the subject being, "I Speak for Christian Citizenship."

In the parade of floats, Ontario, Can., delegation took first place.

Dr. Daniel Poling gave the closing address. He said, "World peace and salvation rest with 1,400,000,000 people who believe in one God. Guns, fleets, and tanks cannot destroy faith and unity."

The youth were urged to use personal evangelism to help curb juvenile delinquency and the moral and social disintegration of youth.

WORLD FELLOWSHIP FUNDS

Our General Conference Budget contains the following items under World Fellowship and Service: Toward a budget of $275,000:

- World Council of Churches $50.00
- National Council of Churches 100.00
- Commission on Chaplains 50.00
- Baptist Committee on Public Relations 25.00
- Religion in American Life 50.00

These amounts have been paid and letters of appreciation have been received by the treasurer from each agency. In addition, during the past 12 months Special Gifts totaling $649.15 from 17 different agencies have been sent on to the following places: Church World Service, One Great Hour of Sharing, German Relief, and Holland Relief. Some churches have contributed directly to Church World Service. The treasurer has received in each case letters of acknowledgment telling how the money will be used and thanking the denomination for its support.

Forrest M. Branch, treasurer.

LET'S THINK IT OVER

"Dogmatic Mathematics" would be a strange title for an article about dogs and Christian giving. A Methodist Church official has reduced the national statistics on dog licenses and dog food sales to the Methodist ratio on Long Island. He comes up with the "dogmatic" statement that the Methodist dogs on Long Island eat $300,000 worth of dog food ($26 per dog) each year — enough to start six new churches.

Probably similar statistics on cats would be called "catistics" and would be just as sobering. We love our pets, but it sometimes appears that we love them more expensively than we love our gospel-hungry brothers. — L. M. M.

Three hundred million people in India are on a hunger strike to literacy but have no simple literature (except pornographic magazines and Communist handbooks) awaiting them in adequate quantities. This is the report to a Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature by Dr. Frank C. Laubach in May.

He made it clear that the literature he had in mind for India would be positive, rather than simply anti-Communist in tone, because "unlike Americans, Indian people don't like to hear talk against Communism." What they want, he went on to say, is concrete evidence that the Western brand of democracy can ease their poverty and distress. — EPS.

Marriages

Parker - Blowers. — Harry Parker, Truxton, N. Y., and Mildred Phillips Blowers, De Ruyter, N. Y., daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Phillips, were united in marriage at the De Ruyter Seventh Day Baptist Church, May 16, 1953.

Davis - Waters. — Kenneth W. Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne W. Davis, Verona, N. Y., and Marie Waters, daughter of Mrs. Audra W. Freissell, Oneida, N. Y., were united in marriage at the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Verona on July 5, 1953. Their pastor, Victor W. Skaggs, officiated.

Paquette - Warner. — Arthur J. Paquette of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Dorothy Clarice Warner, of Plainfield, N. J., were united in marriage on the evening of July 2, 1953, in the Plainfield Seventh Day Baptist Church. The bride's pastor, Rev. E. Wendell Stephan, officiated.

Obituaries

Spinks. — Marion, aged 66, of North Little Rock, Ark., died June 1, 1953. Survivors include his wife, Ruth Masson Spinks, four sons, a sister, and six grandchildren, all of North Little Rock. He was a faithful member of Remount Baptist Church.

D. E. M.

Smith. — Andrew John, son of Chris and Jennie Smith, was born December 6, 1872, in Alabama, and died April 6, 1953, at Freeport, Tex.

He was married to Lola A. Wilson December 23, 1896. To this union one child was born, Lola Ruth (Mrs. J. C. Evans), who survives him. Funeral services were held in the Freeport First Baptist Church and burial was in West Columbia Cemetery. He was a member of the Rock Church, Ark., Seventh Day Baptist Church.

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THE EDITOR IS BACK

For the past two weeks (July 12-26) the editor has been out of his office taking summer military training at Camp Drum, N. Y., as one of the chaplains of the 78th Inf. It is improbable that the editor was not even missed outside the office and print shop. Most of the material for the last two Recorders was edited in advance, and the office help did a good job of selecting and arranging material. Correspondence of necessity has been delayed. Background reading, necessary for so important but generally unnoticed, has been neglected.

Camp Drum (formerly Pine Camp) encompasses an extensive, twenty-five-mile artillery range about twenty miles from Adams Center. We are all church of the editor. In addition to a rather strenuous schedule at camp we were able to spend a Sabbath at Adams Center preaching in the morning and talking about the Sabbath Recorder in the afternoon. It was also a joy to spend a Sabbath eve and morning at the Central Association camp not far away. There we met thirty-three campers from various churches, age 9-16. There was evidence that these boys and girls had been coming General Conference most of their young religious experiences which was deepening their foundations of faith and strengthening their will of determination to pray, read the Bible, and keep the Sabbath. The Sabbath morning service conducted by the campers and followed by a picnic luncheon was like an association gathering when families and friends came to camp. This was the first such camp held in three years. It appeared to be highly successful. Surroundings and facilities were almost ideal, expenses low, and enthusiasm high. They have already contracted to be held again next summer.

The editor's roots of faith and Christian experience were born in the soil of the rocks of northern New York. To get back to the haunts of childhood and to hear the old church bell ring again is to renew one's youth and faith as we look back over our lives it is hard to imagine that we could have come to our present stature of faith in any other place than where we were born. To go back where every hill and creek has an association with childhood dreams is ex-

hilarating. Every tree has its familiar bark, shape, leaf, or fruit. Every flower blooming in July has a familiar face to the farm boy returning. Every Pine Plains was rich with the experience of picking sweet huckleberries in boyhood days. This time it is an audience of forty men and officers sitting in the chapel giving a character guidance talk, or it is a night problem with cracking rifles, or the illuminating shells of a big artillery piece.

Most of us are tied to the church of our childhood, and happy are those who are tied to the soil. We rejoice in the happy experiences of childhood faith, but we rejoice also with those who have found Christ and the Sabbath in adult life. We can all be united in the future experiences of faith whether we dwell in crowded city or on the open plain.

The editor is glad to be back at his appointment table after this brief interlude of something entirely different.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Nearly every issue of the Recorder has carried publicity about the coming General Conference of Seventh Day Baptists at Battle Creek, August 18-23. We trust that the young people have also been reading about Pre-Con Retreat which is to be held near Battle Creek beginning Thursday, August 13.

It sounds as if everything is in readiness for all who are able to attend. It is now up to us to do our part in letting the local committees know that we are coming and what accommodations we may desire. Please offer the details of the Conference telephone number to the people at your church to provide the necessary information because the Conference telephone is the only way we can help one another.

The business of reorganization calls for a great deal of business work. The Housing Committee hopes to have all arrangements completed by the time the Recorder is printed. We are sure there will be strong, inspirational messages at the evening meetings. The Missionary Society is doing many important things and is sure to have a good program. The Tract Society and the others will also tell the story of their accomplishments and hopes for the future. The business of reorganization calls for clear thinking. The future of our theological training may be thrown on the Conference for decision. The subject of special missionary projects in relation to our Denominational Budget is likely to be discussed by Commission and Conference. The best use of our new executive secretary during the next year should interest everyone.

We may go to Conference uninformed, but we will come away informed. We go with many problems, we come away with some of the answers. It is not a vacation; it is time set aside from our work to ponder and plan for Our work. That is the happy change, it may be a dedication. Our going to Conference be like the going to Jerusalem of which the psalmists sang.

The Housing Committee hopes to receive registrations with as little delay as possible. Write Mrs. John R. Cornish, 492 Emmett St., Battle Creek, Mich. And here is the Conference telephone number—wherever you are, call Conference and tell us of your needs.

The August Recorder Please remember that the Sabbath Recorder is published on alternate weeks during August. There will be no Recorder next week, August 10. The other one to be omitted is the one that would go to press during Conference dated August 24. Since there are five Mondays this month there will be all of sixteen pages. The last one will bring to the large number of stay-at-home folks some of the high points of our General Conference.

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E. M., Publicity.
PRAYING FOR BETTER WEATHER
That God can alter the course or duration of a storm cannot be denied by any weather man who has seen his predictions proved untrue. That God may alter the weather at man's request has been proved to the satisfaction of most of us. In praying for a change in the weather as in every other prayer we should try to avoid selfishness.

Recently the editor took to the field with the men and officers of his unit. We had made a night move of fifteen miles to a new location to practice artillery firing with illuminating shells. The sky became increasingly overcast as the night wore on. With fifty minutes to go, three of four hours of sleep on the ground some officers and men were asking, "Chaplain, are you praying that it will not rain?" I could not be sure that was how the Lord would have me pray though I would suffer the same inconvenience as the others. My hesitancy seemed justified when I came back to my office a few days later and read newspapers printed all the way from New England to West Virginia. They mentioned the rain that struck our bivouac area about 3:30 that morning. It had satisfied a great need all along the Middle Atlantic States, and Christians were thanking God for it. The comfort of wet clothing is not a worthy subject for prayer when God sees fit to give the whole countryside a crop-saving general rain.

For Your Convenience
At Conference
Want tape recordings? — A recording machine will be available at Conference. Bring your own tape, or it can be rented for a certain amount of that to which our Missionary Board secretary refers as our "co-operative effort on the part of all church workers." It involves the members, and they are the ones in the final analysis who are responsible for the continued life of the church.

Special Meals Schedule
Monday Night—Co-ordinating Committee supper
Tuesday Night—Young People's supper
Wednesday Night—Three college suppers
Thursday Night—Young People's supper
Thursday Night—Ministers and Wives supper
Friday Noon—Women's Society luncheon
Sabbath Noon—Dinner for any Conference delegates who wish to attend
Sunday Noon—Co-ordinating Committee lunch

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH
A. B. Crofoot
Repeated reference has been made in these budget messages to the work of the church—a term which perhaps too many people use rather glibly without stopping to think about its implications. Yet the WORK of the church is exactly that for which our various boards and agencies need money.

When the human body stops working it is usually because the owner of that body has come to his "declining years" and is ready for retirement. All of us probably have observed how frequently the decline has been very real and is followed by the death of the body. There are a fortunate few who are able to enjoy the fruits of their working years in a graceful retirement of comparatively little physical or mental work.

Not so the church, however. Nor would we want it to be so. When the church ceases to work, its disintegration is rapid and the church that is truly working, that has not yet had its dissolution is not far off. The church that is alive today is the church that is really working, that has a certain amount of that to which our Missionary Board secretary refers as outreach. Church work involves a great deal more than Sabbath morning attendance, and it is not work which we can delegate exclusively to the members. It involves the members, and they are the ones in the final analysis who are responsible for the continued life of the church.

The word "the jobs of the church are jobs which have been delegated to the church" is a number which no one church can do alone. They require co-operative effort on the part of all of our churches. A part of the work of the local church, therefore, is to see that these co-operative jobs are supported spiritually, physically, and financially. It is there that our Denominational Budget comes in. It is work to carry the Gospel to heathen lands, and to people in this country who are seeking the Truth; to prepare and distribute expositions of our beliefs; to guide in the training of our young people in Sabbath Christianity; to conduct spiritually uplifting Conferences. Our denominational giving supports all these jobs of WORK.

WHAT THE SABBATH MEANS TO ME
I enjoy the Sabbath from beginning to end. I enjoy the preaching, the prayers, the singing, and the music at all church services. I like the Christian fellowship with friends and neighbors.

I learned about the Sabbath a little late in life. I wish it had been sooner.

Jennie and I receive a blessing in the afternoons of the Sabbath by visiting the sick and shut-ins in the neighborhood and they always seem glad to have us call.

I am so glad that I live in a seventh day Sabbath keeping community.

In the Bible we read that on the seventh day God ended His work which He had made, and that He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made and blessed the seventh day and sanctified it. It is His day. He made it for us and told us in the commandments to remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy — Bertha Mills, who recently began keeping the Sabbath.

In my hand I hold a coin minted by the U.S. Government in 1853. We all know that it is good for its face value to purchase whatever we may want to buy, but I am sorry to say there are those who make worthless counterfeit in the near like this genuine one that no one except an expert may detect the difference.

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SPRITUAL PROBLEMS IN NYASALAND

Rev. Ronald Barrar

To understand the spiritual problems of Seventh Day Baptist missionary work among the Nyasaland natives, we must go back to the beginning of our endeavor there.

In 1899 Rev. Joseph Booth started work in Nyasaland on an industrial basis and gathered together a large number of followers, mainly from other denominations. He not only preached the gospel, but evidently looked upon himself as a social reformer. Using the capital of the industrial mission he gave the natives much needed to join the Seventh Day Baptist mission, he gave the natives much needed to join the Seventh Day Baptist mission, he gave the natives much needed to join the Seventh Day Baptist mission, he gave the natives much needed to join the Seventh Day Baptist mission, he gave the natives much needed to join the Seventh Day Baptist mission, he gave the natives much needed to join the Seventh Day Baptist mission, he gave the natives much needed to join the Seventh Day Baptist mission, he gave the natives much needed to join the Seventh Day Baptist mission.

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The church is now growing in numbers and in spiritual strength, and is in a position to do aggressive evangelical work among the heathen for the first time since 1902.

The Mill Yard Church can be justly proud of its past, in keeping alive the flickering flame of the Seventh Day Baptist work in Nyasaland, and it is my prayer that you will continue to work and pray for the people, and give us your help in their struggle to attain that common goal which is set before us all.

STAFF CHANGES

Rev. Emmett H. Bottoms on July 25 took over the responsibilities of the pastoral work at Jackson Center, Ohio. Mr. Bottoms served the Adams Center, N.Y., and Wolters Air Force Base, Texas. As his wife expects to join him later we wish successful endeavors are available. Seventh Day Baptists have many young men serving in the armed forces throughout the country. Now once more we have a chaplain on active duty. We can wish him a satisfying and fruitful service in this chosen field.

August 3, 1953

Church for guidance rather than to America, as did Makwinja and Joshua Chateka. This group was the only one I found who stuck with the true Seventh Day Baptist doctrine, without any additions of their own, when I arrived in Nyasaland in 1902.

Such was the condition of the mission work in Nyasaland when I arrived. I found, too, that in such missions there was much financial support, and that the conditions which prevailed during Booth's brief stay would be repeated. When no money or goods appeared he accused me of keeping the money he supposed I had been given for distribution. All these things — in addition to the practice of their heathen religions and superstition — made the preaching of the gospel of salvation by faith the most difficult.

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At present we have about 970 members in Nyasaland, 30 churches, 15 pastors, three schoolteachers, and a hospital assistant, as well as other workers doing practical work on the mission station. Our school has over 150 pupils, 50 of whom are boarders. Training is up to Standard IV at present, but it is hoped to add two more standards during the next school year, which commences in mid-October.

[From The Sabbath Recorder]
MISSIONARIES TO SAIL FOR NYASALAND

Reservations have been made for the anticipated journey to Nyasaland, Africa, in September of Rev. Ronald Barrar and nurses Beth Severe and Joan Clement. Definite arrangements have been made for the nurses to sail on the States Marine Corporation ship, the SS Harpejell, leaving New York for shipment on September 18. Efforts have been made to make reservations on the same ship for Missionary Barrar but without success. Reservation has been made for him on the States Marine Corporation ship, the SS Morgenster, sailing from New York on September 2.

Plans are being made for a special service to be held at Wesley on Sabbath afternoon, September 12, for the mission nurses.

HONORARY DEGREE CONFERRED

At the baccalaureate service at Salem College held Sunday evening, May 31, 1953, the honorary degree of Doctor of Pedagogy was conferred upon Rev. Orville B. Bond. Plans had previously been made for this degree to be granted by and at Milton College, Milton, Wis. An earlier-than-expected sailing date for the Bonds to their field of missionary service in Jamaica made it necessary to change plans. At the request of Milton College, Salem granted the degree in behalf of her sister college. The Missionary Society expresses deep appreciation to the colleges for this, another instance of thoughtful cooperation on the part of our educational leaders.

President K. Duane Hurley's introductory remarks, and the presentation of the candidate for the degree, as most appropriately made by Rev. James L. Skaggs, are as follows:

"A highlight of the evening and of this commencement week is to be a part of this service. It is our privilege, because of unusual circumstances, to be a part of a unique ceremony — the conferring of an honorary degree, on behalf of Milton College, to a friend who has seen fit to nominate one of the members of Salem College's board of directors to receive an honorary degree. He and his wife are leaving for missionary service in Jamaica, and their ship is to sail before the date of Milton's commencement. It is appropriate that Rev. James L. Skaggs take the initiative: He was once a member of the Milton College board, and is now a member of the Salem College board; he is a graduate of Milton; was pastor of a church in Milton; and he is the father of the acting president of Milton, J. Leland Skaggs.

(Presentation of Orville B. Bond by Rev. Mr. Skaggs):

"Mr. President: I am happy to participate, in behalf of Milton College, in conferring an honor upon one who, through many years of devoted and efficient service in the field of public education, has won the confidence, respect, and admiration of a multitude of people in this area of West Virginia; and who has also gained distinction for his Christian citizenship and his quiet and unfailing interest and devotion to his church. I have called to continue to serve the cause of education and Christian missions on the island of Jamaica.

"He completed a course at Salem College in 1916, and was awarded the B.A. degree. In 1913-1914 he attended a Normal School of Physical Education at Battle Creek, Mich., and in the summer of 1914 he was a student at Western Michigan in theology, agriculture, and education at Alfred University. In 1939 he was awarded the M.A. degree by West Virginia University.

"From 1913 to 1919, he served in a variety of school positions in this area, including three years as student-coach and director of physical education at Salem College.

"From 1919 to 1924, he served as principal of Unidus High School, and in 1924 to 1925 he organized and established Roosevelt-Weston High School in Clarksburg, W. Va. From 1926 to 1930, he served as superintendent of Union District schools, Harrison County.

"From 1931 to 1935, he was superintendent of Valley District schools and principal of Masontown High School in Preston County; and from 1935 to 1939, he was assistant superintendent in Harrison County, department of secondary schools. From 1939 to 1953, he was principal of the North View School in Clarksburg. From 1951 to 1953, he has served on the Commission of the Seventh Day Baptist Mission in Jamaica. His Christian interest is such that now upon his retirement from his vocation, he has accepted a call to continue to serve the cause of education and Christian missions on the island of Jamaica.

"Mr. President, in view of his outstanding service and achievements in the field of education, and in the interests of the Christian religion, I take pleasure in presenting, in behalf of Milton College, Professor and Reverend Orville B. Bond for the degree of Doctor of Pedagogy."
WHEN TO PRAY
Pray whenever you feel like praying. Pray especially when you don't feel like it, and God will help you to want to pray.
Pray when you are sad, that God will, in your gladness, make you tender toward the sad, and to keep your gladness from being self-centered.
Pray when things look hopeless, because our God is the GOD OF HOPE. (Romans 15: 17.)
Pray when you are rich that you may be "rich toward God." (Luke 12: 21.)
Pray when you are poor, because our God is rich. (Ephesians 2: 4.)
Pray when you are sure that what you are asking is God's will for you.
Pray when you are not sure of the will of God; pray until He shows you His will.
Pray constantly. (1 Thessalonians 5: 17.)
Prayer is the greatest guided missile in God's universe. — From Book of Mercies by George Arthur Frantz, copyright 1952, used by special permission of the publishers, the Bobbs-Merrill, Inc.

The Church as Adventure was the keynote of the visit of European Youth Leaders held jointly by the Youth Department of the World Council of Churches and the Ecumenical Institute at Bossey, Switzerland. April 27 - May 2. Twenty European youth workers attended.
Rev. J. Lochard of France pointed out that young people look wistfully to the Church but turn away from it because they see, not the power of God, but the conservatism of social patterns and customs, and a falseness security among those who find in the Church a shelter from the world. — EPS.

encourage those who have in the past provided funds to share with those less fortunate, and new friends who have caught the missionary spirit, to keep funds headed toward Jamaica, through the Missionary Society, and try to guaran-
tee that they will be wisely spent." — E. T. H.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY OF THE TRACT SOCIETY
As of the first of August the editor of the Sabbath Recorder assumes the additional responsibility of corresponding secretary of the American Sabbath Tract Society in accordance with the arrangements made by the society when the new editor was engaged. He will act — and a pleasant one — to initiate and answer correspondence relating to the spreading of the Gospel and the Sabbath truth through literature and audio-visual aids.
To anyone who has thought about it, there is no need to mention the fact that the promotion of the Sabbath cause as represented by Seventh Day Baptists on the far-flung mission fields normally begins with literature distribution. We have done and hope to do much pioneer missionary work of the sort where a missionary feels the call to an unevangelized field, goes out, and then makes his message acceptable to those who had previously expressed no desire for him to come. With our people that is not the usual way. Most of our missionaries go out only after there have been repeated written calls to "come over into Macedonia." They have heard of us through correspondence and tracts. Letters and literature are so much less expensive to send than are men that we can respond to calls for literature on a far wider scale. Thus it often happens that the Tract Society precedes the Missionary Society by many years in opening up a new field. When crying needs beyond our ability to fill are first borne by the Tract Society. By the same token, many of them rest upon the shoulders of the corresponding secretary before they can be shared by the full board.

Frank R. Kellogg has ably carried on this part of the work for some time. He has been fired with enthusiasm. He has challenged us at associations, and at General Conferences with the stirring appeals for greater zeal in these matters. He has faithfully filled orders for tracts and promoted the work of the society, devoting two or three days a week to this work. It is felt by the society that the editorship of the Recorder can be a little less than a fulltime job and the two offices can be combined under one salary.

The new secretary invites a free correspondence from all over the world and will do his best to be faithful in this dual responsibility.

AUGUST 3, 1953
Dear Mrs. Greene:
It has been a few months since I have written, so maybe now is a good time.
Rev. Ronald Barrar was staying at our house while he was here. This afternoon we had a chance to ask him questions. It was very interesting. He had with him a Bible in their language. He read some helpful talks. .
As cloud joined cloud far up on high.
Each Bower raised its drooping head;
"How sweet the lay!"
The Bowers were wilting all away,
"Or else I'd like to be a flower,
To charm good folk each balmy hour,
But many clouds"—
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A DISCONTINUED CLOUD
A small white cloud came floating by,
Along the bright and azure sky,
That any kind of use am I.
"I wish I were a little bird,
And when my merry song was heard,
Why, folks would say,
'How sweet the lay'!
And show their joy in chery word.
"Or else I'd like to be a flower,
To charm good folk each balmy hour,
Or any kind,
I wouldn't mind,
If only 'twas a useful power."
It was a warm and sunny day,
The flowers were wilting all away,
The grass was dead,
Each little head
Was in a very sorry way.
But many clouds came floating by
Across a quickly darkening sky;
The thunder crashed,
The rain fell fast,
As cloud joined cloud far up on high.
Each flower raised its drooping head;
The grass was green, no longer dead;
The brooklet bright
Sang with delight,
As o'er the stones it quickly sped.

The little cloud joined in the song,
And used firecrackers, though I did
hear caps popping and watched sparklers.
We have just finished Vacation Bible School at Independence. All I had to do was to tell stories, first to the preschool group and then to the older children. They are a fine group of children and I enjoyed the time I spent with them.

Yours in Christian love,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Recorder Children:
I have just returned from the post office, but not one single children's letter did I find, greatly to my disappointment.
So I've decided to finish our page with a little poem I have taken from an old fable. It's a good lesson for us all.

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During the past years men have been attempting to discredit the authenticity of our Holy Bible. We are confronted on every hand with the idea that the Bible account of Jesus' birth, the miracles, the ascension, and other events are not true. How could such texts be written if they were not written by inspiration from God, but that one writer probably had merely copied from another.

I've been thinking - If we understood all these passages, would they not coincide and fit together perfectly?

I've been thinking — about the new version of the Bible. Is it any better to say, "Therefore, if anyone be in Christ, he is a new creature," than, "Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature"? If we accept all scripture is given by inspiration of God, how can we, just mortal men, make a choice of words and decide what is true and untrue? What if anyone is in Christ, his new life is to be exactly what he said at the time he is a new creature.

I've been thinking — Are we picking our Bible to pieces and even searching for vague discrepancies? And if we accept all these ideas of errors in our Bible, what dull Bible account of Jesus' birth, the miracles, his death, and his resurrection. The only remaining Protestant radio station in the world. If anyone is in Christ, his new life is to be exactly what he said at the time he is a new creature. Our wondering what joy and peace is of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

I've been thinking - I have a very dear friend whom I love and admire. He has saved my life. He has carried my burdens through many trials — do not spend my time tending apart his words to see if he has made errors in his speech. He has carried my burdens through many trials. If he has made errors in his speech, Neither to him, nor to another time. No, I sit beside him, as Mary sat at Jesus' feet, and listen to his words of love and wisdom, accept the hope and inspiration he gives, and grow because of the help he has given me.

I've been thinking — If we would spend more time searching the Scriptures so that we might know Jesus and be able to say with John the Baptist, "Behold, the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world," or with Peter, "Art thou the Christ, the Son of the living God, would we not have the "peace which passeth understanding" within us and be able to say, "I know that thou hast him."

Could we search deeper to find the message of salvation which God has given us in His Son, Jesus Christ? Would our hearts and minds be prepared through this type of study to go forth and carry this message to those around us, or to whatever place the Lord would send us. Perhaps we might even say with Paul, "I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

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SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON for August 15, 1953

Christ Above All

Basic Scripture: Colossians 1: 1 — 2: 7

The Christian's Prayer Life Scripture: 1 Timothy 2: 1-8; Romans 8: 26-28

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CATHOLICS OR PROTESTANTS — WHICH ARE MORE ZEALOUS?

A Catholic priest and philosopher at Notre Dame, Dr. John A. O'brien, denies that the Catholics are surpassing the Protestants in making converts to their faith. He has conducted a Gallup-type poll and published the results in the June issue of the Catholic Digest. He found that 72 per cent of Catholics had never tried to win anyone to their faith and only 17 per cent of the remainder had succeeded. Among Protestants he found 59 per cent had made the attempt and 43 per cent of these had succeeded.

Dr. Walter M. Montano of Christ's Mission, New York, New York, writes this testimony:

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DO THINGS JUST HAPPEN?
Nathanael Olson

Abraham Lincoln's son, Robert, was in the Army during his father's presidency. One day he received orders to report to Washington and upon his arrival was told that his parents were at Ford's Theatre. As he entered the building, he was met by a group of men carrying out the body of President Lincoln, victim of an assassin.

Years later, as Secretary of War under James Garfield, he was requested by the President to accompany him to New Jersey. At the last moment, discovering that his parents were at Ford's Theatre, he asked if his parents might be sent for, and was informed that they were not, as it would necessitate his remaining in Washington, Robert Lincoln hastened to the depot to so inform President Garfield. As he approached the building, the fatally wounded President was being removed.

Twenty years later, President William McKinley invited Robert Lincoln to the Pan-American Exposition. He accepted with misgivings, and at the door of the building where he had been told to go, he argued as he was led President McKinley was being lifted away.

Do things like these "just happen," or is there a plan behind them? Do you believe that you "just happened" to find and read this column? Could it be that God had a purpose in leading you to it?

God wants to save your soul from eternal damnation by giving you a chance to know that "as many as received him (Christ) ... to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1: 12).

God has had a plan from the very beginning. He made man in His own image to reflect His glory. He made man in His own image to teach classes in the curriculum, and the foundation lecture series will bring nine top-flight nationally known lecturers to the campus for seminar programs. The Salem program will be designed to train a maximum number of boys who will be selected by the foundation.

Young people interested in entering the program should contact President Hurley at Salem College or write directly to the American Humanics Foundation, 1023 Grand Avenue, Kansas City 6E, Mo.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Milton College, the alma mater of many Recorder readers, has been struggling through some rough waters, according to reports. Quite in contrast with those reports is a recent page article in the July 2, Milton Courier.

Acting President J. Leland Skaggs reports recent gifts to the sagging operating fund of over $12,000, not to mention a $10,000 bequest, and $1,000 for the library fund. Operating fund gifts were boosted to an all-time high of $35,000, with the alumni taking all previous records of giving to their alma mater.

These figures seem to speak well for the efforts of the acting president as well as for the corporations and individuals who have contributed by the un predictable Communist Government. The following excerpts from a message published by influential church circles in East Germany do not explain the political reasons for the change but the Lord is bound for better conditions as of the present:

"There is a Lord of history, who can divert like rivulets the hearts of men, even the hearts of politicians. After a time in which many Christians, young and old, were daily encompassed by dread and danger, we are grateful for an hour of refreshment. We are able to sleep that hour away in comfortable security and complacency. God grant us the spirit of forgiveness, forgetting the likes of those who have reviled and persecuted us. God give us a new, genuine, spiritual struggle with the convinced adherents of a materialist philosophy."

The East German Communist party has instituted Widespread reforms in the Eastern Zone of Germany. Among them is a relaxation of its campaign against the Evangelical Church which has been going on for more than a year with arrests of churchmen, confiscation of church property, and vigorous propaganda attacks the chief weapons.

The Communist concessions, which are in complete contradiction to their attitude and actions of the past months, include the following major reversals of policy:

1. "No further actions" to be taken against the youth communities (Junge Gemeinde) and other church groups.

2. Court sentences against upward of 100 pastors in jail on charges of opposing the state are to be reviewed and "unjust punishment" is to be rectified.

HUMANICS PROGRAM AT SALEM COLLEGE

President K. Duane Hurley of Salem College has announced that Salem is one of a very few colleges in the United States to be selected by the American Humanics Foundation of Kansas City as a participating institution in the unique educational program of the foundation, which has established a definite course of study, preparing young men and women for the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Human Relations.

When the program is under way at Salem the foundation will add 1,000 volumes to the college library, dealing mostly with human relations fields. A full-time faculty member will be sent to the Salem campus to direct the program and teach classes in the curriculum, and the foundation lecture series will bring nine top-flight nationally known lecturers to the campus for seminar programs. The Salem program will be designed to train a maximum number of boys who will be selected by the foundation.

Another young man steps into the shoes of the outgoing president of the Board of Trustees of Milton College replacing Dr. Milton D. Davis. Dr. Branch is a native of White Cloud, Mich. He has been active in church and community affairs since setting up his dental practice in Milton. Another young man steps into an important position of service.
3. All state subsidies to the church, a long-established custom in Germany, are to be paid without further quibble and on time.

4. Confiscated church property is to be returned. — EPS.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY

Whereas, God in His infinite wisdom has called to His heavenly home our brother in Christian fellowship, Lester F. Kelley, a faithful deacon of long standing, a devoted father, a respected citizen, a loyal member and trustee of the Albion Seventh Day Baptist Church for many years, be it

Resolved, That we express our sympathy to the bereaved family and our hope that even so great a loss to us all may be over-ruled for good, by Him who doeth all things well.

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be placed in the church minutes, sent to the family, and to the Sabbath Recorder.

Glentea, Williams, Evelyn Marsden, Resolution Committee.

[The obituary was printed in an earlier issue of the Recorder. Ed.]

LET'S THINK IT OVER

When the American Baptist Convention closed its annual meeting in Denver, May 26, it had taken forward-reaching action in both home and foreign missions. A huge item of 8 million dollars for establishing 300 new churches had been adopted. The Convention specified that these churches should be unmistakably Baptist and connected with the American Convention.

The Christian Century has reportedly called this action "Baptist Imperialism," contending that thus binding the new churches to the denomination is to discard "the ancient Baptist principle of the autonomy of the local congregation."

That comes as something of a shock. Churches that are "unmistakably Baptist" must, by the term, be also autonomous. Beyond the financial dependency involved it is difficult to see how the action of the Convention could be more than a feeble gesture. Who can predict how a congre-

PITTSBURGH PEOPLE

Any Sabbathkeepers in the Pittsburgh area who would be interested in starting a Seventh Day Baptist Fellowship there will please contact one of the following ministers: Rev. Clifford Hansen, Salem, W. Va., or Rev. Paul Burdick, New Enterprise, Pa.

Births

Isaacs. — Douglas Alan to John and Alice Isaacs, 2324 Dora St., Modesto, Calif., April 17, 1953.

Munro. — Cynthia Joyce to Arthur and Beverly Munro, 1854 N. Berendo, Hollywood, Calif., June 17, 1953.

Welch. — Daniel Francis to Wesley and Betty Welch, 1855 Locust St., Pasadena, Calif., June 23, 1953.

"Yoked for Life in Christ"

Theme for the One Hundred Forty-first Session of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference meeting at Battle Creek, Mich., August 18-23, 1953

"Take my yoke upon you and learn of me."

Meeting Place: First Congregational Church on Capital Avenue NE, Battle Creek.

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