"FARM LIFE FOR CITY BOYS"

A group of businessmen in Chicago have purchased a tract of 60,000 square feet of city land in order to give some underprivileged boys from the tenements a chance to "learn the secret of growing things and the care of animals" which comes to all country boys, and especially those who are members of the 4-H farm clubs. Most of the businessmen are themselves "products of the soil," and recognize the great disadvantages under which boys on the streets of Chicago and of other large cities live—and some of the reasons why they get into difficulties with the police. Says a leader of the movement: "We need camps and farms where large numbers of city youngsters will be welcomed and taught by competent instruction, and where they may experience the life which is their rightful heritage." The leaders hope this idea may spread to other cities; and that it may become a function of school authorities, park authorities, and police authorities to foster "farm life for city boys." — W. W. R.

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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING
Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society

In this issue the Sabbath Recorder is featuring the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society whose library and offices are located on the third floor of the Seventh Day Baptist Building at 510 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, N. J. The Historical Society was incorporated in the State of New Jersey in 1916. Its one-third century of service since incorporation is indicative of its place in the Seventh Day Baptist organization and the limitless possibilities of its ministry in the future.

The Historical Society was offered space in this regular issue of the Sabbath Recorder on the same basis that Milton and Salem Colleges, the School of Theology, and Alfred University were offered space which basis was six pages including front and back pages. The printing expense of the eight additional pages of this issue is being met by a friend of the Historical Society.

We heartily commend this special historical material to the readers of the Sabbath Recorder.

Extra copies of this issue may be procured from the Sabbath Recorder, 510 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, N. J., at 10 cents per copy.

About the Sabbath Recorder

Several regular subscribers to the Sabbath Recorder are sending new subscriptions along with their own renewals. If fifty per cent of the regular subscribers would each send a new subscription along with their own renewals, the paid circulation of the Sabbath Recorder would reach more than 2,500 copies within a year's time. This would be a real accomplishment. It is possible! We can do it! Then, let us do it!

MEETING OF WESTERN ASSOCIATION

The Western Association will convene with the Prineips of Seventh Day Baptist Church, Nile, N. Y., June 19 and 20, 1948.

Mrs. F. J. Pierce, Corresponding Secretary.

Alfred Station, N. Y., May 31, 1948.

THE RESOLUTION OF SECRECY

By Corliss F. Randolph

The "Resolution of Secrecy" was adopted by the Continental Congress, November 9, 1775, and is only less important than the Declaration of Independence. This bears the signature of Samuel Ward, the Seventh Day Baptist delegate from Rhode Island. His signature is the fifth from the bottom of the right hand column of signatures.

The "Resolution of Secrecy" is very seldom mentioned in public print. Consequently it is but little known. My first knowledge of it came through Mrs. Maude Howe Elliott, a great-granddaughter of Samuel Ward, Seventh Day Baptist delegate from Rhode Island to the Continental Congress, and one time governor of Rhode Island.

Mrs. Elliott said that, on the occasion of a visit to the Congressional Library, in Washington, D. C., and shown the original copies of the Declaration of Independence, she remarked that, but for his death a few weeks previous to its signing, it would bear the signature of her great-grandfather, for her guide said that his name does appear on the only less important "Resolution of Secrecy," and proudly showed it to her.

Very soon after Mrs. Elliott told me of it, a photostatic copy was obtained for the museum of the Historical Society. The Resolution of Secrecy reads as follows:

In Congress Nov. 9th, 1775

Resolved that every member of this Congress considers himself under the ties of virtue, honor, and Country not to divulge directly or indirectly any matter or thing agitated or debated in Congress before the same shall have been determined, without leave of the Congress; nor any matter or thing determined in Congress which a majority of the Congress shall order to be kept secret, and that if any member shall violate this agreement he shall be expelled this Congress.

LEWIS MEMORIAL TABLET

Quite recently, the Historical Society has received for safe keeping, the memorial tablet originally set up in the old Church at Wits, by the children of Abram Herbert Lewis and his wife, Augusta Johnson Lewis, as a memorial to their father and mother, in their early Church home. This tablet is handsomely engraved of black, red, and blue on a solid block of California redwood, some five feet high, nearly two feet wide, and two and one half inches thick, with its face untinted but highly polished, altogether a splendid example of the work of a skillful artist.

More recently, the old Church was abandoned, the tablet was removed and finally sent to the Historical Society, accompanied by a letter from Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph, in which was enclosed a copy of the programme of the dedication service when the tablet was originally set up in the Berlin Church, on October 11, 1936.

The officers of the Historical Society are highly appreciative of the trust thus imposed upon them by those responsible for giving the tablet to the society, giving them a tablet commemorating both the man who, for a full half century, was the outstanding Seventh Day Baptist Apostle to carry the message of Sabbath Truth throughout the English-speaking world—both to him and to his loyal wife, through all the long years of that never-ceasing and toilsome struggle to reach his coveted goal, never waivered in giving him the wifely comfort, sympathy, and cheer which upheld his hands and enabled him to carry on.

That the Historical Society will give this tablet the recognition it so richly deserves, goes without saying.
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"If I had the least idea of any difficulty resulting from the Constitution adopted by the Convention of which I had the honor to be President, when it was formed, so as to endanger the rights of any religious denomination, then I never should have attached my name to that instrument. If I had any idea that the General Government was so administered that the liberty of conscience was endangered, I pray you be assured that no man would be more willing than myself to revise and alter that part of it, so as to avoid all religious persecution. You can, without any doubt, remember that I have often expressed as my opinion, that every man who conducts himself as a good citizen is accountable alone to God for his religious Faith and should be protected in worshipping God according to the dictates of his conscience."

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Pastor of the Society at Snow Hill, Franklin Co., Pa.

Harrisburg, January 16, 1846.

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Some other material from his library has reached us since his death. Our library already had a file of "The Peculiar People," in the English language, and one of "Eduth l'Israel," wholly in Hebrew. The purchase of both was to Christianize the Jews, and both were edited—in part, at least—by Mr. Powell who, with a possible single exception, was doubtless the most accomplished Hebrew scholar we have produced. He was equally accomplished in Latin and Greek. On occasion, he is said to have addressed an audience in modern Greek.

**Autobiography of Rev. E. A. Witter**


Johnson's Dictionary, based on Bailey

3. A copy of the first edition of "Johnson's Dictionary," based on the English language, founded on the dictionary of Nathanael Bailey, a Seventh Day Baptist educator, author, and classical scholar, in London, in the eighteenth century. Bailey's dictionary of the English language, uniform in style and size with those on our main floor. This, too, is filled to capacity. Quite recently, borrowed bookshelves have been installed in our workroom for the accommodation of pamphlets and pamphlets as are in frequent use. These pamphlets are kept in suitable filing cases.

Contracts for some necessary alteration of the attic floor, and for additional much needed equipment, are awaiting suitable materials and skilled labor for fulfillment.

**Devolvional Services**

Plans are under way for placing a suitable pulpit at the rear of the middle room on the second floor of the building, adjoining the board room, for devotional services on occasion. It is hoped that an accepted pulpit, as well as the necessary equipment, will be placed in one of our abandoned Churches may be found to fill this need. For instrumental music, the old-time melody which was used by Jairus M. Stillman, a Seventh Day Baptist minister and musical writer of the latter part of the nineteenth century and the early part of the twentieth, who served a term each as head of the music departments of Alfred University and of Milton College, respectively, is in course of reconditioning for that purpose. This is the gift of his grandniece, Miss Hazel Gamble, who is making a substantial contribution toward its rehabilitation. A suitable piano would make an appropriate addition to the equipment of this room, too. Possibly some generous friend will contribute one.

**Indexing Marriages and Deaths**

Indexing the biographical material in the Sabbath Recorder — marriages and deaths, especially — goes steadily on. In this work, as in many former years, we continue to have the generous and gratuitous assistance of Miss Helen A. Titsworth, of the cataloguing department of the Library of the University of Kansas. The assistant librarian, Miss Evalois St. John, gives much of her time to this work, and now we have an accumulation of some 42,000 index cards for which we have no cases. The cards are stored temporarily in discarded envelope boxes and other similar containers, placed about in the library wherever a convenient place may be found to put them. The proper care of these cards is an imperative need, and a special appropriation in the next Denominational Budget has been asked of the Commission for the purchase of suitable card cases.

**Needed Repairs**

Certain repairs are much needed. In some parts of each of our main floor rooms, walls and ceilings are badly damaged, by water leaking through the roof some years ago, and should have attention as to both plaster and paint. Such work, appears to us, should be taken care of by the trustees of the building. The window curtains, hopelessly damaged through age, are awaiting the purchase of suitable material, which is made into curtains by the capable fingers of Miss St. John, with some volunteer help.

**Open to the Public**

By way of library and museum service rendered, first of all we may remind you that they are open to the public, free of charge, at certain stated hours, five days in the week; and we have a number of volunteers who will receive every attention. Much service is rendered through correspondence, also.

**Family History**

We have responded to numerous requests for assistance in the preparation of family history. Chief among these are two which involve nearly, if not quite, all Seventh Day Baptist families in New England, New York, New Jersey ancestry. One of these is now in course of publication in serial form, to be followed by its appearance in book form. The other is ready for publication in either the one or the other form. These family histories give a strong light on the leaders of our denomination from its earliest beginnings in this country, and also illuminate their European background.

**Editor of Sabbath Recorder**

In response to requests from the editor of the Sabbath Recorder, certain biographical sketches have been prepared, together with a brief historical sketch of the latter part of the life of one of our Churches, now but recently extinct. Besides this work, we have been pleased to supply reference information to the editor as often as requested.

**Corresponding Secretary of General Conference**

Occasionally the corresponding secretary of the General Conference may have referred certain correspondence addressed to him,
THE SABBATH RECORDER

HISTORICAL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS AT EPHRAPA

As a matter of record, it may be noted that the grounds and historical buildings of the Ephrata Community, at Ephrata, Pa., have passed into the hands of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, which, in the public press announcement, has made a generous appropriation to begin work of restoration. In the course of proceedings looking toward this change in ownership, the president of the society was summoned as a witness to testify as to the Seventeenth Day Baptist movement. On other occasions, he has served in a similar capacity, though not in court proceedings.

HISTORICAL WORK

For several years we have been serving, as best we can, by way of assisting the author of a history of Alfred University, now in course of preparation. In his work Churches preparing for the celebration of given events—a centennial or other historic occasion, perhaps—not infrequently call on us for help. For example, in one instance a request arrived in connexion with the setting of a one-time Church scandal. Fortunately, contemporaneous records in our possession enabled us to make a reconstruction quite accurate and fairly complete. This was accomplished only through several months of patient and painstaking research.

SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST BIOGRAPHIES

The major historical task before us, if we devoutly hope it is to be carried to a successful issue, is the preparation of a series of biographies of leading Seventh Day Baptists in England and in this country, from the organization of the Mill Yard Church, in London, in the early seventeenth century, down to the present generation — using no living subjects, of course. This work was undertaken several years ago by the Tract Board, on the recommendation of its Committee on Denominational Literature, in the confident belief that such a work, published in an attractive, richly illustrated book form, giving successful careers of Seventh Day Baptists who have made marked success in various fields of professional, industrial, and business life—even great success in public life—through three long centuries, would be a source of inspiration to our oncoming generations who might otherwise be tempted to abandon Sabbath in a hope of a more successful career.

OUR EARLY SABBATH HISTORY IN ENGLAND CHALLENGED

Much work has already been done in this field, but careful research remains to be done both in this country and partic-ularly in England. It is asserted by a Baptist Church historian of repute in England that our Mill Yard Church originally was not a Sabbathkeeping Church, as we have always believed. This claim most definitely we cannot concede, unless after a most searching examination of all available records in England, it is established beyond a peradventure of a doubt. It cannot be permitted to remain unchallenged, and its validity must be definitely established, or as definitely disproved.

UNEXPLORED ENGLISH HISTORY

Again, there are appealing clues to a rich field of Seventh Day Baptist history in England, that is to be explored yet. It had been hoped that research in this direction might be undertaken in connection with the proposed visit of the president of the German and Holland on behalf of the Missi-sionary Society. But the Tract Society does not appear to be in a position now to co-operate in this undertaking. However, if it is hoped that this way will yet open for its accomplishment.

ENDOWMENT AND OTHER FUNDS

This society has a very small beginning of an Endowment Fund, a fund which it is hoped will grow in a manner similar to those of our other denominational societies. Under the conditions of the other source of income which needs will be clearly presented to our people in the near future. The salary of the assistant librarian is provided for by the generosity of a much interested friend. Otherwise, the society is naturally supposed to be dependent on its allotted share of the De-nominational Budget, an allotment far too small to meet current imperative needs; and other sources of income have to be sought. For some years an annual appeal has been made to a selected group of friends whose generous response has enabled us to carry on. Naturally, that course will have to be continued.

It may be of interest to say here that such a plan is coming to be adopted by a growing number of libraries, especially the local and better known ones. It appears to have been formulated and adopted, originally, by the library of Harvard University, which has profited greatly by it.

INTER-LIBRARY COURTESIES

We are gratified to report that leading libraries of the country, including the Congressional Library at Washington, D.C., are extending to our library the usual inter-library courtesies enjoyed among themselves. These courtesies, on occasion, relieve us of what otherwise would be serious handicaps. Here we may remark that, beyond any question, the Seventh Day Baptist Building in which we are situated (an excellent illustration of which you carry in your hands has a dignity and standing with other libraries and in the eyes of the public generally, a dignity and standing which we certainly could not otherwise have.

OUR BEGINNINGS

The Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society began its career thirty-one years ago by the purchase of the very small, but most valuable collection of rare books relating to the German Seventh Day Baptists at Ephrata, Pa., a collection accumulated through many years of patient, laborious search in this country and in Europe, by the late Dr. Julius F. Sachse of Philadelphia, who sold it to us for the modest, very modest, price of $1,000, a very small part of its commercial value, on the condition that it should always be kept intact. The infant society borrowed the funds for the purchase.

At that time the society, of course, had no place to house these books, and they were taken care of privately pending the acquisition of suitable quarters for them.
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THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY FROM A LAYMAN'S POINT OF VIEW

By Karl G. Stillman
P. O. Drawer 515, Westerly, R. I.

It is with considerable misgiving that I speak on this Historical Society Program this afternoon, for although I am interested in history and very much interested in Seventh Day Baptist history in particular, I am not of the word a historian. Likewise, it would be preferable to appear at some other location, for how true is the Biblical quotation that "a prophet is not without honour save in his own country." However, however, I do not profess to be a prophet either.

FUNCTIONS OF A HISTORICAL SOCIETY

It seems to me that a well-organized historical society has four important functions: to act as a permanent custodian of historical relics of value, preserving them carefully and displaying them attractively for interested and to maintain a library of genealogical and historical material available for public reference; to sponsor historical research work; and to publish pamphlets and books on subjects pertinent to the nature of the society itself.

FINE QUARTERS OF OUR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

We are proud of the fine quarters occupied by the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society in our Denominational Building in Plainfield, N. J. There, on the top floor, are housed an invaluable collection of books, of communion silver, rare pictures, and all kinds of data on Seventh Day Baptists who have been outstanding in widely divergent fields of endeavor. In that place Dr. Corliss F. Randolph, president and librarian, and his assistant, Miss Evalois St. John, have worked tirelessly arranging and cataloging the mass of material that has come into its possession through Dr. Randolph, and the latter, true historian never accepts hearsay or unverified reports, and it is a real satisfaction to realize that Dr. Randolph and his assistants are scrupulously careful and accurate in all that they do.

Sincerely yours,
Donald A. Thompson,
Director of Graduate Studies.
Florida Southern College,
Lakeeland, Fla.,
May 11, 1948.

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GROWING RECOGNITION OF OUR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Likewise, we can be proud of the fact that our historical library is being recognized more and more by research historians as an excellent source of authentic genealogical and historical data. Hardly a month passes that the church is not made in this library, particularly concerning Seventh Day Baptist families which were identified importantly with the early colonial history of our country, making reference to the genealogical file a "must," if complete and accurate data is to be compiled.

THE EPHRATA COLLECTION AND RESEARCH ABROAD

Our society engages in research work of its own, and from time to time not only compiles important data, but seeks out and, best of all, locates new exhibits and collections for an ever-expanding museum. One important acquisition is the so-called "Ephrata Collection," consisting of books by Dr. Julius Friedrich Sachse, an authority on the history of German Seventh Day Baptists of Pennsylvania, and also many books published in the early eighteenth century by the Germans themselves. This is not the largest collection of historical material about the Ephrata, Pa., German Seventh Day Baptist settlement, but it is considered to be the most complete. A special trip to England and Scotland was planned earlier this year for the purpose of doing research work concerning the early history of the Mill Yard, London, Church. Dr. Randolph was to do this work with the active cooperation of the American Tract Society, but the plan was abandoned for the time being, because of food shortages and transportation and housing problems.

PUBLICATIONS IN PREPARATION

Several publications are in preparation, including biographies of prominent Seventh Day Baptist leaders and a history of Alfred University, the former being written by Dr. J. Nelson Norwood, former president of Alfred. The society, together with its officers and employees, stands ready to advise with all our Churches and their members regarding the preparation of any special historical data of particular interest to them. Historical sketches have been prepared for centennial celebrations of some Churches and for later special occasions celebrated by others.

VALUE OF OUR HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO US TODAY

All in all, our society is an outstanding organization, qualifying in every way for a high rating based on the requirements arbitrarily selected and already enumerated above; but what is its value to us today?

Of course, no one can coast along on the achievements of his or her ancestors. A great-grandfather who was an ingenious inventor, a leading citizen of his day, and a strong Seventh Day Baptist, does not pass along to his descendants his attributes of mind and character. Too often succeeding generations lose sight of true values which must be developed and maintained by each individual. The prosperity of ancestors induces superiority complexes, with resultant careless living and eventual decadence into mediocrity or even oblivion. The old saying of "shirtsleeves to shirtsleeves in three generations" becomes a truism.
OUR EARLY HISTORY TODAY’S INSPIRATION

However, accurate knowledge of the problems of early Seventh Day Baptists and of how they met them successfully can be and, generally speaking, is the very best source of inspiration to us today to fight on for a wider dissemination of our doctrine. For example, take particularly for the sanctity of the Sabbath, which can be none other than the seventh day of the week.

GROWTH FROM EARLY DAYS TO PRESENT TIME

Latin is a dead language if we judge it by the extent of its present-day use in oral or written communications, yet, if one wishes to acquire a wide vocabulary and to gain the ability to express ideas fluently and clearly, no better course of action is indicated than to study this language industriously. The same is true of Seventh Day Baptist history as revealed to us in haphazard measure by the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society. From it we can learn of our earliest days and peoples and be encouraged to greater achievements in our own day because of the startling progress in transportation, education, and science, not to mention the modern conveniences which provide more comfortable living conditions.

GOVERNOR SAMUEL WARD

It means much to me, as it should to all of us, that these sessions of our General Convention are being held in this government, located in the historic Samuel Ward High School, which was named for Samuel Ward, colonial governor of Rhode Island, an influential leader in directing at Philadelphia regarding American independence, which culminated in the formulation of the Declaration of Independence, to which his signature was to have been affixed had not an untimely death intervened. As a boy in his seventh year, he was named for Samuel Ward, and among their employees was Charles Potter, who was later to withdraw and establish the Potter Printing Press Company in Plainfield, N. J. It was one of three organizations which were merged into the Harry, Seybold, and Potter Company of today. Nathan Babcock withdrew from his partnership with Calvert B. Cottrell in 1855, he moved to New London, Conn., there establishing the Babcock Printing Press Company, known as the Babcock Corporation today. How and Co., Inc. was and is the largest company not identified with the other Seventh Day Baptist groups, but even it employed one or more Seventh Day Baptists as engineers at different times.

SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST INDUSTRIES

Westerly has many prosperous industries, two of which are particularly interesting as they are operated by the third generation of Seventh Day Baptist founders. I refer you to the Daily and Twine Company, manufacturers of fishing lines in particular, and other varieties of twine, and C. B. Cottrell and Sons Company, manufacturers of the large magazine rotary printing presses, such as are used to print such well-known publications as the "Ladies Home Journal," "Saturday Evening Post," "Reader’s Digest," "National Geographic," "Life," "McCalls," "Woman’s Home Companion," and innumerable other periodicals where quality printing is required to be produced in multicolored. Calvert B. Cottrell, the founder of the company, was interested in an inventive turn of mind and possessed with superior mechanical skill. He invented a so-called perfecting press, the first such machine that could print on both sides of calendared paper. Mr. Howard M. Barber, chief engineer of the company, a Seventh Day Baptist, and now a trustee of the Pawtucket Church, invented many mechanical motions and printing press devices which are incorporated in the multicolor presses previously referred to. His genius has been recognized by the United States Patent Office when he received signal honors during the celebration of commemorating the one hundredth anniversary of the establishment of the United States patent system.

THE "WESTERLY SUN"

Another interesting enterprise here in Westerly is the "Westerly Sun," published by the Utter Company and managed by the Utter Company and managed by grandsons and great-grandsons of Lola H. Calvert and sons and grandsons of his successor, Hon. George H. Utter, former governor of Rhode Island and congressman from this state at the time of his death. The "Westerly Sun" suspends publication on...
the Sabbath, and is said to be the only evening paper in the country published on Sunday. On many occasions in its history, news of world-wide importance has broken on a Sunday, giving this paper many scoops so ardently sought by all newspapers.

GREENMAN SHIPYARDS

A stroll along the banks of the Pawcatuck River, as it runs parallel with Margin Street, will reveal a granite marker recording the site of the old Greenman shipyards, later removed to Greenmanville in Mystic. The coming of steam-propelled ships gradually forced this Seventh Day Baptist industry out of business, as sailing ships for commercial use no longer could be operated economically in competition with steamships.

FIRST SETTLERS OF WESTERLY

Another marker on the right hand side of the Watch Hill Road, about three miles from town, commemorated the spot where John and Mary Babcock landed their canoe after an elopement from Newport, which made them the first settlers of Westerly.

HISTORY'S INSPIRATION AND CHALLENGE

These and numerous other historical events of direct interest to Seventh Day Baptists have occurred in this section of our country, and are both an inspiration and challenge to us who carry on today. May we all remember that history is being made every moment of the day and that we have a responsibility to emulate the worthy deeds of our ancestors, the records of which this society is preserving for us, and that for most of us the generations that will follow will have no idea of the deeds we are now building. A century of devout work for the Sabbath has brought about by the passing of half a century:

Nothing shows the great difference in the ways of doing things now and when this Church was young—as well as the greater means now available—than the record of running expenses of the Church then and now. It is not to be inferred that because less has been given then, our fathers were less abundant in that grace which Paul urged upon the Corinthians. That would be far from the truth. It cannot be doubted that there were often cases in those days of sacrifice for the cause which should put to blush many of us who, while we may give more in dollars and cents, know less what it is to give that which we need for our own comfort. We are quite too apt to quote the Lord's approval of 'the widow's mite' as if it applied to the mighty little that we give out of our abundance. It must also be remembered that the expenses of the United States Government fifty years ago were less than one-tenth of what they are at the present time.

We all realize the currency of that statement, yet that was written by George H. Babcock in 1888, fifty-nine years ago.

OUR HISTORICAL SOCIETY THE CUSTODIAN OF OUR "HEAPS OF STONES"

Is that a landmark, a guide in the fog? No at all. It is but one of a heap of stones. Together they help to point the way. In this modern world where can we raise a heap of stones to preserve a remembrance of a matter of importance to us, when our children might revere the Lord our God forever? For our denomination we have a custodian of our "heaps of stones" in our Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society, which not only carefully preserves our records and other memorabilia, but also catalogs and indexes them for greater usefulness, and in more effective response when our children say, "What mean ye by these stones?"

OUR OPPORTUNITY

We have been proud of our heritage, proud of the spiritual life and work of our forebears, proud of our history as a denomination. The opportunity is ours! Now, let's use it.

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A HISTORICAL SOCIETY: WHY?

By Courtland V. Davis

184 N. Bridge St., Somerville, N. J.

JOSHUA AND THE HEAP OF STONES

A great heap of stones raised up for a witness of a memorable event or to preserve the remembrance of some matter of great importance is one of the most ancient devices used by man to retain, for the use of future generations, the experience gained by the generation that is passing. Joshua said, on one such occasion, "When your children shall ask their fathers in time to come, saying, 'What mean ye by these stones?' Then ye shall answer them, 'That the waters of Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and these stones shall be for a memorial unto the children of Israel: that ye might fear the Lord your God forever.'"

OUR DENOMINATIONAL BUILDING

OUR HEAP OF STONES

Our own good Doctor Gardiner, in the days when he was devoting much of the product of his potent pen to the propaganda for our Denominational Building, often quoted these words of Joshua. In our day of multiplied and multitudinous memorabilia we yet have need of stopping a bit, now and then, to answer the questions of our children: "What mean ye by these stones?"

LOST: OUR TOUCH WITH THE SOURCE OF FAITH

Maybe it would be helpful if we asked the question concerning ourselves, and in what position we might be in better position to answer the questions of the children; perhaps, we might even gain for ourselves a revitalizing re-definition and redetermination of the faith that is in us. Both Christianity as it is commonly presented and practiced in our country and our social order (itself the outcome of an earlier florescence of Christianity) seem to have lost touch with the source of faith.

We are accustomed to driving about the country at will and at ease, for there are, at strategic locations, road signs, numerals that signify specific routes, arrows that point directions. Even on the familiar side roads about home, without signs or signals we move at ease for we recognize the landmarks often seen before.

Have you ever tried to drive in a thick fog? Not only are you uncertain as to what other drivers who are attempting to pierce the gloom may be about, but there grows a feeling of uncertainty, a feeling not only of unseasiness as to where you are, but likewise some question as to where you have just been or what you are now just headed for.

Our world of 1947 may be characterized in many ways, but none more surely than that it is in a fog. The familiar landmarks disappear or are disregarded. Danger is imminent. As a whole, we appear to be almost complacent about it. We shrug it off. What can we do about it? We cannot go back, to be sure, but we can use the heap of stones, the signpost, the experience of those who have gone this way before, if we will.

THEN AND NOW

No one illustration will suffice in point, of course, for each has its own small part of a whole that is more clearly understood with each added item, but may I quote just one—a simple one dealing with material things—a reference to the changes brought about by the passing of half a century:

The Sabbath Recorder in every home.
CARIBBEAN HIGH SCHOOL

As the time approaches for the opening of the new Caribbean High School, 29 Charles Street, L. W. I., interest seems to be increasing. Mr. Lloyd Pierce of the Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church has volunteered to provide the necessary materials for the school.

The Ladies’ Industrial Society of the same church is contributing more sheets and linen for the dormitory. Mr. George Stillman of Alfred has given $10 to the fund. The ladies of Newtownevillle, with the co-operation of the Missionary Societies of the Mid-Continent Association, have contributed two sewing machines. The “Loyal Workers” of the Rockville Seventh Day Baptist Church are providing pillow slips and other linen for the dormitory. Mrs. and Mrs. Milford Crandall, Independence, N. Y., have given a scholarship in the name of their son, Philip.

The matter of transportation is very important and especially trying when it comes to export and materials, also expensive. The committee is collecting all freight to be shipped to the Standard Fruit and Steamship Co., for water transportation to Kingston. Water freight is charged by the cubic foot rather than by weight.

In behalf of the committee,
Ben R. Crandall,
Chairman.

NEW YORK STATE’S ANCIENT BLUE SUNDAY LAW

NO LONGER ENFORCED

Mr. Zerfas’s second item is in the form of a clipping from the “Lancaster New Era” of December 13, 1947, as follows: SAYVILLE, L. I., Dec. 11.—The New York State’s old blue law restricting work on Sunday—a statute which dates from 1788—was placed on the voting table yesterday and speedily convicted of having outlived its usefulness.

Only four minutes of deliberation were required by a jury of two men and four women to dissolve the near-by Ronkonkoma, of a charge that he violated Section 2143 of the State Penal law by devoting a recent Sunday to building himself a chicken coop in the back yard of his home. The case went to the state with its first test case of the “blue law” since 1908 when a hookerhaven man was accused—and acquitted—of violating the statute by digging in his garden on a Sunday.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

MORE ABOUT PACIFIC COAST ASSOCIATION

By Miss Alma E. Bond

The annual meeting of the Pacific Coast Association was held in Riverside, April 9-11, using as the theme, “Now Is The Accepted Time.”

From the restful candlelight service on Sabbath eve to the challenges of the Sunday afternoon meeting, the emphasis was laid on the importance of living for God now. It is impossible to list the names of all who had a part in making the meetings successful, for many faithful workers behind the scenes did as much as those whose names appeared on the program.

As always, the music was an outstanding contribution to the worship and praise services. Rubenstein’s “Seraphic Song” was presented Sabbath morning by the combined choirs of the Los Angeles and Riverside Churches with Ben Herbert as guest organist, Lois Wells at the piano, Christine Watkins playing the violin obbligato, Joan Dalbey singing a solo, and Mary Sue directing. The male chorus under the direction of Ray Rood presented several fine numbers, and there were other anthems, quartets, and various mug songs. The night after the Sabbath we enjoyed hearing from the Riverside Sabbath school orchestra.

A few thoughts from the many fine messages: Surrender your will! Do you think you could possibly plan a happier life for yourself than God has planned for you? Now is the time for salvation, for receiving it, and for sharing it. Now is the time for worship and praise of the Saviour who gave Himself freely for us. Now is the time to enter the open doors of service in tract distribution and personal witness and testimony.

Now is the time to grow in love and in the Christian graces that—the world may see Jesus in us.

NORTHERN ASSOCIATION

The Northern Association (Michigan-Ohio-Illinois) had the pleasure of welcoming one of the outstanding justices of the peace to the association. The case was heard in court with the first test case of the “blue law” since 1908 when a hookerhaven man was accused—and acquitted—of violating the statute by digging in his garden on a Sunday.

MISSION SABBATH SCHOOL REPORTS 20% INCREASE

Our missionary in Kingston, Jamaica, Rev. Wardner T. Fitz Randolph, shared the following report from the quarterly meeting of the Kingston Sabbath School and Church. Brother L. W. Holman, the superintendent, reported that the Christian service activities along with growth in numbers:

Beloved brethren, by the grace of God, our Heavenly Father, through His Son our Lord Jesus: I have the honour, brethren, and I am indeed happy to present to you an encouraging report of the activities of the Kingston Seventh Day Baptist School for the quarter ending March 27, 1949.

It is pleasing to say, on the one hand, by the grace of God guided by the Holy Spirit you elected me assistant superintendent of the Sabbath school. On the other hand, we realize how much the absence of our beloved superintendent, Brother Hunt, owing to severe illness. In the meantime, we are grateful to God for having spared His life and improved his health whereby he was able to be with us the last two Sabbaths of the quarter.

Nevertheless, being taught and guided by the Holy Spirit in our endeavor, our school enjoys God’s richest blessing, spiritually, numerically, and financially.

Spiritually, our studies were directed to “Believe and live the life of Christ.” The results are to be spiritualized and eternalized—life through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Numerically, twenty were added to the roll, making a total membership of 124 with an average attendance of sixty-eight.

Our school begins at 9:30 a.m. sharp, and special efforts are being made by members to be on time. Teachers in the service of God are specially requested to be in class on time—to this being a fitting example to all pupils.

Financially, it is becoming evident that we are beginning to understand what our Lord meant when He said, “It is more
blessed to give than to receive." Therefore, in this direction let us all improve our faith in God to receive the greater blessing.

During the quarter the school was very much concerned with the request to help needy members financially. This gave the school the incentive that a fund for the purpose should be created and maintained to help poor and needy members.

On Sabbath, February 14, 1948, our school appointed a special meeting to determine how and means to maintain a poor fund. Plans were then agreed upon, and with a voluntary subscription given by members present, the poor fund was started off with the amount of six shillings. The Sabbath school thirteenth Sabbath offering of 1-0-0 (one pound) and collections from envelopes and the offerings of the young people's thirteenth Sabbath afternoon program and a donation from the Jubilee Mutual Association of 1-0-0 with collections from the poor fund box brought the afternoon program, and a donation from the Jubilee Mutual Association of 1-0-0, and a donation from the Jubilee Mutual Association of 1-0-0, and a donation from the Jubilee Mutual Association of 1-0-0.

On the occasion of our thirteenth Sabbath afternoon program, prizes were awarded to three of the seven members who had successfully repeated the thirteen Sunday School thirteenth Sabbath School thirteenth Sabbath School thirteenth Sabbath School thirteenth Sabbath School.

Thus the activities for the quarter under review show that our efforts were crowned with success, in that "the Lord has done great things for us, whereinof we are glad." Let us therefore, brethren, endeavor to be loyal to ourselves, loyal and true to Christ and His church, and in this way shall we be the greater blessing, both in this life and the life after.

Yours in Christ,
L. W. Holness,
Acting Superintendent.

27 Charles Street,
Kingston, Jamaica,
April 3, 1948.

Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Sion; and unto thee shall the vow be performed. O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come. — Psalm 65: 1, 2.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

PRAYER FOR THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH DURING TIMES OF ACUTE TENSION

The following is one of the prayers suggested by the Foreign Missions Conference of North America for use during times of tension before the meeting of the World Council of Churches. The suggested prayer for Palestine may take precedence over those for China, India and Pakistan, but the life after. The prayer for Palestine may take precedence over those for China, India and Pakistan, but the life after.

"Our loving Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for the great blessings of our faith that have come to us from Palestine, the land of our Saviour. We pray especially today for our fellow Christians in that land of tension and strife. Grant them a sense of oneness with their fellow members of the household of faith. In this hour of strong appeal to the nations of the world may their first loyalty be to Christ and His Church. In the midst of bitterness and hatred, help them to minister to both Moslem and Jew in love and reconciliation. Grant them wisdom in the momentous decisions which they face, faith to carry on when their strength is ebbing, contagious love which triumphs over enmity, and a Christian witness in which all the household of faith can share. Grant, our Father, that those in the United Nations, upon whom rest momentous decisions affecting the peace of Palestine and the Middle East, may be guided of Thee in paths of justice, wisdom, and good will. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

IMPORTANT DATES

Southwestern Association — with the Little Prairie Church at Nady, Ark., August 5-8.
Pre-Conference Retreat — near North Loup, Neb., August 12-16.

SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION

The Southeastern Association will meet with the Middle Island Seventh Day Baptist Church, July 2-4, 1948. Sessions will begin on Friday evening and close on Sunday.

All communications should be addressed to V. B. Louthner, clerk, New Milton, W. Va., or to Clarence Rogers, moderator, Salem, W. Va.

You are cordially invited to attend.

Clarence Rogers,
Moderator.

FROM THE FIELD

(Excerpts from a letter written May 25, by Rev. Elizabeth S. M. Deloney, Columbus, Miss.)

Our promoter of evangelism, Rev. Elizabeth P. Randolph, says, "There are four important phases of the work: personal visitation, work with children, public meetings, tract distribution, yes, and a fifth — correspondence.

"Christ and the Church, and then ours shall come."

He has said that he will try to unfold any and every portion of the Word of God in terms that will be understood by child and adult. Having won the other person's confidence, then we tell him of God's love, how Jesus said it was made for man — not man for the Sabbath."

Miss Randolph does not leave the children out of her work. For her regular schedule, now that the schools are closed, she says, "I will have all children of the neighborhood for Bible study from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The preschool and kindergarten children go home at 10 a.m. For this work with the children I use the flannelgraph pictures, and the beginners and primary teachers a board and flannelgraph. The children love to share their work with the adults in the evening."

Just now Mr. Charles Nichols is working with me. He has a loudspeaker which he goes to for Bible study. He has a loudspeaker which he goes to for Bible study. He has a loudspeaker which he goes to for Bible study. He has a loudspeaker which he goes to for Bible study. He has a loudspeaker which he goes to for Bible study.

Mr. Nichols is a preacher in the Church of Christ. He has a Church to which he goes every two or three weeks on Sunday. He recognizes the seventh day as the Sabbath, but thinks Sunday is the Christian Sabbath. Mr. Nichols is a very good song leader and he gives a message each evening. We plan to divide the time into forty minutes for songs and prayers, twenty minutes for the children, twenty minutes each for the messages, and ten minutes for other purposes such as announcements, collections, and the closing invitation.

"Mr. Nichols has made Bible study his hobby for several years. He is a laboring man, but he has made it his practice to work out a complete sermon in outline every day. He rarely opens his Bible while preaching but is constantly quoting Scripture."

"At present, I am having the use of a tent which belongs to one of our boards, but it will be needed for the young people's camp that will be held in July. Mr. Nichols is helping to furnish benches. Now a large part of our audience sits outside of the tent while the fair weather continues."

"I will probably move into the country three miles south next week. After that, Mr. Nichols wants me to come back into this section, but in a little different location, for a longer campaign and children's Bible study."

"The primary aim in our personal work is to deepen the love of people for God and for their fellow men. Having established a point of contact and mutual acquaintance and understanding, we face the problem of special personal interest, try to meet the need and direct the seekers to the source of supply, whether physical or spiritual. It is our plan to develop in them a hunger and thirst for righteousness and try to lead them to an individual acceptance of Christ as a personal Saviour."

RESPONSE TO PATRIOTIC CRUSADE WITHOUT PRECEDENT IN PEACETIME

The American Heritage Foundation, sponsor of the Freedom Train and Rededication Week, is a group of citizens who got together early in 1947 to fight the rising tide of indifference and cynicism toward the privileges and responsibilities of American citizenship.

In line with its fundamental program of raising the level of citizenship, the foundation has published a 72-page booklet titled "Good Citizen." The booklet describes the "working tools" of good citizenship and tells how to use them.

It is the hope of the foundation that this handbook reach every man, woman, and child in the United States. Copies of "Good Citizen" are available at 25 cents
CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES

To Allen Bond, who is being gradu-
at from the School of Theology at
Alfred, best wishes as he enters his
work as a minister. To all who are being
graduated from college, best wishes as
you enter fields of employment or further
studies. To all the high school graduates,
congratulations upon this accomplishment
in your education.

A special word is hereby given to those
who receive magna cum laude or cum
laude, and to the high school seniors who
are valedictorians or salutatorians.

Very best wishes to all. H. S.

AS WE HELP MEET THEIR NEEDS

By Clara L. Beebe
Gentry, Ark.

We had an interesting experience of
which you may like to hear. Some time
ago we sent a big box of used clothing
to the Irvington Church for German
orphans. In the package we put a coat of
Paul's, with an envelope bearing his name
and address in a pocket. This coat was given
by his grandmother to a young boy in the
British Zone at Berlin. Zora, a friend of
Paul's, wrote us of their dire need and asked
our help. Paul contributed the tithe from
his earnings, and the Sabbath school gave
the rest to send a CARE package to this
need family, which they had only just
received. Last week (in March) we col-
lected clothing and shoes for them, which
will be sent on very soon. I wish you
could have read the letter which the father
wrote, telling of their Christmas. He told
how they "indeed had a small tree, but
nothing to decorate it with, save a few
cookies the little daughter made from old
candle wax which they had on hand." Of
course most of the letters are in German,
although the boy and girl do write some
English learned in school. If only we
could have more for the spiritually and
physically needy people in the world.

IT'S TIME FOR VACATION SCHOOL

Churches from coast to coast will be
having Vacation School now or later in
the summer. The whole family should
be enrolled in the school. Daily devotion
in the home should be based on matenal
and experiences of the school. Older
children can help mother in the home
so that she can help at the school. Eve-
ing programs for the whole family are
important parts of the Vacation School
if properly correlated.

The boys and girls enrolled in Vaca-
tion School who have not been attending
Sabbath school will need a lot of atten-
tion. Teachers of the Sabbath school
whose classes they should attend, and the
pastor should do all they possibly can
to enroll these boys and girls in the Sab-
batb school.

After the Vacation School is over it
would be a fine thing if the boys and
girls who have been in the school could
be brought together at least once a week
for the rest of the vacation to have a
story hour at the Church followed by
recreation, or a picnic which will include
the story hour and an outdoor worship
service.

Please send used items about Vacation
School for use in the Recorder. H. S.

Camps and Retreats

A Mountaintop Experience

A Seventh Day Baptist youth camp
doesn't mean that the Rocky Moun-
tains is a mountaintop experience.
My feet have been placed on higher spir-
Itual ground by experiences in youth
camps. Fellowship and fun in camp are
placed on the mountaintop level. The
same is true of work and worship. Some
young people have gone back home from
the camp experience consecrated to a
higher level of service in their own
camps.

One young woman has gone back home
from camp with a new sense of purpose.
Two others have gone back home from
camp with a new sense of purpose.
Another college-age camper said, "I am
going to let my friends know more about
my beliefs. I have been a Seventh Day
Baptist. Some young people have made decisions regarding life work and some have accepted
Christ as their Saviour and made their
first public profession while in camp.

May God bless all you campers from
coast to coast during your camps this
year. By all means go to camp!

Pre-Conference Retreat

Plans for the 1948 session are well
under way. You can tell by these plans
that you will have a worth-while time.
It is not necessary to say that you will
have a good time. Just ask someone who
has been to retreat about the good times
he has had. By all means go to retreat!

I am going to miss being there very
much. I will be thinking of you and
hope that it will be the best retreat ever.

Young folks who are working and can-
not attend might like to give financial
help to younger folks who should attend.
This will be a good investment.

Rev. Rex Zwiebel is your director this
year and will have the registration and
inquiries about retreat.

A Good Investment

Money spent by Churches to help pay
the expenses of young folks to attend
Pre-Conference Retreat and General Con-
ference is a good investment. The good
returns from such an investment may be
seen in many ways. Some young people,
as a result of these experiences, have com-
mitted themselves to full time Christian
service. Others have returned to their
local Church to do a much better job as
a Church member. For some young peo-
ple such an experience might be the de-
ciding factor in the establishment of last-
ning convictions regarding the seventh day
Sabbath truth. A vision of our denomina-
tion and its place in the Church of Christ
always helps a person to do better work
in the local Church. Young people get
such a vision at General Conference.

A few Churches have included in their
weekly budget some money to be used
for young people in this way. It
would be a fine thing if all of our Churches
would do this. Again may I say, it is a
good investment. Many have said that
the future of our Churches lies in
our young people. Therefore, money in-
vested in their spiritual welfare will help
build a stronger future for our de-
nomination.

H. S.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

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OUR CHILDREN'S
LETTER EXCHANGE

Address: Wipph S. Greene
Anderov, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

We are a Sabbath school class of six
girls. Our ages range from seven to
eleven. Our teacher is Mrs. Wallace
Greene.

We meet in our new Church basement
and have a large bulletin board to put
our pictures and charts on. The red stars
on the charts are for being present and
the gold stars for having our quarters
filled in every week. We still need chairs
and other things but we do enjoy our
basement.

The boys' class in our Sabbath school
study the same lesson as we do, and some-
times we divide the memory verse.

We had fun at a Valentine party in
February; we played many games and had
a nice lunch.

The two oldest girls in our class, Bonnie
and Norma, plan to go to the Seventh
Day Baptist camp near Milton this sum-
mer.

Pastor Cruzan and family are in Battle
Creek this weekend and we miss them,
but know they are doing good work
from the Milton Christian Endeavor and
conducted our Church service. We all
ate together in the basement and then
had another service in the afternoon.

Two Bonser sisters in our class have
a new baby brother.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Bonser, Barbara Daggett,
Vivian Bonser, Norma Clapper,
Shirley Stehbins, Barbara Cruzan.

Dodge Center, Minn.

Dear Sabbath School Girls of
Dodge Center:

Thank you so much for your nice letter.
Wanting to see if all our Seventh
Day Baptist Sabbath school classes would
exchange experiences on our Recorder
Children's Page?

I am glad two of you plan to go to the
Seventh Day Baptist camp this summer
and hope in time you may all be able to
go, because there, you are sure to have
the best kind of fun and learn many
valuable lessons in Christian living.
I am pleased to hear about the new baby brother. I do love babies, and Andover is full of them. These pleasant days, the streets are full of baby carriages.

Your Christian friend,
Mizpahe S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:
We left on the boat train from Paris for the coast and seaport of Le Havre at 8 a.m. We finally arrived at 5 p.m., and boarded the boat just before it started. It was raining and we were very tired. We soon sank into our beds aboard the SS Washington, headed for home.

Our stateroom held six persons, and since we were the first ones there, Aunt Dorothy and I got the two choice beds, the original ones that were there before the ship had been converted for carrying troop transport. It was not; I had to climb a little ladder to get into bed. The ship was larger than the Argentina and some of the rooms had even been converted back to their normal style. There were dining rooms, a library, a nursery, and a salon (they didn't sell liquor). But in spite of all this the atmosphere was not friendly and comfortable, as it had been on the Argentina. I noticed this from the very first, but I somehow thought it would change.

As we went up on deck to watch the casting off. Even though we had been on five boats and watched them bring in the hawser and pull up the anchor, it was still fascinating. Looking back at Le Havre we could see the wreckage and debris caused by the bomb. In the harbor, the hulks of many sunken ships could be seen, marks of a recent terrible war. Our ship went in and out among those weird looking hulks, and finally came to the broad expanse of the ocean facing the sunset, and we were off at last for home.

In the morning, I was surprised to awake and not hear the engines running. I hurried to dress and get out on deck, and found we were anchored at Southampten, taking on more passengers. I looked for familiar faces because many of my acquaintances had gotten off at this port, but I couldn't find a single one. Sincerely,
Venita Vincent.
Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society

ENDOWMENT FUND

The Endowment Fund of the Historical Society is a very modest one, as yet, of less than $2,000, including one legacy, and one gift of $1,000.

The future welfare of this Society will depend in no small degree on its Endowment. Only a few days ago, a highly successful man remarked that it ought to have an Endowment Fund of $100,000. The income from such a fund could be used to good advantage at the present time. It will certainly be needed in the not distant future. While he didn't say so, he's doubtless making a bequest to the Society in his will.

Have you made your will? Did you remember the Historical Society in it? If not, why not add a codicil and do so? If you haven't made your will, why not do so at once and remember the Historical Society in it? “Time is of the essence.”

FORM OF A BEQUEST

I give, devise, and bequeath to the “Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society,” a body corporate and politic under the General Law of the State of New Jersey, the sum of ________________________________ Dollars, to be appropriated and applied to the uses and purposes of said Society, and under its direction and control forever.

If the legacy is not money, but real estate, or some other form of property, insert a short description of the same.

Two things are especially important in making bequests: First, the exact corporate name of the Society intended to be benefited should be given; second, the property, if other than money, should be carefully described where the donor designs it.