The Sabbath Recorder

Rev. Earl Cruzan is the president of the 1958 General Conference to be held at California Baptist Theological Seminary at Covina, California (located midway between Riverside and Los Angeles), August 11-16.

Theme: One in Christ — Forward in Growth.
"...we are laborers together with God."

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Our World Mission
Statement of Denominational Treasurer, July 31, 1957

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Los Angeles $146.00, 1,282.35
Los Angeles, Christ's $100.00, 5.00
Lost Creek $880.00, 4.50
Maribor $667.06, 2,607.42
Middle Island $22.00, 187.00
Milford $909.21, 5,312.44
Milton Junction $101.10, 1,466.95
New Auburn $64.09
New Orleans $28.75, 28.75
North Long $810.18
Nortonville $130.32, 711.62
Paint Rock $137.00
Pawtucket $3,550.43, 77.65
Plainfield $237.37, 4,046.74, 124.00
Putnam County $105.00
Richburg $75.00, 519.80, 20.00
Ritchie $40.00, 197.00
Riverside $2,754.35, 100.00
Roanoke $12.00, 257.00
Rockville $20.35, 202.01
Salern $906.76
Salemville $78.97
Schenectady $13.00, 202.89
Shiloh $358.65, 3,985.75
Stonefort $75.81
Syracuse $50.00
Texarkana $50.00, 24.16
Twin Cities $38.43, 78.75
Verona $162.75, 1,443.14, 40.50
Walworth $56.20, 182.20
Washington $40.00, 344.05
Waterford $90.84, 644.16, 65.01
White Cloud $153.65, 469.11, 19.60

$5,869.81, $60,342.46, $1,038.05

Comparative Figures

Current annual budget $95,469.50
Treasurer's budget receipts in 10 mos. $30,342.46
Board's 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 mo. 14,685.35
Budget receipts in July $7,745.23
Percent of budget elapsed 83.33
Per cent of budget raised to date 69.35
Approx. budget shortage to date $13,914.77

* 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.

Verona, N. Y.

Olin C. Davis, Treasurer.

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Missionary Society $2,456.21
Tract Society $351.90
Bd. of Christian Education $660.90
Women's Society $87.10
Historical Society $127.50
Ministerial Retirement $737.18
Ministerial Training $607.90
S. D. B. Building $51.00
General Conference $579.90
World Fellowship & Service $49.30
Salem College $10.00
Owasco Valley Nat. Bank $65

$85,713.29 $64.02

Balance, July 1 90.75

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Tunnel Travel

Most of the time we are proud of the achievements of man in conquering the obstacles of nature. Usually when we glide smoothly through man-made mountain caves or the gloriﬁed, glistening muskrat burrows under our great rivers and bays we almost wonder if there could be anything, anyone, greater than man. It is but a fleeting thought for all his greatest accomplishments are strictly in accord with the natural laws of nature.

We are brought up short when we realize how much better we have done in interpreting and conforming to God’s natural laws than to His moral laws.

New York is a city of tunnels, tubes, trenches, and treatles, designed to expedite transportation. Ordinarily one enters the city and leave the city give little thought to diving under the Hudson or making like a grounding at the gaping entrance to the subway. We thrilled a little as we stepped into the third tube of the Lincoln Tunnel on the day it was opened. There is another experience with the Holland Tunnel which is fresh in our minds. On both occasions we were thinking about God, for we were taking friends to hear a great evangelist. We used the word “we” advisedly, for衢the Sabbath Recorder, Plainfield, N. J.

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The way to cut government spending, according to Ernest G. Swigert, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, “is to take the checkbook away from the spendthrift church.”

The way to provide the needed funds for Our World Mission, we might add, is to take the coin purse away from our penurious pen-pushing-goers and persuade them to use the checkbook.

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President's Column

One in Christ — Forward in Growth

The Conference theme which I would bring to you has been implied in nearly every theme which has been presented to us. It expresses a need which I have felt for some years and which I believe is voiced by pastors continually in one way or another during these Conference meetings. It was brought to us by Mrs. Margaret Mosher when she challenged us that before we are anything else, we are a child of God. This recognition must come first if our relationship to God and to one another is to be anything but perpetually contentious in Corinth. It was the burden upon Paul's heart to hear these things.

George Parrish challenged the ministers to forget their theological wrangling in leading their people to Christ; that they be endowed with the spirit of love.

There is a need for growth. This need is not primarily for church growth or denominational growth. We see our churches getting weaker — a combining is not being done so concerned that the Seventh Day Baptist denomination grows, but that the witness of Christ may be spread and that the truth of God may be understood and shared with others. If the truths which we hold as Seventh Day Baptists are valid then others we find stop them valid for their lives, also.

For growth there must be unity — not a complete unity of expression, but a centrality of faith. Remember, Christ prayed in His high-priestly prayer: "I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know the love of God: this is the need.

And yet, how quickly man loses sight of this need of God and Christ in him. How oft some thought, some person, some cause obscures the centrality of Christ in the Christian religion. And whenever this happens it loses its effectiveness.

It is hard for many in the Christian Church. It was the burden upon Paul's heart as he wrote to the Corinthian Christians. It was reported to him that there were contentions for he recognized that each one labors in a different way, each one expresses the truth differently — that the approach may be different but there may be unity in Christ. Christ is the Son of God. Christ was crucified for mankind and his redemption. And in writing to these people Paul again affirms: "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 3: 11).

This is one of the strengths of our denominational weakness which is ours. It divides the work which we could be doing for Christ.

I have felt in the past few years a growing unity among us. In the Plan­ning Committee and the treasurers meetings there has been a meeting of the various facets of the work of Christ's Kingdom, and as there has been a sharing of vision and planning there has been growing up a greater feeling of fellowships and unity, a working together for God. It is good to have this feeling.

We do not all have that concept; perhaps it is hard to have it clearly for our vision is dimmed by various things. Even where our denominational agencies have a growing feeling of oneness, not all of us as individuals do. Another underlying factor to our lack of growth is that one of us may say, "I do not like this phase of work; therefore I will not support a united work." Some others pick out something else that he does not like. Therefore they will not push a united work of the whole denomination. It may be difficult to grow for where one is ready to put his shoulder to the wheel another pulls back and progress is delayed.

So the first part of the theme which I would hold before you is "One in Christ." Let us recognize that in Christ we have the promise of God — that it is in Him and through Him that we have forgiveness of our sins. Let us remember that Christ is our Savior and that it is in this fact that we have the joyous message of salvation.

So let us follow Christ. Let us do His work. Let us seek His truth. We will not always arrive at the same answers — one will see one phase of truth and someone else will see another. But let's keep before our eyes the truth that Christ is the Son of God; that He is our Savior; that we are brought into a relationship of son­ship to God through His sacrifice; and that He has promised that we shall be with Him and enjoy His glory.

Let us each teach, but teach in love without bitterness or jealousy — openly seeking the truth of God. Not as having achieved — either in all knowledge or in the Spirit's life — but that we are in the process of achieving.

Let us press forward in growth in the sharing of our faith. Let us stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free and let us plant the law of love for our fellow man within our hearts, producing the fruit of the Spirit in our lives. "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance (Gal. 5: 22-23).

So our theme will be "One in Christ — Forward in Growth." Remembering that we are laborers together with God (1 Cor. 3: 9b).

This carries with it the thought of the Great Commission to take the Gospel into all the world, along with the inner and outward growth of the commission in Acts 1: 9b — that we stand fast and receive the working circles.

I would urge a greater knowledge of the Bible on the part of every member through daily Bible reading and study. Instead of a specific book, but understanding of the things which point to oneness and unity — passages which challenge to a sharing of our faith.

Let us not allow individual differences as "One in Christ." Let us face the responsibilities of our individual portion of the Kingdom's work to get in the way of the total growth of God's Kingdom. As individuals, let us seek not authority, but understanding of the situations others, but sharing the glorious message of salvation through Jesus Christ through humility in service.

One in Christ — Forward in Growth. "We are laborers together with God."
Evangelistic Team Has Rich Experiences

The evangelistic quartet employed by the Missionary Board under the direction of Rev. Loyal F. Hurley, Field Evangelist, had rich experiences during their summer work. They were given opportunity on the Conference program to tell of these experiences for the benefit of all, and to encourage other young people to give their time in a similar service at a future date. The following paragraphs present part of what these young people said on the Conference program and the statement made by the Field Evangelist at the close of that home missions program.

None of us were ready this summer, none of us prepared to do the things that could be done, but through the summer we got better prepared. I want you to know that I think this is one of the best opportunities the denomination wants to offer young people, not just as a service but as a training experience for them, and a way for them to grow spiritually. One of my main impressions was that people are very needy. They have problems. I know, more than ever before, that God has the power to meet the needs of people. We who know Christ have the greatest thing to offer to other people that there is in the world. I am grateful. I want to praise God for teaching me this lesson that Jesus Christ is the answer to all human needs. — Helen Ruth Green.

I, too, would like to give my personal testimony. My summer I assure you has been the most profitable and satisfying. To do this work with the Plainfield, N. J., Church and to have been most profitable and satisfying. There is no other way that I would have liked to spend my summer than working for Jesus Christ and the Missionary Board. In doing this, we as a quartet needed spiritual guidance. We were able to have this help with Dr. Hurley having a Bible study and prayer for an hour each day. This type of work with the Bible study and prayer has been an inspiration to me. I have felt that I have gained in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and with man. My personal satisfaction of this past summer is this: I have grown so much. I have been thankful that I am able to have something that I know Him. I am sure I have His love in my heart. It is my sincere desire if it be God's will to use me in His work, that I may continue to be useful and helpful to the denomination.

There is another challenge — to seek to deepen Christian experience until it touches our purses. There are too many of us who have never comprehended the meaning of stewardship. If all of us had glimpsed it, we would raise our budget. There are many who feel that it is repelling to their own financial holdings, building up their own property, but they do not support the church and Our World Mission. Some of us are very expert in repeating the proper phrases or insistent in their dictation as to how others should live and serve, but they do not love Christ enough to support His work.

These are just a few of the challenges. Why do we keep on? The work is hard and often discouraging. At least in some places the discouragement is so great that we would quit if it were not for the fact that we find real gains in some of the work. We have seen the preaching of the Gospel win people to Christ and have their lives changed. We have seen Christian counseling straighten out discouraged and disrupted lives. We have seen the beginning of real results in some of our churches. Ernest Bond at Lost Creek said the program helped last fall to open the door to pay off. We are getting the people into our churches and our Gospel team has told you some of the results in other lives. This thing works. The program is good. — Evangelist Loyal F. Hurley.

From Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, comes a letter from the Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Van Horn. They report some of their experiences in Sabbathkeeping, missionaries, well known in the Flatfield, N. J., Church. They describe some of their experiences in Sabbathkeeping. Some doors are closed that were open to them when they kept Sunday; others are opening.

"And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together." (Acts 4:31).
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Chief — a native authority in the British Colonial Government. Among several reasons he gave were: I had built up the building in the Chief’s office. He invited us in. We sat on benches. He sat at his desk piled high with letters. We were impressed to find a Chief so progressive. He wore business suit, white shirt, tie, and shoes. His English was perfect. "You been at Oxford a bit," he said. "What chance did you have to talk about your trips to England we looked around the room. On one wall, we found the picture of three buildings for visitors; in one corner, a filing cabinet; in another, three old muskets and an eight-foot ivory. He asked about our work. We told him. "Brilliant," he said. "You’re Seventy Day Adventists, looking for your school at Jolo!" He rang a bell. A messenger stepped in briskly and snapped a smart salute, "Yes, Master." "Show these men to Jolo village."

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Encourage Sabbath Recorder To Publish Special Issues

The Milton Conference, among other things, adopted the plan advanced by the Tract Board at its June meeting to publish special issues of the Sabbath Recorder on a quarterly basis. This was presented on the floor of Conference by the Committee on Publishing Interests. The Committee also suggested that the special committee of the Tract Board be continued another year to evaluate the special issues.

Following is the Tract Board action which was approved, as mentioned above:

A. That the board plan, with Conference approval, four quarterly issues of a magazine of a type intended to assist in winning souls to Christ and to full commitment, including the Sabbath Recorder.

B. That it recommend to Conference:

1. That the Tract Board be authorized to pay the additional editorial, secretarial, and mechanical costs of such issues by the adjustment of such other items in its budget as may be reduced with least harm to the work of the board.

2. That the board be authorized to include these special issues as regular issues of the Sabbath Recorder at its discretion.

3. That the churches be canvassed for pre-publication orders for copies of these quarterly issues at bulk rates to be established by the board.

4. That the first quarterly issue be published as soon after Feb. 1, 1958, as practicable, and that the first issues be evaluated by Conference in 1958.

C. That in planning for the quarterly magazine the board provide for a careful review and study of its previous experience with special issues of the Sabbath Recorder.

D. That the board announce that it stands ready to continue its study of the various recommendations from our people for our denominational publications.

Also voted at the recommendation of the Conference committee was a suggestion to the Tract Society "that serious consideration be given to using a special editor or editors for the special issues of the Recorder."

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — Sec. Rex E. Zwiebel

Report of the Pre-Con Director

We did it! By the grace of God an all-time high in attendance at Pre-Con was set this year with 101 persons participating. The Zion Church led all others, having 21 present. Next in line was Los Angeles with 7 campers. Lost Creek and Denver followed with five campers each. Battle Creek, Berlin, Boulder, North Loup, Verona, and Second Alfred each had 4. Six churches had 3, six churches had 2, and seven churches had one representative. Twenty-eight churches were not represented — we're sorry. We hope that plans will be put into operation right away for each church to have at least one representative at Pacific Pines in California next August.

There were 17 leaders and 3 regulars on the cooking staff. Many local ladies of our Seventh Day Baptist churches gave a hand in the kitchen on selected days. The co-operation of staff members was thoroughly Christian.

Much credit goes to the leaders and the many others who helped in various ways. Hours and hours were spent in preparation by at least 30 persons. We are especially grateful to Rev. John F. Randolph, the efficient secretary; Mrs. Gerald Kenyon, head cook; and Rev. Kenneth E. Smith, the retreat dean, who selected study leaders and taught a class.

Corporate Meeting of Tract Society

At 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Sept. 15, 1957, the annual meeting of the corporation of the American Sabbath Baptist Tract Society was held in the Seventh Day Baptist Building at Plainfield, N. J.

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Commendations for work well done go to: Mrs. Mark Woolsey, worship leader; Pastor J. Paul Green, chairman of the Youth Work Committee and recreation leader; Rev. Don A. Sanford, Rev. Edgar Wheeler, Mrs. Gladys Vincent, and Mrs. Venita Zinn, all of whom led the workshops; Dr. Loyd F. Hurley, Bible study leader; Denison Barber, waterfront director; Mr. Emmett Burdick, campfire and recreation leader; Kenneth A. Babcock, music director; Dr. Dale Curtis, Retreat physician and counselor; Mrs. Thelma Wright and Mrs. Barbara Kenyon, cook assistants; Mrs. Denise Green, Miss Helen Green, and Miss Carol Harris, counselors.

We also make mention of the ceaseless effort of the Youth Work Committee of the Board of Christian Education which met ten times during the past year spending a major portion of each meeting laying plans and following developments of the preparation for Pre-Con, 1957, and the youth activities at Conference.

The usual heartaches went into the preparation and operation of the program, but the fellowship, the number of persons participating, the sacredness, the general interest in study, the intense worship — these point to a realized hope that all the effort was of great worth.

The treasurer's report has been held up due to final settlement with the campus officials.

The offering that was made during the worship service on Sabbath afternoon amounted to $38.15. It will be used by the Youth Work Committee for 1957-58 activities.

The marvelous accommodations at Indian Trails were generously supplied by the Camp Committee of the Indian Trails Conference of the American Baptist Union, Indianapolis, Ind.
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Baptists, who sacrifice much to carry on this work.

c. That our young people be urged to take training in these schools.

2. We recommend that General Conference recommend the Tract Board for financial support to General Conference the manual "A Program for Extension and Growth"; for giving to "Our World Mission" $2,000 of unexpected surplus; and for their decision to turn over one half the profits of the publishing house to the general treasury of "Our World Mission" for the coming year.

3. We recommend that General Conference commend the Missionary Board for their decision to participate in our Ministerial Retirement Plan.

4. We recommend the Associations for their increased activities: for the increase in the use of workshops; for more frequent Associational executive meetings; and for encouraging the exchange of young people in the camping program and in the organization of Associational youth fellowship programs. Several Associations have revised their constitutions and by-laws.

We recommend:

(a) That camping programs whenever possible be planned, set up, and executed on an Associational basis.

(b) That Associations use the manual, "A Program for Extension and Growth," and that their Home Missions program be emphasized so that individuals, groups, and fellowships be sought out and nurtured.

5. Upon suggestion of the Southeastern Association we recommend that each Association prepare a limited report of its outstandi ng activities for publication in the Year Book; the cost of the printing to be paid by each Association and the material to be edited by the executive secretary.

6. Commission believes it would be wise if the list of requirements for accreditation of our ministers by Conference included a provision for the accreditation of those who have proven themselves through years of service. Therefore we would recommend to General Conference that section "h" be added to the list of requirements as set forth in the 1946 Year Book and revised in 1953. This section to read:

"h. That a church may apply for the accreditation of a pastor who has been ordained and has served one or more member churches of General Conference acceptably and continuously for a period of ten years." (See 1946 Year Book, p. 38, and the revision in the 1953 Year Book, p. 50.)

7. In response to the request of the 1956 Conference "to formulate a plan by which it may be determined how new denominational interests may be met, nurtured, and brought under supervision," we recommend:

(a) That we shall not use the words "recognition, accreditation, and approval" in relationship to churches outside of our General Conference.

(b) That visitation by representatives or members of other Seventh Day Baptist conferences or churches when the need is felt, feeling that we have benefited greatly by such visits in the past and would encourage our representatives or members to make similar contacts with the areas of other churches and conferences.

(c) That all official correspondence with those outside of established mission fields where we support workers should go through the office of the corresponding secretary. We would pledge ourselves to pray for others and would ask their prayers for us.

(d) We would recommend: that the listings of churches in the Year Book be limited to the following four sections:

(1) Member churches of our General Conference

(2) Fellowships

(3) Seventh Day Baptist Conferences and churches outside of the General Conference in which we support workers

(4) Other Seventh Day Baptist Conferences and churches from which we receive statistical reports.

(e) We recommend that all existing contacts outside of our General Conference be brought under this plan.

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Experiences as a Helper In a Great Crusade
By Harriet Saunders

Last May I thought that I would go to the Billy Graham Crusade a time or two and that would be that. I was curious and nothing more. I sat in the balcony that first night and was impressed with the dignity and the pageantry of it all. So I went back again a few nights later, and before I knew it I was caught up in the thing. I was going straight from the hospital to the Garden every evening. I hadn't thought to count the number of times until asked about it. I have been there 47 evenings and will be able to go four more times when I get back from General Conference.

So much about this crusade impresses me: the people hurrying with their crusade hymnbooks toward the Garden at 5:30 to be among the first to go in when the doors open; the arguments with the policemen who try to keep some sort of order in the lines which form outside the doors; the do-overs when the doors do open and the people almost stampede to reach their favorite seats; the friendliness of the ushers who hold seats for those of us who go often to the office to address or stuff envelopes before the service begins.

I watch the floor of the Garden fill within minutes. I see the disappointment of those who seek a "seat up front"; the arguments with the ushers when told the section is full, "but surely I have come early enough this time."

I hear every evening the hum of pleasure and surprise that runs through the Garden when the lights go up at 7 o'clock. I note the annoyance of those who are attending for the first time because the talking and whispering do not subside when the choir begins its half hour of rehearsal preceding the service.

Most heartwarming is the cheerful smile of Mr. and Mrs. Barrows (choir director), when he opens the service with, "Aren't you glad you're here?" and announces the opening hymn, "Blessed Assurance."

I join in the enthusiastic response of the congregation to the recognition of the many out-of-town delegations is called for. Watching the flow of latecomers stream into the top balcony and all the empty seats behind the choir is thrilling. Often Dr. Graham comes late to the platform because he has been outside speaking to those who could not get in for lack of room.

The conversations with counsellors who have nothing more next to them is part of it also. Some of them are teen-agers; one is a blind man. I see the service being translated from sign language for a group of deaf-mutes who come often to a special section saved for them. Many of this group join us in the cafeteria after the service to "talk it over." I catch the surprise of firstcomers when the finances of the crusade are so frankly discussed from the pulpit. The collection per person was $30. The Garden alone costs $7,000 per day to rent! The corner of our eye we watch the families of the crusade team who sit in boxes at one side. Often their children are present, surveying and whispering as children do everywhere.

It is an experience to be in charge when the call for volunteers is made for help with the stuffing and addressing of envelopes. There must be help because there is no more room in the small office. Volunteers have stood around tables and sat on the floor because there weren't tables and chairs enough. Many come back during the day to help.

Nightly we anticipate the hush that prevails after the singing of, "How Great Thou Art."

Then comes the sermon, and finally the call to come forward.

There is a sameness about it all. Yet each night is different. Mrs. Graham and Billy's mother have spoken to us. Opera singers Jerome Hines and Ethel Walter have been there. It is about a regular member of the choir and causes considerable comment when pointed out to newcomers. The writings of Billy Graham is full of stories and fun. Other evenings he doesn't crack a smile.

The people are very quiet while he preaches. The singing of the "hallelujah-ism" from such a congregation, but the ushers are quick to quell any demonstrations and very few
have broken out. The great dignity of the service is often mentioned in the cafeteria where many of us gather afterward. My cousin, the Reverend Abraham Akaka, writes from Hawaii, "We are pleased with Billy Graham’s work and are praying for him. I have heard all kinds of evangelists and consider him the best in mass evangelism. He presses for commitment with the Holy Spirit. He is a truly dedicated soul."

Billy Graham says, "You are not here by accident, but by the will of God. . . ." And the people keep coming and coming. The closing hymn each night is "To God Be the Glory." What could be more fitting?

Christian Churches Face Opposition

Speaking before the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches at Yale Divinity School on July 31, Rev. J. Russell Chandran, principal of the United Theological College of Bangalore, India, cited two main types of opposition to Christianity which are now widespread. The first type, illustrated by the Hindu resurgence in India, seeks to limit Christian to humanitarian services and bar propagation of the faith. The second kind of opposition, found in Communist countries, limits the Church to purely religious activities and denies "the freedom to work out the social and political implications of the Christian faith."

Even in the State of Kerala in India, where there is a Communist local government working under a democratic constitution, steps are being taken to nationalize social services, according to Mr. Chandran.

Thus the Christian Church faces some very real problems, especially in lands where there are both Communists and native religions trying to cut from acceptable diet the two kinds of milk which missionaries are constrained to give — the "milk of the Word" and the "milk of human kindness." Ironically, one of the native religions has a "sacred cow."

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for September 14, 1957.

Ezekiel: The Work of a Pastor
Lesson Scripture: Ezekiel 1: 1-3; 2: 1-5; 34: 11-16.

What would you like for your birthday? The chances are you would be more than satisfied if someone would give you a camera for taking home movies, especially if it could be one of these new 8 mm cameras that adjusts itself automatically for perfect pictures.

We can’t tell you what it costs or how to persuade someone to buy it for you, but it is so amazing, so wonderful, we feel you must tell you about it. The boy who is being loved on your birthday, and the sun's rays falling on it, so that you have to do is to wind up the camera and aim it. Before you are ready to press the lens and shutter opening of the camera tells you instantly if there is not enough light for a good picture. Our Lord said in another place, "He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life" (John 8: 12).

I am sure you will not be too unhappy if you do not get one of these amazing new cameras for your birthday. I am more sure that if you follow Jesus His light within you will make you very happy.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — Sec. Rex E. Zwiebel

Sabbath School Reports

The office of the Board of Christian Education is anxious that all reports telling of the statistics and activities of Sabbath School, Vacation Church School, Week-day School, and Youth Fellowships be returned by October 1. These reports appear in the denominational Year Book and are to be as complete as possible. They are also reported to the National Council of Churches Division of Christian Education.

The annual meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education will be held in the School of Theology, Alfred, N. Y., on Sunday, September 15, at 2:00 P. M. of Seventh Day Baptist Churches who were in attendance at General Conference are eligible to vote in this meeting.

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I am reminded that you have had two pieces of equipment like that serving your needs since the day you were born. When God made Adam He gave him eyes with protective coverings and with the wonderful ability of narrowing or expanding for perfect vision, no matter how much or how little light. Some of the lower animals and insects may have better eyes than we have for certain types of vision. None, however, have the ability to record and interpret the pictures as we can. God has given us the power to think, and to some He has given inventive genius by which they can make a camera that opens and closes the lens of its eye much like we have been doing all our lives.

Jesus said, "The light of the body is the eye." He warned that evil in our lives would shut out the true light and we would be walking in darkness. This new camera tells you instantly if there is not enough light for a good picture. Our Lord said in another place, "He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life" (John 8: 12).

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NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

RIVERSIDE, CALIF.—For the Riverside Church, July is a month of greater challenge to Christian leadership not only for those who dedicate themselves to the work at Pacific Pines Camp, but for those who fill the gaps left at home. We are happy to report that the twofold challenge was successfully met.

With Pastor Wheeler in charge at camp, our brothers, P. B. Hurley and Robert Henry, conducted the Sabbath School service, July 6. It was a service of real blessing.

We were happy to welcome our pastor back into the pulpit the following Sabbath. He remained for the quarterly business meeting of the church in the evening at which camp construction problems were the chief concern. Camp again called him for the remainder of the month.

It was Nevah Hunt who was behind the scene getting out the weekly church bulletin. More in evidence were those who led the services. Prayer meetings also went on.
Sabbath, July 20, was memorable. Mrs. Robert Henry called upon her reserves among the young people and together they conducted an inspiring church service. Leona Sloan presented the Scripture from 1 Corinthians 12. Prayer was offered by Marjorie Lewis and Mrs. Henry brought the children's message. Albert Withrow, Jr., favored us with a trombone solo, "Somebody Knows." Ellis and Marjorie Lewis shared the pulpit with telling sermonettes on "Love." Songs for congregational singing were selected that day from the Sabbath School Hymnal.

The closing sermon of the month was appropriately "God's Men" preached by William Rymer. He drew heavily from Hebrews eleven.

Heartening reports from camp reassure us that God's Word is not returning unto Him void but is accomplishing His good pleasure. We are also rejoicing in the prospect of soon hearing firsthand reports from Nyasaland.

FRIENDSHIP, N. Y. — Our pulpit was filled on pastors' exchange Sabbath by J. Paul Green, pastor of the Second Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church. Our pastor was at the Second Alfred Church.

July 8-19, the Community Vacation Bible School was held. Sixty-one pupils were enrolled in the five classes. Twenty-three had perfect attendance. Pastor Zwiebel and Mrs. William Davidson taught the Junior class. The closing program was held in the Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Pastor and Mrs. Zwiebel were gone two Sabbaths in August. On August 10, Kenneth Davis, of Alfred, supplied the pulpit and on August 17, we met with the Richburg Church at Richburg and Rev. Ivan Mathewson of the Friendship Congregational Church gave the morning message.

The Sabbath following Conference, two of our delegates to Conference, Pastor Doyle Zwiebel and Mrs. Gertrude Burrows, gave reports of the Conference meetings which they attended to a union service of the Nile and Richburg Churches at Nile. Following the morning service a "fellowship luncheon" was served to forty-three in the church parlors.

--- Correspondent.

**Marriages**

Husslebee-Smith. — Charles Parker Husslebee, Bradford, R. I., and Shirley May Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Smith, Pawcatuck, Conn., were united in marriage at the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church on Sabbath Day, July 20, with her pastor, the Rev. Charles H. Bond, officiating.

**Obituaries**

Bee. — Bertha Jane Loofbourrow, daughter of William Wade and Martha Lemasters Loofbourrow, was born in Dark County, Ohio, June 25, 1874, and died June 12, 1957, at Sampson, Wis.

On October 22, 1896, she was united in marriage with Raymond N. Bee and moved to the North Loup vicinity where she became a member of the North Loup Seventh Day Baptist Church.

To this union was born four sons and a daughter. Surviving is the daughter, Mrs. Ralph (Esther) Loofbore of New Auburn, Wis.; a nephew, Wade Loofbourrow of Yreka, Calif., who was brought up in her home; two sisters: Mrs. John Chastfield of Ord, Neb., and Mrs. Frank Holman of La Mesa, Calif.; one brother, W. C. Loofbourrow, of American Falls, Idaho; a grandson and a number of nieces and nephews.

Services were conducted by Rev. Don Sanford in New Auburn, Wis., and by Pastor Myron Soper in North Loup, Neb. Burial was in the Hillside Cemetery, North Loup, Neb. — M.G.S.

Stillman. — Ruth Ann, daughter of Adelma and Mary Coon Stillman, was born September 22, 1888, at Utica, Wis., and died at Madison, Wis., hospital following a brief illness.

Miss Stillman's early years were spent in Nortonville, Kan., where she attended the elementary and high schools. When she was eleven years old she was baptized by the Rev. George W. Hills and joined the Nortonville Seventh Day Baptist Church. Following high school she moved with her family to Milton, Wis., where she attended Milton College and received her degree. She dedicated and devoted herself to the education of youth, through the teaching of biology and related subjects, for forty years.

Ruth was a member of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church and was loyal in her support of it through living in Madison.

Surviving are a sister, Rose, of Milton; three brothers: Clair, of Wauwatosa, Wis.; James, of Houston, Tex., and Theodore, of Montebello, Calif.; an aunt, Mrs. James H. Coon, Milton; six nephews, and five nieces.

Funeral services were conducted in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church on August 5 by her pastor, Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph. Interment was in the Milton Cemetery. — E. F. R.