LIBERTY AND LIGHT IN COLONIAL HOMES

We inherit the blessings of liberty from the homes of our colonial ancestors. A replica of one such colonial home at Old Sturbridge Village, Mass., pictures above the lost home industry of making tallow candles. As the mother ladles the hot beef tallow from the caldron to the mold the daughter notes it in memory. Some such candles provided the light in lanterns like the one immortalized in the "Midnight Ride of Paul Revere." Times change. Liberty and light are taken for granted in modern homes. True freedom and light must spring from personal faith.
Called Unto Liberty

At the beginning of July a growing nation of 170 million people looks back to the origin of its statehood. Liberty came to the colonies in America through the historic document known as the Declaration of Independence. Congress had appointed a committee of five on June 11 headed by Thomas Jefferson to prepare such a document, and more than two months after date to which payment is made, it was designed by the prophet (under the direction of God) to stir the people to following the Lord in worship and in daily life.

Elijah knew, even as our people know, that theology is fundamental to action. But today we are to recognize the saving power of the Lord of heaven and earth. The performance of any task is the very essence of Christianity. The problem of indifference is not only in the same land but in the same church. The early Christians were surrounded. They were like so many people, living in, with the problem of indifference and aimlessness, not just in their intellectual and theological thought process but in their actual following of the Lord. The contest of Carmel, the supreme moment in the drama of the nation, was designed by the prophet (under the direction of God) to stir the people to following the Lord in worship and in daily life.

In Galatians 5: 13, he reminds the members of those churches in Asia Minor that they "have been called unto liberty." There is a liberty for us greater than that of the national freedom we celebrate on July 4. It is the freedom from the guilt and penalty of sin. That Calvary-earned freedom compels cultural freedom from law. The prohibition of moral law are nonapplicable insofar as our sinful desires have been changed. The restrictions of ceremonial laws have been eradicated by their fulfillment in Christ who cleanses from daily defilement so wonderfully. The Scripture warns, however, that we are to 'stand fast in the liberty wherein Christ has made us free' (Gal. 5: 1).

Liberty in the nation and in Christ is not a boon to be passively received. Unless we are actively committed to the cause of liberty for all — unless we stand fast and we are not to lose that which we have taken for granted.

These are days when we are conscious that in our free nation law must be imposed upon a certain strain of people from abusing the liberty which we enjoy. It is the same law in the Christian life. If all church members were perfect Christians there might be little reason to turn to Ten Commandments. If self and the flesh were completely gone from us Paul would not need to end his sentence about being called unto liberty with the words, "only use liberty for an occasion to the flesh." What have we is what we need: the joy of liberty to see against its ability to be preserved. The moral law still stands in the background just as truly as the Statue of Liberality in New York Harbor. To break it is to lose all freedom of conscience.

How Long Halt Ye?

Once again a portion of the story of Elijah and the prophets of Baal moves us to find out how we find the answer. The story of Elijah and the Baals was told anywhere in the Old Testament a more challenging story than that which centers around the words of a prophet of light in an era of darkness. It is the lesson of Elijah which we are examining in this issue: "How long halt ye between two opinions? If the Lord be God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him." (1 Kings 18: 21). It is significant that within the same verse comes the comment, "And the people answered him not a word." Our faithful pastors, evangelists, and lay preachers have not passed this Scripture by, nor have they failed to apply it to the life of the generation as the Lord has led them. Our outstanding pastors have remarked privately that he is opposed to the "panty-waist preaching, typical of Seventh Day Baptists." We believe the sword is too deep, but if it is true in some measure (and it may be), such preaching does not flow from texts like the one quoted above.

What brought this "How long halt ye?" passage to mind was the financial picture which we get from month to month from the treasurer of our World Mission. We will admit that an application of this text to the subject of giving is a little indirect and is by no means the main emphasis of the passage. Nevertheless, such an application is justifiable. For the days that the Israelites took for granted that the day ended Elijah called for 12 barrels of precious water to be poured on the offering. It looked like the day was about to be lost. Many of the people thought they could have the favor of God and be worshippers of Baal at one and the same time. Elijah touched the heart of the matter when he asked, "How long halt ye?" The people "answered him not a word." They were glumly silent, still struggling with the problems of indifference, like some of the crowd at a Graham Crusade.

People are prone to forget the great lessons of the past when engrossed in the problems of the present. It was not so far back in history that Egyptian overlords were overthrown, that bread rained down from heaven, that seas rolled back, that water sprang from the rock, that thunder rumbled from the walls, and the finger of God scribed for them His eternal laws. The leading of God in the affairs of state was not such ancient history. They themselves had
listened to faithful prophets and had seen miracles. They should not need the test of Mount Carmel to prove which god was the God of evil; leadership was bad; the depression was deep; faith was flickering. Therefore, they were limping like the halt and blind in their service. As faithful disciples, they "followed afar off."

We can hear Elijah calling across the years to a people in like circumstances, people who have doubted the power of God, folks who follow the materialistic trend of the times and have forgotten the power of Calvary, the resources of the resurrection, the persuasion of Pentecost. The God who answered by fire on Carmel, transfigured His Son on Olivet, sent tongues of fire at Pentecost, and struck down Saul with a blinding flash of truth — that same God calls for straight and sturdy steps today.

Let there be no halting in our following due to doubts of the God of power or the power of God. When we see God aight in the person of His Son; when we acknowledge the allegiance we owe to God; we will serve without reserve.

Dare we say we are bowed down with a budget too great for us? Most of us whose names appear on the membership rolls of churches claiming to serve Christ are limping along the paths of indifferent and indecision, trying to serve the god of the world, fear of the future, and doubt that rolls eternity in His hand. Certainly God has His 7,000 souls who have not bowed the knee to Baal, but many of us who meditate on these things need the call of Elijah, "How long halt ye... follow him." True following calls for sacrifice, and part of that is best expressed with money.

**NEW RECORDER PAGING**

A new volume of the Sabbath Recorder begins with this issue. Libraries and general readers are asked to take notice that an issue now on will be pagged separately from 1 to 16 rather than consecutively as in the past. We believe this arrangement will be more pleasing to most of our subscribers. Other improvements will be made from time to time.

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**President's Column**

Conference Delegates and Committees

Many churches will soon have their last business meeting previous to the session of General Conference, which will be held in Milton, Wis., from August 13 through 19.

Arrangements should be made for the appointment of delegates to the Conference, and a list should be sent to the local committee at Milton.

It would be most helpful if the delegate would state on the Conference delegate list a preference for the committee on which he or she may wish to serve.

Your Conference president is now arranging these committees to consider the reports and statements to be submitted to General Conference. The requests of the questionnaires which were filled out at Conference last year at Alfred, N. Y., are now being observed and followed as nearly as possible. Please plan to be present on one of these committees, and help make our General Conference what it is intended to be — a time to rededicate ourselves to the work of our Lord, as done by Seventh Day Baptists.

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**Hungarian Refugee Report**

President Eisenhower has written a letter to Dr. R. Norris Wilson, executive director of Church World Service, in which he terms "magnificent" the response of the American people to the plight of the Hungarian refugees. Dr. Wilson served on the President's committee to co-ordinate the work of the many voluntary agencies involved.

The report of that committee to the President showed the resettlement of more than 32,000 Hungarians in this country. The part played by CWS is given by G. E. Blackford, Public Relations director, in the following terms:

"Of those resettled in America, opportunities for new lives for 6,092 were provided through the cooperative efforts of Church World Service and local Councils of Churches and their constituent denominations."

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**Tell Others**

Is your giving a part of your Christian experience that brings you a blessing? If so, do you know where your church is giving, that each issue from now on will be more pleasing to most of our subscribers. Other improvements will be made from time to time.

**Executive Secretary's Column**

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J. R. Bullock with his capable, consecrated wife lives across the street from the church in the village of Berlin, N. Y., a somewhat secluded town strung along a valley between the hills of New York and the mountains of western Massachusetts.

In such a locality many would say there was little opportunity to witness for the Lord by distributing Gospel and Sabbath tracts in large quantities. Mr. Bullock does not say that. Handicapped by a serious accident a few years ago which keeps him from doing much physical work and warned by his doctor that his heart is in bad condition, this man is undaunted in tract distribution. Not only does he push himself to the limits of physical endurance to do what he feels is the Lord's work for him, but also he insists on regularly contributing tithe money toward the cost of the thousands of tracts he gives away. Why doesn't Mr. Bullock sit down and take it easy? Because he has had a
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recent deepening experience with the Lord. That makes him different from the many mentioned above.

Most reluctantly he gave his permission to have his story told. By nature a retiring man, he is strongly averse to any kind of publicity involving himself. His friends—and his ever-faithful wife—were able to lead his people "Joe" surely could say, "Lord, I can do anything but talk or testify."

Picture a man in poor health in a mountain village out on the road every Sabbath morning at 5 o'clock hitch-hiking to Albany and Schenectady with the purpose of spending several hours in tract distribution before finding his place in the Seventh Day Baptist Church of the latter city. Why does he seek rides with other people? Not because he could not pay his way if public transportation were available, but in order to witness to more people. Sometimes one ride takes him all the way to Albany. More often he has interesting contacts with several drivers. He tells some of his experiences in the following words:

Had a grand time last Sabbath, leaving Berlin (Quebec) at about 9:45. The first ride was 10 miles; the next one took me to Albany, and I was going in. He gladly accepted the tracts. I was on the train going to Schenectady. I made the regular rounds: two bus stations (Greyhound and Interstate); then to the railroad station, where I made three tracts in the waiting room. I then went up on the platform and looked around. One train makes up in Albany that leaves around nine o'clock.

About three weeks ago I asked the conductor for permission to get on the train and give out tracts, and he at once said yes. The next week I didn't see that conductor but took a chance and went through one coach. Last Sabbath I was a little tired and fearful he might not like me bothering him, but I happened to look up and caught his eye. He motioned for me to come on board, to my great surprise. He considered me quite favorably with God. I went through two coaches putting two tracts on each window. I happened to take 50 or 60 "Sabbath and Sabbathkeeping Baptists" tracts and 200 or more smaller ones. It is a train going to New York City, giving the passengers lots of time to read. I have had some of the bus drivers give me permission to go through the bus. I leave Albany about 9:15 for Schenectady.

One can gather from the above that his is a simple ministry of seed sowing. The unique thing about it is the con­secration with which it is carried on.

Now armed with about 5,000 tracts of many kinds, this volunteer who spreads the Word, is planning a railroad trip to Boston, not to see the city, but to see the people who go to see the city. His latest letter to the Tract Society secretary states some of his future plans and informs us that although at times he has been very, very weak on his feet, he has had no difficulty with his heart for several weeks. With a man like this leading the way, we may well pray that many of us will have the zeal and knowledge to follow in his steps according to the opportunities which "compass us about."

MISSESS—Sec. Everett T. Harris

Government Aid for Makapwpa Mission Medical Work

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One of the hazards of trying to work out plans for young people to sing together as a quartet is that it may be from the first with voice it is never blended. Anyone who has tried to sing with others knows that the quality of each voice varies. And so there is truth in the old saying that some quartets are "made in heaven." And it is equally true that unless there is a natural blending of voices a quartet will never inspire the listeners. And so it came about that when Ron Wright arrived at Milton, Ws., coming from Boulder, Colo., with Dr. and Mrs. Loyal Hurley, and began rehearsing with Wendell Thorngate, Carol Harris, and Helyn Little, they realized that his voice was not harmonizing with the others. Ron took the courageous step of asking that another be found to take his place. He suggested as his successor Peter Van Horn of Milton.

Dr. Loyal Hurley has written of the wonderfully fine work by all in this rather difficult situation. Pastor Elmo Randolph has found a place for Ron's services in the summer church camp program of the area. There is work for all who are willing to work.

An agreement was reached to sing with the quartet at once. They are under the special training of Professor Leman Stringer of Milton College. Special services began at the Albion Seventh Day Baptist Church on June 28. We are all humbly thankful to God for our wonderful young people.

WOMEN'S WORK—Arabeth Deland

Notes from June Board Meeting

The Nominating Committee reported the following people were planning to assist in several Bible Schools, where our assistance has been requested: Miss Arabeth Deland, Rockville; Mrs. Nellie Barbur and Miss Ann Bond at DeRuyter, N. Y.; Miss Joyce McWilliam and her assistant, Miss Pearl Hibbard, at Paint Rock, Ala.; and Barbara Bivins and her assistant, Miss Betty Robeshaw, at Waterford, Conn. It was voted to pay $44 a mile for traveling expenses if anyone drove their own car.

Ways of starting a special fund for furnishing the new classroom at Maiden was also discussed. It was voted to request an amount for this purpose. Our World Mission giving is so far behind, it was felt that we should not start any other money-raising project at this time. It was agreed that a woman in the denomination increase her efforts toward raising Our World Mission bud­get.

The Nominating Committee will report at the July meeting.

Mrs. George Parish agreed to go to Salemville, Pa., to represent our board at the Southeastern Association meeting.
June 28-30 and to assist in their workshop on "Religion in the Home."

Mrs. Claire Merchant reported on her trip as our representative to the Central West YMCA Association, May 31, June 2, at DeRuyter, N.Y.

The annual Michigan United Church Women meeting in Lansing was attended by Miss Mary Gough, Mrs. S. Lewis, and Mrs. LeRoy DeLand. They told a few of the highlights of the convention.

The new program packets for 1957-58 have been mailed and it was voted to send a letter of appreciation to Mrs. Roderick Moulton of Benton Harbor, Mich., for all her assistance in preparing the packets. The theme is "Where Christ Walks," from John 8: 12.

The Conference Planning Committee is planning the following meetings for women at General Conference:

Monday afternoon — Workshop on Denominational and Local Society plans.

Thursday morning — three sectional meetings for officers:
1. Presidents and Program Chairmen
2. Keyworkers
3. Association Representatives

Friday noon — luncheon followed by the annual business meeting.

The board is asking the keyworkers of each society to let the corresponding secretary know the probable attendance for these meetings? Of course, the committee is planning the regular Woman's Board Program for General Conference, but this is for everyone, not just the women who are to be held Wednesday afternoon. It was reported that several women who had been asked to help with these meetings had said they could not accept, so several leaders are still needed.

The treasurer reported a total of $3,650.52 in the General Fund which includes the gift of $2,969 from the Mary Maxson estate. It was decided to place this in a separate savings account to draw interest until it was determined what spiritual work it should be used for. This leaves an actual balance, in the General Fund of $670.95. A balance of $180 in the Evangelistic Fund was also noted.

THE REVIVAL WE NEED

By Rev. Loyd F. Hurley
Home Field Evangelist
employed by the Missionary Board

(Continued from last week)

Training Laymen as Evangelists

In Ephesians 4: 11, 12, we read in KJV, "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." In the RSV it reads, "And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for building up the body of Christ." In both translations the word "for" is used three times in the 12th verse, and both translations are misleading. There are two prepositions in the Greek, not one. The ASV translation is much better, "for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of ministry, etc." If the RSV reads as it should it would be something like this: "With the equipment of the saints for the work of ministry, etc." What the Ephesian Letter says is that the leaders of the church are to train the laymen to be soul winners. That is our needed revival.

The National Council Outlook for October, 1956, reported the National Convention of Christian Men held at Cleveland, Ohio, September 14-16, where 3,300 men from 33 states met to consider the work of laymen in the church. Billy Graham told these men, "America will never be won to Christ by the clergy alone, important as our pastors are who guide the flock; but it will take dedicated laymen witnessing in every sphere of life to win America for Christ." Congressman Walter H. Judd told them: "Start from scratch, from day one control one third of God's children, and that's because millions are serving as communists."

In Battle Creek last fall we met Mr. and Mrs. Myers, formerly of Temple Baptist Church, Detroit. They were two of the visiting laymen of that church of 13,000 members. They told me that the increase of members in that church averaged fifty per week, or 2,600 per year. How do they do it? One night a week teams of visitors, men and women, are out calling for the church. One afternoon a week the women are out calling. They claim the largest church in the world. But visiting laymen have been the key.

Some of you will say that the early Christians were filled with the Spirit, and that the great evangelists were Spirit-filled, also. Yes, and we need that today. But the RSV was speaking of tongues and performing miracles. John Wesley, who taught so strongly the need of a "second blessing," insisted that this added blessing of the Spirit was only perfection in love. Wherever you find a burning desire to lead men to Christ you will find the Holy Spirit in men's lives. Notice I didn't say a desire to lead men to our church, or even to the Sabbath! I said a desire to lead them to Christ! "He shall glorify me," said Jesus of the Holy Spirit. Wherever men earnestly seek to lead men to Christ the Holy Spirit co-operates and empowers.

In Christianity Today for Dec. 24, 1956, is a front-page entided "Surge in Norway." It states: "Thousands of new members were brought into churches during an intensive week-long evangelism campaign conducted simultaneously in Christian homes in 61 parishes, more than 50,000 homes in 61 parishes were visited by laymen during the drive. Overflow crowds, the majority without previous church affiliation, filled the churches in a series of special services at the conclusion of the effort." Now were these visitors in Norway especially filled with the Spirit, or just earnest, sincere witnesses for Christ? Well, let's hear what the preaching followed the visitation. "Overflow crowds, the majority without previous church affiliation, filled the churches in a series of special services at the conclusion of the Day of Pente­cost Peter did not preach his sermon until the crowd had been attracted by the witnessing of the 120. Let us go back to the methods of New Testament evangelism as the church today increasingly does.

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOOD NEWS

The witnessing of the early church was the proclamation of the Good News, not the explanation of it. They never sought to explain their faith in the collection of the Cross, and the Resurrection, they only declared them. The interpretations began at a later date as one would naturally expect, but not all were exactly right and proper in their places, but they are not the Gospel. The Gospel is Good News of God's grace in Christ.

Down in our southern states many people are still fighting the Civil War, though that war was over 90 years ago. Within our little denomination we are still fighting our theological "civil war," and that began at least 60-odd years ago. I had two uncles in our seminary in the 1890s and both of them told me the controversy was quite intense at that time. We are still engaged in it.

The most tragic result of it all is that it destroys our basic fellowship, the deep spiritual unity which makes us a united team. Such a declaration now that God has visited this planet in the person of His Son. We ought to be united in proclaiming that the nature and essential essence of the Divinity is Man. And order have actually been introduced into this earthly and human scene through the life and death and resurrection of Christ. But instead of declaring those facts with all our power we are quarrelling about the proper interpretation of those facts. And this critical and division destroys the spiritual unity of purpose which is necessary for an effective denominational witness. The facts are these: We are so in love with Christ that they not only proclaimed His love and grace to all they met, but they sought to encourage and strengthen all others who proclaimed His saving power. That was real spiritual fellowship.

Seventh Day Baptists seem to have kept an approximate average in gain with the other denominations during the Great Revival and the Prayer Meeting Revival, but today, when others are registering their greatest gains, we are still losing numbers. We lack the unity of a deep spiritual fellowship.
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — Sec. Rex E. Zwibel
Youth Participation at Western Association

The earliest activity of the Western Association this year was a picnic outing at Empire City near Little Genesee, N. Y. In attendance were 70 youth and their leaders. The picnic was a co-operative activity of camps furnishing different items on the menu. After the picnic the group met in the Community House at Little Genesee. There a worship service was conducted by delegates from the First Alfred Church. Following the worship, the First Alfred youth who made the pilgrimage to Rhode Island in May, prepared a registration blank, he may secure one from our office, Box 15, Alfred Station, N. Y. Retreat schedules and letters of explanation have been sent to last year’s “Retreaters” and to the pastors of our churches. We have more available and will send them at your request.

This year the Retreat has been extended to include the evening meal on Monday, and we will move into Milton as soon as the church is prepared to register the youth who plan to stay for Conference at the same time they are registered for Retreat. This gives us the opportunity to stay at the Retreat a longer period of time.

Watch the Sabbath Recorder for developments.

Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship has had much success among the 260,000 college students in New York but the organization provided 400 of the personal workers for the Billy Graham campaign. They are helping to counsel the thousands (some of them students) who make decisions.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for July 13, 1957

Jethro, A Practical Counselor

The Helping Hand for July — August
August is the time when teachers and students will need to expand this topic with whatever study aids are available.

MISSIONS — Sec. Everett T. Harris
Pastor James McGeachy Writes


"Here in London we just manage to keep the various Mill Yard services going regularly, with little opportunity to advance the cause with having to give most of my time to other work. However, lately we have had quite a lot of correspondence with friends in Australia who are very desirous of seeing Seventh Day Baptist churches started in order to encourage these scattered and isolated people till such time as they may be able to gather others to form churches. Recently I suggested to them that we start a Mill Yard Roll of Isolated Overseas Members, so that they might have a real feeling that they are a part of the denomination. We will see how they react to the suggestion. I have sent them literature and also a set of Bible Correspondence Lessons I wrote many years ago. The article I wrote for The Sabbath Observer on the Difference Between Seventh-day Adventists and Seventh-day Baptists seems to have stirred some interest in various quarters."

"We are now busy with preparations for our daughter’s next birthday. She is marrying a young Adventist minister, whose parents will be staying with us this weekend."

"After that we shall have our holiday at the end of June, but will return in time for the arrival of Joan and Beth in London from Nyasaland. We enjoyed meeting Dr. Victor Burdick, and later his brother, LeRoy."

In Milan, Italy, a young unmarried man with wide missionary experience in Africa has recently accepted the Sabbath and proposes the possibility that he might take the credit of the missionary work at Nogent, France, where he is a minister on a largely self-supporting basis for work with Sabbathkeeping churches.
CHILDREN'S DAY
By Mrs. Edna Wheeler

Nearly all my grandchildren — both near and far away — were attending Vacation Bible School at the same time. This prompts me to write the following sentiments and the account of our Children's Day here at Nortonville, Kansas.

Today was Children's Day at our church, and what a wonderful Children's Day it was, that is just what we mean in every sense of the word. We have no other service of any kind on this one Sabbath of the year. And I think this realization means quite a little to the children. The program that we have this Sabbath is the climax of long planning and intense study and teaching on the part of those — the supervisor and teachers — who see that a Vacation Bible School is carried on and on the part of the children who have so faithfully applied themselves to learning and to doing what is asked of them.

The church was beautifully decorated with all varieties of roses, almost making it look as though there was a garden for the background. The children are lined up outside, all looking their very best, and very anxious to show everyone what they have learned. At a given signal they start marching in, singing "Onward Christian Soldiers." They take their places in the choir loft, and go into their program. One is impressed with their happy smiling faces as they begin to act out their parts and take back in memory to many years ago, when we were taking part in Children's Day Exercises. They are so happy to show everyone what they have learned. To them — especially to the very young — Jesus and His love have been made so very real. Their radiantly happy faces and the emphatic way they have of acting out their parts testify to this. Would that all of us could attain the reality and love of Jesus like this in our hearts at all times! What a different world this would be.

I hope as time goes on these children will realize what a blessed privilege they have in being able to attend Bible School. The things they learn here, will stay with them for years to come.

Our churches should all be very grate-
ful to those who freely and willingly give of their time and talents so that these wonderful programs may be available to the children. Our church being without a pastor, we feel very fortunate that with the co-operation of teachers, parents, and others this work is still carried on. Some of these parents had to give up much of their valuable time to see that their children were taken to the school every day. This comes in an especially busy time of the year, but we are thankful that they realize what an important training this is in the lives of their children.

May God richly bless these efforts so that this Christian training may go on as the children grow older.

The Great Commandment
By Clifford V. Marson

When Jesus was asked which was the Great Commandment, He answered: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these commandments hang all the law and the prophets" (Matt. 22: 36-40). The question is why should we love God and our fellows.

Now let us turn to Mark 2: 27: "The sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath. It was not made for man, it was made for man, it must be that God intended it to be of some special use to him. What was that intended use? If we turn to Genesis we begin to get the answer to both of these questions.

God wanted the world for some purpose. As He worked from day to day, He tells what He had done. It was not until the end of the sixth day that the purpose becomes clear. By that time God had provided everything necessary for life and He had created man in His own image. But there was nothing for developing the spirit, the God part of man.

It was then that God entered His work. The seventh day approached and God blessed it and sanctified it. But at that time He did not say anything about man's relating with Him, nor anything about what man's attitude should be toward Him or toward his fellows.

Frustrated Youth

"Imagine 2,000 teen-agers confined to limited quarters with nothing to do and you have an idea of a major problem facing our nation," Mr. Washington, leading church woman declared on her recent return from Austria. The World Council is buying books for 1,000 students so they can go to school in the camps.

Mrs. Harlee, who is chairman of the Public Relations Committee of United Church Women, emphasized: "The Hungarian refugee problem as a whole is definitely not finished. With refugees not knowing where to turn, the situation is still critical."

Dan Poling Backs Graham

The Monday morning New York Herald Tribune (June 24) gave nearly three columns in two articles to the sermon of Dr. Billy Graham, "the world's greatest evangelist" who gave his speech on the pulpit of the Baptist Church, the Marble Collegiate.

The veteran youth speaker, preacher, and editor took occasion in his message to speak well for Mr. Graham and his Crusade and to mention the unfairness of the Protestant critics of the evangelist. He stated that the non-Protestant criticisms had almost invariably been well tempered. His analysis of Protestant criticism carries the weight of wide experience. He said that in the past and the present, Mr. Graham disregard fair play "the stature of this evangelist has increased as he has refused to answer these critics, but it re-

mains for some of the rest of us sharply to dissociate ourselves from these critics."

Dr. Poling singled out The Christian Century, liberal scholarly Protestant journal, as "perhaps the chief opponent of mass evangelism in general and of the Graham Crusade in particular."

Marble Collegiate Church had reason to rejoice in the work of Billy Graham. Twenty-two of the people joining that church on the day Dr. Poling spoke were converted at Madison Square Garden and 100,000 people attended the sermons. Mr. Graham said at the end of the services that if he had been asked to name one Negro in this audience who was converted he would choose Mr. Poling, the editor of the New York Daily Tribune (June 24) gave nearly three columns in two articles to the sermon of Dr. Billy Graham, "the world's greatest evangelist" who gave his speech on the pulpit of the Baptist Church, the Marble Collegiate.

The veteran youth speaker, preacher, and editor took occasion in his message to speak well for Mr. Graham and his Crusade and to mention the unfairness of the Protestant critics of the evangelist. He stated that the non-Protestant criticisms had almost invariably been well tempered. His analysis of Protestant criticism carries the weight of wide experience. He said that in the past and the present, Mr. Graham disregard fair play "the stature of this evangelist has increased as he has refused to answer these critics, but it re-

mains for some of the rest of us sharply to dissociate ourselves from these critics."

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Frustrated Youth

"Imagine 2,000 teen-agers confined to limited quarters with nothing to do and you have an idea of a major problem for man's attitude toward God. Mr. Washington, leading church woman declared on her recent return from Austria. The World Council is buying books for 1,000 students so they can go to school in the camps.

Mrs. Harlee, who is chairman of the Public Relations Committee of United Church Women, emphasized: "The Hungarian refugee problem as a whole is definitely not finished. With refugees not knowing where to turn, the situation is still critical."

THE SABBATH RECORDER

JULY 1, 1957

When Abraham was called, he was given some directions as to moral conduct, but the real record of the training of man does not come until the children of Israel marched out of Egypt into the wilderness. When they were given manna (Exodus 16) the matter of the Sabbath came up but they could not gather manna on that day. They were told not even to go out for any. Then, in Exodus 20, the Ten Commandments were given.

One will notice a similarity between the Ten Commandments and the Great Commandment of Jesus. Each deals first with respect to God, then with man's relationship to man. The Fourth Commandment, dealing with the Sabbath, refers directly to the record of creation. It becomes clear that Sabbath was made for man's spiritual growth and for men to develop spiritual understanding one with another. Man was to stop all work for self; he was to take time for fellowship with God and his fellow man. He was to get to know God and His ways, in order to work with Him, and not work with God, everything will be perfect.

In reading the Scriptures, one finds not only that the Sabbath is brought up frequently, but also that disregard of the Sabbath is a disregard for God's right to direct man's ways; then man loses his love for God, thus destroying the proper relation between God and man. Man is to love God and his fellow man.

In the New Testament we read about the Sabbath being "hallowed" — the Sunday being "holy." In the words of the Lord Jesus, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. It was not made for man, it was made for man, it must be that God intended it to be of some special use to him. What was that intended use? If we turn to Genesis we begin to get the answer to both of these questions.

God wanted the world for some purpose. As He worked from day to day, He tells what He had done. It was not until the end of the sixth day that the purpose becomes clear. By that time God had provided everything necessary for life and He had created man in His own image. But there was nothing for developing the spirit, the God part of man.

It was then that God entered His work. The seventh day approached and God blessed it and sanctified it. But at that time He did not say anything about man's relating with Him, nor anything about what man's attitude should be toward Him or toward his fellows.

The true Christian is for giving and forgiving. — Edwin Thomson.
THE SABBATH RECORDER

News Bits from Far and Wide

At the little Waterford, Conn., Church the Sabbath eve service during May averaged 17 as compared with 10 a year ago. The Sabbath morning service showed a similar increase — from 23 to 31.

Out in the Rocky Mountains near Boulder, Colo., the new lodge building for the camp is being built by volunteer labor. As of June 7 half the rafters were in place. Concreted effort was being made to have this additional building ready for the campers.

From Northern Wisconsin comes word that the new church building at New Auburn was first used on the weekend of June 13 for the 50th annual meeting of the Minnesota and Northern Wisconsin Churches.

It is reported that 50 men, women, and children worked at Pacific Pines Camp on June 9 to get it ready for occupancy with the added facilities mentioned in previous issues.

The new Texarkana, Ark., Church appears for the first time in the May listing of gifts to Our World Mission.

The Washington, D. C., Church gave nearly $250 to Our World Mission in the first time its contributions have been listed in the present Conference year.

The Rev. Earl Crazan, who was on the program of the Central New York Association on June 1, went to the hospital in the following week for major surgery after he was able to complete his thesis.

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new subscribers to the Sabbath Recorder. The contact was made through a letter prepared by the chairman of the Tract Society's Sabbath Promotion Committee which appeared in the final issue of the Woman's Home Companion last winter. Their picture appears on the cover of PACIFIC TIDINGS.

Pyramidal mounds of dirt observed by the Church of the American Sabbathkeeping and Sabbath Sanctuary Movement (the Church) in the Durban South African Church, for the first time on June 15 marked the real beginning of a new, large, parsonage just across the highway from the church. A Seventh Day Baptist exca-vator had scooped out the full, deep base-ment with his heavy equipment. With the footing already poured, hopes were mounting for a house ready for the pastor's family in the fall. The financial situation is another example of unusual stewardship.

The Salemville, Pa., Church people worked hard to get their buildings and grounds ready for entertaining the South-eastern Association the last weekend of June, which previously had only a one-room building, now has the advantage of an adequate parson house constructed during the year.

Donald E. Richards, pastor of two widely separated West Virginia churches, reports that he is happy to be graduated from the Alfred School of Theology with full credentials. In spite of sickness in the family and the strain of pastoral work he was able to complete his thesis.

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NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

CHICAGO, ILL. — Our church, which is pastorless, has been fortunate in having a former pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Loyd F. Hurley, make stopovers in Chicago twice within a few months, the latter part of February and again over Sabbath, June 15. It was an inspiration to have Dr. Hurley in the pulpit, to hear him preach, and to hear his opportunity for a visit with them during a lunch period following the services. The Hurleys, on their way to Milton and Albion in June were accompanied by Ron Wright of Boulder.

An added pleasure and surprise on June 13, 1957, was the presence of Mrs. Dr. Leland and Mrs. O. B. Bond and their son Leland and family of Lafayette, Ind. Dr. Bond assisted in the service.

On May 4, Rev. Elmo Randolph, pastor of the Milton, Wis., Church, occupied the pulpit, and following a lunch at the church showed colored slides, mostly from Camp Wakonda. Mr. Randolph was accompanied by his family and several members of the young adult group of Milton (about twelve) and some of them assisted in the worship service.

Also in May two Sabbath worship services were given over to the presentation of the very worthwhile colored slides of "Our World Mission." Mrs. A. E. Webster read the script and Dick Bond operated the projector.

At the June 9 meeting of the Women's Society, held at the Dr. Ian Bond home, Mrs. Bond presented the latest Women's Board slides.

Miss Ada Bond, who has been a faithful attendant at church and Women's meetings while spending the winter and spring with her brother, Dr. Ian Bond, will be missed as she returns to West Virginia for the summer.

We are looking forward to having a new family in our church group, the George D. Bottoms family who recently moved from the Lansing, Mich. Mr. Bottoms, superintendent of park district in Wheaton since February, has attended the Chicago Church regularly when not with his family in Michigan. Correspondent.
## OUR WORLD MISSION
### Statement of Denominational Treasurer, May 31, 1957

#### Receipts

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**Total:** $511,877.58

#### Comparative Figures

- Current annual budget: $95,460.50
- Treas.' budget receipts in 8 mos. 45,427.60
- Boards' budget receipts in 8 mos.* 5,759.98
- Approx. 8 mos. budget total: $51,187.58
- Amount required next 4 mos.: 44,281.92
- Av. monthly requirement next 4 mos.: 11,070.48
- Budget receipts in May: 7,613.45
- Per cent of budget year elapsed: 66.66
- Per cent of budget raised to date: 55.62
- Approx. budget shortage to date: $12,458.74
- This is an approximate amount of budget gifts received directly by our boards, according to the latest figures reported from the board treasurers to the executive secretary.

**Total:** $7,704.34

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### Disbursements

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**GOD SAW THAT IT WAS GOOD.**

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth . . . the fruit tree yielding fruit after its kind . . ."

On tropical islands and over great land areas primitive peoples would perish except for the coconut palm and all that it provides. The most unusual tree pictured above is crowned with more than 200 golden fruits — one tree furnishing meat and drink for many. God's spiritual provision for man is equally abundant. In Christ all may find the bread of life, the water of life, and shelter in the time of storm.