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It is recorded that in one of His visits to the temple at Jerusalem Jesus stood "over against the treasury" to observe how the people gave. He saw and He commented on it. He was interested not so much in the total amount of money in the treasury as in the measure of devotion displayed by the per cent of income contributed.

Statistics have been gathered from nearly all Protestant denominations as to their per capita giving. Such figures serve the purpose of enabling us to compare our giving with that of other denominations. It is evident that certain centrally controlled denominations would normally show higher figures "for benevolences" than our own because in such denominations some money that Baptists would count as local church work would go through the Conference and make the denominational giving look larger.

Even making allowances for such differences of accounting there is a tremendous spread between the per capita giving of a certain few and the bulk of other denominations, our own included. The Task force was repeatedly told last year that an average gift of about $12 per year from our total membership in 1955, though below the Denominational Budget, we didn't raise it in full. In fact, we lacked quite a bit.

Another Baptist denomination reached its full quota (which ran into millions) three months before the end of its fiscal year.

In figures just released by an inter-church agency, Seventh Day Adventists topped the others, giving the highest per member giving for all purposes" during the past year. They gave $194.12, with $149.74 of that credited to benevolences. The Free Methodists were only a dollar behind them in total giving. Only nine other denominations were above $100 in average gifts. The small new Old Testament Presbyterian body averaged over $118 per member.

We certainly have no logical explanation as to why the giving of so many denominations was so far above our own. We cannot take refuge either in the fact that some gave less or in the assumption that the average earnings of our people are less than in most other churches. The only favorable comparison is that our unreported goal of $12 per member for benevolences was about $1.50 above the average of all denominations.

Some of our people give with great devotion. They could not be expected to give more, but the number of people is pitifully small if we are to judge by the carefully prepared statistics available. It is evident that Seventh Day Baptists as a whole have not yet learned the blessings of tithing or the joys of sacrificial giving beyond this figure of 10% of income.

Uncertainty Stalks Abroad

Another time of great international tensions has settled like a murky cloud upon our world. The darkness of the hour is now felt by the recently expressed confidence in the executive leadership of our nation. The maker of the inept "brink of war" statement was hospitalized just as a new spectre of war loomed on the horizon, but he could not have altered the circumstances which were beyond the control of any one country. Slaves may be bought and sold, but no liberty is for freedom. Free nations try to safeguard a tenacious existence by military campaigns, no one will be content with vigilance within the concept of international law. Colonial empires revert to out-moded "gunboat" diplomacy. Empire-building diplomacy. Empire-building.

It is evident that certain central governments have been given a new lease of life. A few, however, are now re-considering, and under the leadership of their executive we may expect new determination to safeguard our freedoms, our liberties. We may look forward to a more just and lasting peace in the world and at the same time to maintain the blessings of tithing or the joys of sacrificial giving beyond this figure of 10% of income.

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Univac Studies the Bible

On election night millions of people watching the televised returns with some of the nation's top news analysts saw also on the screen the rapid flicking of some of the visible parts of that marvelous computing machine called Univac. Certain figures and other data were fed into this electronic brain for calculation. The calculations came back as to how the election would turn out. As far as we know the machine was always right.

Univac has been exercising its brain on the Bible in the extremely rapid production of the material necessary for a complete concordance of the Revised Standard Version. Such a concordance has been planned for several years. After testing the old methods and the new electronic computer work was started in February, 1955. The 1600-page, two-column book will be published next February. It took James Strong 30 years to compile his Exhaustive Concordance, published in 1894. It and Young's Analytical Concordance have been the two standard works in this field. But now, they say, nearly all the words in the King James Version, Young's contains about 120,000 more references than the unabridged Cruden's Concordance, with which so many are familiar.

Unfortunately the cost of the RSV Concordance will be rather high, $16.50 in cloth. It is done in readable type with the words arranged something the same as in Cruden's but is entirely lacking in definitions or reference to the derivation of words. Its value is primarily for verse finding and cannot replace the scholarly work of Robert Young, which is so helpful to the serious Bible student.

If Univac could have been invented 75 years ago it would have saved a lifetime of labor and would have made the location of Bible verses easier for parents and grandparents. Here is how the work on the new book was done.

The first step in the large undertaking was to copy the entire RSV on magnetic tape. The task was started in February, 1955, and completed in November, 1955. Some 800,000 words had been recorded on four reels of tape. The electronic computer then sorted the words to be
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CHURCH ATTENDANCE MONTH

[An article by Rev. Lester G. Osborn in the Ashwa­way (R.I.) Midweek Call to the Conference, requested for publication by the Conference president.]

Why All the Fuss?

Why so much stress on attendance? Why all this to-do about records, increase, convincing to-night, and bringing others? Now, there’s a good question! Just why all this emphasis, anyway?

“Our Conference president has asked it. Is that why? Is it just to please him, and to co-operate with the other churches in the denomination? What was his idea in making this request? Is he interested in the numbers, perhaps showing a better record than the president who have preceded him? Or is there something more important behind it?

Now, if our only reason for urging church attendance is just to make a record, to out-do other groups, or to increase our weekly congregation, our emphasis is all wrong. The importance of worldliness and pride! No, we stress attending church for a purpose. . . .

Worship is basic in character development. Were worship something! How necessary to worship the true God! That is the way to grow in the Christian life . . .

The church is the place where the Gospel is proclaimed. Do not sermon is planned with a view of setting forth man’s need of a Savior, and the presenting of the Lord Jesus Christ to the one who bears the sins of humanity, removes the guilt, pays the penalty, and reconciles man to God. Come to church to hear the word of life as set forth in God’s book, the Bible.

That’s why all the “fuss.” Yes, we want to fill up the empty pews. It’s easier to worship, the one who is receiving inspiration in a full church than in one where there are many vacant pews. It is easier for the pastor to preach to men and women, boys and girls, than to inanimate wood.

But back of all the stress on attendance is the desire to help people in their relation to God, in their service for Him, in solving their problems, and most of all, to bring people to a saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

So, come to church! Invite and bring your neighbors. Build a stronger, richer life! Worship together every Sabbath!

Bible Readings

Thanksgiving to Christmas

For the thirteenth year Americans of all faiths join in daily Bible reading from Thanksgiving to Christmas. This Worldwide Bible Reading is spon­nored by the American Bible Society. The program was observed last year in 49 countries.

The readings below were selected by numerous denominations. They are without note or comment, and one may use any version of the Bible he prefers.

November

22 Thanksgiving . Deuteronomy 5:1-21
23 Psalms 19:1-14
24 Psalm 46:1-11
25 Psalm 103:1-22
26 Psalm125:1-18
27 Psalm 145:1-21
28 Proverbs 3:1-20
29 Proverbs 1:1-29
30 Isaiah 40:1-11, 28-31
December

1 Isaiah 55:1-13
2 Luke 6:20-49
3 John 1:1-28
4 John 2:1-25
5 John 3:1-36
6 John 4:1-38
7 John 5:1-27
8 Bible Sabbath 
9 John 17:1-26
10 Luke 8:1-21
11 Acts 17:16-34
12 Romans 8:1-39
13 Romans 12:1-21
14 Romans 13:1-13
15 Romans 14:23-25
16 Romans 15:4-21
17 Luke 1:23
18 Luke 1:24-38
19 Luke 7:19-29
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President of National Council of Churches Challenges Soviet Church
Leaders to Stand for Truth

Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, president of the National Council of Churches, on November 7 sent a message to His Eminence Nicolai, Russian Orthodox Metropolitan of Krutizky and Kolomna, in Moscow, urging him to pray and to use his influence to avoid further bloodshed and oppression in Hungary. His carefully chosen (probably futile) words follow:

"Recalling with thanksgiving our fellow­ship in March and June and reaffirm­ing our common concern for the cause of peace in the whole world and our desire for the freedom of the churches to fulfill their mission, I send you brotherly greetings in Christ from the National Council of Churches in this critical hour.

"We are seeking through our prayers and material aid to help those who have suffered from the conflict in Hungary, the Middle East, and other areas of the present disorder. We hope you are join­ing us in supplication to Almighty God for all who suffer and that you will join us in sending material aid to the several victims of the present conflicts. In accord­ance with this expressed devotion to peace and justice, we hope the churches in the U.S.S.R. will work also for the avoidance of bloodshed and op­pression and that you will represent to the authorities of your nation your Chris­tian concern that the Hungarian people be given freedom to determine their destiny as a nation. We further ask that you use your influence to avoid further bloodshed and oppression in Hungary."

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Religion in American Life on "Wide, Wide World" TV Program

NBC's Wide World television program with Dave Garroway featured "Religion in American Life on Sunday, November 25 (4 to 5:30 p.m., EST). Millions of Americans concerned with spiritual values in national, community, and personal life are glad to see some such all-out television presentation of the forces of faith that keep America strong.

Viewers were asked to visit Monticello, cradle of religious freedom statute; St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York; Trinity Methodist Church, Berkeley, Calif.; Floss­moor Community Church, Ill.; oldest synagogue in America, Newport, R. I.; Reformed Temple Children's Church, Milton, Mass.; chaplains at Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas; and to hear: Patrician University Choir, New Orleans; Air Corps Choir; Billy Graham in St. Louis.

The church is to be judged for what it can do for a person, and what it offers in its identity, its life, and not by those who have let the church down. — Robert Boyd Munger.
Evangelism and Education

By Charles J. Woodbridge

The following is part of a statement in a seminar bulletin which most clearly answers a question our editor was asked to answer recently. Our opinion was requested on whether the Seventh Day Baptists to offer a Bible Institute type of seminary.

"And the things that thou hast heard of many among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also" (2 Tim. 2: 2).

An Intrinsic Difficulty

But it may be asserted, true evangelists are raised up by the Spirit of God and not fabricated in some academic assembly line. It is true that evangelists, pastors, and teachers, must teach the Bible to the church (see Eph. 4: 11). Moreover, some of the greatest pulpiteers have had little formal theological background. Yet this is no argument against Biblical and theological training.

Especially in the twentieth century do we need intense preparation for the ministry of evangelists. They need some-thing more than the top both in Europe and America that he is able to assert that he originated many of the techniques which made the movement spread so rapidly. We were asked to look into the history and development from the original Bible Student groups to the present "World Society" or the "World-Wide Tower Society." The writer has had the normal contact with this movement have no clearer view of it than ours was, they, that it is to the knowledge and those who look to them for guidance to read this book. It is full of information interestingly told.

Mr. Schnell has no criticism of the original Bible Students and their emphasis on Bible study and the improvement of the student's Bible good qualities in later years he has much to say. He explains that in 1925 The Watch Tower Society gave way to a new group "Jehovah's Witnesses." The reason for this, he maintains, was so that they could have a name which would distinguish them from Christians and give them more leeway to directly attack all churches.

Jehovah's Witnesses Exposed

A new book, Thirty Years a Watch Tower Slave, by William J. Schnell is just making its appearance and may be obtained soon from religious bookstores or from the publishers, Baker Book House, Grand Rapids 6, Mich.

The sensational title is justified in the sense that it describes the experiences of an old-time Bible student. He says that this rapidly growing organization brainwashed him and held him as a virtual slave to its teachings. He says that he struggled for nearly 20 years to free himself. The 208-page book is largely autobiographical. Not until almost the last chapter does Mr. Schnell criticize the books and teachings of Jehovah's Witnesses in detail. We do feel that a little less speculation and a little more study of the content of the book just as well.

There is great value to any minister or layman to read such a book as this, written by one who was almost a charter member of the organization and who was so near

Advertising and Evangelism in Mid-Continent Association

By Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson

The Missionary-Evangelistic Committee spent considerable time discussing the advertising project of the Association during the past year. Two ads were run in Capper's Weekly with a circulation of 40,000 western states, at a cost of $118.80. There were 48 responses from these two ads asking for information about Seventh Day Baptists. Fourteen states were represented by those answering the ads. Some had never heard of us; others had. A few expressed delight to hear from us for the first time or again. Personal letters were sent to these people accompanied by a total of 375 tracts. The committee felt that the project has been well worth while and recommended to the Association that we do more advertising the coming year. The Association accepted the recommendation of the committee and expressed its endorsement of the advertising program.

The committee discussed the offer of the Trumpet Society, Inc., toward advertising. The $100 was gladly accepted with a recommendation that an additional $100 from our own budget be used for advertising next year. This was adopted by the Association.

Other advertising media were discussed and serious consideration was given to being a subscriber of the Globe.
CONVERTED BOMBERS

During the last World War, thousands of bombing planes were sent on missions of destruction. After the war, a few of them were taken over for commercial service. They are called "converted bombers." A converted bomber is the same plane that once carried a lethal load of destruction.

It has the same wings and fuselage, the same type engines, the same cockpit and instrument panel. The bomb racks are gone. The gun turret is gone. It has a new paint job, but it is essentially the same plane. It has, however, this difference, it has a new owner. It carries a new cargo. It has a new pilot.

This is true conversion.

In Christian conversion, Jesus Christ delivers us from the old life and possesses us for God. He enters into the cockpit of the heart, takes over the controls and operates the old life on a new course, pointing us to a new and glorious purpose...the Kingdom of God and His righteousness...This means, of course, that all our relationships and activities are to be converted and viewed now in the light of our new mission.

The old job, the old routine of the day, the old cargo which remains to be carried may be lifted through Jesus Christ and moved toward God. The spiritual may invade and take over the secular through new purposes by the power of Jesus Christ.

Do you want to venture on a sacred mission with Jesus Christ? Then turn over the controls to Jesus Christ. Recognize the fact that you belong utterly to God. Then start operating your home, your business, your job with your heart set on God's Kingdom and His goodness.

- Robert Boyd Munger, in What Jesus

SUMMERTIME EMPLOYMENT

By Miss Lou Bond, Lost Creek, W. Va., a Senior in West Virginia University

For some time now I've been thinking about an idea whereby we as a denomination can lend a helping hand to our young people in college age and at the same time be recouping their help to us.

Many of our young people have had some training in Christian education and would be a real asset to our local churches in the summer months when vacations of regular Sabbath School teachers make the teacher's church attendance irregular. The young people could act as counselors for weekend retreats, a summer experience would better acquaint them with the problems and joys of other churches and would strengthen their own convictions. This would be one way of taking more interest in the vocations which Seventh Day Baptist young people choose.

If a year or so in college the student would like to get out and see for himself whether or not he has made the wisest choice of a vocation. Our denomination is quite fortunate that it is scattered all over the United States, in big cities and small towns. The occupations of its members are also varied so that if the college student were able to make the right contacts with people who work in the field he has selected as his life work he could gain much insight. The variety of fields of study of our college students would also be vast if we were able to see the over-all picture. I am sure. If the pre-med students could get some summer training with a doctor or work as a hospital aid through his efforts, undoubtedly much timely advice could be offered. The same holds true for secretarial studies, home economics, agriculture, commerce, and many other fields. Even if the job didn't happen to be in the specific field the young person looked for it might be that the summer experience in another field would open new avenues of interest for him.

Wherever one goes away from home to work there is always the problem of finding room and board. If you know someone in that town it makes it much easier because they have first-hand knowledge of the situation. Also you feel as if you have a friend who will help when other problems arise. It might be that satisfactory arrangements could be made with a friend to live in the home of a Seventh Day Baptist for the summer.

If each of our churches or fellowships would survey their community for such summer workers who would lend a lift to keepers or attend other than Seventh Day Baptist colleges, who long for a richer Christian experience with young people of their own denominational background to serve in some capacity. Such a summer experience would better acquaint them with the problems and joys of other churches and would strengthen their own convictions. This would be one way of taking more interest in the vocations which Seventh Day Baptist young people choose.

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Youth Called to Prayer

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The Scriptural admonition, "Pray without ceasing," perhaps has a new meaning in such circumstances. Sometimes, in the providence of God, the answer is on the way before the prayer is voiced. In such uncertain times, praying without ceasing is the only practical way of having the needed help ready. There were certain things that could be rushed to Hungary in those brief hours when the nation was free.

The pray-er is not in vain. The iron curtain was lifted long enough for the world to hear the prayers of oppressed Christians. Surely the Christian youth of America and the world can now see more clearly the truth that freedom and can thank God for those freedoms while praying that people of other lands may soon enjoy a greater measure of religious liberty... - Ed.

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The Sabbath Recorder young person who desired summer work to write the committee for the list. After receiving the list the young person could write directly concerning the work and save the Vocational Committee the additional time and mailing expense. I believe that, as much as possible, it should be the responsibility of each person seeking the job to make arrangements rather than the load being carried wholly by the Vocational Committee.

Like the name suggests, a summer worker is now in the hands of the Vocational Committee and therefore close to every young person in our denomination and therefore close to each Seventh Day Baptist. I have spent one summer away from home working in a similar situation and it was one of the greatest, if not the greatest Christian experience of my life. Because this is a summer of new beginnings, there is a great opportunity to attempt to stimulate a program wherein others can share such a wonderful experience. - Sabbatarian Echoes.
Minnesota Meetings

The Seventh Day Baptists of Northern Wisconsin and Minnesota held their semi-annual meeting at Dodge Center, Minn., on the weekend of November 2 to 4. In addition to locals, people there were several present from the Twin Cities, others from New Auburn, Milton, and Albion, Wisconsin.

Ministers bringing helpful messages at several of the services were Don Sanford and Kenneth Van Horn. Miss Joyce McWilliam and Homer Hess of Milton were also featured. Mr. Hess assisted in two worship services by presenting beautiful and inspiring sand paintings. He also did one of his sand pictures in the window of “Dork” Lippincott’s store. His method there was unique. He used no tools but poured the colored sand from his hand making the picture upside down so that it would appear rightside up to the window viewer.

The Sabbath afternoon program at the semiannual meeting arranged by the women was an unusual presentation of ways in which people could render Christian service. People of various occupations took part, acting in pantomime what each one had written as his conception of willing Christian service along his chosen line. Scripts were read by Marguerite Clapper as each participant acted his part. Some of these were:

1. “How I can give willing Christian service as a pastor, a student, an aged person, a pastor’s wife, a businessman, a jeweler, a grocery clerk, a housewife, a mother, a teacher, a child, a deacon.”

2. “Crystals are rich in the rough.”

Down in South Africa less than two and half a mile from the official diamond mine, it was found. As I write this little “Teen Talk” a picture of that diamond is before me. It appears to be at least two inches long and well over an inch in diameter. Diamonds are measured by weight and this one has the enormous weight of 426 carats in the rough. It is not the largest gem-quality diamond ever found but ranks ninth. It is now in the process of being cut and ground into a pleasing pear shape. It is the largest pear-shaped diamond in the world and will weigh 150 carats.

Crystal ice blue in color, this precious stone will be worth two and a half million dollars. It is still “riches in the rough.” It doesn’t have its true value until it has been carefully shaped to bring out its quality. It seems a shame that the diamond cutter, Sanford of New York who is examining the structure of the stone with a magnifying glass in the picture, will trim away almost two thirds of the diamond in order to bring out the best that is in it. But since he is the expert, and I am not, I will not question his wisdom.

Such a diamond is pictured in the newspaper because it is so unusual, so large, and so precious. You may not be the greatest person in the world, but in the sight of God your soul is extremely precious. Each and every soul is precious to Him. He tells us so in His Word. All that is why He sent Jesus into the world — because we are precious to Him and He wants us to be saved.

Don’t you suppose that most of us as seen by the searching eye of God, if we can be called diamonds at all, are diamonds in the rough? We do not have to wait and wonder how we measure up; we know in our hearts that we would be a lot more pleasing to God and man after quite a bit of cutting, grinding, and polishing. Is it possible that nearly all of us need to be ground away before we are worth 2½ million or whatever our polished value might be?

We get discouraged with ourselves in our moments of sin do we not? We wonder how we can become worth anything, how can we purify our lives. Pastors get discouraged too, but they search among their experiences; they look around at other young people who have successfully passed through the problem ages and well overcome. We know that if we keep close to Christ He will carry us through. Does not the Scripture tell us that although He was the Son of God He, too, was tempted in all points like as we are, and that He can even now come to our assistance? We are rich in the rough, but do we not need to remain in the rough.

ASSOCIATION REORGANIZED

By Kenneth Smith

The North Central Association, meeting at Albion, Wis., on October 18-21, entirely reorganized its program and enlarged and strengthened the program for the future. The role of this Association was studied by local churches and the Executive Committee for over two years previous to this important action at Albion.

“Understanding Our World Mission” was chosen as the theme for the meetings and each sermon brought out a different aspect of our theme. On Thursday evening, Pastor Kenneth Smith preached on the subject “The Need for World Mission,” and on Friday evening Rev. Kennet Van Horn spoke on “Stewardship in Our World Mission.” The Sabbath morning sermon was preached by Rev. Don Sanford to a capacity congregation of about 300. His title was “The Sabbath in Our World Mission.”

President Charles Harris brought messages on his program for the year on Sabbath afternoon and Sunday morning. On the evening after the Sabbath, Rev. Addison Appel brought a sermon entitled, “Prayer in Our World Mission.” The Sunday evening sermon, “Christ Is Our World Mission,” was preached by Pastor Smith. He replaced Rev. Elmo Randolph, who had suffered injuries the previous week in a skiing accident.

The business meetings occupied most of Sunday and were notable for their accomplishments as well as their unusual length. The most important actions can be listed somewhat as follows:

1. A new associational office was created, that of Field Co-ordinator. We are glad to report that the Executive Committee has secured the services of Ivan Fitz Randolph to inaugurate a study of the Association, its program and problems. He will co-ordinate the work of associational committees and stimulate associational interest in the local churches.

2. Associational committees were established for the first time and their functions were outlined. Committees on Missions, evangelism, Vocations, and Nominations were appointed and it is planned that these committees will study their own roles in the total program which was outlined.

3. An Association newspaper will keep the program and its requirements before the local churches. Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Maxson of Edgerton, Wis., will edit the new paper and be closely associated with the field co-ordinator and the pastors.

4. A campaign for a more representative attendance at Associations will be initiated. Churches are being urged to charter buses or organize car pools.

5. A program of evangelism was approved. It will be a concentrated program in a specific area with the entire Association providing leadership and support. The details will be worked out by the Committee on Evangelism.

6. It was recommended that the Quarters Meeting and the Semiannual Meetings be asked to analyze and revamp their program in the light of the revised Association program.

The lengthy and sometimes involved business sessions were ably chaired by President Roy Harris, president of the Association.

The new officers are as follows: president, Alton Churchward, Chetek, Wis.; vice-president, Loyal Pedersen, and treasurer, Miss Ruth Ann Looboff, both of New Auburn, Wisconsin; editor of Look, Miss Joyce McWilliam, Milton, Wis.
Let's Think It Over

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It is less difficult to resolutely take a stand and announce a decision, however costly in terms of old friendships, than to live day by day, implementing it as new problems arise and new, harrowing choices have to be made. In the Special Assembly the U. S. delegation brought light into a darkening road and showed the way to the lawful goal. Will the light remain aglow if the winds begin to blow from East or West?

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