The most beautiful island I have seen is Jamaica. Like a gem of emerald green it lies hidden away in the ocean; well may it be said, "That every prospect pleases and only man is vile." Yet men are not as vile here as in many other places. The city of Kingston has a beautiful harbor, and is well built up with modern buildings, and reminds us in a hundred ways of eastern cities in the tropics. The native portions have narrow streets, crowded with masses who are looking for the foreigner, hoping to be given some employment.

The island is very mountainous, which adds to its beauty, but not to its productiveness. There are, however, many banana plantations, and some pineapple and oranges grow wild, and can be had in country sections for two to three cents a dozen. Labor is very cheap, averaging from twenty-four to seventy-two cents per day for men and about one-half as much for women.

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Editorials

ALWAYS WITH US

Taxes—and what else is it—we always have with us? One thing else that is always with us, in the Recorder office, is the problem of subscriptions.

Your editor has been giving the subject a good deal of study and consideration. Last week he suggested a motto: "The Sabbath Recorder in every Seventh Day Baptist home." This week he would like to underline the word "every" and present a challenge to the denomination—a challenge that will help make the every-man-a-salesman campaign a success.

The mathematicians have been at work. They began by jotting down the total number of homes in the denomination. Balanced against this figure was the present Recorder subscription list. Added for contemplation was the number of possible subscriptions that should exist for other purposes—copies of the Recorder for public libraries, copies for publicity purposes around interdenominational and other cooperative-organization workers, and copies for other such uses. The totaling of these figures makes it evident that within the immediate future an increased paid circulation of at least 950 is reasonable to expect.

That, then, is the challenge. Let us work toward that goal and right away! Individuals who do not have the Recorder can help by sending in subscriptions for themselves; those who already subscribe can contact neighbors, relatives, and friends who should be Recorder Subscribers in their homes and sell them on the idea.

Church organizations can help themselves and the denomination and at the same time assist the Recorder in securing the 950 or more new paid subscriptions.

Each church should subscribe for a Recorder to be placed in the public library of the community in which the church is located, then volunteer an extra subscription to a limited number of their members, and copies for other such uses. The totaling of these figures makes it evident that within the immediate future an increased paid circulation of at least 950 is reasonable to expect.

Groups within churches, also, can have a hand in this undertaking. There should be several extra copies of the Recorder always at the church, perhaps included with the display of tracts and other literature. Such copies, provided by some Sabbath school class or society in the church, would then be readily available to give to visitors. It would be a fine project, also, for someone to make sure that church members who are unable to subscribe are provided with copies.

In churches where there is a regularly appointed Recorder salesman, let that person assume the responsibility for seeing that this campaign is carried out with dispatch. Where no official salesman is already working, make sure that such a person is appointed. Then let us all—everyone of us—make it our business to "sell" Recorders.

All right! So we have taxes always with us. Is that any reason why we should be forever shackled to a limited Recorder subscription list?

IN SEARCH OF THE ANSWERS

A manila folder labeled "Editorial Material" in the editor's file is full of overlying papers and magazines, scraps of paper on which random thoughts have been jotted down for the study of questions vital to everyday, Christian living. It is very doubtful if the editor will find either time or Recorder space to let many of these "seeds of thought" develop into full-blooming "flowers of expression." Yet many of the subjects that will of necessity have to be left undiscussed merit consideration. Supposing we simply transfer some of these clippings and jottings into print, and you can do your own armchair editorializing.

"Laugh, Then Weep"

The first clipping is entitled "Laugh, Then Weep." It tells about the Navy Day celebration held recently in New York, when "battleships, destroyers, submarines, and airplanes competed for attention." The President made a speech on America's foreign policy, and thousands visited the battleship Missouri and viewed the spot on deck where the Japanese surrender had formally been signed. It was decided that school children would profit by being chaperoned to this historic spot. Sixty thousand school children made the excursion—and caused pandemonium unbelievable. They tampered with the ship's controls; they pilfered fire-hose nozzles, tools, anything that was loose; they caused a general alarm to be sounded. While one hundred fifty teachers fainted and had to be cared for in improvised hospital quarters, they even tried to pry up the memorial plaque marking the spot of surrender ceremonies. "The control officer said he would prefer battle or fire to any further such vulgar demonstration." Wartime tears mingle with our laughter as we consider such a regrettable display (which is too frequently duplicated these days), let us consider soberly what this means to a generation whose youth is being trained, school training, and church influences to condition youth for more sane conduct.

Shameful Charge

The next quotation is regarding a letter from a Navy chaplain stationed in Tokyo, admitted to the Navy and Navy News a "negro memorial record" in November. The report charges that the chaplain, Lawrence L. Lacour, saw lines of enlisted men waiting to visit Japanese brothels, with the official permission of high Navy officers. Other similar situations in both the Army and Navy have been admitted to in the religious and secular press. "The American people," a Washington newspaper editorialized, "have too vital an interest in a matter of this kind to have anything which smacks of complacency or whitewash." We are the American people. What is our obligation in such a matter?

Democracy?

From one of the nation's denominational publications comes this comment: "From all available indications the release of Civilian Public Service men is still in the 'getting started' stage. Even few men over thirty-five years have been known to be actually discharged, and that the rate will pick up... and that all the four-year men will be out by May. But even if this comes, the rate will be far behind that for the armed forces." Another writer expresses the opinion that conscientious objectors are not receiving equitable attention because of the political pressure groups" and "tending to inability on the part of a small handful of our legislators to see how to put into practice the principle of democracy of which they are so proud." Here is another question that deserves careful consideration and constructive action.

A Home in the Country

Here is an editorial cartoon. Standing at the blackboard in the classroom of life is a student, chalk in hand. The lesson for the day deals, in a way, with mathematics. The youth is writing on the board: "Two packs of cigarettes a day (the addict's average) equals $100 a year. Smoking from ages 20 to 60 equals over $4,000, the price of a home in the country!" That is something to "figure out," all right.

Little Wars

This is a comment about what happened in Vietnam. "Reporters for the Atlantic Journal have received shipments of nylon hose and inserted a coupon in the daily paper entitling the holder to a chance to purchase one pair. "Imagine the chagrin of many ladies who found their paper minus the coupon!" The account relates, "Others had clipped the coupons, and no newspapers had chance to purchase more than one pair. If a pair of nylon hose will cause little wars, cannot we see how nations wanting things that are
Against this beautiful background we see the underfed, poorly clad native wending his way with his burden to the market in an effort to sell a few oranges, bananas, or cassava cakes. The natives are well behaved, speak English, and most of them have their name on some church book. The Church of England ranks first in numbers, then come Baptists, a fact which for our mission is fortunate. I have not been made to feel any special prejudice in a religious way, and at the present time am hopeful that our mission here may be successful.

I have just spent a week at Santa Cruz with Brother and Sister Somma, and have found them strong in the Seventh Day Baptist faith through the work of Elder R. B. St. Clair. While there, another strong family expressed intentions of uniting with us. A company of about eight adults and children are anxiously looking toward a small church building in this important center. All hands rejoice at the safe arrival of Rev. William L. Burdick. Together we shall endeavor to encourage the people to cast in their lot with us and to accomplish the kingdom tasks.

C. A. Hansen.

December 17, 1923.

A BIT OF HISTORY

In 1923 the first representatives from the churches in America went to Jamaica. For a number of months previously inquiries about Seventh Day Baptists had been coming from the church leaders on the island who had learned of the denominations largely through the "Voice," a little paper published by the church in Detroit, Mich., and through correspondence of its pastor, Rev. Robert B. St. Clair, and others. The Northwestern Association urged that two men be sent to Jamaica to investigate the situation and give such help as was needed to establish churches there. Funds to help defray the expenses of the trip were started by the association. The American Sabbath Tract Society and prominent people in missionary work and religious training is incomplete. Their characters are unformed. They have no trade, no way to earn a livelihood. Their education and religious training is incomplete. They are working all day; at most they are able to earn only a few shillings a week (not more than $3 or $4). The only place where they can travel is on the street. When they do that they are usually lost to us and a people, and to Christianity and decency.

Christian Surroundings

You cannot know how the fathers and mothers long for a school where they can send their children to learn a vocation. I wish that you could hear the mothers plead with me to take their girls home with me so that Mrs. Randolph can teach them to do household tasks and so they can be in a Christian home and surroundings. Mrs. Randolph received a letter recently from such a one. It reads:

Great Need for School Explained

BY REV. WARDNER FITZ RANDOLPH

Seventh Day Baptist Missionary in Jamaica

Seventh Day Baptists have interests in most parts of Jamaica. On the island, which is some forty-nine miles wide and one hundred forty-four miles long, there are twenty-six organized church groups. Only in the extreme west have we no organized work. Even here there are several Seventh Day Baptists. None of the churches are more than seventy-five miles from Kingston, but traveling conditions are so bad that it is very difficult to visit some of them.

There is a real need for a car, but those available here are worn out and selling for more than a new car should cost. Gas has been rationed at five gallons per month. Rationing regulations are being relaxed, however, so that one could travel more with a car now.

Everyone Interested

The one thing which interests everyone in Jamaica is the matter of a school: It vitally affects our interests here as a denomination. Try to picture the young people being thrust out into the world at the age of sixteen. Their education and religious training is incomplete. Their characters are unformed. They have no trade, no way to earn a livelihood. Their parents, father and mother, usually are working all day; at most they are able to earn only a few shillings a week (not more than $3 or $4). The only place where they can travel is on the street. When they do that they are usually lost to us and to Christianity and decency.


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One Jamaican Method of Transportation

Among the riders are Missionary Fitz Randolph (standing) and son.
CHURCH HAS OPPORTUNITY TO EDUCATE PEOPLE TO HELP THEMSELVES

By Janette Fitz Randolph
Jamaica missionary’s daughter now attending school in America.

We arrived early one Sunday afternoon. It was, however, far from being early when we got through all the red tape. It was natural that everything should seem strange and very unreal that first day when I found myself set down by plane in a world I had scarcely imagined existed.

In the open taxi taking us from the airport to the church I received my first impression of Kingston. I saw a city that had few sidewalks; and where there were sidewalks, people were walking in the streets from habit. When I noticed the large number of children, I held my breath because the danger of so many children playing in the streets is immediately apparent. I was later to learn that a third of the population which is well over a million is children.

Another prominent feature that could not very easily be missed was exaggerated, I dare say, by my overexcited mind. There seemed to be bars on every corner and likely a few in between—old-fashioned bars with swinging doors like the ones to be seen in western shows. I remembered that in geography I had learned that rum was Jamaica’s chief export, and I was beginning to think that they never rolled on the island that would never be exported.

When we reached the church I encountered the other side of the picture that presents two extremes: the city that has the most wicked people living next door to some of the most religious people I have ever known. When I think of the church members in America who have trouble getting up in time for the normal Sabbath morning, I can only wish that they could see the program for the week’s activities of the Kingston Church. Sunday night there is a missionary meeting especially for the benefit of outsiders who are unable or unwilling to attend church on Sabbath day, Monday afternoon, Ladies’ Aid; Monday night, choir practice; Tuesday afternoon, Girls’ Club; Wednesday night, Christian Endeavor; and Friday night, prayer meeting. Sabbath day is the climax of the week with Sabbath school starting at 9:30, the church services at 11, Bible study at 3 and vespers at 5.

Since I was young myself, it was not surprising that my main interest was in the young people. I had been there only about two weeks when the girls of the Kingston Church came to me and told me that they had elected me president of the Girls’ Club and it was now my duty to organize it. I felt honored and did my best to help them with anything they suggested or with ideas that presented themselves to me.

I soon discovered that along many lines they were going to be teaching me. At this point in all sorts of them are quite good. These girls between eleven and sixteen are eager to learn and learn rapidly—so are the other young people.

Here is our future in Jamaica! We can go on helping them for years, or we can educate them to help themselves. If Seventh Day Baptist work is to continue to grow in Jamaica we must make the Christian religion interesting to these young people and make it a vital part of their lives. The most important and essential thing in Jamaica today is a school to prepare the Seventh Day Baptist young people to live worth-while Christian lives. Are we going to accept fully these possibilities and responsibilities?

Route Box 78,
Texarkana, Ark.

Missions to Jamaica

From left to right: James, Janette (now in America), Rev. Fitz Randolph, Mrs. Fitz Randolph, and Ronnie.

—Bible Witness Press Photo

Wakefield Seventh Day Baptist Church
Jamaica, B. W. I.
TRUSTS

Correspondence should be addressed to Rev. William L. Burdick, Ashaway, R. I.

The natural endowments given by the Creator lay upon us the duty of making the most of every power and faculty. We have nothing to do with the possession of these gifts, but we cannot avoid the responsibility for their proper development and use.

We find ourselves in the midst of churches and other beneficent institutions, and there is a sacred obligation resting upon us to give our time, strength, and thought to these as far as possible. If we fail we have proved unfaithful to the trusts and lost a great privilege.

Denominational Responsibilities

Denominational organizations come in here for consideration. It is wise for churches to unite into denominations, and denominations to be efficient must have what we call boards. To accept a position on a board—mission, publishing, or educational—is a great privilege; but there is more to it than this. It becomes a trust, laying sacred obligations upon those who accept such positions. We should not allow ourselves to become members of boards unless we are willing to give our best to them, and when we have accepted positions the boards should be put ahead of every other consideration in connection therewith.

Personal Obligations

We accept Christ and Christ's way, and enter upon what is called the Christian life. The experiences, divine power, and worthy character attendant upon the Christian life become a sacred trust. We are duty bound to devote, the interests of the boards to it and to propagate it. These two stand or fall together. If we fail to enrich our experiences in fellowship with Christ, we make it impossible to carry Christ to others. If we fail to give to others the religion that has blessed our lives, we lose our power. To cherish position for position's sake is sordid at the best. To accept positions for the sake of service and to perform our duties with loyalty is noble and Christlike. It is required in stewards that a man be found faithful.

W. L. B.

MANAGERS HEAR REPORTS OF MISSION RECONSTRUCTION WORK

Funds Made Available for Opening China Field Soon

The quarterly meeting of the Board of Managers of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society was held January 20, 1946, at the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist church. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Herbert G. Van Horn.


Guests present were: Mrs. John Austin, Mrs. David Clarke, and George B. Utter, who stated that they are members of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society of New England.

Treasurer Karl G. Stillman presented the reports of the treasurer. The quarterly report of the corresponding secretary was presented by Rev. William L. Burdick.

His report follows:

As corresponding secretary I would report that during the past quarter I have done very little field work. But David Clarke, who has become assistant secretary and field worker in November has been upon the field work, and plans are perfected by which he will spend much time on the field with our churches.

Owing to the fact the board has started the reconstruction and rehabilitation of mission work in foreign countries, the correspondence and committee work have required an unusual amount of time during the quarter. "Material for the Mission Reader" has been furnished every week; the "Wings of Prayer" series was reviewed, and churches seeking aid have been aided by giving them, upon their request, information as to possibilities.

W. L. B.

REV. WILLIAM L. BURDICK, D.D., ASHAWAY, R. I.

Chinese Children Know Life Only Amid Battle Conditions

Need Shown for Counteracting War's Effects

Children eight years of age and under in China have never known life except amid war talk and war conditions. Children now in primary school and junior middle school have never been schooled in the war period. What has all this meant to these youngsters during these highly impressionable ages? War is no respecter of countries, and the report from China echoes a familiar note in reports from Europe.

In the war-torn society of Free China, children were subject to major pressures that were insecurity, with danger of invasion, the air raids, and the evacuation of families. There were terrific emotional disturbances, caused by actual experiences in raids and persons in the subjugated cities, but perhaps more potent influences of war were the terror tales and gory war propaganda pictures. Children suffered worries on the part of parents, with all the accompanying factors of black markets, mounting inflation, difficulty in clothing and feeding the family, a feeling of uncertainty and fear that was reflected in the children. There was malnutrition to make children less able to take such catastrophes in stride. There was a deterioration in primary school education, with teachers poorly trained and poorly paid, textbooks on low-grade paper, and great expense for self-adaptation. Conditions of overcrowded living conditions, because of the influx of refugees, with families often living in one room, parting of clothes and personal items. Evacuation of civilian families caused a readjustment to a completely new part of China, including a lack of school and a lack of facilities. All of these add to the children of China, the need to learn to speak Mandarin in the West. And there were uncertainties for soldiers' families. Throughout all China, children developed a national spirit and world-mindedness.

In Occupied China too, there was insecurity and moral breakdown, as in Europe's occupied countries, where children and young to do work for the society during the summer months.

George B. Utter, Recording Secretary.
people sought to evade the alien rule by lying or stealing.

Such is the picture—and it might well discourage any man! The Church in China has a tremendous task of rehabilitation. Other agencies are interested in new houses and new cities, but the Church is interested in new persons; its distinctive task is the rehabilitation of the emotional and spiritual life of children and families.—World Christian Education.

FIRST THINGS FIRST

More Loyal Laiy

We have been passing through a period when we have shown our loyalty to the United States. Some have given of time and talents. Some have given of time for money, and many have given their lives. Some have given gladly, some grudgingly. The United States was in need.

The Seventh Day Baptist denomination is in need. The ministry is giving to satisfy that need. The laity is giving. It has been my pleasure to be with ministers much of my time since our recent Commission meeting, and being with them I get to know something of their difficulties and trials, their ambitions and hopes. One with whom I visited told me of plans, aggressive plans, in which he had great hope—that Seventh Day Baptists would come alive, alive with vigor which would produce growth and fruit.

Who among the laity are Seventh Day Baptists as he is? He did not tell me, but here are the facts as given me from someone who knows. He receives $1,200 per year from his church. He is a man of ability and gives effort to work in the community as well as the church. He was offered $2,300 per year to give his time entirely to Christian work outside the church. He was a Seventh Day Baptist, he is a Seventh Day Baptist. He is willing to give more than $1,000 per year to continue what he thinks is his part for the Seventh Day Baptist cause.

Where is the loyal laity willing to match his loyalty? Why do we expect the ministry to do all the sacrificing?

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STUDY to show thyself approved unto God.

APPROVED CHRISTIANS

By Rev. Herbert L. Cottrell

"Study to show thyself approved unto God."—2 Timothy 2: 15.

We are living in an age when the world is calling for approved Christians. No matter how much a young man may desire to serve his country in the Army or Navy or Air Corps, he is obliged to come up to a certain standard of physical and mental fitness. The young person who wishes to become a registered physician, surgeon, or dentist—or wishes to be enrolled in any of the other professions—must pass an entrance examination to prove of his ability. There is no question that the world needs men and women who are fitted better to do its work.

But God is calling for approved Christians. It is very essential for America to have many such citizens in order to realize her highest possible moral and spiritual progress. Are you, my friend, willing to answer this divine challenge in these familiar words, "Study to show thyself approved unto God?"

God's approval means complete surrender to him, placing him first in our thoughts, time, plans, service, lives. Jesus says: "Whoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me (whosoever he be of you who forsaketh not all that he hath), cannot be my disciple."

So many of us want to be Christians but are unwilling to pay the full price. Herein lies the weakness and the cause of failure in the Christian Church; too many nominal and not real Christians, who like to enjoy the standing which membership in the Church can give, but are unwilling to bear its crosses and responsibilities. The young man of old, who had kept all the commandments from his youth up, was desirous of inheriting eternal life; but when Jesus said, "One thing thou lackest"—he went his way, gave whatever thou hast, and gave to the poor, and thus passed the opportunity of knowing that he was a Christian. (Concluded on page 107)
ALBION HOME BENEFIT SOCIETY
SUGGESTS FIVE GOALS FOR SPECIAL EMPHASIS

THUMBNAI 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 who happen to read the Sabbath Recorder, we will print each week in this column a few facts about Seventh Day Baptists.

BELIEFS
Concerning God
God is unseen as to his person, yet his existence is so evident that man needs no proof of that fact. The Bible never argues for the existence of God, but assumes that God does exist. The first book of the Bible declares that God created the heavens and the earth, that he created man, the home, and the Sabbath. Jesus, the Son of God, came to reveal God in clearer light. Jesus took upon himself the likeness of man, but he was more than man. The Scriptures present the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ as the culmination of the plan of God for the redemption of man. The Holy Spirit carries on to completion Christ's work on earth. He applies what Christ did and taught, and makes the principles for which Christ lived and died, living and victorious. Christ made salvation accessible; the Holy Spirit makes it actual.

For further information about Seventh Day Baptists, write American Sabbath Tract Society, 310 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, N. J.

OLD-TIMERS SEZ...

"I notice pine trees always grow straight up towards heaven, even if they're growin' on a steep hill, no matter where we are, we oughta do that, too."

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON
FOR FEBRUARY 16, 1946
True to a Great Heritage
Basic Scripture—Deuteronomy 32, Joshua 24
Memory Selection—Psalm 111: 4

ADVANTAGES AND DUTIES OF CHURCH LIFE EXPLAINED

By Mrs. Jane Hodge Bottoms
Mrs. Bottoms moved from the Berea, W. Va., Church to Boulder, Colo., where she is now a member. Her husband is Thomas Bottoms, son of Rev. A. T. Bottoms.

There have been few times when I haven't attended the regular services of the church, except when illness prevented my going. It has always been our custom to go to Sabbath school, church, prayer meeting, and Church Music. I have always been very active in the Church, though, when a child, I went to sleep before the meeting was over. This background in mind, there is no question regarding the fact that I believe church life to be worth while.

Reasons for This Belief
Listing some reasons for this belief, I would first mention the spiritual blessing received from active participation in church work. As Christians we want to grow; we cannot stand still in our religious living. Regular attendance of Sunday School services tends to draw us nearer to God. It keeps us in touch with the things of interest to Christian people, it helps to keep us in contact with our various churches and the work of our denomination (a very important need today).

True we can be Christian without participating in church activities, but it must be very difficult, and we know there is danger of indifference creeping in. Also, what part of the world today needs that message of love, faith, and encouragement? How much the world today needs that message of love, faith, and encouragement!

Blessings of Fellowship with Christians
I have already touched upon the second reason I want to mention—that of fellowship with other Christian people. I think
sometimes we underestimate the value of church socials, picnics, etc. They afford the best opportunity for becoming acquainted with the people with whom we worship. Their heartaches, sorrows, joys, and problems become ours, and our ties of friendship are strengthened.

The various organizations of the Church such as Christian Endeavor, Ladies' Aid Society, and Men's Brotherhood, afford opportunities of leadership for individuals, and these groups have a chance to be of service in many ways.

Winning Others

The second part of the topic, “Why It Is My Duty to Intersect Other Young People in My Church,” really affords a testimony to the first part of the subject. We have the Sabbath, and it is a duty and a privilege to tell others of that truth. If we know of something worth while, we want to share it with our friends. We must have a strong conviction of our beliefs, or we will not be able to reach out to others. We must make our church program one that will hold interest for our people. I feel that a person who is truly a Christian will not be too dependent upon others for his spiritual growth. He will be active in church work and help to make the program more spiritual and thus more interesting for all. We should not think of it as being a duty but rather a privilege to share our Christian experience with others.

CERTIFICATE OF PROGRESS PLAN CITED

Appreciation is here expressed to Rev. Marion C. Van Horn at Lost Creek, W. Va., for the fine presentation of the Certificate of Progress plan which appeared in his January Pastor’s Visitor. I hope other churches are working hard to get laymen interested in this planned program of development of better leaders for the Church.

CAME TO BE,” is the subject of a Lost Creek class which is meeting on Thursday nights for five weeks. The course deals with the problems of how and why the various types of writings came into being; how they came out of the experience of the life of the Church. Here it is the Book of Life reflecting God’s revelation of himself to men, and man’s growing knowledge of him.

Jesus said:

Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man’s life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.—Luke 12: 15.

For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?—Mark 8: 36, 37.

For where your treasure is, there will be your heart also.—Matthew 6: 20, 21.

A precious promise:

And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.—1 Peter 5: 4.

Let this be our prayer:

Deal with thy servant according unto thy mercy, and teach me thy statutes.

Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.—Psalm 119: 124, 133.

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BATTLE CREEK
Sabbath School to Help College Student
Preparing for the Ministry

The Activities Committee of the Battle Creek, Mich., Church examines all proposed projects. It has discussed the possibility of the church having as a special project the giving of financial aid to a worthy student in the plan of entering the ministry, or a missionary field. The church will vote on the matter soon.

The Good Will Sabbath school class has already voted to pay a semester’s tuition for a young man who will be in Salem College the second semester of this year. This is being tried as an experiment, and if all goes well continued support will be given to such students.

This special outside help by the Battle Creek Sabbath school is to be commended. Giving blessings, and the giver is most blessed.

LIGHT
ON OUR WAY
By Perle Halladay

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Lay up for yourselves treasure in heaven... For where your treasure is, there will be your heart also.—Matthew 6: 20, 21.

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THE WORD in New Words

February 11 Another Milestone in Eventful History

By Frances Dunlap Heron

(Second in a series of articles on the Revised Standard Version of the New Testament.)

It was a memorable Sabbath A. D. 70 when a dusty stranger appeared in the courtyard of a home in Asia Minor bearing a precious scroll containing words from the Apostle Paul. Eagerly the little band of Christians who had gathered in the courtyard—their first church—listened to Paul’s revelation of the meaning of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

It was a dangerously exciting day in 1530 when brothers of a devout English family slipped a copy of William Tyndale’s newly printed Bible into a secret niche in their home. They were willing to risk the severity of the law in order to have God’s Word within their own walls as a guide and comfort.

It was a momentous day for Christendom in 1611 when, persecution at an end, a group of scholars appointed by King James announced the completion of the King James Version of the Scriptures, “to be read in churches.” In the more than three hundred years since, this masterpiece of Elizabethan literature has become the best known translation and is widely used in both public and private worship.

It is an eventful day in 1946—February 11—for those once more a new version of the Bible. The New Testament era has given scholars a wealth of new manuscripts which have shed new light on the original Greek text of the New Testament. More important still, the unearthing of thousands of scraps of papyri in Egypt written in the idiomatic language of the New Testament era has given scholars a new key to unlock previously misunderstood passages of the gospels.

Now they are able to determine more clearly what the writing of Paul and the other New Testament writers were trying to say to the common man of that day. With the best aids any Bible translators ever had, consequently, the members of the International Council’s revision committee have used the simple English of today to tell the story that was written in the simple language of nearly nineteen hundred years ago. In so doing they retain—even capture something more of—the original Semitic spirit.

Through these centuries of translations and revisions, the message and teachings of the New Testament have not changed. The word, however, has been translated for its own needs and responsibilities, there must be changes in the outward dress of sentence structure and word usage, changes in the light of growing Chris-

In four years a similar revision of the Old Testament will be completed.

To understand the recurring need for new translations of the Bible, the layman must understand the background out of which it was written, and the spirit and Semitic. The phraseology and sentence structure of the New Testament has a strong flavor of Aramaic, the language Jesus spoke. “Amen,” “Moshiach,” and “Rabbi,” for example, are Hebrew words.

In its expression of thought and idea, the New Testament is Greek. It was written in Greek in the first two centuries of the Roman Empire. Greek booksellers circulated it. Its writers were trying to reach the common man of the early Christian era with the simple direct gospel of Jesus. They wrote, therefore, not in the language of Greek drama and oration, but in the informal speech of the home and the marketplace.

Old Manuscripts

During the last half century, exciting discoveries of old manuscripts have shed new light on the original Greek text of the New Testament. More important still, the unearthing of thousands of scraps of papyri in Egypt written in the idiomatic language of the New Testament era has given scholars a new key to unlock previously misunderstood passages of the gospels.

Now they are able to determine more clearly what the writing of Paul and the other New Testament writers were trying to say to the common man of that day. With the best aids any Bible translators ever had, consequently, the members of the International Council’s revision committee have used the simple English of today to tell the story that was written in the simple language of nearly nineteen hundred years ago. In so doing they retain—even capture something more of—the original Semitic spirit.

Through these centuries of translations and revisions, the message and teachings of the New Testament have not changed. The word, however, has been translated for its own needs and responsibilities, there must be changes in the outward dress of sentence structure and word usage, changes in the light of growing Chris-
Mr. Suzen, Andover, Mass.

Our Letter Exchange

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I just got through looking at the Sabbath Recorder, so thought I would write you a letter.

I am in the fifth grade and am ten years old. I am staying with my grandma today. I enjoy the Children's Page in the Sabbath Recorder. I like school very much, too. We won't be having any more vacation until summer, now, and I sure am glad. I went to church and Sabbath school this morning.

Yours truly,

Delores Cox.

North Loup, Neb.

Dear Delores:

I have learned recently that one of the girls in the house next door is named Delores. That is what her younger brother called her when he was little. I think it's too bad to spoil a pretty name like that, don't you? I hope you always keep the name.

Our little granddaughters, Joyce and Gretchen, came a week ago Friday to spend the weekend with us. In the middle of Friday night I happened to be awake when I noticed my youngest daughter, who is so much like Joyce, coming on and then suddenly going out. I got into bed. I asked her what was the matter, happening and found Gretchen just crawling around town.

"Is this what her younger brother called her when she was little? I think it's too bad to spoil a pretty name like that, don't you? I hope you always keep the name.

Your Christian friend,

Mizpah S. Greene.

North Loup, Neb.

Dear Jean:

No doubt you are wondering why I did not answer your good letter last week as I promised. Well, I'll have to confess that I mislaid your letter and haven't been able to find it; so I had to wait until it appeared in Reen that morning.

Reading about your many nice Christmas presents makes me think of Joyce's experiences. One of the most interesting stories I remember was the Christmas tree. It was her task to read off the names on the presents while Gretchen passed them out. She got so excited over her own presents and paused so often in examining her presents, kept saying, "Hurry up, Joyce, I'm getting ahead. Just look at our piles."

Quite often Andover school children go around town singing carols on Christmas eve, stopping at every house where there is a Christmas candle in the window. This year only two little girls did this and when they sang under our window I didn't know they were there at first, for the same carols were being sung over the radio, and I thought some other station was interfering.

Your Christian friend,

Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Esther:

I'm sure you did not send me that cold of yours in the mail (Ha! Ha!) but I picked up one somewhere Friday night. I hope you are all over your cold by this time, and expect to be well in the near future.

I am glad to hear about the honor your brother has received, and also, though you must miss him very much, we thank God that he is safe and that he is safe and protected from that danger. Our Andover dentist who was a captain in the Dental Corps and has now returned, is now home now and we hope will soon be discharged. Every one is rejoicing, for we needed him badly. He has been our son's favorite chum ever since high school days.

I always enjoy a church children's program, especially such a helpful and inspiring one as I know yours must be. I echo your wish that I could have been with you on January 12. I think it is a fine plan to have a children's program every quarter, and it would be splendid if all our other churches followed that plan. It is indeed good practice for these boys and girls who before many years will, we hope, be earnest leaders in our churches. Yours in Christian service,

Mizpah S. Greene.

Today's World Needs God's MESSAGE

By Rev. T. J. Van Horn

(Doneclined)

Darkest Before the Dawn

We have just turned the page of the darkest hour in human history, and for this very reason we are looking forward to the light of the resurrection. The best in human ingenuity and skill have been expended with dismal failure. But "man's extremity is God's opportunity." God always reveals himself then. Note other "darkest hours."

God revealed himself to the receptive mind of Moses when, in the wilderness, while the Children of Israel wandered aside to see the burning bush that was not consumed. He was sent to deliver Israel from the darkest hour of its history and the Egyptian bondage. A darkest hour was just before Luther nailed his thesis to the door of the old Wittenburg church. Then the revolt was called the Reformation broke out. It was the darkest hour when Washington was kneeling in the snow at Valley Forge, praying for his country's safety. It was so just as Abraham Lincoln issued his Emancipation Proclamation and freedom came to a million slaves in America.

Note that in all these crises God's face shone out in the characters of men that he used as instruments to destroy these darkest hours. Consider that while God was using distinguished men of great ability to make himself known, these "ten talent men" can be effective only as long as they are always ready to respond to the challenge. That great revival of building in Zerubbabel's time followed, when all the people came together for the work of service. Haggai's exhortation reminds us of Malbice B. Babcock's brave challenge:

"Be strong. We are not here to pray. To dream, to drift. We have hard work to do and loads to lift. Shun not the struggle, face it, 'tis God's gift, be strong!

Our Distinctive Part in This Revival

Seventh Day Baptists, in common with Christians of every other order, the privilege of a part in bringing thoughtless and wicked people to think about God. But in addition, we have the high privilege of bringing back to the minds of the world of the one source of all the blessings of heaven and earth. We are to be the means of God's sanctifying presence: "Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, and for the purpose of holy convocations for the giving of my ordinances for a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the Lord who sanctify them." "Hallow my sabbaths . . . that ye may know that I am the Lord your God." When Jesus came to tell the world about God, very early in his ministry he began to teach the real purpose of the Sabbath and to free the minds of the people from the misconceptions that had confused them.

He made it clear that it was to be a blessing, according to God's own design, and not the beginning. From that time on we know that "the sabbath was made for man," for through it man was to become better acquainted with God.

Each individual has, in God's plan, a special work to do, so every denomination in Christianity, if its place in the world, has its particular message.

We are to place especial emphasis on the Sabbath, the seventh day, blessed and sanc-
tified by an omnipotent God who loves us. He has set aside this time for special com-
mination with him, because he wants us to become better acquainted with him. Yet
the world has tragically forgotten and neg-
lected this opportunity for meeting with God
at his own appointed time. We have no right
to alter this rendezvous.

God has honored us by assigning to us
this difficult matter of a change from wrong
to right. This is our sector of the battle line.

An officer in the Duke of Wellington's
army was ordered by him to go against a
strong position held by the enemy. It was a
dangerous mission but the officer saluted and
said, "I go, sir. But first give me a touch of
your all-powerful hand."

Have you felt the touch of our great
Commander's powerful hand? Let there be
a brave response. "Go. Be strong.
I am with you!"

Orlando, Fla.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Dear Editor Hurley:

The editor's desk, from the past, "Christmas," by A. H. Lewis (1900), was most inspiring.
That was the year I heard Genesis 2: 1
"Go..."served a turkey
in the evening of December 22.
It was sent to me a few years ago by my
sister, Susie Canfield Hall, who wrote me,
"Dollie sent me the copy, and I have memo-
ried it." "Dollie" was her close friend from
girlhood, Mrs. A. S. Maxson of Milton.
Both are now "where the angels are at rest.
I am fond of these lines, and they seem
appropriate to the words of Mr. Shaw.

Mrs. Walter D. Kenyon.

OBLATIONS

By May Byron

They brought thee gold—thine by whose tiny hand
The whole of God's faith was spanned.
And I have had a vision—and I saw
The gold neglected lie among the straw.

They brought thee frankincense, to whom ascend
All sweetness of flowers, world without end.
And I have had a vision—and I say
The frankincense fell down amid the hay.

They brought thee myrrh! that who were there
to know
All human bitterness and mortal woe.
But I have had a vision—and I saw
Thou didst stoop over and gather up the myrrh.

DENOMINATIONAL "HOO-UP"

Western, R. I.

Christmas packages for those of our num-
ber still in the service of our country were
sent out for those outside the country in
October and for those in the homeland at a
later date. Miss Bertha Shaw, Youth Super-
intendent at the W. B. C., and Miss Florence
Whipple received contributions and looked
after the selection and ordering of the packages.
Letters from those receiving the gifts indicate much appreciation of them.

The thank-offering meeting of the S.D.B.
Society under the direction of Mrs. Elston
H. Van Horn and Mrs. Dwight F. Wilson,
was held in the church parlors November 8.
Supper was served, after which Miss Flor-
ence Warner, a former missionary to China,
told of her work there. A generous amount
was received from the offering, to be given
for missionary work.

The Woman's Aid Society holds all-day
meetings once in two weeks, sewing for
the Westerner Hospital and the Red Cross.
Up to the first of December work was done also
in preparation for the annual Christmas sale
and tea. This event occurred on Tuesday,
December 4, with food, apron, utility, and
white elephant tables bringing in good
amounts. The tea afforded a good social time
and also added its share to the profits of the
day.

The services of our church on December
22 were very well attended. The Christmas
music, rendered under the direction of Mrs.
J. Gwynn MacIntyre, organist and director
of music, was of a high order. A Christmas
veper service of carols was held at 4 o'clock
in the afternoon. The choir sang carols of
different nations and the groups of carols
were interspersed by the reading of selections
of Scripture by the pastor. The service
ended with an impressive candle light service.

The Christian Endeavorers were given a
party at the parsonage by Pastor and Mrs.
Crandall in the evening of December 22.

The Christmas supper for the church and
Sabbath school was served on Sunday even-
ings, December 23, by a committee headed
by Mrs. Merton Chapman. This was fol-
lowed by the entertainment by the children
of the junior department, under the direction
of Mr. Hart, superintendent. The program
was well received, and all had a good time.

The "Men of Rockville" served a turkey
banquet on Mother's Day, and the proceeds
made possible the shingling of the parish
house.

A piano was given to the church which
enabled us to install the parsonage's first
radio. The "Men of Rockville" also served
the stoves in the church.

God has certainly been good to us; may we
not forget him.

(Checked 2000)
DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET

Statement of Treasurer, December 31, 1945

Receipts

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Shiloh                  | $93.00                      |
| Stone Fort             | 10.00                       |
| Walworth               | 114.00                      |
| White Cloud            | 167.71                      |

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Comparative Figures 1945-1944

Budget receipts:
- For December: $2,072.86
- For 6 months: $1,485.43

Special receipts:
- For December: $1,612.25
- For 6 months: $2,205.87

THE SABBATH RECORDER

First Alfred, N. Y., gifts:
- China Mission: $200.00
- Southwestern Association work: $10.00
- New Triumph, Wisc., Ladies Aid Society: $5.00
- Rockingham, N. Y.: $10.00
- Wilton, N. Y.: $25.00
- Gentry, Ark., Sabbath school: $10.00
- Shiloh, Rockford, Ill., held: $20.00
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AN ACT OF REAL PLEASURE

To many people, perhaps to most of us, the giving of money to support the items in the United Budget has never become an act of real pleasure. All too often it has been accomplished as an act of duty or habit. But what would there not come a thrill of joy as one makes a gift that will carry the influence of Christian teaching beyond his circle or your community? May one not really feel a thrill as he visualizes his gift as an agent that is carrying the Word to the mission fields? He thinks that men are being trained for the ministry as he sees the effort being made for better teaching in the Bible schools. He observes evangelistic work being carried on, he feels that he is having a part in the whole program of Christian effort as set up by the General Conference. Yes, it is a thrilling thought to feel that, through his gifts, he is projecting himself into each and all of these efforts.

The very essence of Christian teaching and philosophy is summed up in the word giving . . . in the word love . . . and we love so much that our love embraces all the themes mentioned above . . . it expands our vision . . . it extends our fellowship beyond our race and creed . . . we give expression to this love in our giving of time, talents, means, ourselves.

Thus it is not simply the duty of giving that is being stressed in these messages; it is the joy of giving that is being offered—giving, not until it hurts (that is, the word we want), but until it makes our hearts overflow with the glow and warmth of generosity.

The tabernacle does not reflect any great warmth or glow as yet, but encouragement may be had from the fact that there has been and still is evidence of steady improvement during the past five years.

—Committee on Budget Promotion.
**AMERICAN SABBATH TRACT SOCIETY**

For the year ending December 31, 1945

(Condensed Report)

J. Leland Shagans, Chairman

In account with the Bank of America, Los Angeles, Calif.

To balance on hand, September 30, 1945: $6,475.03

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**By balance on hand, December 31, 1945:**

- General Fund..................................... $5,218.56
- Maintenance Fund................................ $1,369.86
- Permanent Fund................................... $5,426.36
- Total.............................................. $12,014.78

**Reserve for Social Service:**

- A. D. Tompkins, account taxes.................. $53.25
- **Total Reserve for Social Service**........ $53,377.64

**Denominational Building Fund:**

- Deductions...................................... 437.50
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**STUDY TO SHOW THYSELF APPROVED**

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- The Sabbath Visitor

Mr. Clark leaves three children: Elinor B., Mrs. F. B. Costlow; and Clara B., Mrs. C. F. V. V. S.

- Mrs. Emma Whitford, to her rest, we wish to express our sympathy to her family in their loss.

**Marriages**

Haywood - Baker. — Charles Avery Hayward of Sanger, Calif., and Alice Myrtle Baker of Corona, were married in church January 5, 1945, in the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church by Pastor G. D. Hargis. The home address is 110 S. E. 17th St., Corona.

- Interment was conducted by Rev. L. B. McRae, at the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church.

- Elders and deacons are members of the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Shiloh. After he had established his home in Plainfield, he transferred his membership to the Plainfield church.

- Mr. Henry J. Reynolds was married to Miss E. H. Green, daughter of Louise B. and Thomas R. Green, was born at Hebron, Ind., November 26, 1862, and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. F. B. Costlow, at Port Huron, Mich., September 30, 1945.

**Obituary**

- Mr. Fred Baldwin, to his family, and to the church.

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WHAT SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS ARE DOING IN JAMAICA

PRESIDENT OF JAMAICAN WOMEN'S BOARD WRITES CONCERNING SCHOOL

Dear Fellow Workers:

Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. As you must have all heard by this time, at our last advisory board meeting a recommendation was made by Rev. W. T. Fitz Randolph that all churches be asked to prepare a special long and collect the cards.

It was decided that the Women's Board be responsible for the sponsoring of the program. As president of the board, I am asking that all the larger churches have a rally. The smaller churches and groups can see that all members and well-wishers get together to have some form of entertainment and collect the cards.

WHERE THERE IS AN ORGANIZED WOMEN'S GROUP, I AM ESPECIALLY REQUESTING THAT THEY THROW IN THEIR INTEREST. IF THE GROUP BE STRONG ENOUGH TO DO SO, TAKE CHARGE. BUT PLEASE DO NOT FAIL TO SEE THAT EVERY MEMBER, MAN AND WOMAN, BE A WORKER ALONG WITH AS MANY FRIENDS AS YOU CAN INTEREST. WE HAVE STARTED IN KINGSTON THIS WEEK AND TRUST BY GOD'S HELP TO MAKE IT A SUCCESS. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT CONFERENCE WILL BE early FEBRUARY. PLEASE DO NOT FORGET THE FINANCIAL PART OF OUR PROGRAM. CONDITIONS ARE IMPROVING ON THE ISLAND.

W. F. FITZ RANDOLPH

MISSIONARY REPORTS PROGRESS TO CHURCHES OF JAMAICA

Christian greetings:

Your missionary has completed the first six months of his work among you. While there has been no spectacular developments, I feel that progress has been made in several directions.

There has been a slight growth in membership in several of the churches in this time, Bath, Thorntoon, Kingston, Cottage, Bowensville, Waterford, Wakefield, and others show some increase.

Baptism has been postponed in other churches because of the rainy weather. We are praying, and because God answers prayers, we are expecting an acceleration in the growth of the churches during the coming months and years. What is required is personal work and prayer on the part of every church member. Please remember that the commission to "go" was not spoken to the minister and leaders alone, but to every one who has received the gift of eternal life. He says, "Freely ye have received, freely give." Also let us remember that our prayers and preaching will avail nothing if our lives do not stand approved before men. Let us, with God's help, live lives of absolute purity, lives above reproach. Then not only our doctrines but our lives will be able to stand the Bible test and the scrutiny of the world. With personally pure lives and a sense of personal responsibility for the salvation of our neighbors, we can hope to see rapid growth of God's kingdom.

Your missionary has prevailed upon the American Board to send to the island certain funds for building repair which some of the churches have applied for as a loan. Work on the buildings will start as soon as the necessary arrangements can be worked out.

Please do not forget the financial part of our program. Conditions are improving on the island.

W. P. FITZ RANDOLPH

President

Abraham Lincoln

PRAYER

Lincoln learned to pray where most men learn to pray, at his mother's knees. Long after her death, speaking of his mother, he said: "I remember her prayers and they have followed me; they have clung to me all my life."

He confessed that in all the great emergencies in the White House he had prayed. "I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nobody else to go to. My own wisdom and all that about me seemed insufficient for that day."

THE BIBLE

"In regard to the Great Book," Lincoln said, "I have only to say that it is the best gift that God has given to man. Its teachings are all for liberty."