“Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.” Luke 23: 34.


The Legend of the Dogwood

There is a legend, that at the time of the Crucifixion the dogwood had been the size of the oak and other forest trees. So firm and strong was the tree that it was chosen as the timber for the cross. To be used thus for such a cruel purpose greatly distressed the tree, and Jesus, nailed upon it, sensed this, and in His gentle pity for all sorrow and suffering, said to it:

“Because of your regret and pity for My suffering, never again shall the dogwood tree grow large enough to be used as a cross. Henceforth it shall be slender and bent and twisted and its blossoms shall be in the form of a cross—one long and two short petals. And in the center of the outer edge of each petal there will be nail prints, brown with rust and stained with red, and in the center of the flower will be a crown of thorns, and all who see it will remember—.”

“Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work; but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God.”
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TAKING THINGS FOR GRANTED

Action without thought or consideration—that is what the major portion of our daily activity seems often to be. We wake up in the morning at a certain hour, because that has become our habit. Breakfast consists of customary items of food, because we have grown used to that particular bill of fare. During the rest of the day we follow essentially the same routine, because that has become the established pattern for our entire daily life, and we vary it by going to church, because—for many of us—that has been our custom, and the custom of our parents before us, and their parents before them. How much we take for granted!

Habit, of necessity, is one important ingredient of living. But life becomes dull and meaningless if we let all of our activities slip into that category. We need to stop occasionally and take time for a consideration of why we do certain things. We may discover that some of our motives are wrong, or inadequate, or incomplete, or not satisfying. Life needs to be enriched with meaningful, purposeful conduct.

Take this matter of church affiliation, for example. Do Sabbath rest and Sabbath worship give us all that they should? Have we been limiting church-going and good-doing on the Sabbath to habit or custom? What does the Sabbath really mean to us? Just how important is it to us individually and as a denomination? It is well that we have a special day—a Sabbath Rally Day—to point out such questions and encourage their careful consideration and answering.

As early as 1912 the American Sabbath Tract Society was aware of the importance of giving emphasis to Sabbath study. In the minutes of a meeting held in February of that year is found the following report from the Advisory Committee:

"There seems to be a general and hearty response to the plan of the committee in reference to the exchange of pastors some time in May in the line of field work for Sabbath evangelism."

Following such a suggestion many pastors did exchange pulpits that year, and a Sabbath Rally has been observed in some way almost every year since then. In 1916, for example, May 27 was rally day; for several weeks the Sabbath Recorder carried a full page display on the back cover entitled a "Day of the Lord." The Sabbath merited our earnest and loyal and best support," one part of the page reads. "Let us emphasize its value and its importance to us and to the world by entering enthusiastically into this united effort."

The call to support an observance could not be more forcefully stated. So, in similar spirit we ask you to take notice that Sabbath Rally Day in 1946 is May 18—but do not take it for granted!

Day of the Lord, as all our days should be!

—Longfellow.

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A SINCERE PROPOSAL

Spirituality, the world laments, is becoming a lost attribute. Individuals are lacking in radiant and abundant living without it; the Church no longer possesses a full measure of power; society is in a state of unrest for the lack of it. The need is apparent, but by what spirituality again be woven into the texture of life?

Here is a suggestion. Let Christians—all Christians—return to the Sabbath of the Bible. This could be one important means of bringing men into a closer fellowship with Christ, helping them to live more closely according to his example, and assisting them more completely to understand God's laws.

Have all churches recognize and keep the Sabbath? "Impossible," a chorus of voices shouts. "But let us keep the Sabbath!" "Sabbathers are such a minority in modern day society; almost the entire business world is arranged according to another plan; thousands of church organizations would have to reorganize their schedules and re-educate their members."

"Impossible," the chorus reiterates again, after quietly listing these drawbacks and others. "Don't give it a second thought."

But, do give it a second thought! Snap judgment is not necessarily sound judgment. Perhaps such a change would work reforms worth all of the struggle involved, and then some. The way of the majority is often the way to bondage.

Reports from many church organizations indicate a grave problem; Sunday, even for many consecrated persons of the Church, is only one of the seven days of the week. Study the Constitution of your church, and reorganize all that it says and does along those lines. Let the seventh day be holy.

LEAKS IN THE SABBATH

We are told that the Missouri River leaks badly. This is another indication that the use of the water is not being controlled. And after examining the flow of the Missouri in Montana, and again some hundred miles down the stream. To their surprise they found that the Missouri, instead of growing weaker perceptibly smaller at the lower point. Dakotans farmers to the south and east of those points of the Missouri, seeking irrigation, have found immense volumes of water where the geologists said there would not be any. So it is believed that the farmers have tapped the water leaking from that big hole in the Missouri River in Montana, and from there they are seeking to benefit. How are they going to do this? What a new and "profitable" Sabbath! is one whose gracious influences could be seen working in the world, and perhaps making all the other days of hard competition in business more sure, and brotherly kindness and genuine Christian sympathy. Perhaps there some people think the Sabbath is getting smaller the leakage is of this kind.

—Louis Albert Banks, 1898.

The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath. — Mark 2: 27.

Have born the burden of keeping alive true Sabbath observance. Their loyalty and devotion has been reflected not only in carefully steadfast Christian practice but also in more wholehearted attention to the obligations of the church, including attendance at its services. Notably so for a Sabbath Day Baptist Church, for example, with a comparatively small membership to have a higher average church attendance than a first-day church with an enrollment of many times the membership. This of course is only one area of church responsibility, but loyalty here is indicative of the attitude in other areas of Christian service. Regular Sabbath worship, too, helps to develop, keep alive, and strengthen convictions of faith and conduct. Sabbath keeping does add to spirituality.

It is not in the realm of pure speculation to suppose that Sabbath worship might be reestablished universally and without too much difficulty. A growing list of industrial and business establishments are advocating the five-day work week; extensive studies of human nature have shown that leisure time, well regulated, is a boon to mankind. Let Sunday, then, become what it is, for the most

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So many days, and the same monotonous With Hallelujahs. Thus was Sabbath kept.

—Milton, "Paradise Lost."

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It will be voted, and sometimes persecuted, Christians part, already—a day of play. And make the seventh day of the week what it was intended to be—the Lord’s holy Sabbath day, hallowed, honored, set apart as a day devoted, and sometimes persecuted. Christians have set it apart through all the ages after the example of the Christ himself.

An arbitrary decree of course, changing the world’s Holy Day back to the intended Sabbath—the seventh day of the week—will do little good. Any change must take place through the desire of people to do it right. Sincere consecration must be the motivating force. Such is the present day mission of Seventh Day Baptists—to convince the world by word and deed that real blessing to mankind is possible through reinstatement of the Biblical Sabbath.

**GUEST EDITORIAL**

**GOD’S FINANCIAL PLAN**

By J. B. Conyers

Everything connected with God and his plans is orderly and systematic. There is nothing left to chance, for this might bring disorder and chaos. God set certain rules for the furtherance of his kingdom work, which, if carried out, would not only supply the funds, but would serve as another means of constantly reminding us of our Creator and the seventh day mission of his work, for the furtherance of his kingdom work, with funds, but would only be concerned about how best to utilize the money that was pouring into the treasury of the churches!

Here lies the crux of the matter. Two of the tests of obedience for a Christian are the Sabbath and the tithe. The giving of one-seventh of our time to God and constantly reminds us of our Creator, and the other reminds us that God has given us everything, and that we are in partnership with him, and that one-tenth belongs to God, not to us, whether we turn over his part to him or not. To turn it over to God is taking something that is not ours. To take something that is not yours is robbery. In Malachi 3: 8 God says through his prophet, “Will a man rob God?” Read for yourself verses 8-10 where he says, “Bring ye all the tithes into my storehouse and try me.” Then in Malachi 4: 4, 5 he says, “For I am the Lord, I change not.” Ask yourself, Am I robbing God? Do I believe God enough to obey him?

**CHRIST’S RESURRECTION POWER ACTIVATES OUR RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE**

(Another Easter Bible Study)

By Rev. Harold E. Snidle

The golden gates are lifted up,
The doors are opened wide;
The King of Glory is gone Unto His father’s side.
Alexander—“Lift Up Our Hearts.”

. The same divine power that raised Christ from the dead is the spiritual life and consecration to the believer. As Peter declared: “God, having raised up his Son, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.” Acts 3: 26. Truly God “hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” 1 Peter 1: 3.

This was a favorite topic with the Apostle Paul, who expressed the longing, “That I might know him, and the power of his resurrection.” Philippians 3: 10. Elsewhere he describes what the power of Christ’s resurrection will do for us. Malachi 4: 5. “And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.” Romans 8: 10, 11.

There is a difference of opinion among Christian scholars whether the promise “shall also quicken your mortal bodies” refers to a spiritual experience in this life or to the bodily change at the resurrection. Perhaps both. However, the old text strongly emphasizes the present spiritual experience, and when Paul wrote to the Corinthians, he expressed himself with less ambiguity: “Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.” 2 Corinthians 4: 10, 11.

**FIRST THINGS FIRST**

Consistent Christians

P. B. Hurley

I am glad for the evidence of more time being given to Bible reading and study throughout the congregation. This is the beginning of consistent Christian living.

I am anxious because so many in the world and even in the United States do not read the Word! All they know of Christ is what they hear from us and see or think they see in us. What do they read from the gospel according to you and me?

Since the responsibility is so great, we should be much more careful of word and action—especially in regard to the Sabbath, our special reason for existence as a separate denomination.

I regret looseness on my part. Too many times in the years past it was easy on Friday afternoon to let some customer talk me into taking a job which was sure to keep me out of church next day and come just at closing time, even though the shop was being closed well on time, some of the good church folks would remember that there are those who would get to the church next day and come just at closing time. And would I please clean the spark plugs, I was asked? "It will be done in a few minutes." I am ashamed that often, too, the Sabbath was not spent in rest and worship but in simple loafing or as a holiday according to the usual worldly “Sabbath keeping.”

It was our pleasure to go with our acting pastor on a pastoral call one day recently. These good folks, on whom he called, had not always been Seventh Day Baptists. It was...
interested in enriching and enlightening to listen to very frank statements of their views about some of our weaknesses and faults. It would do all good to see ourselves as others see us. We not only have a wonderful past, but we have a too self-satisfied present. Let us sit quietly and try really to consider ourselves, our actions, and practices. Are we living and acting in harmony with Christ's standards? Again, I would recall the words read from the gospel according to me?

P. B. Hurley, Conference President.

GUIDANCE
FOURTH ARTICLE OF SERIES ON GUIDANCE OF SERIES
By Rev. Loyal F. Hurley

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To secure a position for ourselves or our children; to go where school opportunities are better; to seek healing for some malady; that divine opportunity is always a real one through the invitation to serve God. We do not have to be sure of guidance. Natural interest easily leads us to believe we pray "the prayer of faith" regarding such problems. As we seek God's will in a plan, hope, may deceive us.

3. The most difficult area, probably, in which we seek guidance is where our natural affections lead us, and where our dependence on ourselves through our natural-affections, purifying and possessing them with his own perfect love. We have only one affectional nature, and that is related to, and coupled with, our religious experience.

Young people especially should seek God's guidance in small things as well as in large ones. Whether old or young, when our affections are involved, it is easy to believe we have the favor of God when all we feel is the flow of our own love. Shall I marry so and so? We pray about it, and may easily think God is pleased because we are pleased. In this area of life we do not have the assurance of God's will.

For he can pick a companion for you more wisely than you can for yourself. He knows both parties better than they know them selves. If you trust God in any area you would better trust him here.

H. Eugene Davis told me about a friend of his who married a fine woman. Both man and woman were earnest Christian workers; both had talents which would seem to blend nicely in their service; and they are deeply loved by the other. What could hinder them from living and serving together? Well, they both believed in God's guidance in all things of a higher order and were willing to be married until they were sure the Lord approved. They took time; they prayed for direction; they waited; they made the clear approval of God. They knew what it took most of us a long time to learn, that it is a trick of the enemy to hurry us when our affections are involved. Let God decide your love affairs.

"Christ the Lord is risen today,
Sons of men and angels say, Raise your joys and triumphs high; Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply." —Charles Wesley.

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DENOMINATIONAL PLANS FOR RETURNING CHAPLAINS TOLD

A recent issue of the "Chaplain," trade journal for Protestant chaplains, prints a feature article, "What Does the World Read from the Gospel According to Me?" That section of the magazine is devoted to statements regarding plans and provisions being made by the various denominations for returning chaplains. Some space will be back in the civilian ministry.

In answer to the question "What has your denomination done to assure its returning chaplains that they shall not have to suffer in civilian life for their sacrifice in the chaplaincy?" Congressman Jennings Randolph replied for Seventh Day Baptists with the following statement.

The Seventh Day Baptist General Conference has a special committee whose responsibility is the placement of ministers. It appears that several of our churches need pastors, and it is the purpose of our Committee on Ministerial Relations to aid in the placement of returning chaplains who may desire pulpits. It may not be a phrase of our denomination to assure, in every practical way, those men who have left their churches and given their efforts in the imparted world that there is no room.

Congressman Randolph represents the second district of West Virginia in the House of Representatives, and is a member of several important committees including the ones on civil service, expenditures in the executive departments, labor, and mines and mining. He is chairman of the District of Columbia committee, and the subcommittee on cost (mines and mining).

Chaplain Leon Malby, now stationed at Rhoads General Hospital at Ithaca, N. Y., formerly stationed at Allentown, Pa., hospital knew Rev. Luther Crichlow well. The chaplain recently had returned from the Pacific area, and noted that Chaplain Crichlow is still at Manila.

Chaplain Hurley W. Warren is now on terminal leave, after serving in the Army Chaplain Corps since July, 1944. He will return to active duty in January. He has been active in all phases of his work in the Plainfield, N. J. church from which he has been drafted. A report about Chaplain Wayne R. Rood is that he has been returned from Japan for a short leave in this country. He was scheduled as a speaker at the recent Pacific Coast Association meeting.
Sabbath Baptists Have Proud Past

~HISTORY SHOULD BE SPRINGBOARD TO FUTURE

By Rev. Herbert C. Van Horn
Corresponding Secretary, American Sabbath Tract Society

In Washington, D. C., a city of monuments, there is one bearing the inscription, "What Is Past Is Prologue." This statement is interpreted by President Truman, according to "Liberty" magazine, to mean "All history is but an introduction to the future." This does not mean that all history repeats itself, but emphasizes the need to analyze the past and be guided into wise courses by its lessons.

That, I believe, Seventh Day Baptists should do. The inscription quoted, "What Is Past Is Prologue" should ring forth a challenge to us and give encouragement to press forward.

Grounds must be Scriptural—nothing else or.

Late Nineteenth Century Growth

In the last quarter of the nineteenth century and early years of the twentieth century we see increased development and the high growth of our past, the development of the future.

We often applaud our history, and rightly so.

But in addition to such men, there were many other loyal workers who labored with their lives, and early years of the twentieth century we see increased development and the high mark of denominational membership. What were the reasons for growth?

1. They were the days of strong evangelical effort and successful outpost missionary work. There were strong men in the evangelistic field. The Morgan Park colleges, the Morgan Park University a strong line of ministerial leadership that was encouraged and developed who went out to do some of the work already mentioned and much more. Many strong pastors, missionaries, and evangelists, teachers and community leaders.

Milton College for many years was, shall we say, a hotbed for recruiting and establishing ministerial plant as well as Christian teachers and lay leaders.

2. The student evangelistic movement started back the third of July in a park in Philadelphia. It was a step then to organize such a movement.

3. Group worship and organization helped in spiritual development. Whenever two or three, individuals or families, could get together, they did so and prayed, studied the Bible together, exchanged experiences, and worshiped, believing that where two or three were gathered together in the name of Jesus, he would be with them in their midst even as he had promised.

4. The pastors of these pioneer churches largely supported themselves, devoting a much time to pastoral labor as possible. Although we have come to believe that this is not too good a system, we must admit that these were fruitful years marked by denominational growth.

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2. Also in those years there were strong stirrings in our societies and boards. The Missionary Society not only vigorously promoted foreign work but looked zealously after the home fields by supporting missionaries in the East, South, and West. The Tract Society put out thousands of pages of tracts, supported tracts depositories in the North and South, and Sabbath Outreach, and kindred literature were published. In the Sabbath Recorder a strong Sabbath reform department was maintained and the paper itself was a stirring propaganda home paper and Sabbath evangelistic influence. Dr. A. E. Man in the Missionary Board and Dr. A. H. Lewis of the Tract Board were outstanding factors in those days of denominational growth.

3. Seventh Day Baptist colleges, too, were centers of development. Under President Allen and his co-workers of Alfred University a strong line of ministerial leadership was encouraged and developed who went out to do some of the work already mentioned and much more, also strong pastors, missionaries, and evangelists, teachers and community leaders.

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They too have bestowed upon us a priceless heritage. They, too, are our progenitors. So what of tomorrow? "Watchman, what of the night?" "The day breaketh."

We still have strong, consecrated leaders. We have fine young men in our ministry. We have good homes, earnest parents, and church people. Our schools were never better supported, our societies in better financial condition. Never did our publishing house have more business. We have a streamlined Recorder; we have attractive tracts; we have some fieldworkers. But, we have churches and people too indifferent and complacent for the management possible. For one thing, our churches should be supported, our young people should be encouraged, and our church rolls show increases in large numbers. Then shall we be worthy of those who have made our history and give evidence of our love for Christ who died that we might have life and have it more abundantly.

Judson Burdick

By George B. Utter

Recording Secretary,

Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society

The missionary effort of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination long ago started on its second century. In fact, the church entered upon the second century soon after 1800 had turned the mark. As Sabbatarians, Genesee and other Labadists, people, and the churches of New Jersey, sent out preachers and lay workers to follow up and help establish churches in the communities where people had traveled through the wilderness by the blazed trails.

These men, strong in the faith, went to see that the other generations were carrying the work of the Master with them. It was because of their efforts that the Sabbath emphasis, then in its infancy from one state to another, as the frontiers moved westward.

There are fourteen churches in the United States today being helped by the home mission societies. Here churches clinging to and giving to the Sabbath are encouraged, carried over bad times until they are self-sustaining again. Many a church church has gone for itself after this lift by the denomination through the Missionary Society. There are churches where lights have gone out through the steps in population.

We have in the past heard the call from foreign lands. While thinking about this paper, I found a watch that Rev. W. C. Daland dated 1897. He had left his pastorate in Westminster to go to England. Doctor Daland, then in his thirties, was a linguist. He learned easily other languages, and I was amused as he told of learning Dutch so he could correspond and speak with the churches of Holland.

The letter I hold in my hand is one which was mailed from Berlin. He was speaking there on the Sabbath, and attending churches on the first day of the week. An invitation had come to him to speak at the University of Berlin, and he writes, "I tremble to think of addressing the sages of the university in their own lingo." He told them of the Sabbath of Christ.

He is one of many who have been sent at intervals over the world. The influence of Doctor Daland was felt wherever he went. Milton was fortunate in having him settle there as president and teacher at the college. Milton has had a way of following his example. Her sons and daughters have been particularly generous in offering their lives and services to the missionary efforts.

Dr. Grace Claudall, who has been through the eight years of war in China and is still there, has two children. The wife, Mrs. Neff and her daughters, Mabel L. and Anna, were members of the Milton Church. Mr. George Thorngate and his wife, Helen Shaw, and the latter's sister Miriam are of Milton. Anna died in the service and her place has never been filled at the China Mission School.

The Thorngates and Miss Shaw, it is understood, stand ready to return to China at the earliest opportunity. Doctor Daland has been in the navy. The others are at Alford at the present time.

Rev. W. C. Daland, upon whose wife gave the best years of their lives to the China mission. They returned home after suffering for months in a Shanghai Japanese concentration camp.

Dr. Rosa Palmborg, who was retired early in the Chinese war days, is now in California. She spent the last years of the war years in China, hoping that in the near future rebuilding there may be undertaken. The Jay W. Crofoot Home has given these many years, now at Brookfield, N. Y., are still active, in the Master's work, and with their advice encourage those who are responsible.

The last written years of their lives have faith that the younger generation will carry on. The work they left must be taken up by others, and the demand for our support was never louder. We will respond as the opportunity arrives.

The time is at hand when young people must volunteer for service in that field of
WITNESSING TO TRUTH OF CHRISTIAN GOSPEL IS CHIEF MISSION OF CHURCH TODAY

Every Church Member Should Seek to Be Encouraged to Be Evangelist

By S. A. Morrison

If the primary purpose of the Church is to witness to the truth of the Christian gospel, then evangelism by word and deed should be in the very forefront of all activities of the Church and every mission. So many silent thinkers among us is at work in his closet whose name is to fill the earth. Perhaps there sleeps in his cradle some reformer who is to move the Church and the world, who is to open a new era in history, who is to fire the human soul with new hope and new daring.

"—Good Housekeeping."

SOUTHERN WISCONSIN, CHICAGO CHURCHES TO MEET APRIL 26 AND 27

The quarterly meeting of the southern Wisconsin and Chicago churches will be held with the Milton church on Friday night and Sabbath day, April 26 and 27. It is planned that a religious motion picture be shown on Sabbath morning will be delivered by Rev. Elmo F. Randolph. The young people's hour is being arranged by a symposium on Evangelism, planned by Rev. Loyal F. Hurley, will be presented in the afternoon. A fellowship supper and social hour will be held in the evening, and the people of the churches sponsored by the Milton junction group.

Mabel B. Babcock, Secretary.

THE GLORY OF AN AGE

By William Ellery Channing

The glory of an age is often hidden from itself. Perhaps some word has been spoken in our day which we have not designed to hear, but which is to gather new and louder through all ages. Perhaps some silent thinker among us is at work in his closet whose name is to fill the earth. Perhaps there sleeps in his cradle some reformer who is to move the Church and the world, who is to open a new era in history, who is to fire the human soul with new hope and new daring.

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Women's Work

Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Exodus 20: 8

Every child has a body that must be cared for, a mind that must learn, and a soul that was made for God.

The body grows and is made healthy by exercise, food, and sleep. The mind learns during the long years spent in school, and by reading and studying after school are over. The soul must have certain times when it comes near to God and talks to him. That is why God gave us a Sabbath day.

The fourth commandment is the only one that begins with the word remember. We are not likely to forget that we must never swear, lie, or steal, or kill. But it is very easy to forget to make God's day holy. That is why God tells us, "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy."

God made the world in six days; and then, he took the seventh day to rest from his work. We have now learned that each of us teaches a lesson. We too are to do all our work in six days of the week; but on the seventh, God tells us to rest.

A little girl had been to Sabbath school and learned the memory verse, "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. She spoke it joyfully, "I'm so glad! I have been doing it, so I'm not going to do anything this afternoon."

After dinner Mother said, "Come, Judy, rock the baby to sleep, will you, dear?"

"Oh, mother," said Judy, "Teacher told me I mustn't work today; so I was going to take my book out in the garden swing, and just rest all afternoon."

Daddy looked up from his book. "Come and sit down beside me, Judy," he said. "I want to have a little talk with you. Will you excuse me just a few minutes, Mother? Then I'm sure she'll come."

Judy saw their eyes smile at each other, a church member to another, and said, "I'm glad," began Daddy, "that you listened to the teacher so well today, Judy. What was the memory verse—can you tell that?"

"Oh, yes," said Judy proudly. "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy."

"It's a foolish, holy," repeated Daddy thoughtfully. "Let me see. What does that mean? Would it be keeping the Sabbath day holy to sit in the garden swing all afternoon with a book?"

Judy flushed. "I—I don't see why not," she stammered.

"And keep that, Mother," continued Daddy, "to take care of a baby that's cutting teeth—when she was up the most of the night with her pain."

"Oh!" gulped Judy. "I didn't think of that, Daddy. Then what does my verse mean?"

"I should think," said Daddy slowly, "that it would be a holy thing to do a kind deed to a little girl."

A PROFOUND REAL DEALING

And when he was come into the house his disciples asked him in private, Why could not we cast him out? That is the question that humbled Christendom is everywhere putting to the Master today.

If we prayed, Master tell us what is the trouble, nine cases out of ten, if our ears were sensitive, we should hear the reply, "This kind goeth not out but by prayer . . ." This is the promise made to poor child by precious Jesus. And he presents his emotions, and the purpose of God reinforces our wills. —The Union Signal.
Committee describes in business—that is the way business concerns in Sabbath-keeping communities have recently been offered for sale, and Seventh Day Baptists are to be given first chance at buying.

Also, a desirable grocery store is up for immediate sale. The building and business is owned by a Seventh Day Baptist who is anxious to sell to a person of like faith. The store, including a meat department and some hardware supplies, has been established since 1910 and last year did a forty thousand dollar business.

A first-class bakery and trade is also on the immediate sale list. All machinery and equipment are up-to-date; the building is nicely furnished, including living quarters on the second floor. The entire property is to be sold at a very reasonable price and will afford someone a going business as well as a comfortable home—which is something in these days!

For specific information about any of these propositions write to the chairman of the Vocational Committee, Ben R. Crandall, Alfred, N. Y. Mr. Crandall is emphatic in stating that the need for immediate action regarding these properties is imperative. The selling price in each case is considered especially reasonable; if Seventh Day Baptist buyers are not soon found, the businesses will undoubtedly be disposed of outside denominational interests. A loan may be arranged for a buyer without sufficient immediate cash.

OTHER POSSIBLE BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

Other possible businesses and vocational opportunities have been listed continually, not only for returning service personnel but also for other Seventh Day Baptists interested in establishing homes in Sabbath-keeping communities.

"If you are job hunting," the Vocational Committee chairman reminds, "the Vocational Committee is anxious to help you. We need to work together in keeping Seventh Day Baptist businesses and jobs in the hands of Seventh Day Baptists."
SABBATH SCHOOL HAS VISITORS’ DAY

Children Make Invitations to Take Home to Parents

By Mrs. Perry H. Jacob
Superintendent, Primary Department, Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Sabbath School

The mother of a little tot in our Sabbath school received an invitation from her youngster. It was gayly colored on the outside and inscribed in big crayon letters, "TO MY MOTH." On the inside was pasted a typewritten sheet that read: "You are cordially invited to attend a visitors' day service in the primary department next Sabbath day.

All the children in the department made the gay covers for the invitations, using colored paper and bright flowers cut from wall paper samples. As a result of these being taken home by the children, eleven relatives were present at our worship-sharing service.

The service was the same as usually followed at our regular sessions, with the exception of the story hour. First, the nursery class took part, each member holding up a large block letter to spell the word Welcome. Then a group of the grades recited Bible verses, told picture stories, and showed some of the work done in previous class periods. One class had a village of Palestine made of paper on a table at the front of the room and explained its construction. Another class had memory verse booklets, which showed, graphically, their mission study in a far country.

This visitors' day was planned at the suggestion of our Sabbath school superintendent, Dr. Perry H. Jacob. He got a group of older boys to put a row of large chairs in the back of the room for the visitors. We found that not only do the parents co-operate but they volunteer to help.

Increased enrollment, and punctuality have been two good results. One mother sent us a lot of colored construction paper which she had on hand, an item hard to get in the stores. One child on the program forgot his piece, and we were pleased to hear the cheers which prompted him from the visitors' row.

Parents are interested in their children and their children's Sabbath worship or they would not have sent them in the first place.

Young people, you cannot expect to render valuable service to the world if you do not prove first of all that you cannot be moved by the world from your convictions. Those who look for real workmen will select those of you who will first of all remain true to Sabbath and to the ideals of Christ which apply to all phases of life!

THUMBNDAIL SKETCHES
About Seventh Day Baptists and Their Activities

With over two hundred religious denominations in the United States, it is no wonder that each generation needs to be told "who is who" among denominations. Many are inquiring about Seventh Day Baptists; for those of that group who happen to read the Sabbath Recorder, we will print each week a column a few facts about Seventh Day Baptists.

How and Whence They Sprang

Seventh Day Baptists, though one of the minor denominations, occupy no mean place in history. They sprang directly from the Baptists in the time of the English Reformation and organized their first known church in England in 1615. That church is still in existence.

Persecution

Seventh Day Baptists contributed their full share to the multitude of those who suffered cruel imprisonment in the time of this Reformation; and to the number of those who accepted the scaffold.

Religious Liberty

From the English Reformation to the present day, Seventh Day Baptists have been staunch, unyielding supporters of religious freedom. They have never waivered as its protagonists, wherever it beckoned, or whatever its needs.

For further information about Seventh Day Baptists, write American Sabbath Tract Society, 510 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, N. J.

EXTRA COPIES

This Sabbath rally issue is prepared to serve two purposes: to be useful to pastors and laymen in preparing programs and talks, and to be helpful in acquainting interested people with the work and mission of Seventh Day Baptists.

A limited number of extra copies are being printed, for the following orders that have already come in and to have a few available for other churches or individuals who can use them. Probably Address your request to American Sabbath Tract Society, 510 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, N. J. Copies are free, but those wishing to help defray expenses may.

SABBATH DAY

The Sabbath day is clothed with cheer, its claims are true.

And not with all its strength opposed,

Can evil here betide.

The God who gives us all we have,

To tread with all its power,

Provides for us a day of rest,

No vandal can destroy.

For in the bosom of the law,

As God in first designed.

The Sabbath stand secure;

A rest for all mankind;

To keep the day he blessed,

Young people, you cannot expect to render valuable service to the world if you do not prove first of all that you cannot be moved by the world from your convictions. Those who look for real workmen will select those of you who will first of all remain true to Sabbath and to the ideals of Christ which apply to all phases of life!

GOD'S HOLY SABBATH DAY

Exodus 20: 8-11

The Sabbath precept love designed,

In vain perverted minds have thought

To cast its claims aside.

God who provides for all our needs

A bountiful supply,

Gave us his Sabbath day to keep,

And even tells us why.

Found still embodied in his law,

The Sabbath stands secure

Established— we are clearly taught—

To evermore endure.

Without a substitute in time

That mortal man has known;

God's holy day should be observed

As truly, hath clearly shown.

This hallowed precept he designed,

A rest for all mankind;

Beyond seas it should be observed

As God at first designed.

And those who hope at last to gain

That future blissful rest,

Should not neglect and the tolling here,

To keep the day he blessed.

THE SABBATH DAY

By Rev. Riley G. Davis

The Poet's Corner

God's holy Sabbath day

By Rev. Riley G. Davis
Our Generation Makes a "Long-Ago"
A Little Red Morocco Book Inspires a Look Back and Ahead

By Evalois St. John

DO YOU EVER go back in thoughts to the "long-ago" and find suddenly that the "long-ago" seems very near to you? Sometimes I find myself going back and the thought of a word or a phrase will forcibly come back to me in an instant and I see our generation making a "long-ago" for still another generation to discover and ponder upon; a "long-ago" from which we receive help and from which we take warning.

It was a small red morocco-bound volume which recently carried me back and then brought me on down to the present. The title: "Burningide's Sabbath, in the Reign of Charles II. Burnside, the author, was pastor of the Pinner's Hall Church, London, England—the church which Francis Bampfield formed in the reign of Charles II. Burnside was an old man in 1825, the year this book was published. He was almost totally blind and deaf. He, too, found himself going back to the "long-ago," and he sat down in words that others might read what the fathers have said concerning the Bible Sabbath. It proved to be a sort of last message for posterity, for the volume was published in London in 1825, and Burnside died in 1826. "Ponder all things: hold fast that which is good." "Speaking the truth in love." He quotes verses on the title page, and it was in this spirit he wrote his message.

There were those among our people, however, who realized the importance of the printed page in the promulgation of the Sabbath truth. One such man was Joseph Stillman, of Schenectady, N. Y. This volume of Burnside's came to him. Impressed with its worth, he was anxious to have the book in the United States, for the London edition was too expensive to have a wide circulation here. Impressed with a desire to disseminate the truth and promote the doctrine of the Bible Sabbath," says Mr. Stillman, "the publisher has taken upon himself the responsibility of reprinting." He also states that he has been animated with a sense of duty to do this rather than with a prospect of gain. The American edition of "Burnside on the Sabbath" came off the press in 1827.

Two years after this book was published in America (1829), a young man—nineteen years of age—was graduated from Columbian College, Washington, D. C. He was the son of a Baptist minister. Following graduation he decided to take up the study of medicine and put himself under the tutelage of a Doctor Sewall, a professor in Columbian College.

Whether the death of his father in 1831 caused him to change his mind, or not, we do not know; nevertheless the young man made a public profession of religion at this time. He gave up the study of medicine and entered the ministry. He was ordained and became an active and promising minister among the Baptists. Now among the books which came to him after his father's death was a copy of "Burnside on the Sabbath." He read it. He endeavored to refute its arguments but could not. We learn from others that he read everything he could find for and against the Bible Sabbath.

About this time, another Seventh Day Baptist—Elder William Bliss Maxson—entered into a discussion with one Doctor Parkison, pastor of the First Baptist Church of New York City. Some of these letters were published in order to bring the controversy to light. He had trained himself to accept the truth no matter what the cost. Here was his test. Yes, the young man became a Seventh Day Baptist and an active worker in our denomination.

Who was the young man? He was Thomas B. Brown, the first president of the New York Seventh Day Baptist Church, the first president of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society, and an early editor of the Sabbath Recorder. Rev. N. V. Hull says of him: "Quiet, unobtrusive, he was a typical New Englander, a sectarian in the offensive sense of that term. Sectarianism is offensive in one of its phases, when it is national, when one is only a Seventh Day Baptist, or otherwise, as the case may be. When one is only denominational in his heart and life, he has fallen altogether below the true standpoint of the Christian.

Brother Brown was no sectarian, but his ability to defend himself and this Sabbath doctrine was conceded by every man." It was Thomas B. Brown who wrote "The Appeal to the Baptists for the Restoration of the Bible Sabbath"... an appeal put out by our General Conference in 1843.

Rev. Mr. Hull also states that it was largely through the efforts of Thomas B. Brown that our China Mission was started in 1834. He was a missionary faith and he was committed to foreign missionary work with his whole heart. He went from church to church stirring up the people. He continued to do this until the mission was established and the missionaries were on the field. To the last page of his prayers.

A set of beliefs and doctrines does not make a denomination. It is the people—the individuals—who stand for and live up to these beliefs and doctrines who make the denomination. There have been creative Seventh Day Baptists in the past—Bampfield, Burnside, Stillman, to name a few. But the morocco-bound volume brought these men to my mind. There have been others. Let us not pass lightly by what has been and say: "That is old. Why bring up the past? Let us be concerned about today." I repeat—the "long-ago" is very near to us. Let us let the light of Sabbath truth shine through that age. Let us be the first to discover and ponder upon a "long-ago" from which to receive help, and from which to take warning. The old is ever new. You and I are the builders.

Plainfield, N. J.

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SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

FOR MAY 4, 1946

Two Brothers Learn Tolerance

1 John 4: 7; 8

Memory Selection—1 John 4: 21

The Sabbath PERSONAL TESTIMONY
ON THE JOB

HOW DIFFICULT IS POSTWAR REAJUSTMENT?

By Gene Van Horn

An Ex-GI Employed in Western, R. I.

Only vaguely do I remember a night in 1918 when I was just past three years of age. I was awakened in the middle of the night from a sound sleep; I heard the church bells clanging madly, people running in the streets and calling joyfully to each other the good news: "The war is over." How different and easy way of living it was this time, I review it, still so fresh in my memory. Will it ever have to happen again? I know your desire agrees with mine on that point, at least.

Many of us young people have either just recently left the service or are still in, recently left the service or are still in, and calling joyfully to each other.

The readjustment after such a period of time is, in many cases, difficult. Life is not the same after a period of war. The fields of endeavor. We looked forward all the time we were in the service to returning to our own free and easy way of living. In our own free and easy way of living, we falsely pictured the Sabbath as a tradition in the family will make it much easier to instill in them the same principles. In so doing, I hope they will be taught the ideals of democracy that are so necessary in our international economic and diplomatic relations.

From a purely selfish standpoint, we receive encouragement and more self-image from attendance at church. The music, the hymns, and the worship service are a very definite aid in alleviating the feeling of frustration that comes to those of us who are trying to settle down to a slower tempo of life. Religion, like philosophy, is in every man's own. It may not agree in every respect with that of someone else, yet religion is a definite and vital part of every man's life. Personally, I'm glad I found employment where I can keep the Sabbath.

IN UNIFORM

CAN SABBATH BE KEPT IN THE ARMY?

Rev. Leon M. Malby
Chaplain, Rhoads General Hospital

To attempt to answer this question with a categorical "yes" or "no" is difficult. I certainly would not list it as one of the

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THOUGHTFUL ANALYSIS

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Sabbath of the Lord, and that no business was transacted on this day, and that he, a Jew, of all people, should have to be told by a Gentile that this was the Sabbath.

Mr. Sacks felt this as a brand-new experience about a Sabbath. Here in America were Gentiles who kept the Sabbath, a day that he himself should be keeping. It has lived with him now, and the memory of this incident will never leave him. His recollections of the Seventh Day Baptist people of Jackson Center are of the highest. He recalls them as a very kind people, very conscientious in their religion and full of rectitude.

In fact, Mr. Sacks asked me if I wouldn’t enjoy going out to Ohio with him on a visit and go over the grounds where he received his education. He is not like the judge who, failing to trouble him by law, prevented from appearing against him. Knowing the justness of his cause he decided to appear at the trial which was fixed for the Seventh Day at Newbury.

Just as the time for the trial approached, the son of the judge who was to have been a witness against him absconded with some strolling players, the rector of Wallingford was seized with illness, another witness broke his leg; and in one way or another all were prevented from appearing against him—except one man, a gardener, whose conscience impressed him so that he refused to appear.

And so the servant of the Lord was delivered from the hands of his enemies; there were also other instances in which the plain hand of Providence appeared in his behalf.

The Sabbath EXPERIENCES

Sabbath experiences are very valuable to one’s soul. They can be life-changing moments that help one to understand the importance of keeping the Sabbath as a day of rest and reflection. These experiences can be as simple as being alone with God and seeking His guidance, or as complex as being faced with difficult decisions that require God’s wisdom.

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A fire is most effective when the coal is close together so that each particle helps the rest to burn freely and create heat. Occasionally new fires may be started by moving the coal, which kindles other fuel. But did you ever try to start a fire with a cinder? Scarcely does it leave the fire, before it is in a few minutes would not even kindle paper. The same is true with Christians; usually lives are lived on a higher plane today, more religious enthusiasm is generated when they work together in a church. Occasionally there is an individual or a family which goes to live in a community away from others of a like faith, and by their spiritual warmth are able to create new Christian fires. But often the cabbage is not taken from the fire they quickly cool and fall away from their Christian faith.

Which does your faith most closely resemble, the clinker or the live coal?

Milton Junction, Wis.

SABBATH LAND

A Journey Into a Lovely Land

Robert Louis Stevenson (in “Travels with a Donkey”), as related a few years ago in the “Methodist Protestant Recorder,” has a lovely description of French mountain fields. He tells of a church there with people kneeling on the steps and the sound of chanting from its dim interior: “It gave me, for, I am a countryman of the Sabbath.”

It is good to be just that, comments the “Protestant Recorder,” for Sabbath-land is a province of the soul. It is rest and peace, worship and friendship, memory and hope, and a sense of our duty. Its bells call us to prayer and praise; its healings cure us of spiritual sickness. It rebukes the restlessness of city streets; it allows a little of the grueling, shipwrecked, and disillusioned fellow-countrymen, and renew us for our true dim sense of the unseen and enduring. The Sabbath-land of God was made for men, for such purposes as the experiences enumerated, and to be a delight, a religious and socializing factor and sign between God and his people.

H. C. V. H.

"With growth in holiness grows the sense of sin."
WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

(From our oldest minister)

OPEN DOORS OF OPPORTUNITY

By Rev. E. A. Witter

Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. — John 4:35.

That scene at Jacob's well, recorded in John 4, was a most interesting scene possessed of an unexplored truth. The disciples were faced with a discouraging condition concerning the work of Christ, and the establishing of his teaching. You and I would find great difficulty in getting a just appreciation of the feeling of the disciples as they found Christ talking with the woman of Samaria.

Jesus did not fail to see here an open door of opportunity to open the eyes of the disciples to a glorious work all ready for their hands and hearts.

The people of today have been passing through a long period of anxiety, if not of doubtful concern with respect to the outcome of war between the nations. Distress and discouragement have been manifest. From many parts of the world there comes a cry of distress for the want of help from hand gloved with spiritual love and fellowship. In the witnessing of the Samaritan woman is seen an example for every one who has found Christ to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life to work in the opening fields of opportunity. Awake ye! Put on the whole armor of the Lord, and with the sword of the Spirit, say, Here am I, Lord, send me among the reapers. Then prepare thyself with joy for the work to which he calls.

"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and reapest, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again in joy, bearing his sheaves with him."

A MESSAGE FOR THE WORLD

A letter was recently received from a young woman whom I met some ten years ago. During these years she has passed through Salem College, and graduated with high honors, has spent two and one-half years in the army as a WAC and is now in the State University of Georgia working for her M.A. After speaking of her experience as a lone Seventh Day Baptist, she says, "Why is it our denomination does not awaken to the fact that the way may be made easier?"

There are two articles in recent Recorders which seem to me to point an answer to this inquiry. One article is on evangelism, written by Raymond Prati. The other is "Junior Partners in the Lord's Work" by Frederik J. Bakker. A first need of today is to kindle anew the spirit of evangelism, look a little more deeply into Sabbath truth, and encourage growth of interest in mission work and in spiritual education with respect to growth and development for the future.

Seventh Day Baptists have a wonderful heritage. Are we personally ready to do all we can to carry that to the future of the world's history? Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord. "Let your light shine." God help us to pray, Father, we ask not that the way may be made easy; but, God, make us brave and keep us true.

E. A. Witter.

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A CHALLENGE

THE SABBATH RECORDER

MUSIC IS IMPORTANT PART OF SPIRITUAL WORSHIP

HELPS TO CREATE ATMOSPHERE OF SINCERITY

By Ruth Sarah Rogers

Graduate of Westminster Choir College

For MANY CENTURIES music has held an honored place in spiritual worship. The Old Testament Psalms and David's harp in the temple, followed by the key of Jesus in the church, have continued to influence man's spiritual worship. The New Testament hymns and organ have made their mark in the Christian church, and the organ and orchestra have become established leaders in modern church music. The use of choirs and instrumentalists has brought new life to worship services and has made music a vital part of the Christian's spiritual life.

By Rev. E. A. Witter

JOSEPH STENNETT, D.D.

1663 - 1713

Joseph Stennett was born in Berks County, England. He was a noted scholar and a faithful member of the church. He was a minister and pastor of the Pinner's Hall Seventh Day Baptist Church in London, and was asked to bring messages to many Sunday Baptist churches. As a preacher he was excellent and effective, not only in reading his sermons, but also in giving them. He was a member of the church and was an active and valuable member of the community.

On the following pages are reproduced three selections from a book of Seventh Day Baptist hymns and songs, now in preparation for publication by the American Sabbath Tract Society. Representing composers of three generations, these numbers will be useful in Sabbath rally services, along with others found in regular hymn books.

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Another-Six Days Work Is Done

J. STENNED, 1712.

Moderately

1. An - oth - er six days work is done, An - oth - er
   2. O that our thoughts and thanks may rise, As grate - ful
   3. This heav'n - ly calm, with - in the breast, Is the dear
   4. In ho - ly du - ties let the day, In ho - ly

Sab - bath is be - gun; Re - turn my soul! en - joy thy
in - cense to the skies And draw from heav'n that sweet re -
pledge of glo - rious rest, Which for the church of God re -
pleas - ures pass a - way How sweet a Sab - bath thus to

rest, Im - prove the day Thy God hath blest.
pose, Which none but he who feels it knows.
spend In hope of one that ne'er shall end.

Im - prove the day thy God hath blest.
Which none but he who feels it knows.
The end of cares, the end of pains.
In hope of one that ne'er shall end.

A - men.

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More Like Jesus

J. M. STILLMAN

1. I want to be more like Je - sus, And
2. I want to be kind and gen - tle, To
3. I want to be meek and low - ly, Like
4. I want to be pure and ho - ly, As

fol - low Him day by day; I want to be true and
those who are in dis - tress; To com - fort the broken
Je - sus, our Friend and King; I want to be strong and
pure as the crys - tal snow; I want to love Je - sus

faith - ful, And ev - ery com - mand o - key.
heart - ed, With sweet words of ten - der - ness.
dear - ly, For Je - sus loves me I know.

REFRAIN

More and more like Je - sus, I would ev - er be; I

More and more like Je - sus, My Sav - ior Who died for me.
He's Always There

M.S.P.

1. I have a Friend, there's no other beside, He never fails me, what- 
2. When I was wandering away from the fold, Far from the Savior, for 3. Friend, have you burdens too heavy to bear? Have you a sorrow that

REFRAIN

just when I need Him He's always there,
just when I sought Him I found Him there, Jesus is there to an-swer my prayer,
just when I need Him you'll find Him there. (was)

Je-sus is there ev-ry bur-den to bear, In joy or sor-row, to
day and to-mor-row, Just when I need Him, He's always there. (you)

Jairus Mason Stillman

1855 - 1930

Thousands of people have been blessed by the musical ministry of Professor Jairus Mason Stillman, who was born at Alfred, N. Y., and died at Milton, Wis. His was a remarkable career as a composer of music, a leader of choruses, and teacher. Many Sabbath communities and others benefited from his musical conventions and instrumental services held in nearly all the northern states from Rhode Island to the Dakotas.

For many years he was professor of music at Hope-Pikney Academy, R. I.; Alfred University, N. Y.; and Milton College, Wis. Besides his teaching and chooral work, he composed many hymns and anthems. He collaborated with Doctors T. Martin Towne and S. W. Straub in producing and publishing hymns and anthem books that had wide usage half a century ago.

More Like Jesus appearing in the early nineteen-hundreds, has been widely sung in Bible schools, young people's meetings, and evangelistic services. This song reveals a deeply spiritual nature expressing itself in song.

Margaret Saunders Pratt

The composer of "He's Always There," Margaret Saunders Pratt, is in line of direct descent from William Davis of Wales, among whose descendants have been and are so many Seventh Day Baptist ministers, teachers, and other leaders. Throughout the generations there have been singers, musicians, and composers of considerable ability. Mrs. Pratt is the author of fine musical compositions of spiritual nature. Prior to her marriage Mrs. Pratt was the official piano accompanist of the University of Colorado. Since the marriage of the composer, they have devoted their musical and other Christian talents to gospel services, working in evangelistic meetings wherever and whenever opportunity affords. Their home is in Schenectady, N. Y. — H. C. V. H.

The Sabbath in Scripture

Who made the Sabbath?
All things were made by him (Jesus); and without him was not any thing that was made. (John 1:3.)

When was the Sabbath made?
And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made: and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and聖息了it. (Genesis 2:2,3.)

Why did God bless and sanctify the seventh day?
Because that in it he had rested from all his work. (Genesis 2:3.)

Did God say from Mount Sinai that he made the Sabbath at the close of Creation?
For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it. (Exodus 20:11.)

What is the fourth of the Ten Commandments?
Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy; six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God. (Exodus 20:8-10.)

Did God ever change the Sabbath day from the seventh day?
I am the Lord, I change not. (Malachi 3:6.)

Did wrath come upon ancient Israel for profaning the Sabbath?
Then I contended with the nobles of Judah, and said unto them, What evil thing is this that ye do, and profane the sabbath day? Did not your fathers thus, and did not our God bring upon us, and upon this city? Yet ye bring more wrath upon Israel by profaning the sabbath. (Nehemiah 13:17,18.)

If the Sabbath had been kept, would Jerusalem have been destroyed?
If ye diligently hearken unto me, saith the Lord, to bring in no burden through the gates of this city on the sabbath day, but hallow the sabbath day, to do no work therein, then shall there enter into the gates of this city kings and princes . . . , and this city shall remain for ever. (Jeremiah 17:24,25.)

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RESPONSIVE READING
The synagogue, the Gentiles besought her to persuade her to reason in the synagogue every sabbath. (Acts 13:42)

The seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: it thou shalt not do any work. (Exodus 20:10)

What does Christ say to those who claim that because of him we need not keep the Ten Commandments? Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. (Matthew 5:17, 18)

What measuring rod does Christ determine whether we love him? If ye love me, keep my commandments. (John 14:15)

The seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: it thou shalt not do any work. (Exodus 20:10)

Did Christ instruct his disciples to regard the Sabbath when Jerusalem should be destroyed about forty years after his death? Pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day. (Luke 21:21)

Did the disciples continue to keep the Sabbath as usual after the crucifixion? And they returned (from the sepulchre) and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the sabbath day according to the commandment. (Luke 23:56)

Was it Paul's custom also to keep the Sabbath? And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures, opening and alleging that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead. (Acts 17:2, 3)

Was Paul preaching only to the Jews on the Sabbath, and to the Gentiles on the first day of the week; is this true? Some say Paul preached only to the Jews on the Sabbath, and to the Gentiles on the first day of the week; is this true? And when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, the Gentiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next sabbath day. And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God. (Acts 13:42-44)

And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks. (Acts 18:4)

The Day God Blessed and Hallowed.

There was once a little girl who is a very much grown-up girl now who spent her early days in the country on a farm. She remembers best her grand- mother whom she believed was the most wonderful woman in the world. Her happy hours were spent in that dear grandma's room, especially during her daily story hour, which often proved to be hours.

Grandma's stories were of many kinds, all interesting to the story-loving little girl, but the last story each day, a Bible story, was in her opinion the very best of all. On the Sabbath all the stories were from the Bible. Each week, too, Grandma taught her Bible verses, and one of the first Bible passages she learned was a part of the fourth commandment of God: "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God. Seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: it thou shalt not do any work." The part that came next she was apt to forget, but she always ended with "The Lord blessed the sabbath day, and sanctified it."

So from her early years, the seventh day, the day which God blessed and hallowed, has seemed to be the most wonderful to the little girl, now very much grown-up.

When she was older and ready for high school, she went to a near-by city to make her home with an aunt whom she loved dearly and thought of as her second grandma. Auntie, too, was a faithful Sabbath keeper and the little niece was baptised and joined the Seventh Day Baptist Church of that city, and ever since has been a member of some Seventh Day Church.

One afternoon her aunt had a visitor, the pastor of a near-by Methodist Church. Bridget, a pleasant little woman who did the family washing and ironing, had just come upstairs to collect her day's wages. She and the niece were in the back parlor with the door open, the front parlor only partly closed; they could hear every word of the conversation taking place there.

The minister was trying to persuade her aunt to join his church by telling her that the seventh day was only the Jewish Sabbath, and that Sunday was the Christian Sabbath under the dispensation of God. But no argument he brought up could change her belief in the Bible Sabbath and their congregation made the niece's belief that the Seventh day was the true Christian Sabbath stronger than ever. Her aunt's voice was firm but pleasant as she summed up her belief: "The seventh day was given us as the Sabbath by the command and blessing of God; it was faithfully kept and taught by Jesus and his disciples and has been kept by faithful Sabbath keepers throughout the years." With a defeated look the minister departed and never called there again.

During this conversation Bridget had been very much excited. As soon as the door closed behind the minister, she rushed into the hall and cried, "Oh, Mrs. C., why didn't you tell him that Sunday is the church day of the Roman Catholic Church?" Her Irish accent made her words very expressive. She would have agreed with a certain Catholic priest who remarked to a Protestant lady who introduced a friend, saying, "She is a Seventh Day Baptist, isn't she? Oh, she follows Jesus while you follow us."

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A day of repose from all stress and strain.
A day of sweet communion with our King.
A day of gathering before the throne of God who claims all his own.
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Oh, holy Sabbath, blessed by God of old.

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By what measuring rod does Christ determine whether we love him? If ye love me, keep my commandments. (John 14:15)

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CHILDREN'S PAGE

Dear Recorder Child:

Since this is our Sabbath Rally number, our story this week will center around our SABBATH; the Sabbath of the Bible; of Jesus and all those who reverence the Seventh day as the Sabbath.

The Sabbath a Children's Story

CHILDREN'S PAGE

The seven days of the Sabbath are the days that God created: seven days he rested the work of creation. (Genesis 2:2-3)

Did the disciples continue to keep the Sabbath? Did Christ instruct his disciples to regard the Sabbath when Jerusalem should be destroyed about forty years after his death? Pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day. (Luke 21:21)

The Day God Blessed and Hallowed.

There was once a little girl who is a very much grown-up girl now who spent her early days in the country on a farm. She remembers best her grand- mother whom she believed was the most wonderful woman in the world. Her happy hours were spent in that dear grandma's room, especially during her daily story hour, which often proved to be hours.

Grandma's stories were of many kinds, all interesting to the story-loving little girl, but the last story each day, a Bible story, was in her opinion the very best of all. On the Sabbath all the stories were from the Bible. Each week, too, Grandma taught her Bible verses, and one of the first Bible passages she learned was a part of the fourth commandment of God: "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God. Seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: it thou shalt not do any work." The part that came next she was apt to forget, but she always ended with "The Lord blessed the sabbath day, and sanctified it."

So from her early years, the seventh day, the day which God blessed and hallowed, has seemed to be the most wonderful to the little girl, now very much grown-up.

When she was older and ready for high school, she went to a near-by city to make her home with an aunt whom she loved dearly and thought of as her second grandma. Auntie, too, was a faithful Sabbath keeper and the little niece was baptised and joined the Seventh Day Baptist Church of that city, and ever since has been a member of some Seventh Day Church.

One afternoon her aunt had a visitor, the pastor of a near-by Methodist Church. Bridget, a pleasant little woman who did the family washing and ironing, had just come upstairs to collect her day's wages. She and the niece were in the back parlor with the door open, the front parlor only partly closed; they could hear every word of the conversation taking place there.

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What People Say About the Sabbath and Its Satisfactions

I would like to testify to the real satisfaction and joy and rest which is ours. After a day filled with worship and leading a class in Bible study, and possibly visiting a sick friend, we can enjoy the rest which he alone can give. Isaiah 56: 7, 8; 58: 13, 14 give promise of just such delights and pleasure, which alone is enough compensation for all the effort put forth.

The preparation for the Sabbath and the Sabbath eve prayer meeting sets up a glad anticipation for the receptions and duties of the Sabbath, and we feel that we are riding upon the high places of the earth. We are claiming the promises and receiving the rewards even though what we do is commonplace and often times crude.

-R. C. Brewer, Riverside, Calif.

FARMING

The Sabbath should be dear to the farmer because he is working in partnership with God. He sows the seeds and works the soil, but only God can give the increase. The farmer can plan his work to worship God on his holy Sabbath, and it should be very sacred to him because of his dealings with nature in his everyday tasks. God instituted the Sabbath to bring man and nature together in communion with the Creator of the world and the Author of life. The Sabbath is a symbol of God's presence in time and a pledge of eternal Sabbath rest. The world needs God's holy Sabbath. — Jerome Boyd, Woodbury, Pa.

THE HOME

Because homes and circumstances are never alike, we can only strive to reach a common goal of "love and reverence for God's holy day." No two people can observe the Sabbath in the same manner, but children and parents together can make it a day of joy, peace, and worship—a day different from any other day in the week, a day to be desired and loved, a day set apart. — Maleta Curtis, Riverside, Calif.

LONG SABBATH KEEPING

We put too much stress on rural living; that has been my opinion for some time. It is true there are more temptations in the city than in the country, but many people cannot stand the rigors of farming.

The trades offer much in the way of a livelihood to those who are honest about their Sabbath observance to their customers. Men in high places here have said to me, "I try never to interfere with a man's religious life because I have some definite convictions on that score myself." If it is mutually understood from the start, it will cause no one embarrassment but will tend rather to leave a feeling of trust in each other.

The opportunity for a Sabbath-keeping Christian in the sign painting trade, for example, is excellent. A five-day week is possible; and if one contracts, he can demand any time he wishes. The work is pleasant and requires only a small investment. A general understanding of advertising and some ability are the essentials of initial qualifications. — O. A. Davis, Phoenix, Ariz.

VOCATIONS

"He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me." John 14: 21.

It gives me joy to testify to the thrill that keeping Sabbath has given me through the years. One of the prime contributing factors to the share of success that has been mine in the business world is to be accredited to Sabbath keeping.

One phase of my experience is illustrated in the story of two friends of mine, Jacob Wright and Lee Abbey. These friends decided to keep Sabbath at about the same time and were both working for the Canadian Pacific Railway as mechanics. Jacob went to his superior and requested that if it were possible he would like to refrain from work on Saturdays. His lack of conviction.

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