytre is the closest library with any kind of variety and Thyolo (two hours by bicycle) has a sickly few — this on any subject.

I've written to U.K. Scripture Press for extra large size flannelgraph figures for Bible Classes — the children run from 60-80 in a class. Aaaug!

Three weeks ago I taught a public health class to the Nolo and Matawa churches combined. Sixty-six showed up! Over half actively participated with pertinent questions. It was such fun. Pastor Mataka translated, and with a translator you have time to collect your thoughts and enjoy watching what you've just said. He can even add drama to what you say.

The material was basic—really basic. But when they guided the discussion to *their* needs and they seemed to be absorbing material they could use.

We were treated to the meal reserved for special guests — curried chicken over rice, n'sima and red kidney beans.

NOTE: Some readers may think of books they could send to be used at Makapwa. It is best to write your missionary (Airletter sheet 15 cents) listing name and author of book. Only those in excellent condition are worth sending. Your missionaries will respond giving the o.k. on those that can be sent by bookpost parcel.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for April 8, 1972

THE WORSHIPING COMMUNITY

Lesson Scripture: Matt. 18: 19-20;
John 4:24; Acts 2:41-47.



"The kingdom of heaven is of the childlike, of those who are easy to please, who love and give pleasure." — Robert Louis Stevenson

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Right to Life

The Bible unquestionably teaches the sacredness of human life and clearly sets forth the moral law that it is wrong to willfully take the life of another human being. In modern society there is a very vocal element advocating mercy killing of the aged and the cutting off of the life of the unborn. We hear rationalization that at both ends of the life cycle there may be a point at which life is not yet or has ceased to be a person.

The greatest controversy in the courts at the present time is the legalizing of abortion — within limits. Many women and some physicians claim that it would be at the discretion of a mother (wed or unwed) whether she brings to birth the child that has been conceived. Manifest circumstances alter cases, but liberalized abortion opens the door to many abuses just as the availability of contraceptives tends to lower moral standards. No Christian has a right to discuss this question apart from the principles laid down in the Bible, to which he has committed himself at conversion.

To combat the spread of loose morality in regard to the termination of the lives of unborn children, various religious or semireligious organizations have been formed. In the same mail the editor received releases from two such organizations located in New Jersey where a United States District Court has declared the long-standing anti-abortion law of the state unconstitutional. The amazing decision of the court (which may be appealed) was that the anti-abortion law invades the constitutionally guaranteed privacy of a pregnant woman, the argument seeming to be that the law has no right to tell her what she can or cannot do with her body.

The Rev. Dr. Samuel A. Jeanes, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Merchantville, an active member of the Board of Directors of the New Jersey Right to Life Committee, has prepared a lengthy

ON THE COVER

Hand in hand with the advent of spring goes our increasing awareness of the freshness displayed in a child's happy and imaginative play. On the cover of this issue are two young ladies, Lisa Pederson and Deirdre Sanford, reenacting a scene from the founding of their home town, Milton, Wisconsin.

press release calling for an appeal from the recent court ruling to the Supreme Court. He notes that a Federal District Court in December 1970 upheld a restrictive abortion law and ruled: "Once human life has commenced, the constitutional protections found in the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments impose upon the State the duty of safeguarding it." The Baptist minister's paper goes on to argue: "The civil rights of no individual are safe or secure when the rights of any, even the unborn, are nullified."

He adds, "To set aside the laws governing abortion could establish 'irresponsibility' as the new norm for our society. If abortion becomes a right, shall the support of a child by his parents, or the support of a family by its father, also become an elective for those who do not want to face all the consequences of the decision to marry?"

We need to weigh carefully the moral and legal arguments on the right to life and not to be drawn unwittingly into the rationalizations of those who have no regard for the law of God as set forth in the Old and New Testaments. We may not all come to the same conclusions, but we must all start from the premise that God's will, not ours, should be done.

The other New Jersey organization that is appealing to editors to use its releases is called Birthright of New Jersey and wants its address (18 Euclid Street, Woodbury, N. J.) to be known by any who are in need of help. It is based on the same general idea that an unborn child has a right to be born, but its approach is not from the legal side.

Birthright, in light of the recent court decision is determined to serve the greater need that is expected to develop. They say, "We will open more offices, enlarge our staff of volunteer workers, enlist the support of more doctors, lawyers, psychologists and other professional counselors."

The guiding principle of Birthright's founder, Mrs. Louis Summerhill of Toronto, Canada, is: "We offer positive alternatives to abortion to any girl or woman regardless of age, race, creed, marital or economic status." It is a service oriented organization that has

something to offer more than arguments and moralisms. Christian people, regardless of personal opinions, can well applaud such an organization that states:

"If the mother-to-be desires to keep her child, Birthright will assist in setting up a home. If she wants to place her child for adoption, Birthright guides the mother to licensed state adoption agencies only, and the choice as to the adoption agency is left up to the mother."

It is important to note that demand for adoptive children is at an all-time high while the availability of babies is at an all-time low.

Note: A six-page news article on family limitation under the title "The Militant Malthusians" appears in the March 11 *Saturday Review*. The arguments of ZPG's (Zero Population Growth) are presented but do not, in our opinion, overpower the "birth right" story given above.

Measurable Christian Growth

It is that time of year in much of the country when we begin to look for signs of growth in the bulbs that bravely send up green shoots in response to the warmth of the sun in protected areas. It is the time also when we notice the swelling of buds on some of the trees, an indication that halted growth is soon to be activated again.

Growth of plants is sometimes almost fast enough to see even without the marvel of delayed action filming. With trees it is different; it can only be computed on a yearly basis. It comes as something of a surprise to read an item in one of our rural papers that tells how much growth there has been this last year in all the forests of New York State. The fact that it is possible to compute it is perhaps no as interesting as the fact that the growth of timber in this populous state exceeded the harvesting of timber. It is stated that net annual growth totalled 282 million cubic feet, while harvests totalled 137 million cubic feet. This is reassuring for those concerned about environmental control and the preservation of our water supply. The net increase in volume of trees is double the amount cut down.

We like to watch our children grow. It is amazing how much they develop in stature and weight and sometimes—as

the Bible says about the boyhood of Jesus — “. . . increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man” (Luke 2:52). Physical growth levels off as they approach adulthood and we cease that periodic measuring on the door jamb.

When it comes to spiritual growth there is no sharp distinction between teen-age and adult life. Growth may come late and it may be a little harder to measure. It should, however, be continuous. It will be if we are careful to absorb all that is available in the atmosphere and resources of nourishment.

It is sobering to make a comparison between the condition of the forests of New York and the forest of church members in that state and others. In order for the figures to show an increase of 145 million cubic feet of timber there had to be consistent planting and setting aside of land some years ago. The natural and human enemies of growth had to be restrained. So it is with the church. God wants His church—our church—to grow. He observes the story in the annual rings of each church member and lovingly pleads with all of us to do our part in the total growth of the body of the redeemed. Though we have no instruments for accurately measuring spiritual growth we can readily see the evidences when growth has taken place. Conditions may not be ideal, but there are ample spiritual resources available. Standing close together we can help each other to grow straight and tall into usable timber—like the forests of New York.

Our Prayer Corner

Pray for:

- 1) The courage of our convictions in telling our friends of what Christ and His Sabbath mean to us.
- 2) Those of like faith in other lands who grow discouraged for lack of prayer support and evidence that we care about their needs in spreading the gospel.
- 3) The forthcoming May special issue of the *Sabbath Recorder* edited by Dr. Edward J. Horsley, vice-president of General Conference.

Foreign and Home Missions

Each Protestant denomination has to make its own decisions as to the relative importance of home and foreign missions. There are probably different ways of figuring what constitutes denominational home missions work, which makes comparisons a little uncertain. What the local church does to extend its mission without drawing on the Missionary Board for support probably doesn't qualify for the usual meaning of home or national missions.

The Southern Baptist Convention has been struggling with the 1972-73 budget allocations and has come up with these amounts for the next budget year: \$16,319,959 for foreign missions and \$5,824,963 for national missions—about the same ratio as last year. This three-to-one ratio is perhaps weighted heavier on its home missions side than the world need might seem to call for. When we consider how much more opportunity America has to hear the gospel and how much less there is for hospitals and mission schools, we wonder. In their case it might be countered that it may be expenditure on new work in this country that makes possible the allocating of an increase of a million and a half for foreign work.

A very real question about our own home mission work is the amount that goes into the support of so-called mission churches. In many cases the church and pastor view the support as a subsidy to maintain the *status quo* rather than accepting the Missionary Board support as a challenge to engage in real mission work — comparable to what we expect our foreign missionaries to do with the money sent to them. Granted that reports are expected with a view to evaluating the missionary effectiveness of the work, but unless there is a consuming desire to reach out the money would be more profitably invested in foreign missions—where growth does occur.

The program of denominational missions is to put evangelistically minded men into the locations at home and abroad where they can evangelize.

President's Column

(To one church but meant to be shared with all in this way)

Seventh Day Baptist Church
Daytona Beach, Florida 32014

March, 1972

Dear Friends:

I promised I would write again when I got home from the east, but as usual, correspondence was put off until I could catch up a little with being a pastor again. The Lord blessed *me* as I met with Seventh Day Baptists in Berlin, DeRuyter, and Verona, N. Y.; Waterford, Conn.; Ashaway and Westerly, R. I.; Plainfield, N. J.; and Mt. Sterling, Ohio.

Much could be shared about each group, but suffice it to say that from the oldest Seventh Day Baptist Church (Ashaway) to the youngest Seventh Day Baptist Fellowship (Ohio) I found Christians who were concerned that we fulfill our mission of life and witness for our Lord Jesus Christ. The sacrifices made by my family and church so that I can be in touch with all these people compel me to seek earnestly His will so that in everything I may be used for this same *mission*.

Now preparations are being rushed so that I may fly on April 6 to Seattle, Wash., for a long weekend. The way the Holy Spirit is reported to be working in the lives of the members there my visit will not be so much how I can help them but what can be added to my life and the Conference program. After that I hope to visit the Bay Area Seventh Day Baptists on my way to the Pacific Coast Association in Riverside, Calif., April 14-16. I will work in that area during the week and preach again in Riverside on April 22. Plans now are for me to return home early the next week with possible stops in Phoenix and Denver.

Conference plans are shaping up. They will not be final until copy goes to the printer the end of June, and even then I know that the Holy Spirit will not be limited to lines of ink on a sheet of paper. One of the major emphasis points will be in charge of Dale Thorngate of

the Washington, D. C., church. He is chairman of the Vocational Interests Committee and will also direct consideration of TO GOD BE THE GLORY in Our Daily Work! Evangelist Myor G. Soper is in charge of the three evening revival services and will bring the Sabbath morning message himself as we seek to climax our revival with a new commitment to God's commission.

You will soon receive information about committees and other business of Conference. It looks now as if there won't be any controversial issues that we can profitably spend a lot of time on, but there is always much routine that needs proper care for THE GLORY OF GOD. As I sat with fellow Seventh Day Baptists on Commission and in Planning Committee for two weeks it became increasingly apparent that *Evangelism* will be the key issue . . . and hopefully each committee will spend time considering how its portion of routine business best applies to fulfilling Our (portion of HIS) World Mission!

And this Resurrection Sabbath you will be in the midst of your evangelistic services! With Lightbearers for Christ and The New Christian Minstrels augmenting Evangelist Mynor Soper and the dedicated service team, folks all over the United States will be praying that the power of our Risen Lord will be poured out on and through your efforts. Perhaps it's just because my two oldest, Phill and Karen, are both involved, but exciting things are happening, it seems to me! We'll watch for reports of the Holy Spirit's work!

I've had opportunity now to use the message from Galatians 1:4, *Glorifying God in an Evil World*, ten times: More and more I am impressed with this: God will change this evil world, but *He wants to start with me . . . and you!*

In His service,

Paul B. Osborn, President

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for April 15, 1972

ORGANIZED FOR MISSION

Lesson Scripture: Acts 6:1-7; Eph. 4:11-16.

EXPERIENCES IN EUROPE

Following are portions of the travel story of Stefan and Vicky Kube of Australia who spent three months last summer contacting Seventh Day Baptists and others on what they regarded as a missionary trip to England and the mainland. A native of Poland but resident of Warrimoo, Australia, Mr. Kube went to the Netherlands some years ago and married a Seventh Day Baptist girl from one of the churches. His reflections and experiences may encourage others to travel with a mission.

Crossing the "Iron Curtain" by train at Helmstedt is an experience by itself: those long rows of barbed wire fences, those menacing watch towers and the heavily "Vo-Po" guarded railway station — all this only too realistically reminded me of my last contact with Communism when I was their prisoner twenty-four years ago. No doubt it's a different world here: the vast, state-cultivated fields, red flags and party slogans on prominent buildings, Russian tanks and army units, comparatively few civilians in sight, many of them on pushbikes and horse-drawn carts and the slow "steam-billy" propelling our "London-Moscow express" at an unbelievable 15-30 m.p.h. All this contrasts sharply with the wealth, freedom, and efficiency of West Germany. But also here live some of our brothers in Christ who need a special grace and our prayers to live and grow spiritually under Communism with little or no freedom of public worship or publishing gospel literature.

Unfortunately, strict transit regulations prevented us from leaving the guarded train to visit those whom we know. What I did not realize at that time was that my auntie, Lilly Kube, lay dying in the nearby Oschatz hospital.

After crossing yet another section of East Germany we reached safely our first destination in the People's Republic of Poland, the church group in my home town Bydgoszcz. I have not seen the place for a quarter of a century and now I found the town completely changed. Many happy memories of my childhood collapsed under the impact of the sight I now witnessed: neglect and deterioration of places I knew so well

and the rise of new Communist Poland. But the brothers and sisters were wonderfully kind to us. We made a number of personal visits and later gathered for a testimony hour at the home of Brother Ziomek. The Seventh Day Christian Church here shares their small meeting place with two other denominations. Our churches in Poland now enjoy comparative freedom of worship and even publish a duplicated monthly magazine "Duch Czasow." This publication, however, is strictly censored and some articles have been refused for printing.

Everywhere we went during our fortnight in Poland — be it churches of Chorzaw, Tomaszow Maz., Bielsko and Brenna — we were received with great brotherly love and overwhelming hospitality. It was a spiritual feast from the first day to the last. We trust that our timely messages and testimony in word and song were a blessing to our Polish brethren. We were happy to learn that they have established closer cooperation with large groups of brethren in Czechoslovakia and Hungary.

Back in Holland we enjoyed for a few days the hospitality of my wife's sister, Rinske, and her family in Elst. From here we made again a number of personal visits before going on to Amsterdam where we stayed with the family of G. Dijk, to whom we are related.

From here followed again a number of personal visits, the most memorable being the testimony meeting in the home of Brother M. Baars who married us twelve years ago. On Sabbath I was invited to preach in the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Amsterdam and a week later in Leeuwarden, again ministering the Word of Life and Vicky singing to our Savior's glory.

The highlight of our visit to Leeuwarden was the farewell meeting when everybody present was given the opportunity to say or sing something to the glory of God. We projected a number of slides from Australia and our journeys and the young people presented various items. It was a very happy evening. We parted from our Dutch brothers and sisters with trust of a happy "tot ziens!" (see you again), the Lord willing.

Returning by ferry to England we were happy to meet in London Brother A. F. Peat and Sister I. Codrington who were just back from the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation Conference in the U. S. A. While in London we were cordially entertained by Brother and Sister V. Simpson. On our last Sabbath in Europe we worshiped with the brethren of the Mill Yard Church, meeting more Christian friends. My sermon, "The just shall live by faith," was accompanied, as usual, by a testimony and song of my wife. Just before leaving England we were invited to take part in a gospel meeting at Herne Hill, a mission church established a few years ago in the poorer part of London by Brother Henry Wright.

Leaving Europe by air from London's Gatwick Airport our last sight of the continent was, remarkably, the brightly lit Parthenon in Athens, where the apostle Paul preached the beautiful sermon of Acts 17. As our Boeing 707 was crossing India we were especially remembering before the Throne of Grace our Indian brethren of this vast, teeming, tropical country.

Now back at home we returned to our usual occupations: Vicky to her house-keeping and taking care of our dear children and I to designing and building cottages. Whatever plans the Lord has for our future this wonderful experience of our missionary journey has left a mark on our lives. It has matured us spiritually, widened our missionary vision and has made us more aware of Satan and his devices. It has shown us also that the spiritual problems of the people the world over are basically the same: accept salvation in Jesus Christ and live, or stay in darkness of sin and perish. The Bible says: "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 6:23).

Sincerely,
Stefan and Vicky Kube

Tracing Your Family

Some families can trace their ancestry back 300 years but can not tell you where their children were last night." Ray Savage

Lost — Forever!

By Eugene Lincoln

"I thought you called yourself a Christian!"

The words struck me like a sharp arrow. I had just told a fellow worker what I thought was a hilarious joke. True, it was not one I would have told my pastor . . . but —

He continued, without waiting for an answer. "You know, I'm surprised to hear something like that from *you*." And the tone of disappointment in his voice backed up the words he said.

I found myself wishing a hole would open up and swallow me, but it did not. I mumbled an embarrassed apology.

Leo—that was his name—had in the past talked to me several times about religious topics. I always had by Bible handy and would attempt to give him Scriptural answers to his questions—such things as, is Christ necessary in these days, and why I attended church regularly each week.

But never after that did he ask me any questions along this line. Once or twice afterward, I tried to introduce a spiritual topic, but he showed little interest.

About two years after this we moved to another town. One day, during one of my visits back home, I stopped at my former place of employment.

"Where's Leo?" I asked casually.

"Why, haven't you heard? He died suddenly a month or so ago."

The utter finality of those words has been with me ever since. Lost forever—an opportunity, and perhaps a soul, all because of a joke!

Note: This is a true experience.

Love Is a Wonderful Glow

Love is an emotion a friend has for a friend, a brother has for a brother, a mother has for a child.

It is an emotion God has for each of us, sinner and disciple.

Love is a warm, wonderful glow.

It is a power that sweeps the world, catching men in its glory.

Oh Lord, catch me.

—Twelve-year old Teresa Turner,
of Torrance, Calif.



BUILDING A HOME WITH GOD

*A sermon given by Missionary Leroy C. Bass,
at Georgetown, Guyana, and directed primarily
to the youth of the congregation.*

We are shortening the message somewhat. To introduce the subject the missionary discussed probable differences in the home life of Cain and Abel, the branches of the first family. Commenting on the unanswered question of where Cain got his wife, he noted that it is also not recorded where Seth got his wife. The Bible speaks of Adam and Eve having other sons and daughters. He states that in those early years when families were starting it was okay for a brother and sister to marry though later such close marriages were prohibited.

Cain's life was one of rebellion against God which led to a deterioration of his family line, the missionary told his congregation. He received the curse of God for his sin and was doomed to a wandering life with his family shut off from fellowship with godly people.

Cain's descendant of the fifth generation, Lamech, was an exceptionally wicked man, and with this incident, the Bible record leaves the line of wicked Cain, and returns to Adam and the birth of Seth. The family line of Seth was a godly line, seeking righteousness and teaching the children to love and reverence God. Seth's descendant of the fifth generation, Enoch, was an exceptionally godly man. His life proves that it is not necessary to live a celibate, unmarried life to be truly a godly man. He was no monk; he married and had children. Genesis 4:23 and 5:22-24 tell different stories of these two men from different lines. Enoch must also have been blessed with a very godly and pious mother, and this influenced him to be very careful in his choice of a woman for his own wife. For his godliness, God selected him to be translated without seeing death (Heb. 11:5).

God's Spirit would appeal to us as mothers and fathers today to bring up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, training them to use reason, making obedience as attractive as possible, and leading them to appreciate the godly life as the best and happiest life to have.

God's Spirit would appeal to us today

to instill right principles into the hearts and minds of our children, realizing that to train a child, to train a youth, time must be spent with him. In worship? Yes; but also in play, and in work! The goal that all parents look forward to for their children is to see them prepared for a useful, happy life and a home of their own.

The associations of our children and youth have much to do with their development. It is a tragedy that many boys and girls, having grown up in a home with Christian parents, go out and marry one not in the love of Jesus Christ. Surely we believe that God knows the wisdom of what He is talking about when He tells us: "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers."

Satan is joyful and exultant when he can trap a believer into uniting with an unbeliever. Another home is spoiled for God.

The Spirit of God would appeal to you, boys and girls, and to you, teenagers here in this house, as young as you are, to determine in your hearts to carefully choose your friends and admit into your inmost circle of friendship only those who believe as you do.

The Spirit of God would appeal to you to determine in your heart that you

will take as your marriage companion, when the proper time comes, only one who is fully surrendered to the lordship of Jesus Christ, and who also loves the true Sabbath of Jesus Christ; for after all, can two people walk together through life harmoniously, unless they are agreed? (See Amos 3:3). If they are not agreed, and yet marry, such homes are divided right at the beginning.

There are many, many divided homes today; one mate a Sabbathkeeper, or trying to be, and the other mate not. These are usually heartbreaking situations, young people. We need not hesitate to say that the first duty of the believing mate is to Christ the Lord who bought his/her precious soul with His own blood. He, or she, cannot afford to do that which is known to be contrary to God's will.

Divided homes are not beyond help. There is much that can be done, but how much better it is, young people, to start your married life right, in strict harmony with God's plan. Then you can experience a true, inner harmony and unity that truly makes two people one in marriage. Be afraid to trust your own judgment in this most important matter of a life partner. Don't be afraid to seek the counsel of Mother or Dad, and your minister, Sabbath School teacher or counselor. Remember this, and don't hesitate to ask for suggestions and thoughts and help.

Where did Cain get his wife?

A more important question to you, young people, is: Where will you get your wife, or your husband? Will your marriage partner be of the line of Cain (in the line of the world) or in the line of Seth (in the line of the church)?

Where did Samson get his wife? Samson got what he wanted, Delilah, a daughter (descendant) of Cain. Samson never built a home with God. He was not happily married; he was so miserable that he at last took his life (along with his enemies).

Where did Isaac get his wife? Isaac got a gem of a girl, God's choice. He waited patiently until God's choice was indicated to him and he got a daughter

of God, in the line of Seth. Isaac built a home with God.

Parents can help to build their children's future homes — with God, by beginning early. How early? When their young people are ready for marriage? Little good that will do! By beginning when their children enter their teens? That will help some, but it's still not beginning back far enough. Parents must begin shaping their children's lives for mature adulthood and godly families by beginning when they are babies, giving them security, love, care, and discipline.

Another step even further back to their advantage is conception in love and harmony between the parents. And finally we can go back yet farther and include the way of life years previous to their own marriage and parenthood. Obedience to the laws of life in one's early years prepares one for his future happiness and marriage harmony. I believe this is what is meant by the last portion of the second commandment.

"... for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me (those who do not follow my ways), but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments" (Exo. 20:5, 6 RSV, parenthesis mine).

These, to me, are not mysterious words, telling of an arbitrary act of God, but are rather simply the laws of life; the laws of cause and effect that God has made us to have. And furthermore, this is true of every one of these commandments. "God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting" (Gal. 6:7, 8). Do not be deceived about this. The way we live, the decisions we make, all become a part of our very being, and our future and our children's future are affected by these.

Some will be saying: "But I have made a mistake, and more than one; I want my children to have a happy life and not

make my mistakes." Here is where the tremendous grace and mercy of God come in. There can be forgiveness for violation of God's law; there can be forgiveness for sowing to the flesh, and for making wrong decisions many years ago when you were young. God will help us and our children to go on from here with Him.

The marks of the natural penalty upon the life are there as long as life lasts, and are sometimes passed on to the offspring. But begin now to build for a home with God, bringing a new happiness and joy into your hearts. You can see that the longer the line of godly living the better. It will be a genuine aid to those generations after you to build their own home with God. Pass your heritage along to your children by living a life wholly for God and in His divine will.

Let each home call upon God, by erecting and maintaining the family altar. Make some portion of the family worship to fit even the youngest child, so that worship becomes meaningful and interesting to him, although I know that at some ages, or with some children, this is not easy.

Surely one of the reasons for which Jesus allowed His hands to be pierced with nails was that humanity would be lifted up to have and to live that more abundant, happy, godlike life, as long as we live on earth, so that we shall be prepared for the perfect life in the world to come. That God may bless each one of us to this end is my prayer.

MEMORY TEXT

"For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Gal. 6:8, 9).

A WORLD without a *Sabbath* would be like a man without a smile, like a summer without flowers, and like a homestead without a garden. It is the joyous day of the whole week.—Beecher.

How God Uses Our Tracts

by Rev. B. John V. Rao
Nellore, India

Let me tell something about the mission of tracts.

The tract literature is our main contact with the people and it is bringing marvelous results. I have seen many precious souls come to know our Lord after they have read the different kinds of tracts. They are very useful in my Christian ministry among the unbelievers. Not only are they very useful in my Christian ministry; they are useful in any Christian ministry in this vast world. I am very grateful for the marvelous way in which lost souls are being won to Christ as the Holy Spirit convicts them of the filthiness of their sins upon reading our tracts.

The ministry of the printed page is amazing due to the fact that man cannot do what the tracts are doing for lost souls. Tracts seem to have struck the hearts of all sorts of men and women and brought them forth to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Tracts will be so helpful in our soul-winning work among Indonesian people. We are believing in tracts for a great sweeping revival. I should like to do much more for Christ in this large Indonesia but we are tremendously handicapped by the lack of literature (tracts).

Let me give you my witness regarding tract distribution work. Here are two experiences.

One area we entered was one of Satan's strongholds. It was notorious for drunkards, gamblers, and people of every other type of evil habits. Many asked for tracts and then deliberately tore them up in front of us and tried to humiliate us. We prayed for protection and guidance. God saved us. But the same people were saved after two years through tracts only. Now they are very good and spiritual Sabbathkeepers.

The second example is of how we spread our Conference name throughout Indonesia. Do you know it? The answer is "tracts." Presently Ceylon is in touch with us only through tracts. The Ceylon people want to start a Conference through our guidance. If a conference is started

WOMEN'S WORK—Mrs. Elmer W. Andersen

Happiness Is . . . Glorifying God

Somewhere in the Beatitudes should be, "Happy are those who give God their glory, for peace of mind is theirs."

Listed in the following are some questions I would like you to think about and answer to yourselves with your hearts, honestly—

1. Do you realize your utter dependence on Christ hour by hour, moment by moment?

2. Are you looking to Him in all things?

3. Are you slow to speak, to act, to plan until you have been in touch with Him?

4. Do you realize He is Love?

5. Are you convicted by every harsh word?

6. Do you resent every selfish thought?

7. Do you refuse to do selfish acts because they violate your new purpose?

8. Are your busy hours given to ministering in love, however humble and commonplace the task may seem?

9. Are you so busy looking to Him and loving others that you are beginning to understand "It is no longer I that live, but Christ that liveth in me"?

(Questions from Campus Crusade Teacher's Manual by permission)

As John Peterson says in his anthem, "It's not an easy road we are trav'ling to heaven, for many are the thorns on the way; It's not an easy road, but the Saviour is with us, His presence gives us joy ev'ry day. No, no it's not an easy road, but Jesus walks beside me and brightens the journey and lightens ev'ry load. It's not an easy road—there are trials and troubles, and many are the dangers we meet; But Jesus guards and keeps so that nothing can harm us, and smooths the rugged path for our feet. And lightens ev'ry heavy load."

—From the program packet

I would like to hand it over to the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation . . . In Ceylon half of the people are South Indians and are therefore able to read our tracts.

Baptist Joint Committee Opposes Tax Funds for Non-public Schools

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in semiannual session in Washington took steps to hold the line on "separation of church and state," and at the same time took positive action on several church-state issues facing the nation.

The Baptist body expressed support for quality public education for all children and opposed tax support for non-public schools. It further approved plans looking toward a national conference on religion and public education in 1973 or 1974.

Objectives for such a conference, according to the joint committee, include exploration of the nature of public education and the place of religion in public education, identification and clarification of problem areas, and recommendation of solutions to the problems relating to religion and public education.

A subcommittee of the joint committee worked on problems relating to ordained ministers and Social Security, and the relationship of churches to the Internal Revenue Service.

Among the issues discussed was a proposal now pending in Congress to provide a voluntary agreement to treat ministers as employed persons under Social Security.

Although it took no position on the proposal, the joint committee referred the matter to its staff requesting more information to be communicated with sponsoring Baptist bodies.

Several unanswered questions remain, the committee pointed out, including: How does treatment of a minister as an "employee" under Social Security affect his standing as self-employed under Internal Revenue Service? What will be the cost to congregations and denominational agencies if they agree to enter the voluntary agreement to treat ministers as "employees" under Social Security? What problems will be created in Social Security records for ministers who transfer from churches or agencies to others which have not entered the voluntary agreement?

1971—A Year of Progress at Crandall High

In January 1971 plans were completed for a second story addition to provide for our increased enrollments. The Lord has abundantly blessed this undertaking. At a time of economic recession in the United States, the giving of dedicated Seventh Day Baptists has been most reassuring.

The students and faculty at the school have raised \$822.90 during the calendar year for the building project. On February 27, 1972, \$857.26 had been received.

The school board was granted permission by the Kingston church to hold classes in the shed area during the construction period. This has enabled the classes to continue on schedule with an enrollment of 155 students during the Christmas term.

The new facilities will be in use with the summer term starting in April. While Mr. Johnston was installing jalousie type windows in the addition we had him install two in the classroom by the Conference office. These were badly needed for light and ventilation. These rooms may be darkened to show films or slides.

Students in the lower forms have made excellent use of the S.R.A. International Reading Laboratory we secured from Canada when we came to Jamaica. Personal gifts sent to us during the 1971 Christmas season were used to secure a second reading laboratory for students in the upper forms.

Norman and Marguerite Matteson of Buffalo have given a modern typewriter to the school in memory of Mrs. Matteson's mother, Mary Irish Carpenter. This was badly needed to help get students ready for examinations.

The Mattesons also have sent \$150 worth of new books for the library along with a fine collection of books from the Tri-C Society of the Buffalo, New York, church.

Prior to the start of the Christmas term in September the school board adopted a salary schedule recognizing added preparation and years of teaching expe-

rience. This has made us more competitive with other schools. We are finding promising teachers who are attending the University of the West Indies at night and work for us during the day.

While the boys in Form 2 are taking drafting, Mrs. Joyce Harley, the administrative assistant, has been helping the girls with needlecraft.

On behalf of the school board, staff, students and administration I wish to thank each person who has supported our building project and educational program. Your prayers, words of advice, and encouragement are solicited. As we make plans for meeting the needs of our Jamaica students we pray for wisdom, humility, and devotion to His will.

Wayne N. Crandall, Principal

W. F. Albright Library Goes to Southern Seminary

The personal library of the late William F. Albright, a noted Biblical archaeologist and professor at Johns Hopkins University, has been added to the library of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Described as one of the best private Near Eastern collections anywhere, the library contains basic books on languages, literature and archaeology of the Middle East.

There are more than 5,000 volumes in the collection, including about 900 volumes of periodicals. Also in the library are more than 6,000 reprints of articles on all subjects pertaining to the Middle East from 1920 through 1970.

Albright was known for his work with ancient languages and archaeological excavations, and as a teacher of many prominent Biblical scholars.

A prolific writer, Albright wrote more than 800 articles, pamphlets, and books. Since 1956 he served as senior editor of the "Anchor Bible," and co-authored the series' commentary on the "Gospel According to Matthew." All of these works are included in the collection at Southern.

Albright was probably best known publicly for his involvement in verifying the authenticity of the Dead Sea Scrolls. He was the first expert outside Israel to call the scrolls genuine.

Camping Convention Insights

The American Camping Association held its annual meeting in New York City March 8-11 with valuable interest groups and plenary sessions attached to the business meeting. About 100 exhibitors of camping supplies, crafts, curricula and services were arranged just outside the rooms in which most of the groups met. The Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education has just joined the association and Secretary David Clarke attended this annual meeting, coming away with many new camping insights, new possibilities for resources and new friendships among North American campers.

Both private commercial and civic agency camps are represented in the association as well as church camps. It was reassuring to discover that many of these camps were represented in the interest groups strongly dominated by church campers. Even more reassuring was the evidence of moral and religious concern among these non-church camp leaders. And the level of discussion was on very direct spiritual concerns in staffing and programming camp experiences.

Small Group Encounters

All the way from "using ceremonies, campfires and creativity in the arts to reinforce the values and meanings of life" to "stretching your food dollar," the interest sessions in small, well-conducted seminars provided invaluable inspiration from chosen leaders and searching campers.

Almost 100 interest sessions were offered to delegates in the registration forms, and multiple preferences were registered so that those attending would get assigned to an area of interest if his first-chosen group was overcrowded.

Secretary Clarke attended interest sessions in these areas: trends in church camping, reinforcing values through ceremonies, new program resources in church camping, building camp staff, helping campers feel good about themselves, stretching your food dollar, and programming for families in camp.

Camp leaders are invited to write our

board for information or opinions, particularly in the fields suggested by the titles above. We feel that our new association with this large camping agency will make it possible to secure more effective answers to some of the projects undertaken in our camping programs. We are glad to discover from several delegates at this session that they value equally their membership in the American Camping Association and the Christian Camping Conference, International. Of course, they receive different insights and ideas, but neither association could easily be dispensed from their programs.

In another report, some of the highlights of keynote speakers will be shared with *Recorder* readers.

Pointed Questions for Church Members

Christians must continually reeducate themselves in priorities practiced in the life of "the friendly neighborhood" church in which their local Christianity finds expression. This duty needs to be the other side of the Christian-education-coin whose face is the education of new members, the nurture of longer-term members and the enrichment of worldwide commitment to Christ's peace-making.

A recent study of Christian education was made in the churches of a large mid-western state with a wide variety of industrial and agrarian communities. Following the analysis and statistics, these questions were thrust under the eyes of readers stuffed with the facts and figures:

1—Has my church grown, or lost, church school enrollment in the last five years?

2—Are there circumstances in the community which would explain the enrollment trend, or is the explanation in the program of Christian education being offered?

3—Who makes decisions about Christian education programs and policy in my church? Who assigned this responsibility? What kinds of decisions are now being made? Are these the proper decisions?

4—What resources are available in my church for the program of Christian edu-

cation? Are they adequate?

5—Are training experiences provided for new teachers and leaders in the church school? Who selects new personnel for teaching and leadership? What are their qualifications, and what criteria are used?

6—How well do we know the people in our church? What ties have been developed between home and church to insure that all members are informed about our program of Christian education? Are there ways in which concerned individuals and families can express their views on Christian education and their perceived needs?

Try these questions out in your church, and then creatively deal with the answers!

X-Rated Movies on TV

Urging Congress to pass legislation prohibiting the showing of X- and R-rated movies on television, the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission advisory committee adopted a statement petitioning the U. S. Senate to conduct a hearing to investigate the showing of "morally offensive movies on television."

The commission claimed that Columbia Broadcasting System "has broken a barrier" by releasing for the first time for showing on television an edited version of "The Damned," a previously X-rated movie.

Thus, the statement added, "There is imminent danger that offensive movies may now be channeled more frequently into American homes."

One thing that the public can do is exercise selective buying and refuse to patronize the products of sponsors of X- and R-rated films, says the commission. They can also write to their Congressmen requesting support of legislation banning such movies from TV.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

SALEMVILLE, PA.— There will be an ordination to the diaconate May 6 at the Salemville Seventh Day Baptist church. The candidates for ordination are Beth Boyd, Joe Boyd, Robert Claycomb, Jr., and Eileen Claycomb.

ADAMS CENTER, N. Y.—The quarterly meeting of the Central New York Association of Seventh Day Baptist Churches meets with the Adams Center church April 8 at 11:00 a.m. The theme is "The Church's One Foundation."

The Rev. Alton Wheeler is to have the morning service. In the afternoon, each church is to present its covenant. These covenants will be discussed in the afternoon meeting.

The youth will have a separate meeting after a singspiration under the leadership of the Rev. Blankenship of Philadelphia and Evans Mill, N. Y., assisted by Pierre Joseph, formerly of Buffalo.

MARLBORO, N. J.—Stewardship Sabbath was observed with Misses Janet Peterson, Carol Branch, and Sharon Davis delivering impressive messages covering the subject, "Using Our Time and Talents for Furtherance of God's Glory."

An outstanding Christmas program was planned by Mrs. Francis Campbell and Mrs. David Cruzan. This included music and devotions with a "white Christmas" setting, nine Sabbath School classes participating. Thirty-one carolers visited seventeen homes of the sick and shut-ins.

Joint Communion with Shiloh was held at Marlboro, January 1, with Pastor Charles Bond bringing a New Year's message.

The annual church and Sabbath School business meeting was held the following week with dinner served at noon.

Week of Prayer services were January 2-8 with a theme of "Workmen Approved of God."

Sixteen people from Marlboro met in Washington, D. C., February 4-6 for the youth retreat with "Tell It Like It Is" as the theme.

The Youth Sabbath service was held January 29 with messages "Brotherhood Begins with Me" by Mary Jane Campbell and "Brotherhood Reaches Out to Others" by Tim Richards. Others who participated were Jonathan A. Davis, Becky Hiles, Marie Davis, Brenda Cobb, Dan Richards, Duke Cruzan, David Ayars, and Carol Pinder.

—Correspondent

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.— Since the middle of February, Mr. C. Justin Camenga has been employed by the Pacific Coast Association as an interim field pastor. His services will extend through the first of September 1972. Presently his work is in the Oregon-Washington area in coordination with Pastor Duane Davis of Seattle. Plans include a field trip along the west coast in May and possibly a trip to the San Diego and Phoenix areas. He will participate in the Pacific Pines camping program and undertake camp follow-up calling. He would be available for pulpit supply as needed at Riverside and Los Angeles.

We hear that Pastors Camenga and Davis made an overnight trip to Vancouver, B. C., Canada, February 26 and 27 where they visited interested families.

—Church bulletin

AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND.—March 7. Next Sabbath we have a special church service to bring two or three churches together. This will be a good thing to do as our churches are small and the distance between Amsterdam and Harlem is not big. Last Sabbath we had our monthly prayer meeting and Bible study, and although only eight people came, it was good and blessed.

—from a letter from John Farenhorst

Accessions

BERLIN, N. Y.

By Testimony:
Mrs. Geraldine Greene

By Letter:
C. Rex Burdick
Joyce Sholtz (Mrs. C. Rex) Burdick
Martha Burdick
Pamela Burdick

PLAINFIELD, N. J.

By Letter:
George Cruzan
Patricia Weber (Mrs. George) Cruzan

Marriages

Loofboro - Harvey.— Neil Roy Loofboro, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Loofboro of Milton Junction, Wis., and Susan Ann Harvey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Harvey of Milton Junction, were united in marriage at the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church on March 11, 1972 with the Rev. Earl Cruzan officiating. They will be living at 525 High St., Fort Atkinson, Wis. 53538.

Births

Green.— A son, John Mark, was born December 30, 1971, to Paul and Geraldine Greene of Berlin, N. Y.

Hoff.— A son, Kevin Eric, to LeRoy and Sue (Loofboro) Hoff of Milton Junction on Feb. 19, 1972.

Koli.— A daughter, Stephanie, to Steven E. and Peggy (Abelmann) Koli of Ghana, Africa, on Jan. 23, 1972.

Obituaries

BENTLEY.— Miss Lyda, daughter of the late William U. and Nellie Barber Bentley, was born at Berlin, N. Y., June 28, 1903, and passed from this life March 1, 1972, at Cobleskill, N. Y.

She accepted Christ as her Savior in early youth, becoming a member of the Berlin Seventh Day Baptist Church on August 5, 1916, where she remained active and faithful for her entire life.

Surviving close relatives include a brother, Whitford Bentley of Berlin, a sister, Mrs. Blanche Wilcox and a nephew, Stanton Wilcox, both of Richmondville, N. Y.

Funeral services were conducted from the Seventh Day Baptist Church by her pastor, C. Rex Burdick and the Rev. Paul L. Maxson, and the body was laid to rest in the Seventh Day Baptist Cemetery in Berlin.

—C. R. B.

COON.— Lena, daughter of Charles and Mary Greene Hull, was born Jan. 23, 1867, in Fulton Township, Wis., and died at the Dawson Nursing Home in Janesville, Feb. 23, 1972.

She was a graduate of Albion Academy and of Milton College. She was the oldest alumna of Milton having graduated in 1871. She taught school at the age of 17.

In 1892 she was married to Perry L. Clarke who preceded her in death in 1935. She lived in Denver, Colo., for many years, returning to Milton in 1949 to be married to James H. Coon, who died in 1956.

Funeral services were conducted from the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church by her pastor, the Rev. Earl Cruzan. Burial was in Milton Cemetery.

—E. C.

GRAY.— Bruce E., son of Earl and Eva McCulloch Gray, was born Jan. 26, 1925, at Milton Junction, Wis., and died at his home in Miami, Fla., Feb. 26, 1972.

He was married to Enid Green, Jan. 4, 1947. He is survived by his wife, two sons, Richard and Mark; one daughter, Mrs. Richard (Becky) Filer and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on March 1 in the chapel of the Stanfill Funeral Home, Miami, Fla., with burial in Woodlawn Cemetery, Miami.

The Sabbath Recorder

More Gospel to Russia

Most of us in this country have little need for shortwave radio receivers; we can get all kinds of programs on the normal broadcast band. It comes as something of a surprise to learn that in the U.S.S.R. there are over 30,000,000 shortwave receivers. This means that radio can reach a very large percentage of the Russian people from almost anywhere in the world if it is in their language.

The Far East Broadcast Company believes that radio is the best means for bringing the gospel to a vast Russian audience. It now has 3.5 hours of Russian language programs daily from Manila and receives word that people are joyfully listening. Plans for increasing the power by a 100,000 watt transmitter and increasing the number of hours have been set aside temporarily because of insufficient gifts for this expansion says Robert Bowman, president.

Peter Deyneka, one of FEBC's Russian language program suppliers, when visiting recently in Russia asked believers if they knew of conversions through the broadcasts. Everywhere the answer was, "Yes." They told him about churches begun through the broadcasts. In one village with no believers, a man was converted as he listened to a gospel broadcast. He invited his neighbor to hear the good news on the radio. Now there are fourteen Christians in a home in this village.

Radio can go every day where preachers never can go and where literature has difficulty in getting through.

Sabbath Philosophy

By Isaac N. Cramer

*Sabbath means rest from servile work,
From selfish aims and goals;
It does not mean that we should shirk
In working for lost souls.*

*It is a time that's set apart
To meditate on life,
So that true love may fill each heart
And save all men from strife.*

*It is a time to get men free
From bondage unto sin;
So that true justice here may be
The fruit of love within.*

*It is a time for us to make
Laws that are based on love,
To promote justice for the sake
Of Him who rules above.*

*It is a time for us to work
For unity and peace;
And to this end no one should shirk
Till wars on earth shall cease.*

*It is a time to teach all truth,
Which will reveal each lie,
So that in war our nation's youth
Will not be forced to die.*

Allegiance

Jesus makes it clear that He will settle for nothing less than a complete change of allegiance. To have His kind of life it takes abandonment, involvement and commitment.

In following Him, you will find in abandonment, security; in involvement, fulfillment; and in commitment, eternal life.
—Leighton Ford

"HUNDREDS OF OUR LAWMAKERS, JUDGES, EXECUTIVES AND OTHER NATIONAL LEADERS GATHER AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK IN SMALL KNEELING PRAYER GROUPS TO CALL UPON GOD FOR GUIDANCE, WISDOM AND STRENGTH."
— WILLIAM ARTHUR WARD



The drawing illustrating the statement quoted above reminds us of the need of prayer not only for those now in authority but also for those seeking election to high posts that they may recognize a dependence on God. In Bible times when prayer was enjoined, the latter was not a real option. We, therefore, have a greater prayer responsibility.