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There were 6 teachers, 7 helpers, a business manager, and a director. A large attendance at the closing demonstration showed a fine community spirit.

Six young people accompanied the pastor to Camp Harmony at Redwood, N. Y. for six days of worship, study, fun, and inspiration. They gave good reports at the church service Sabbath, July 20. Those attending were Brandon, Linda Burdick, Gretchen Swing, Frederick Schule, Richard Burdick, and Howard Meldrim. - Correspondent.

Unless we form the habit of going to the Bible in bright moments as well as in trouble, we cannot fully respond to its consolations, because we lack equilibrium between light and darkness. - Helen Keller.

More Bumper Cards

Again this year the publishing house at Plainfield printed large bumper cards and distributed them free of charge to all churches for the use of those going to the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference at Milton, August 13 to 18.

It is possible that many drivers failed to take advantage of this means of advertising our denominational gathering. More of the cards will be available at Conference for the return trip.

Another bumper card usable at any time will be available at the Tract Society's display. A smaller, luminous card (15/16 x 4") in orange and black, this card bears the words, "The 7th DAY is the Sabbath of the LORD."

These were ordered from a friend at a cost price of 25 cents and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Stick one on your bumper and let the Sabbath light shine.

Births

Burdick. — A daughter, Jan Ellen, to Robert E. and Mary P. Burdick of Syracuse, N. Y., on June 9, 1957.

Sheppard. — A son, Jeffrey Mark, to Mark and Arah Mae (Davis) Sheppard of Shiloh, N. J., on June 30, 1957.

Obituaries

Conyers. — Col. James Bennett, age 65, died in the Naval Hospital, Pensacola, Fla., April 17, 1957, of a heart attack, after a very brief illness. He and Mrs. Conyers were on a tour of Florida.

He was a native of Cartersville, Ga., and served in France during World War I as an artillery captain. He bought a place known as "The Reservation" at the foot of Yonah Mountain near Cleveland, Ga., where he was instrumental in organizing in 1937 the Yonah Mountain Seventh Day Baptist Church.

He was recalled to active service in World War II, and later served as a colonel in the legal department at the Pentagon, during which time he was active in the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Washington. In October, 1956, he returned to Cleveland.

He is survived by his wife; a daughter, Capt. Madge Conyers, now at Frankfurt, Germany; and two brothers, John L. and C. T. Conyers, both of Atlanta, Ga.

Funeral services, with full military honors, were held at Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, D. C. — C.A.B.
In this Issue:

Editorials: The Days Before Conference........ 2
Bracketed vision of a suitable place for the conference site, made possible by the cooperation of the host church, was a significant step forward. The church had already provided a beautiful setting for the previous day's events. The committee was pleased to have found a location that would accommodate the needs of the conference attendees. The site was nearby the main conference hall, allowing for easy access and reduced travel time. The committee praised the church's efforts and expressed gratitude for their hospitality and support.

Report of the Conference:

The Conference was a well-organized event that focused on the importance of Sabbath Observance. The opening session featured a keynote address by Dr. John D. Office, who emphasized the significance of Sabbath Observance in the life of the church. The session was followed by a panel discussion on the challenges and opportunities of Sabbath observance in contemporary society. The panelists offered thoughtful insights and practical suggestions for addressing these challenges. The meeting concluded with a prayer led by the conference president, Dr. James E. Baker.

The Accomplishments of other denominations:

Several other denominations were present, and their contributions were noted in the report. The Seventh-day Adventist Church, for example, was represented by a delegation of clergy and lay leaders. The church was lauded for its commitment to Sabbath observance and its efforts to promote it among its members. Other denominations present included the Church of God, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and the Church of the Nazarene.

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Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Hebrews 10: 22.

President's Conference Message

By Charles F. Harris

Pray Without Ceasing — Abound to Every Good Work

The Conference year has passed quickly. Yet it seems that the week-lighting service at Alfred was a very long time ago. I have looked forward with much pleasure to the 14th meeting of General Conference here in May. It may be that I was thinking of the previous Conference sessions that I have enjoyed here; or it may have been the thought that I would soon be turning over the gavel to a new president. With so many friends and loved ones in attendance, and other praying for these meetings, although they are not here, I am sure that the pleasure resulted from all of these thoughts.

During the year I have visited many churches and Associations and I have received warm Christian fellowship in each gathering. Surely our Conference theme has taken hold in most of our churches of General Conference.

"Pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5: 17) is our frequent contact with our Heavenly Father. This is made possible by the presence of Christ in our lives. As Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man cometh unto the Father but by me," so we are complete in our Savior, and we come to the throne of grace in His name. The Book of Hebrews, near theme book of the year, reveals this marvelous plan to us.

It is only when we have the knowledge of God's will for us, that we are in a position to receive the fact that He has in store for us. This knowledge comes to us by the revelation of the Holy Spirit as we study God’s Word, and as we meditate on it.

"Abound to every good work" is one of these promises that we can claim. 2 Corinthians 9: 8 reads, "God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work."

In the first chapter of the Book of Colossians we find some conditions set forth in order for God to pour out His blessing. Faith in Jesus Christ, constant prayer, the knowledge of His will for us, and spiritual understanding are set forth as requirements before He will make us abound. Then we must walk "worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing."

The Bible tells us in many places that a close walk with God and love for each other are needed before our prayers will be answered, and blessings will be received.

John writes in the Word that if we know God and love God, we will keep His commandments. We hold the fourth commandment as the reason for our denominational existence, and rightly so. If we truly kept the first three commandments, we could claim the full blessing of the Sabbath, as well as other promises of God’s riches.

Another requirement of a true Christian is that he love the brethren. We are to live and work with each other in the spirit of love. "If God so loved us, we ought also to love one another." "If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is shed abroad in our hearts through the Holy Ghost which he hath given us." May we be consistent in our Christian lives, study God’s Word, and meditate on it. Let us pray, love, and work together and God who is able, will make us abound to do His will.

FLASH!!

Conference Offering

Offering at Conference in Milton ........................................... $3,636.62
Offering from Churches ..................................................... 3,719.80
Pledges for current budget — Conference Delegates .......................... 1,301.00

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON for September 7, 1957

Baruch: Vocational Dependability
Lesson Scripture: Jeremiah 36: 4-8, 22-26, 32.
time we concluded our conference with the business meeting.

Within the bounds of Woudschoten a nice camping place was discovered and plans were set to hold a youth conference there next year.

A collection for Nyasaland amounted to $240— and one for the young people to about $70.

The Sabbath closed with a program for and by the young people which was well received by young and old. Next autumn the Haarlem Church will commemorate its constitution 80 years ago.

Friday, July 19, the nurses Joan Clement and Beth Severe came over from London on their way back home to visit us a few days. After the next Sabbath the Haarlem Church welcomed and the attendance was near to us. It was a unique occasion when the Haarlem Church welcomed them. In the morning the Domineering old woman which retreated from all under her name was introduced to the Lord's Supper with the nurses. We stayed at the chapel, ate our bread there, while coffee was served. After we had installed the projector and found that we could not dare to make the chapel as well as we would have liked, the pictures were still very good. Brother Baars brought the sisters to a belvedere in the neighborhood, from where we had a view of the dunes, the sea, etc., and then for a few minutes to the seaside. In the afternoon Beth and Joan told us of their Makapawa Mission and answered several questions and then showed many beautiful colored pictures of the Mission station, people, and the medical work. It was all very interesting as it gave us a clear picture of the situation and brought this work nearer to us as a unique Sabbath. As we held our conference only a fortnight ago, we could not expect so many members from outside, but there were members from all of the churches present and the attendance was between twenty-five and thirty. On Sunday morning we made a boat trip through the canals of Amsterdam and in the afternoon we visited the Rijksmuseum, and then it was time to go to Rotterdam from where Beth and Joan had to sail to London on noon on Monday, God bless them and give fruits to their labour.

SEPTEMBER DEVOTIONAL
(A lone Sabbathkeeper, Margarette Koeho, welcomed the opportunity to serve her denomination by preparing this devotional for us. She was brought up in the Seventh Day Baptist Church, taught in the Sabbath School in Europe, and served in the local, in the Holland Baptist Church superintendent. Since leaving West Savannah, she has served at the Baptist Home for Women as Service Chairman. She writes of her most wonderful experience serving the World Council of Churches Western European Commission each day, July 15-August 7, at Yale Divinity School)

Nothing Impossible

Scripture: Romans 4: 8; Luke 1: 37

"We have just read, " faith with God nothing is impossible."

All Christians take for granted this statement is true, that our Creator, Ruler of the Universe, Father and Savior of us all can work miracles and do the impossible. It is a positive truth. We must apply the position our faith, using our faith and God- given courage to implement this, not forgetting in prayer the little word if, followed by "it is Thy will."

This all sounds well and good, but many of us know through experience it is not easy. Our human frailties undermine our good intentions. However, all around us are examples and experiences which can inspire us to try and try again, and to attack problems which seem impossible. Christ used the birds and flowers and little children to teach His disciples and people of the past and of today, lessons of the Father's love and individual care. We must accept and use this love and guidance in the work of His Kingdom which at times seems so hopeless and discouraging.

After hearing our wonderful Nyasaland nurses, Joan and Beth, tell of their experiences— the guidance and miracles in healing that happened before their eyes — we are inspired as you will be when you see and hear them. The growth that has been accomplished in the school buildings, and souls added to the Kingdom shows that the work of our people in Nyasaland is guided and inspired by our Heavenly Father, to whom they give all the praise.

As we go about our daily tasks we quite often find people with greater troubles than our own, and as we sympathize and try to encourage them, we become less depressed and blessed for our own which then seems to make them grow smaller. A positive attitude then takes root for life, and we become less fearful and more trusting. In praying for our friend or neighbor as well as for ourselves for the Lord's way and help, a solution is reached; perhaps not as we expected, but at the right time it is seen and we are encouraged. Did you ever see what a miracle a smile can sometimes bring about on the face of someone on the sidewalk looking despondent? Try it some time and you'll be amazed at what it will do for you, too.

I have been inspired many times by accounts of the changes in people's lives as given in Guideposts. Just recently it told of how Marjorie Rambeau, a great Broadway actress, had a change in her life. She had had a car accident twelve years previously; and after fighting for life itself several months, was a cripple. After several operations which were unsuccessful, she ostracized herself from society and took drugs to deaden her constant pain. One night, after much coaxing, she attended a play party at Jack Oakie's, where she fainted. Dale Evans Rogers was there and helped to make her comfortable until a doctor arrived and took her to a hospital. Later he attended a meeting of the Hollywood Christian Group, which she did and consequently decided to start studying the Bible and praying. That group helped and prayed for her. Immediately she experienced results by being able to go among people and was able to walk and take a small wheelchair part offered her. Then she heard a film was to be made of "A Man Called Peter" and was determined to try for a part in it. She was given the part of the dominating old woman which required her to take a few steps. She managed to walk after many painful tries. Using a chair for support, the film was not a success, but she read in the Bible: "Prove me now hereafter, saith the Lord," and from that moment she put her trust in practice. At the time she was able to get a man to start up the aisle and refused help from an extra, saying, "I'm taking the most important steps of my life." She managed to walk the length of the aisle the fifteen times needed for the filming. She described it as "Healings of Grace." for they came unearned, undeserved gifts of God, freely given.

As the reports and plans of General Convention are given and discussed, may each Seventh Day Baptist Church and implement his works with the Heavenly Father's guidance so that our World Mission may be accomplished. Then we will be able to train our needed ministers, find missionaries to answer the calls for help and religious educators for our children. We will grow working together constructively as God's children should, with love and concern for our brothers here and abroad. Let each of us pray with faith to have Christ's walk because we have faith and know personally His will.

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, may each of us believe the impossible because we love and are led by Thee and it is Thy will. Amen.

Seventh Day Baptist Church in Moscow

Word has been received from a prominent member of the Milton Junction, Wis., Church that her grandson who is in government service attended a Seventh Day Baptist Church in Moscow on a Sabbath day late in July of this year. From the letter we gather that he was only there a short time. We are assured that he is well aware of the differences between Sabbathkeeping denominations and made no mistake as to the name of the church, the address of which he gives. It has frequently been stated that if the Seventh Day Baptist denomination did not already exist, it would be called into being by the gathering together of Baptists who have come to believe that the Seventh­day Sabbath of the Bible is as important for modern-day Christians as it was for the Christians of the first centuries of our era. This seems to be another case where Baptists have adopted the name of our denomination without knowing anything about the denomination as it exists in other countries.
Report of Commission

The organizational meeting of the Commission of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference and the midyear meeting of last December have been previously reported in the columns of the Sabbath Recorder. This denominational body prepares its full report with the following paragraph:

Your Commission is aware of the need of the blessings of God on our work. To claim the promises and blessings we must let His will guide us in all of our activities and plans. Thus we have sought His presence to be with us at all times, not that He shall approve our actions, but that we will work and plan according to His holy will.

The latest meeting of Commission was held in Dodge Center, Minnesota, beginning August 6, 1957, with all members and the executive secretary present.

We note with thankful hearts the ordination of Kenneth Smith as a minister of the Gospel. We have examined the credentials presented, find them in order, and are pleased to recommend that the request by the Junction and Albia Churches for his accreditation as a Seventh Day Baptist minister be approved.

We would commend the Riverside, California, Church for calling out for ordination O. Arlie Davis of Phoenix, Arizona. We would urge other churches to encourage young men to prepare themselves for Christian service looking for ordination.

A list of Seventh Day Baptist ministers has been prepared and is available for inspection at this Conference. Permission is requested to make any necessary changes of address and to correct between now and the publication of this book. Recognizing that there are various steps in the process of training for leadership, the listing in the 1957 Year Book will be as follows:

1. Licensed laymen; licensed pastors and assistant pastors; ministers, ordained but not accredited persons; special Conference, official list of accredited Seventh Day Baptist ministers.

The Auditing Committee reports that the accounts of the treasurer of the General Conference and the treasurer of Our World Mission budget have been duly audited by a competent auditor and found correct.

Correspondence with the executive secretary from churches and ministers concerning ministerial relations has been prayerfully carried out, realizing our tremendous need for greater understanding in this vital field.

Commission has met with the treasurers of the various boards and agencies to review the results of the fund distribution of this year. The method agreed upon and used has been satisfactory and has seemed to call for no adjustment. Problems concerning the bringing in and part of our World Mission program into proper relationship to the potential giving of our people were carefully considered. We look toward a greater vision of total stewardship among our members.

Note: The remainder of the Commission's report involving resolutions and recommendations and the proposed budget are being considered somewhat by committee and Conference action and will be printed in a later issue.

Christian Education Interests

At the General Conference, recently held at Milton, Wis., one of the committees was charged with considering the annual report of the Board of Christian Education located in the Alfred, N. Y., area and with making such suggestions or recommendations for Seventh Day Baptist Christian education interests as it saw fit. The following report refers to the major activities of that board:

1. We commend the executive secretary of the Board of Christian Education for his leadership and activities during the past year as he began his work with this board.

2. In considering the reports of the various committees of the Board of Christian Education it was noted that several items were being considered by other committees of General Conference, and were therefore passed over without official comment.

3. It was recommended that the Helping Hand Committee of the board pursue its present policy with relation to the editing of the adult quarterly.

The Commission had suggested in order to bring down the budget to what it thought could be raised, that the executive secretary of the board be asked to edit the adult quarterly. Correspondence accepted the above recommendation, thereby rejecting the suggestion of Commission.

4. It was voted that we commend the Junior Quarterly Committee for its diligent work and express the hope that the Board of Christian Education will be able to find some means of continuing the publication of these helpful tracts.

5. It was voted that we commend the various editors of the publications of the Board of Christian Education for their diligence and the further expression of our appreciation of the work done by the various publishers, noting particularly the work of Eugene Van Horn and Donald Ring.

6. In noting the practice of several Sabbath Schools which send the Seventh Day Baptist Visitor to mission churches, we would encourage Sabbath Schools to undertake the sending of additional copies to mission churches and sister groups.

7. In reviewing the report of the treasurer, it was noted that the treasurer served this year without compensation and we commend the devotion of various members of the board in giving many hours of time to such secretarial work. The following three commendations and the report as a whole were adopted:

Another recommendation asking the Tract Board to seriously consider assuming the cost of publishing in the Year Book the reports of this and the other boards was defeated on the floor of Conference after two or three people had spoken on the implications of it.

The following publications are promised which will tell in more detail of the workshop conducted on the day prior to the assembly of the 1957 Conference and the future work of the committee. From the delegates at Milton a committee was requested to consider the report of this committee and to make suggestions to the standing committee.

It suggested the development of the following areas of work in cooperation with other denominational agencies:

1. The use of vocational materials in Christian Endeavor and Sabbath School programs; the assembling of information and literature on vocations which may be of help to all our people; the fuller use of vocational guidance in our colleges and among our high school students; the continuance of vocational guidance as a special emphasis at Pre-Con Retreat. The use of vocational guidance is indispensable to educational opportunities.

2. It suggested a change in the selection of its own membership in the future by the following recommendation:

"That the Conference Committee on Vocational Guidance be authorized to select persons from each Association, appointed by the Association, with additional members appointed by the Conference president; and that the other recommendation concerning the setting up of a lending institution. This invoked some questions from the floor of Conference as to the meaning of the term. It was explained that it might be well to help young men get started in business ventures. The recommendation follows: "That the Vocational Committee be encouraged to explore business enterprises for development by Seventh Day Baptists, including such businesses as a lending institution."
PICTURE STORY OF PRE-CON RETREAT

Under the supervision of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, representative youth of the denomination gathered 100-strong from the four quarters of the nation for a concentrated camping program from Thursday afternoon to Monday afternoon, just before the General Conference. The campsite was the Indian Trails Boy Scout Camp about 7 miles from Milton, Wis.

Just before the hawthorn tree was relieved of its burden of dresses by the Missouri and Wisconsin girls, the camera caught this view of ample preparation for the long weekend. The tree would not understand why so much variety of color was needed.

The early morning "alone hour" is 30 minutes of private, individual Bible study in a favorite trysting place. Here Marjorie Lewis of Riverside, Calif., is happy to sit beside towering twin oaks as she seeks strength from above with her open Bible in her lap.

Five girls from Los Angeles, Calif., share this tent. Donna Bowman, Dixie Crouse, Marie Gregory, Carol Ashcraft, and Martha Gregory are ready for a profitable experience. They are veterans of Pacific Pines Camp, having attended from earliest childhood.

All the campers attended morning church services in the three nearby village churches. Here two of the older campers smile for our readers after church in Milton. Dale Curtis, from Riverside, Calif., the camp doctor, is about to begin his two years of military medical work. Geri Hargis is ready to teach in the Los Angeles school system. The whole program of the youth retreat pictured above is designed to help all who attend to prepare themselves for useful, Christ-centered lives.

There is daily worship and Sabbath afternoon worship. A portion of the Sabbath afternoon church service is shown here. Visitors swelled the camp audience to 170 in this chapel in the woods built to accommodate about 50 boys.

These Milton boys, Dan Randolph and Frank Green, gather up their light luggage to carry it to their little clustered tent village in the woods.

Pastoral Changes

Quite a number of churches have been seeking pastoral leadership for a considerable length of time. Others faced with the need of new leadership, have already been successful in their calling. The Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson, of the Denver, Colo., Church, accepted a call to the Plainfield, N. J., Church and will undertake his work in that place the first Sabbath of October. It has recently been announced that the Rev. Kenneth E. Smith, of the Albion and Milton Junction, Wis., Churches, has accepted the call of the Denver Church and will assume the pastorate in that place in November. The Schenectady, N. Y., Church is looking forward to the coming of the Rev. Lester G. Osborn this fall. Meanwhile, the Ashaway, R. I., Church, where he has served for several years, is making an effort to secure a pastor. The Albion and Milton Junction Churches have also taken steps through a joint committee toward calling a man for that double pastorate. Putnam County Church at Carraway, Fla., is now without a pastor, following the resignation of Clifford Beebe which became effective at the close of the Vacation Bible School this summer.

Spirits and Secrets Don't Mix

When J. Edgar Hoover became Director of the FBI, at the age of 29, the Bureau was in widespread disrepute. One of the new director's first official acts was to forbid any employee from drinking alcoholic beverages, on duty or off, in public or in private. He was promptly labeled "fanatic" and "dictator," but he has never compromised in this type of insistence on the highest standards of conduct.
Nyasaland Mission, Educational Work
(A message given at General Conference)
By Joan Clement

It is so good to be here and see you again after four years. It was a long time in a way and yet it seems like yesterday that we stood here at a time not so long ago to bid you farewell to go out to experiences about which we knew so little. I want to tell you today that the Lord has been good to us. He has kept us. He has prospered us and it is my joy to tell you a little bit about the educational work in Nyasaland.

I would like to begin by saying something of the purpose of education in missions as it is found in Africa today, and think that education in missions all over the world is probably quite similar. After all, the true purpose of a mission is to teach the Gospel. And any portion of the mission program that doesn't preach Christ and Him crucified is no mission work at all. So in our schools, and in the work which we do, we have not only on the mission but out in the villages, it is Christ first. Academic subjects come second. Our schools — we have seven in all at the present time — we feel to be among the most important contacts for Christ that we have. Studies made by various groups have verified in all places that the young person, particularly the one in his teens, is the most pliable. He is the one that is most ripe for the Gospel message, and we have found that so.

For the most part the students in our school are what we call overage students. They are boys and girls that are too old to get into government assisted schools for primary grades, but since our school does not receive government assistance, we have been happy to open the doors for these boys and girls. The following schools, still have an opportunity for education at our mission. So, first of all, the school is a contact for Christ.

Second, we look to the schools in Africa as we do here as agents for character building of young people. Young people need to be built up first, spiritually, second, socially, so that they can take their place in a world of strife and economic and business activity. But you say I thought Africa was a very backward country. Africa is a land of contrast today. We find the primitive side by side with the ultramodern. The young person of Africa today is going through a transition period in the history of the land. He comes out of a family of parents and ancestors who live according to the tradition of the tribe. Yet he expects to be a man in a world that is like in some respect the one in which we live in here. Cities in Africa are modern. Facilities are modern. The African without the white man and all the material things he possesses and he wants them too. And surely, he should have them too.

We feel that we have been given a very special trust by God to open the doors for these young people on the mission and try to help them bridge this transition period in their lives which will carry them out of the past and into a present, modern-day society. But one thing is so important — that we bring them through the transition period with a knowledge of Christ. It has been said the African who has an education but not Christ is a far worse individual than the pagan in the bush who has never seen the schoolbook. That may sound strange to you but I think the day today that it is quite true. To give an education to the African without giving him Christ is simply to put into his heart desires for a world of materialism, which is simply a passion for wealth and power with no thought of love for his brother.

Deeply rooted in the life philosophy of the African is the fact that he must take care of himself. And to the African, it is every man for himself; never mind what happens to the other fellow. We are here happy to open the doors and accept the children who have this spirit. We are here happy to open the doors for these young people a desire to live as Christ would have them live, then not coming from the mission school fine young men and women who are taking their places in the modern world with, first of all, love in their hearts for Christ and, second, a love consideration and concern for their fellow men, which is quite foreign to anything that they have had in their culture in years past.

The African today wants the material things of life. We cherish our independence as a nation. We pride ourselves in our history and the tradition of our country, and why should the African have any less? Through Christ and through the Gospel, as carried on by the missions, such a thing can be possible, yet fostered in a spirit of love and kindness toward all.

We Must Have a Good School
If we are to have any kind of a mission school at all, it goes without saying that that school should be a good one. We have been striving in the past four years to develop, upon the mission and in the villages, schools which are acceptable, first of all, to the Lord, and second, to the government and accrediting bodies of the country. The government of Nyasaland, which of course is British, provides a curriculum which it expects schools to follow. It provides a certain standard of equipment which must be provided, building specifications, and so on. Most important of all it requires government-certified teachers, which is perhaps the greatest problem in education in Africa today.

When we arrived in Africa four years ago we found a school on the mission which had no equipment at all and no qualified staff. We were happy to open the doors today to say that we have been able to gather — with the Lord's help — some equipment (just the bare essential equipment) that will enable us to follow the government curriculum in teaching. We have upon our staff two government-certified teachers. With those teachers we have a number of other African teachers on the mission who are not certified by government examination we have been able to lift up the school to a place where it is quite acceptable in the eyes of the people whom we serve.

We have felt that we have followed to the best of our ability the leading of the Lord. We have the school, and it is the Lord who has blessed it. The school has been able to function and provide for its own needs with the exception of salaries. We would have to in any way curtail the work of the school. It would break not only our hearts but the heart of every African to have the school cut back. I wish that you could see with us, face to face, an African whose eyes are filled with joy and happiness at being able to have not only salvation but a good education.

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Today we have one school on the mission with an enrollment of 300 students. We have 6 schools set out in the villages. In this country we are not going so far that we are not going to stand still for the future. I won't say that they are plans; I would rather tell you that they are the desires of our heart. And even more than the desires of our heart is it the desire of brothers and sisters in Africa. We depend upon God. Yes, you don't know how we depend upon God. But do you know that as we depend upon God He depends upon you — each one of you, not just the Missionary Interests of Africa but the whole church of Christ. Every single person who calls himself by the name of Christ belongs to God and is expected by God to carry forth His work. It has been said that God has no hands but ours to work for Him. God has no feet but ours to walk and carry His message, and it is true also that God has no purse but ours to be opened. Out of our abundance we are to give so that the needs of His children where they are may be met.

AUGUST 26, 1957

THE SABBATH RECORDER

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The African today wants the material things of life. We cherish our independence as a nation. We pride ourselves in our history and the tradition of our country, and why should the African have any less? Through Christ and through the Gospel, as carried on by the missions, such a thing can be possible, yet fostered in a spirit of love and kindness toward all.

We Must Have a Good School
If we are to have any kind of a mission school at all, it goes without saying that that school should be a good one. We have been striving in the past four years to develop, upon the mission and in the villages, schools which are acceptable, first of all, to the Lord, and second, to the government and accrediting bodies of the country. The government of Nyasaland, which of course is British, provides a curriculum which it expects schools to follow. It provides a certain standard of equipment which must be provided, building specifications, and so on. Most important of all it requires government-certified teachers, which is perhaps the greatest problem in education in Africa today.

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We would love to make plans. We have made plans. We wish to complete our school at the mission so that it would be a fully complete and accredited junior, senior primary school. We wish to put within our school a staff of fully accredited Seventh Day Baptist teachers, some of whom are preparing to enter their training this October. We wish to improve our school buildings so that each class might meet in its own room and not have to shout above the noise of the other end of the same room. We wish to put a permanent roof on our building so that the students can sit through day and keep dry instead of having to continually move their seats to avoid the rain which comes through the grass roof. We wish, if it's the Lord's will, that there might be a singing soul that found that could have upon his or her heart a burden for the education work in Nyasaland. We wish to be able to pay our teachers according to the government wage scale. But I am not asking these things, I am waiting and wondering if the help is coming. Has the Lord blessed us? He has blessed us. He has through God. To the African you are his parents: you are the one who has given him his start, you are the one who has had to teach him to know the name of the Lord. His thanks will be to you for his salvation and all that he has that is good in life.

We called for pledges from our students that they might with willing and obedient hearts give themselves to the service of the Lord and would do this work with the help of 32 year old he. He is completing his education in senior primary school this year. He wants to be a teacher, he is one of the finest Christian boys we know and this is what he says:

Please, Madam, there are no doubts in me in my present mental and physical condition. I promise Him that I shall do anything which He will want me to do. I shall read the Bible and try to bring others into His Kingdom. I know that I am one of the men who have the talent for me to fail in some points, but still I shall seek the power of the precious Lamb and of the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, in order to enable me to do and to keep all the promises which I have made in the sight of the Lord this day. Thank you very much and may God help me to do all these things so that wherever I shall go I must not forget these promises which I have made. Your student, Richman.

If we can have a response like this from an African student in the school, how much more should each one of us respond in our hearts and pledge to God that to the best of our ability we will do all that we can to bring others into His Kingdom.

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#### Comparative Figures

- Current annual budget: $62,500.50
- Treas.' budget receipts in 10 mos.: $95,469.50
- Boards' budget receipts: $5,799.98
- Approx. 10 mos. budget total: $66,102.44
- Amount required next 2 months: $29,367.06
- Ave. monthly requirement next 2 mos.: $14,685.35
- Budget receipts in July: $3,745.23
- Percent of budget elapsed: 83.33%
- Per cent of budget raised to date: 69.35%
- Approx. budget shortage to date: $13,914.77

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