

The Sabbath Recorder

Why Darkness Comes

When you have done your best, but your best was not sufficient to get the job done; when dark despair closes in about you, and you can no longer see which way to turn: then is the time to start doing the Heavenly Father's best, walking with your hand in His hand, confident He knows a safe path for you.

You can still be a laborer together with the Lord, with something useful to do, even though every last project you have sacrificed to maintain has come to nothing. The Creator of all has brought this darkness upon you precisely so you will no longer be able to see *your* way, your way which is not His *perfect* way. In like manner, you will no longer be able to discern the ways by which others have been led by the Father of Spirits; for we are not to be slavish imitators of others, no matter how righteous they have been, or how closely they followed promptings of their Savior and Guide. Their way is not to become your way, nor is God's way for you to become a standard by which you will evaluate others.

This safe way by which you will be led is difficult, not easy; narrow, not broad and smooth. The winds of criticism and false accusation will whip your body, and you will cry out for shelter from the stormy blast; but every moment spent in some snug wayside retreat, unless you have been led there by that divine hand to be fed and strengthened with heavenly manna, means only a delay in reaching the Holy City, that glorious destination where all storms are past.

You will then look back and see how

even the vain and foolish efforts you made in your own strength, according to promptings of your emotions and in the light of your faulty reasoning, were neatly fitted into the divine pattern for your eternal destiny; for our characters are not intended to be stamped out in mass production, like so many Fords rolling off the production lines in Detroit. Each of the chariots of Almighty God is hand-crafted from start to finish, and your individuality will be but one of the glorious manifestations of the multi-faced personality of the Source of life, the Messiah who died and rose victorious from the grave, that you might ever live in Him.

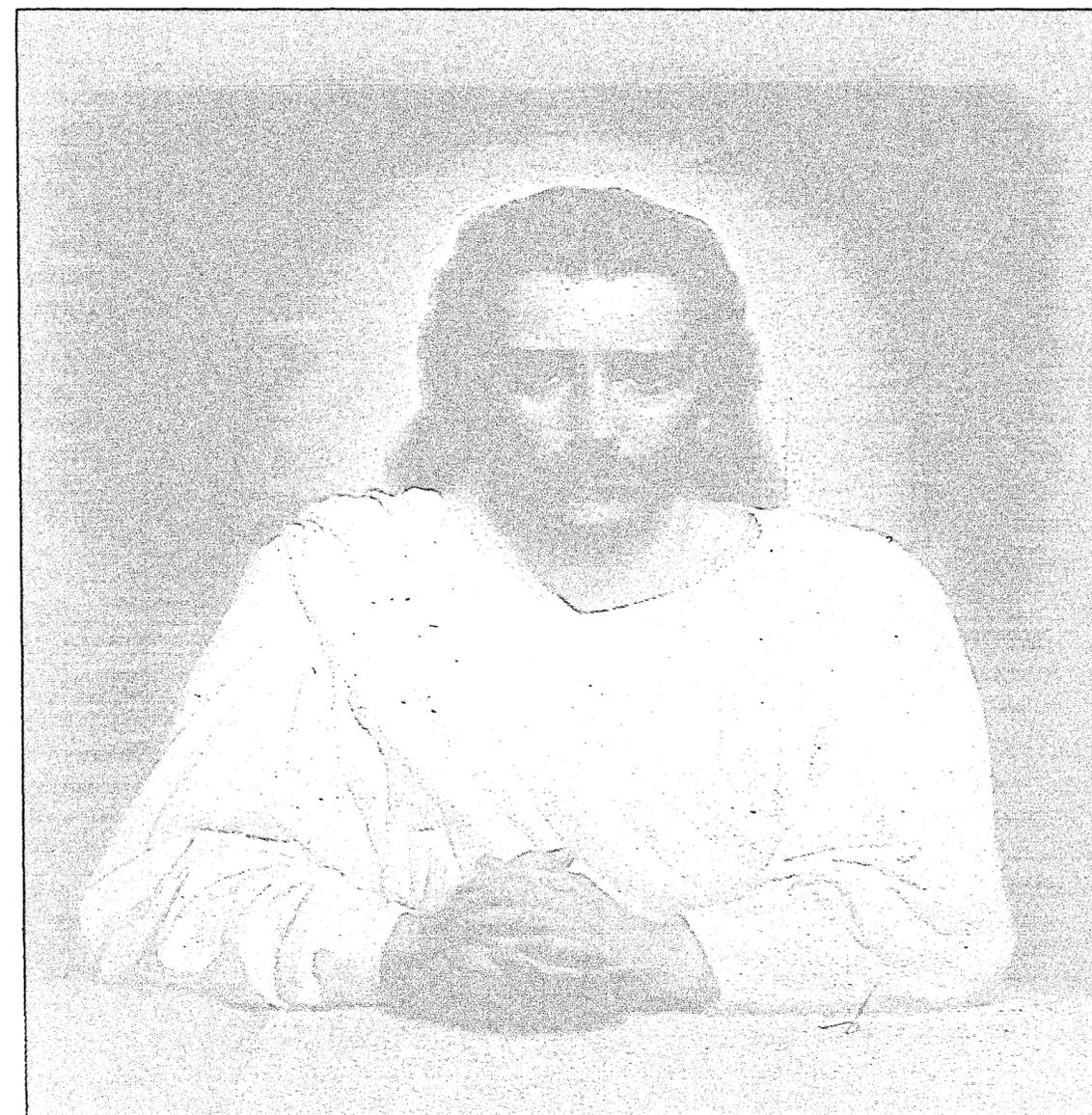
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DON'T QUIT NOW

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,
When the funds are low and the debts are high,
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest if you must, but don't quit.

Life is queer with its twists and turns
As every one of us sometimes learns,
And many a fellow turns about
When he might have won had he stuck it out.
Don't give up though the pace seems slow,
You may succeed with another blow.

Success is failure turned inside out,
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
And you never can tell how close you are;
It may be near when it seems afar.
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit,
It's when things seem worst that you mustn't
quit. —Anon.



Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.

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Campaign Promises

Editors of religious as well as secular magazines receive a generous supply of news releases that have to do with the faults of the present administration and the promises for a better future. We do not take sides in political matters but do comment on certain issues that are related to the principles for which our people have long taken a stand. One of these issues is religious liberty. The erosion of the doctrine of the separation of church and state is a valid concern frequently mentioned in these columns.

There is a familiar line in literature, "A plague on both your houses." This seems to be the attitude of George L. Meany, head of AFL-CIO. He refuses to support either McGovern or Nixon for the presidency and is requiring that all state unions follow the rule he has laid down. He has his reasons for being unhappy with some of the promises of the Democratic candidate and some of the performances of the Republican incumbent. Some of us might be tempted to take the same stand for quite different reasons — their attitudes on aid to parochial schools.

President Nixon has been criticized by Baptists and others for promising to work for some kind of aid that could get by the Supreme Court's recent decisions. Much could be said about that promise.

Senator McGovern recently told a group of Catholic educators and parents in Racine, Wisconsin, that, if he is elected President, he will find some way "constitutionally" to help private school education. "I am, at this time, exploring the means by which the federal government can help achieve that goal with aid distributed either directly or through the tax structure. I am convinced that we can find a way to save our non-public schools within the framework of our Constitution," the South Dakota senator said, according to a press release from his campaign headquarters.

Thus, both the Republican incumbent, President Nixon, and the Democratic nominee have committed themselves to find ways to provide federal aid to parochial and other private schools.

The Nixon administration has been

exploring the idea of educational "vouchers," a plan that would give parents a certain amount of money with which their child's education could be purchased in either a public or private school.

It has been observed that the candidates usually make their statements about making tax money available to religious schools when they are talking to Roman Catholic audiences. Such a procedure is natural enough, but one can hardly avoid the assumption that their promises are more politically motivated than otherwise.

We are not quite ready to say, "A plague on both your houses," but we would hope that they would see, before it is too late, that the government ought not to dominate church affairs, nor the church government affairs. We are happy that the Supreme Court is now interpreting the Constitutional provisions in this area more consistently than a generation ago. Attempts by state legislatures to get around the Constitution are challenged by legal action, and the higher courts are upholding separation of church and state.

The Horror of Munich

The whole world was involved in the Olympic games at Munich, Germany, and most of the world was watching those games through the marvel of satellite relayed television. It was counted as a world catastrophe when Arab guerrillas by violence and murder tried to use the Olympic games to achieve political aims in Palestine. It was so out of keeping with the spirit of the games that the horror of the killings was greatly magnified. The tactic was almost universally revolting to nations as well as to individuals. Christians, in particular, felt the sinfulness and the shame of the whole thing because it is so contrary to the Christian ethic.

Certain of the Arab nations did not feel that they could condemn this terrorism by which a large percentage of the Israeli athletes at Munich were made hostages and killed when West German authorities tried to free them. Kidnapping, hijacking, assassination and gun-point de-

mands have become so common to achieve personal ends that it cannot be too surprising when radical elements of Palestine liberation front try to bypass justice or national security policy by threatening the lives of hostages. It was as criminal but not as senseless as the recent indiscriminate gunning down of tourists at Israel's Lod International Airport. Certainly every reasonable person will support the forces of law and order in our nation and other nations as they try to prevent the recurrence of such international gangsterism.

Let us pray for the protection of human life and for restraint on the part of governments or radical elements who are tempted to over react by retaliation. There has been a call for sanctions against any country that harbors extremist organizations such as the one responsible for the Munich and the Tel Aviv massacres. This is a matter for the governments to decide.

Our own government authorities immediately took measures to strengthen the guard around Arab and Israeli delegations, fearing violence and reprisals, especially at the time of Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year.

The radical Jewish Defense League reacted to Munich characteristically calling for the assassination of all Arab embassy personnel in reprisal. On the other hand the more representative and moderate American Jewish Congress in a news release dated September 5 took a hard line claiming that ultimate responsibility for the Olympic catastrophe must be charged to the countries that "harbor and give sanctuary to terrorists." The president of AJC, Rabbi Hertzberg, noted the world's expressed abhorrence over the incidents at Munich and added forcefully, "But the world's abhorrence is worthless unless it is accompanied by affirmative steps to insure against a repetition of the bitter day."

The steps called for to prevent further acts of violence included the pressure of world opinion expressed by all civilized nations acting "vigorously and in consent to outlaw any governments that continue to protect or tolerate the perpetrators of

these deeds." The American Jewish Congress has repeatedly disavowed the actions of the Jewish Defense League. However, Israel as a government has been known to exert retaliatory military pressure on neighboring states that have not successfully curbed the action of small Arab guerrilla bands within their borders and was threatening to do so in the days that followed.

We again acknowledge that it is not a primary concern of a Seventh Day Baptist weekly as to how nations handle international incidents. The nations of the world are not Christian and cannot be expected to run their affairs by the same standards as the church. We can and must, however, pray for justice to "flow down like waters," as the Scripture says.

Good and Faithful Servants

We publish this week on page 15 the record of August giving to Our World Mission as reported by treasurer Gordon Sanford. There is significance not only in the total figure, but also in the almost complete response from the churches.

Our stewardship chairman, Paul Osborn, past president of Conference, is expected to have some enlightening comments each month, but your editor, who also has our spiritual and numerical growth at heart cannot refrain from quoting the words of Jesus as applicable to Seventh Day Baptists the eighth month of this Conference year. In His parable Jesus quoted the lord of the servants as saying to two of them who had rightly used their talents, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant"

It is commendable that regular offerings and special Conference offerings made a total of \$23,222 for the OWM budget plus \$442 for designated non-budget items. This is far more than for any previous month and more than \$1,000 higher than the budget giving in August 1971. It would seem that there was a pretty good response to Dr. Horsley's appeal for everyone to give at least the equivalent of one day's pay over and above their

Individually we must strive to keep control of our emotions and avoid advocating procedures contrary to the teaching of our Lord. We must pledge ourselves to help shape public opinion toward the Christian ethic and to support our elected officials in their efforts to protect society at home and abroad.

The Olympic games are not Christian in their origin nor in their emphasis; they cannot be. They do, however, promote wholesome physical competition even between enemies such as North and South Korea. They bring all races and nations together as equals, which contributes to understanding and in a measure opens the door for the acceptance of Christian ideals and teaching.

regular denominational giving. That goal was not reached and is therefore still before many of us. It is possible that many who were present at Denver had depleted their available cash by making the long trip and will have to make that extra gift a little later. It is sorely needed, for we are still nearly \$5,000 behind our eight-months goal.

It is heartening to note that individuals gave more faithfully and church treasurers reported more consistently in August than in any previous month. In July there were about twenty-five churches and groups that forwarded nothing in time for the report (published in the September 2 issue). In August there were only eight such churches, most of which have been almost inactive during the year. Furthermore, this is a considerable improvement over August 1971 when there were about seventeen churches not reporting. Both giving and two-way communication thus appear to be better for the month just past.

Our new president is stressing individual growth towards maturity. That emphasis is beginning now. We need to grow some more in the grace of giving. We cannot merit our Lord's "Well done." It is a matter of expressing our love.

Youth Pre-Con 1972

By Althea Rood, music director

Camp Paul Hummel was the scene for the 1972 Youth Pre-Con experience, and praise God for that! The camp and its facilities (or lack of them) often proved to be God's way to teach us what was important in life and how we could praise Him because of and in spite of circumstances.

The staff's immediate reaction to the number of campers projected was, "Where are we going to put them all?" Due to the Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph's efforts three large National Guard tents and several other small tents and shelters were provided. After we had counted every possible bed (air mattresses, foam, etc.) there were 81 places for girls and 68 for guys. The Lord had counted just right . . . we had exactly that number (149) and, furthermore, they were divided in just that way. Praise God!

The next question was where could we all eat and sing? The lodge just couldn't possibly hold all of us for meals. So we ate cafeteria style and used the great out-of-doors as our dining place. Amazingly enough it never rained at mealtime — another provision of the Lord! Then there was the water shortage which finally culminated the night after the Sabbath when we could have one cup of water each — to use for washing, brushing teeth, or drinking. And yet, all these things seemed to bring us closer in the Lord. There wasn't the grumbling you'd expect, and the Lord seemed to bless because of it. What Camp Paul Hummel lacked in accommodations for that number of people, it surely made up for in beauty. I'm sure that nearly all of us felt closer to God just because of the fact that we were in the midst of (and above) much of His marvelous handiwork.

Our theme was "It's My Life! Oh Yeah?" Our director was the Rev. Victor Skaggs and his staff included David Clarke, Alan Crouch, Russell Johnson (worship leader), Jenny Johnson, Tom Merchant (drama and interpretative reading), Diane Merchant, Dale Rood, Althea Rood (music), Louis Sholtz, Nina Sholtz,

James Skaggs, and Venita Zinn (drama and interpretative reading). Not to be overlooked was our chief cook Bonnie Severance and her many helpers.

Each day began at 6:30, and at 7:00 we all enjoyed half an hour alone with the Lord. During this period we studied one chapter a day of the book of Philipians. Following the alone period we always praised God in song. The first song was always "Well, I Woke Up This Morning with My Mind Stayed on Jesus." And at last we were ready for breakfast! Following breakfast we divided into seven different discussion groups led by the staff members. During these discussion groups we were challenged to develop our own Christian life style as we talked about church worship, prayer, the Sabbath, morality, etc.

Finishing out the morning were small interest groups — interpretative reading, drama, vesper planning, Sabbath worship planning, Conference "Youth Presents" planning, and music. ("Small" sometimes means eighty people, as in music.) Following dinner we intimately sat on the floor in the lodge for music. One song in particular expressed our situation perfectly, "Make Some Sort of Joyful Noise (to the Lord)."

The afternoon was also busy with some spectacular volleyball games, discussion groups, and free time. "Free time" proved very rewarding as people shared and got better acquainted. Some even had a spontaneous Bible study group.

Perhaps one of the best remembered periods in the day, however, was our evening vespers. Sitting in a grassy meadow overlooking Boulder, we were always blessed in some special way by the Lord. Especially memorable were times of singing, testimony and, most of all, conversational prayer.

Sabbath held many special things in store for us. But the afternoon worship was the real spiritual treat as we sat in the rain singing and sharing in God's Word. Many shared in the humbling experience of foot-washing. Following this was a Communion service in which we shared from the same loaves of bread and drank from the same cups. The Spirit

moved among many of us so that we greeted one another in Christian embraces following the service.

How could I characterize simply what Pre-Con really was? Perhaps *freedom* to openly *praise* and *love* and *share* were what made Pre-Con such a wonderful experience. And only God's Spirit can bring this wonderful freedom. Praise Him!

World C. E. Meets in Samoa

The conference for Christian Endeavorers in Area I of the World's Union was held August 3-6 in Pago Pago, American Samoa. Countries represented were: the United States, Canada, Australia, Papua/New Guinea, Fiji, Tonga, Trinidad, Marshall Islands, Caroline Islands, Solomon Islands, Indonesia, Japan, American and Western Samoa, and Great Britain.

The president of the International Society, LaVerne H. Boss, says of the conference, "The spirit of love, unity, and giving expressed in this conference is the spirit needed throughout the world." He continues, "The Samoan people have demonstrated a spirit of generosity which is unsurpassed and their joy in living is something to behold."

During the conference the Board of Trustees of the World's Union met and Reverend W. Barner of Columbus, Ohio, U.S.A., was elected general secretary of the World's Union (he has been general secretary of the International Society). Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, president of the World's Union, also served as general secretary for the past five years. The position of executive secretary was terminated and Phyllis I. Rike's resignation from this post which she had held since 1967 was accepted; she continues as treasurer of the World's Union.

Area I of the World's Union includes the Americas, the Caribbean, the islands of the Pacific and Asia (except India and Pakistan).

The Seventeenth World's Christian Endeavor Convention is scheduled for July 24-28, 1974, in Essen, Germany. The World's Union includes approximately 2,000,000 members in scores of denominations in seventy-seven countries or island groups around the world.

"Why Don't You Give Enough?"

By one of our missionary people

Often we hear the question, "Why don't people give to the church?" This is sometimes a good question for church members, for I think it is those in the church who don't give enough that hinder the work of the church rather than the many outside who give nothing.

The rich young ruler (Luke 18:18-24) was probably very sympathetic and responsive when he saw the poor or his neighbors and friends in need. But when it came to the point of Jesus' asking him to give up his own independence and secure way of life for Christ — he just couldn't go that far. He hindered the work of salvation in himself by not giving enough and eventually the work of salvation in others by the absence of his witness.

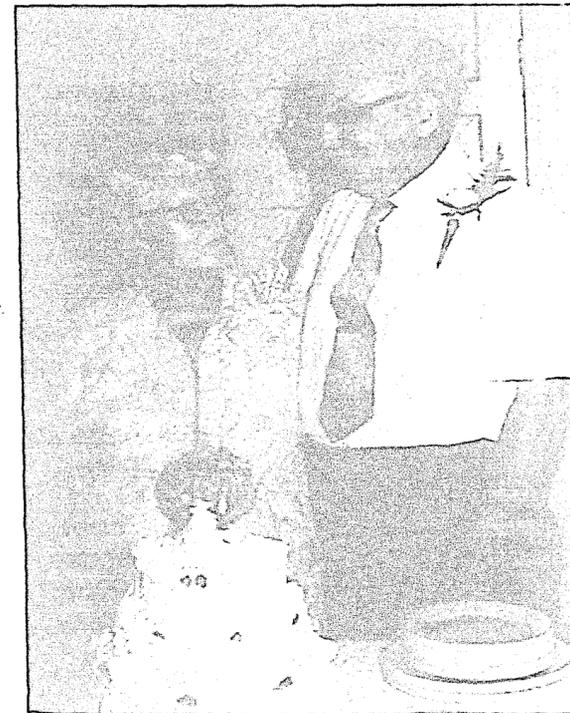
Our giving often fluctuates with our emotions. When we hear or see a direct passionate plea to help feed hungry children or build a school, we dig into our pockets and drag out what we have. Unfortunately it is usually very little as we didn't really plan on giving and are ill prepared. The amount may seem a lot to us personally at the moment, but we will have plenty later to indulge our own whims and appetites. We are also filled momentarily with the satisfaction of temporarily taking care of someone's physical needs without any undue sacrifice on our part.

Giving to fill the spiritual needs of people takes a little more zeal and depends on the constant awareness of the urgency, the shortness of the time we have for getting the gospel out. When we plan, save, and really give our all in prayers and stewardship of time and money, then we can say we are starting to give to the important spiritual needs that are asked of us as Christians.

Paul's advice to the Corinthians to lay aside their gifts on the first day of the week is timely for us. The planning ahead of dedication for physical as well as spiritual needs instead of the hurried giving "what's in the pocket" will far better advance the work of Christ's Kingdom in this world and in our own lives.

Beebes Celebrate Golden Wedding

Sabbath afternoon, August 19, Elder and Mrs. Clifford A. Beebe of Paint Rock, Ala., were honored with an "Open House," in celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary. The event was



hosted by their children, Dr. David L. Beebe and his wife Judy, of Chattanooga, Tenn., and Mrs. Anne B. Lastinger and her husband Otis, of Daytona Beach, Fla. They were assisted by several grandchildren and by Margaret Rachel Sutton, authoress sister of "Uncle Cliff."

"Uncle Cliff" and "Aunt Clara," as they have become known throughout the Southeastern and Southwestern Associations, spent a joyous afternoon, entertaining friends from the church and the community. The Beebes spent a large part of the afternoon opening gifts and cards from friends and relatives all over the United States.

Clifford Beebe and Clara Lewis were married in the chapel of the old Gothic, in Alfred, N. Y., Aug. 18, 1922, by the Rev. W. L. Burdick. They both received degrees from Alfred University, and Clifford graduated from Alfred Seminary. They started their married life as teach-

MEMORY TEXT

But continue thou in the things which thou has learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;

And that from a child thou hast known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus (2 Tim. 3:14-15).

ers in the Fouke Academy, in Fouke, Ark. Until their actual retirement from the gospel ministry about a year ago, the Beebes had served mostly in the Southeastern and Southwestern Associations. They were active in starting the youth camping program in the Western, Southeastern, and Southwestern Associations. Their work in camps, Bible Schools, and Bible Clubs, has earned them the affection of at least three generations of young people.

For several years, Elder Beebe was general secretary of the Southwestern Association, and Home Missionary for that area. For many years, the Bible Witness Press, a gospel publishing and printing company, has been an activity of the Beebes. The latest publication has been a *History of the Southwestern Association*, written by their younger son, Paul, and published, posthumously, this summer.

The "Open House" was not only a celebration of the Beebes' Golden Wedding Anniversary, but also, a family reunion. All of their living descendants were able to attend. These include two children, twelve grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

ASSOCIATION MEETING

The North Central Association will meet with the Dodge Center, Minn., church October 6-8. Other churches in the Association: Albion, Wis.; Battle Creek, Mich.; Chicago, Ill.; Farina, Ill.; Jackson Center, Ohio; Milton, Wis.; Milton Junction, Wis.; New Auburn, Wis.; Old Stone Fort, Ill.; Walworth, Wis.; White Cloud, Mich.

State Fair Sabbath Witness

Again this year the Seventh Day Baptist Churches of Central and Western New York State maintained a literature booth at the great week-long fair that continues through Labor Day on the outskirts of Syracuse. The purpose of this annual church effort is to provide a Christian emphasis in at least one corner of a mostly secular and commercial atmosphere and to acquaint the thousands upon thousands of visitors with the Seventh Day Baptist witness.



This picture of the booth was taken on Sabbath Day when it was manned by LaVerne Davis of the Verona church and Leon Maltby, secretary of the Tract Society that furnishes most of the literature and provides part of the space rental cost.

Attending the State Fair is not recommended as a normal Sabbath experience but this square enclosure with its worship symbols and its religious giveaway literature could be an island paradise in a tossing sea of noise and confusion for those who minister there.

It was not the only Christian influence in the huge Center-of-Living Building, but was one of just a few that had a Bible or denominational emphasis. There was not much opportunity to observe the work of the attendants in the other religious booths, but one man in the Church of Christ booth just around the corner, upon being questioned about response, noted that the percentage of people interested was small but that the total number was great. Our percentage of interest was probably much greater be-

cause we distributed literature over the counter and did not attempt to get the passersby into the booth. People in general do not have a religious purpose in mind when they tread their way past hundreds of commercial booths, but many of them are religious people and can appreciate a Christian witness in the midst of the many-faceted sales pitches.

It was not uncommon for visitors pausing at the booth to say that they were glad our church was providing something religious at the fair. Others, quite naturally, took a quick look at the display and averted their eyes, not wanting to show any interest. Large numbers, on the other hand, responded to a smile and were glad to hold out their hands for the proffered "Christian literature." It seemed to this writer that many more than in previous years were able to read the sign "Seventh Day Baptist" correctly and without hesitating on the "Baptist." It was gratifying that so many when asked if they were familiar with our denomination responded in the affirmative. For those who had never heard of Seventh Day Baptists it was easy to remind them that it was for this reason that we were at the fair with our tracts.

Experiences were varied, according to the different personalities inside and outside the booth. It is a challenge to be able to sell high-priced equipment, cheap jewelry, baubles, or useful products to people who didn't intend to buy. It is more challenging to try to sell people Christian ideas or to give them something profitable to read at a later time. Some of the special issues of the *Sabbath Recorder* proved to be far more attractive than others, for example, the one with very large type "Jesus Is Lord" on the cover.

It was noticeable that Catholic people, especially young people, are much more willing to read Protestant literature than when we were at the booth several years ago. They appreciate the greater openness that their church now allows. One teenage girl was anxious to pick up quite a variety of tracts because the subjects interested her. Then she asked if this was Catholic literature. When she learned that it was not, she put each one back

carefully where it came from saying that her grandmother would "have a fit" if she brought home Protestant literature. Priests and Popes, it appears, understand better than grandmothers that faith may be strengthened rather than damaged by Protestant Bibles, literature, and evangelistic preaching.

How does one assess a State Fair Sabbath witness? Shall it be just by the small number of new church members directly attributable to this outreach? That would fail to take into consideration a number of less tangible results. Such a witness helps prepare the soil for a later planting. It breaks down prejudice, creates good will, and lets thousands of people know that Seventh Day Baptists are alive and care enough to maintain such a witness. The number of contacts is enormous when

attendance at the fair runs from 50,000 to 115,000 daily and a large percentage visit this main building and filter past this well-placed booth. In addition, those who serve at the booth find it an outlet for home mission work that is nowhere else available, one that helps them to understand people and to grow in their own Christian experience. It is one thing to mingle with a pleasure seeking crowd on the fairgrounds and quite another to take an interest in all those who pass by. It is unforgettable as a general service and, more particularly, as an opportunity to talk pleasantly with many who show more than a passing interest. Who knows what delayed and lasting benefits may come from this seed sowing?

—Corresponding Secretary

Children's Booth at County Fair

By Mary Clare



July 1972 again gave the Missionary-Evangelism Committee of the Allegheny Association of Seventh Day Baptist Churches an opportunity of witnessing the love of Christ to the children of Allegany County at the County Fair held in Angelica, N. Y.

For the second year the association maintained "Pixie Park" booth across the aisle from the adult booth which provided a place of rest and mental re-

freshment through strategic placement of Bibles and tracts near comfortable chairs.

Each year a colorful background of pixies at play has made the children's booth attractive to parents and children alike. This year a children's picnic table with attached seats added to the comfort of the children while coloring pixie pictures or doing other simple handicraft.

The main thrust of the booth, however, was filmstrips of the life of Christ, character building, UNICEF and Church World Service. There was also a tape of children singing Christian songs to which some of the visitors enjoyed listening.

Added attractions were balloons with the message, "Smile — God loves you" and *Sabbath Visitors* which were used as "give-aways."

Both years the booth was mainly staffed by SCSC workers who also helped in the association camps and Bible Schools.

The "Pixie Hats" furnished to the children bore the Bible verse "Remember the Sabbath Day — Keep It Holy."

I bumped my head again while getting into the car. Come to think of it, most of the bumps in my life came when I forgot to lower my head. — Don Mainprize, in *Decision*

Your Missionary Society Was There

Missions and the concern for evangelistic outreach on the home field were dramatically presented at General Conference in many ways. The record number of delegates and visitors at the Denver Conference were informed and, hopefully, challenged and inspired to carry to their home churches materials and understandings that could revolutionize the presentation of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Through an understanding of the overall work of your Missionary Society, it is also hoped that a new vision for support and dedication in stewardship will be more evident. At Conference individuals, both young and old, responded to the challenge of rededicating their lives to Jesus Christ and some are prayerfully considering putting this commitment into action in service on the home or overseas fields.

Entering the very popular cafeteria building, individuals were confronted with the display prepared by your society. Half of the space was given to a presentation of Key '73 and the World Mission of Reconciliation through Jesus Christ, the 1973-75 BWA emphasis. Materials for the second phase, "Calling Our Continent to the Word of God," were available with a special Key '73 outline and resource guide presented by the World Home Bible League on the Scripture distribution and Bible study event. We hope that every evangelism or responsible committee in your church will consider carefully the goals and methods suggested and utilize them in your local planning.

Mrs. Barbara Barber of Westerly prepared the large display showing missionary pastors which was uniquely set apart in a lighted glass case. On the table below information from our returned missionaries from Malawi, folders on the mission fields—Jamaica, Guyana, Malawi—and literature on the Week of Prayer for Seventh Day Baptists (the first full week of 1973) were available.

The presentation of Key '73 on the Conference program was done in a two-fold way. On Friday, during the Planning Committee presentation the exciting film, "There's a New Wind Blowing" was

shown and the Key '73 material in the Resource Packet was outlined briefly. On Sabbath afternoon the Key '73 filmstrip was shared and the program and materials for Phase 2 were distributed and highlighted by Mynor Soper and Leon Lawton. Because several missed the film on Friday it was shown again at the close of this presentation.

The Missionary Board's program was limited to thirty minutes on Wednesday of Conference. Pastor Dale Rood, a member of our program committee, interviewed returned missionaries, John and Joyce Conrod, on their experiences in preparation for and experience in Malawi, Africa. Interesting insights and understandings came through the natural unstructured conversation. The second couple interviewed was Missionary Pastor Delmer and Rowena Van Horn who serve in Washington, D. C. Again we learned something of how the Lord works in the lives of His children as they are open and responsive to His leading. We also understand one reason why the ministry in Washington is moving ahead under such dedicated leadership.

Two of the Interests Committees at Conference dealt with missions — one on the home field and the other on overseas work. While their reports are summarized in a separate article many of the delegates found opportunity to question workers and leaders and to understand better the work of your society and its workers on the various fields. Deep appreciation must be expressed to these committee members and their leaders who spent time reviewing the reports of the society and making concrete suggestions on how we can better serve in the months ahead.

It is also interesting to note that three of the four main Conference speakers — Missionary Pastor Duane L. Davis, Seattle, Wash.; returned missionary John Conrod, Malawi; and field evangelist Mynor G. Soper — are related to the on-going ministry of your Missionary Society. Your society has also had a very vital role in cooperation with other Conference boards and agencies in the development and continuing outreach ministry of the Summer Christian Summer Corps whose young people found opportunity to serve and

testify throughout the Conference week.

The program of missions and outreach of our people is primarily the responsibility of local congregations and individual Christians. However, together we seek to enlarge our work and do that which is not easily done as local congregations through the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society. We feel a vital part of our General Conference sessions related to this prime ministry and mission and praise the Lord for answered prayer and for leading and power of the Holy Spirit that was evidenced in our midst through the lives of his children. To God be the glory!

It Was There All the Time

All of us have had the experience of having in our possession the answer to our need but not being able to locate it or know of its presence until sometime later. Most Christians, as they faithfully study their Bibles, find "new" passages which reveal needed truth and help though they may have read that same verse several times before. The answer to our need was there all the time, but was hidden because of our blindness or indifference.

Leading churchmen have prayerfully united their efforts to make available to you and your church a vital resource book for evangelism under the Key '73 emphasis. The Missionary Society has purchased (hoping to be reimbursed) copies and mailed one to each pastor and church clerk. There is much in the way of suggestions and available materials given in this 244 page book.

Some have been reading and their excitement has been shared with others. How about you? One church has ordered additional copies so more of their leaders can spend time reading and understanding. The copies held by your pastor and clerk could be passed around and shared so others can become aware of this information too.

From time to time this column will refer to items in the Key '73 *Congregational Resource Book* (as in the accompanying article). At such times it should be available at the church so members

South Africa President Visits Malawi

The June issue of *South Africa Scope*, a colorful New York publication of South African Information Service, carries a two-page picture story of the recent state visit of President J. J. Fouché to Malawi's President Kamuzu Banda, a return of the visit of Mr. Banda to South Africa in 1971. The friendly relations between the two countries are expedient because Malawi furnishes so many laborers for the industry of the better-developed country.

On his seven-day visit to Malawi, the South African head of state put into words the basic philosophy which accommodates the ties of friendship between the two countries: "Malawi cannot accept South Africa's form of government; neither can South Africa accept that of Malawi. But we feel that yours is the best for your specific time in history and that ours is also the best for our specific time in history. I honestly believe that Malawi and South Africa can influence other states in Africa, so that they can go forward; so that Africa does not remain the dark continent. Why should Africa not be called the enlightened continent? We have our enlightened leaders; we are not dark Africa; we are enlightened Africa."

OWM Treasurer Explains

Conference offering received to date totals \$13,617.29. There are several churches which have not sent in what was reported at Conference.

Last year the total OWM board receipts for eight months was \$95,029; this year it was \$103,105. Last year we had to raise \$53,740 by December 31 to raise the budget and this year \$58,944.

The OWM treasurer's receipts for this August, I believe, are the largest for one month we have ever received and it has made raising of the budget look more possible than after the July report.

Gordon Sanford

wishing to refer to it can do so.

Let us not be hindered for a lack of knowledge, especially when it was there all the time.

Annual Corporate Meeting

The annual corporate meeting of the Board of Christian Education, Inc., will be held Oct. 15, 1972, instead of the previously usual September date, due to a bylaw change considered for several months and adopted by the Board of Directors, January 16, 1972.

Use Your Sharing Tools

Some 250 "sharing tools" were taken at the Denver Conference by church workers — many of them at the luncheon consultations, several from the Christian Education display table, and several in informal contacts with the executive secretary.

These "tools" are simply one-sheet forms to provide a starting point for the sharing of ideas which you have applied — or hoped to apply — in the educational ministries of Christ's Church. They each have several divisions of program or goals introduced on the front side. Each sheet also has a great big open space on the back side for continuations! And all sorts of envelopes provide space for the inclusion of sample programs or write-ups of experiences you've had in learning how to be Christian in today's camps, Bible schools, YF's, or families.

If you have a "sharing tool" you are urged to write down your reflections from your thinking at Conference about the suggested topics. You also ought to write down your current ideas, ideals and programs (including samples of published schedules and emphases). Then you ought to send the sheet(s) to the Board of Christian Education, Alfred Station NY 14803.

If you don't have a sharing tool and are concerned to know more about others' Christian educational experiences as well as share your own, then ask the board for one. These are prepared for sharing in the following fields: (order of arrangement is according to the Conference days in which they were introduced) youth leaders and workers with youth; church school teachers, officers, and leaders; persons concerned with any of the church's

family ministries; camp leaders and builders (past, present, potential staffers).

We put a September 30 dateline for returning these reports, but honestly, we'll be tickled pink if you get them sent any time between now and June 30, 1973 or even 1974!

We're regrooving the tread in the board's committee relations so we hope to have a good number of ideas from you for the new committees to work on!

Challenged to Reconciliation Mission

Delegates from twenty-one member countries attended the European Baptist Women's Conference, held in Ruschlikon, Switzerland, June 16-22. Emphasizing the theme, "To Prove a Good Servant of Jesus Christ," the women participated in business sessions and a training conference.

Spending two days on business, the women discussed membership fees, budgets, and projects to be supported by the 1972 Baptist Women's Day of Prayer offering.

During the two days of business, evening sessions featured informational and inspirational messages by Mrs. R. L. Mathis, Waco, Texas, president of the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance. Speaking on the theme, "World Mission of Reconciliation," Mrs. Mathis commended the European Baptist Women's Union for its efforts at reconciliation between Eastern and Western Europe and for the admission of Middle Eastern nations to the Union. She urged women to take an active role in promoting and carrying out plans for the Baptist World Alliance-sponsored reconciliation mission, a three-year program, 1973-75, stressing both evangelism (reconciliation of man with God) and brotherhood ministries (reconciliation of man with man). —EBPS

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for September 30, 1972

THE BATTLE FOR MEN'S MINDS

Scripture Lesson: 2 Timothy 4:1-5; Philippians 4:8, 9.

Missionaries Denounce Anti-Semitism

Baptist missionaries in Israel have reason to be more conscious of the problems of anti-Semitism than those who have less occasion to love and work with Jewish people. The twenty-nine Southern Baptists assigned to Israel recently adopted an inclusive resolution on this subject shortly before the Philadelphia Convention adopted a similar resolution. We quote it.

"As Christians and Baptists in Israel, we deplore the incomparable suffering of the Jewish people in history and in modern times. We acknowledge that oftentimes the persecution they bore took place in so-called Christian countries and under so-called Christian rulers.

"We further recognize that the unworthy motive which caused most of Jewish ill-treatment was rooted in 'Christian' anti-Semitism, deriving from the assumption that since the Jew rejected Christ, he was considered cursed of God and his sufferings deserved.

"Furthermore, we denounce anti-Semitism as a sin against Christ, whose only conquests are made by love, and a sin against the Jewish people.

"We especially deplore attitudes and actions in history that have resulted in the persecution and suffering of the Jewish people solely because of their religion, for Baptists have always considered themselves to be champions of those who endure religious discrimination, having suffered in no small way for their own beliefs in the past.

"Therefore, we the undersigned Baptists in Israel, resolve to:

"Accept and love the Jewish people and seek for them the common rights and dignities bestowed impartially by God upon all his children;

"Denounce anti-Semitism as a denial of the spirit and teaching of Jesus.

"Cooperate with Jews in an attempt to erase causes of friction and misunderstanding through forums, discussion groups, dialogue and other meaningful encounters . . ."

The Association of Baptist Churches in Israel consists of seven churches with about 235 members.

LET'S THINK IT OVER

It's Better in Birmingham

Just a few years ago Birmingham, Ala., was a strife-torn city with racial tension running high and resulting in riots. It is better in Birmingham now. What evidence is there of this? The attendance at the recent Billy Graham Crusade there which was televised on prime evening time September 5, 6, and 7. As the TV cameras swept the crowd and focused on those responding to the invitation one could verify the statement that about one-third of the 45,000 attending each night were blacks. That would not have been possible a few years ago.

Credit for the improved race relations in that deep-South city may be hard to assign. Part of it must be given to evangelist Billy Graham who has let it be known that he is not available for segregated audiences. Blacks and whites are learning that there is no color line at the throne of grace and that there is no difference in the need of or the gift of salvation.

Our Prayer Corner

Suggestions for Prayer This Week

Pray for:

1) A realization that, "My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19).

2) A realization that Christ can use us to the fullest of our ability wherever He places us and that for most of us that place is in our home church.

3) A realization that the only paths in which He leadeth us are the paths of righteousness, and that our failures in effectiveness may be because we are unwilling to follow those paths.

4) A realization that if we who know the Sabbath turn away from God's holy day and use it for "doing our own pleasure," we will miss all the blessing that God has promised.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

ASHAWAY, R. I.— August has been filled with many things. In the beginning of the month we had an auction with a food sale put on by the Ladies Aid which was very successful. The Rev. and Mrs. Edgar Wheeler and members of our church traveled to Denver, Colo., for Conference sessions. Conference reports were given at the morning worship service in our church, August 19.

At the close of the Sabbath morning service August 26 a baptismal service with seven candidates was conducted by Pastor Wheeler.

—Correspondent

NEW AUBURN, WIS.— Our pastor, Gordon Oliver, has been busy with outside activities during recent months as well as the regular duties of the parish. He went to Plainfield for a three week denominational training course, attended the area pastors' retreat at Nortonville, Kans., was counselor at Junior Camp at Camp Wakonda, Milton, Wis., and attended Conference with his family at Denver. Afterwards they had a brief vacation.

Three of our young people rendered different types of dedicated service this summer: Christine Pederson with the Lightbearers, Patty Jo and Margaret Pederson with SCSC. Helene Nelson also was able to participate in Explo '72 at Dallas. A number of our young people were at Pre-Con and Conference and gave reports at church services afterwards. Scott Nelson showed pictures along with his report.

Our Sabbath School picnic was held at the Chetek Airport Park. The youngsters played ball after supper with the help of some of the oldsters.

Mr. and Mrs. John Torgerson celebrated their twenty-fifth anniversary this summer with open house at their home. Our beloved Mrs. Loofbourrow, widow of the Rev. C. B. Loofbourrow, was able to be present for the occasion.

Age is catching up with you if when you find your glasses, you have forgotten why you wanted them.

Good Thief Coffee House

Almost next door to the fantasy land of Disney World there is a coffee house operated by the First Baptist Church in the inner city of Orlando, Fla. It is designed to help those other people who have created for themselves another false world of fantasy through the use of drugs.

John Carow, a member of the church who runs the coffee house, says he sees beneath the brazen dress and drug-induced bravado of many of the alienated and fearful youth, a deep desire and search for the one who can save them from their loneliness.

"You've got to love them but not what they do," explained the fifty-seven-year-old father of three children who gave up an eighteen-year career in the insurance business to become director of The Good Thief Coffee House eighteen months ago.

"You can't fool the kids," he went on. "You can't say you love them if you don't. They know. You can't work here if you don't love kids."

Strangely enough, it is the older people who seem best able to love such unlovely people, Carow noted. Of the dozen or so volunteers who help him operate the coffee house, most of them are in their sixties. The remainder are over forty.

The youth of the church staffed the place in the beginning, but some dropped out because their limited experience had not given them the capacity to love in the way necessary for the job, he said.

Carow added that it is really difficult to get good volunteers, who have this deep capacity to love the unlovely, to work at the center.

Another Fair Booth Story Next Week

Look in next week's issue for the very lively and thrilling story by Pastor Dale Rood of the Rocky Hill Fair Booth in which all of the New England churches participated. The story of the ministry at the literature booth may even surpass the bold-letter theme, "Great To Be Alive."

OUR WORLD MISSION

OWM Budget Receipts for August 1972

	Treasurer's		Boards'			Treasurer's		Boards'	
	August	8 mos.	8 mos.	8 mos.		August	8 mos.	8 mos.	8 mos.
Adams Ctr NY	\$ 211.75	\$ 572.75	\$ 60.00		Milton Jct WI	51.00	713.80	10.00	
Albion WI	204.97	576.48	170.00		Monterey CA	260.00	529.60		
Alfred NY	1,458.50	4,779.70	320.00		New Auburn WI	164.82	667.66	122.19	
Alfred Sta NY	737.50	2,025.00	20.00		New Milton WV	100.00	415.06		
Ashaway RI	60.00	2,064.50	160.00		New Orleans LA	10.00	15.00		
Assns & Groups		702.75	2,277.25		North Loup NE	682.00	2,423.55	20.00	
Battle Creek MI	1,341.60	3,997.61	310.00		Nortonville KS	441.50	1,719.00	130.00	
Bay Area CA	32.00	497.00			Ohio Fellowship	402.00	542.00	120.00	
Berea WV	69.02	352.72	20.00		Paint Rock AL	35.00	295.00	50.00	
Berlin NY	542.75	1,309.91	45.00		Plainfield NJ	1,019.00	3,434.11	503.50	
Boulder CO	641.36	1,336.94	382.28		Putnam Cnty FL				
Brookfield NY	132.60	427.10	50.00		Richburg NY	356.00	1,212.74	105.00	
Buffalo NY	306.00	576.00	60.00		Riverside CA	1,518.72	5,018.72	80.00	
Chicago IL	855.00	1,410.00	20.00		Roanoke WV				
Daytona Beach FL	452.00	1,312.00	266.00		Rockville RI	44.25	407.25	20.00	
Denver CO	1,425.52	3,790.10	130.00		Salem WV	702.00	2,878.50	162.00	
De Ruyter NY	244.00	548.50	50.00		Salemville PA	131.00	564.00	35.00	
Dodge Ctr MN	586.60	2,392.85	50.00		Schenectady NY	92.60	116.20	30.00	
Farina IL	140.00	341.25	20.00		Seattle WA	97.00	506.00	45.00	
Fouke AR	94.30	214.30	10.00		Shiloh NJ	427.00	7,182.18	625.00	
Hammond LA		50.00			Stonefort IL	148.20	263.20	55.00	
Hebron PA	234.20	762.09	55.00		Syracuse NY	51.00	201.00	15.00	
Hopkinton RI	25.00	90.00	30.00		Texarkana AR		40.00	20.00	
Houston TX		201.00	100.00		Verona NY	340.34	1,394.06	70.00	
Independence NY	21.25	327.10	60.00		Walworth WI	200.00	960.00	50.00	
Individuals	674.64	1,093.64	802.81		Washington DC	260.00	1,075.50	130.00	
Irvington NJ		1,560.00	20.00		Washington People's DC			10.00	
Jackson Ctr OH					Waterford CT	414.34	1,986.33	182.00	
Kansas City MO	62.00	473.00	10.00		Westerly RI	242.00	5,242.00	306.77	
Leonardsville NY	100.00	366.00			White Cloud MI	63.65	455.05	20.00	
Little Genesee NY	242.00	1,401.48	30.00						
Little Rock AR	96.00	252.88	20.00		Totals	\$23,222.22	\$93,355.07	\$9,750.80	
Los Angeles CA	1,169.38	4,251.70	172.00		Non-Budget	442.15			
Lost Creek WV	1,260.00	1,760.00	107.00		Total				
Marlboro NJ	847.86	3,266.94	200.00		To Disburse	\$23,664.37			
Metairie LA	250.00	250.00							
Milton WI	451.00	7,764.27	807.00						

AUGUST DISBURSEMENTS

Board of Christian Education	\$ 2,594.93
Historical Society	19.66
Ministerial Education	1,022.24
Ministerial Retirement	455.21
Missionary Society	12,126.48
Tract Society	3,651.82
Trustees of General Conference	157.27
Women's Society	375.54
World Fellowship & Service	719.07
General Conference	2,542.15
	\$23,664.37

SUMMARY

1972 Budget	\$162,050.00
Receipts for eight months:	
OWM Treasurer	\$93,355.07
Boards	9,750.80
	103,105.87
To be raised by December 31, 1972	\$ 58,944.13
Percentage of year elapsed	66.66%
Percentage of budget raised	63.62%
Eight months:	
Due	\$108,033.36
Raised	103,105.87
Arrears	4,927.49

Gordon Sanford
OWM Treasurer

The Sabbath Recorder

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

for October 1972



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

Christianity and the Secular City

- 1—Sun. Pride Brings Downfall. Gen. 11:1-9
- 2—Mon. A Beautiful City. Zech. 8:1-8
- 3—Tues. How To Build a Beautiful City. Zech. 8:9-19
- 4—Wed. Relationship to the World. John 17:13-31
- 5—Thurs. The Heavenly Society. Rev. 21:10, 22-27
- 6—Fri. Peace in the City. Psalm 125
- 7—Sabbath. The Gospel Brings Social Change. Acts 19:23-41

The Sexual Revolution

- 8—Sun. Jesus' Standard of Purity. Matt. 5:27-32
- 9—Mon. Paul Gives Advice. 1 Cor. 7:1-7
- 10—Tues. God Calls Us to Holiness. 1 Thes. 4:1-8
- 11—Wed. Freedom or Slavery. 1 Cor. 6:12-20
- 12—Thurs. "Go and Sin No More." John 8:1-11
- 13—Fri. Love Defined. 1 Cor. 13
- 14—Sabbath. Doing the Word. Matt. 7:21-29

The Racial Revolution

- 15—Sun. Man in God's Image. Gen. 1:26-31
- 16—Mon. Help Any Man in Need. Luke 10:25-37
- 17—Tues. Member of God's Household. Eph. 2:11-18
- 18—Wed. No One Above Another. James 2:1-9
- 19—Thurs. Love to One's Neighbor. Rom. 13:5-14
- 20—Fri. God Made All Men One. Acts 17:22-31
- 21—Sabbath. Everyone Is Eligible. Acts 10:34-43

Freedom Under Authority

- 22—Sun. Result of Absurd Authority. 2 Chron. 10:1-16
- 23—Mon. Responsibility to Government. Rom. 13:1-7
- 24—Tues. Use of Freedom. 1 Pet. 2:11-17
- 25—Wed. Free, Yet Responsible. Philemon
- 26—Thurs. Free Under Slavery. Eph. 6:5-9
- 27—Fri. Free To Serve. Gal. 5:13-15
- 28—Sabbath. Not Free from God. Psalm 2

The Church in the Secular State

- 29—Sun. God or King? Dan. 4:13-18
- 30—Mon. A Test of Loyalty. Dan. 6:10-11, 16-23
- 31—Tues. To Whom It Is Due. Matt. 22:15-22

LET'S THINK IT OVER

Salt of the Earth

Jesus said to His disciples, "Ye are the salt of the earth." His appeal was for them not to lose by dilution their saving and keeping power for the world about them. In those days salt was prevalent but not easily obtained in its pure state.

Scientists tell us that the salt of the seven seas comes largely from the land, washed down in small amounts by rain and rivers over the millennia. Supposedly at creation all water was fresh. *The National Geographic* is quoted as figuring that if all the salt from the oceans and seas was removed and spread evenly over the face of the earth it would form a layer of more than 500 feet. The Lord has made provision for life on the earth by keeping most of the salt in the seas, but storing enough in other places to supply the needs of human life.

The provision of salvation is sufficient for all men but, like salt, it is made available for each person by the effort of some other person. We who have experienced the saving grace of Christ have a responsibility to season the world with that grace on a one-to-one basis. Ye are the salt of the earth. L. M. M.



Lesson from the Leaves

There is a beauty that comes out in maturity in life as well as in leaves. The poet has written, "That time of life thou mayest in me behold, when yellow leaves . . ." It behooves those of us who are in the autumn years to show our colors like the sturdy oaks and the spreading maples; and all of us to "let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me."