Bears and Bibles in Japan

Distribution of the Scriptures may bring unusual problems, according to word received by the American Bible Society from Japan. Colporteurs of the Bible Society there report that the prowling habits of bears in Akito Province have caused great consternation among the country villages. The colporteurs, whose work often requires them to return to their centers at dusk, are afraid of possible attacks by these grizzlies. The five colporteurs now at work in the area have asked the Bible Society to provide them with bells which they can ring on their return to the villages so that the bears will be frightened away.

WCC News

The World Council's general secretary, Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, said at the five-day meeting, February 10-14, of the Executive Committee: "It is of greatest importance to maintain relations with churches in Eastern Europe but it is getting more and more difficult, because of pressure on the churches," citing the displacement of Hungarian Bishop Lajos Ordass as primate of his church.

The 12-member Executive Committee of the World Council of Churches ended a five-day meeting in London, England, February 14, with an assurance that the Council's proposed religious liberty study is to be "world-wide", and not restricted to "certain crisis areas."

The study, authorized by the Central Committee of the World Council at its meeting at Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Conn., last summer, called for a study of religious liberty "in Roman Catholic and other countries."

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

RIVERSIDE, CALIF. — The first Sabbath of the new year, January 4, was marked by an impressive and well-attended observance of the Lord's Supper. The quarterly Sabbath School business meeting was a feature of the evening — chief interest, visual aids. The following Sabbath, Pastor Wheeler summed his sermons on denominational beliefs, examining "Our Belief Concerning Evangelism."

One item of interest from the quarterly church business meeting on January 12 was the acceptance of the contract terms of Orson Davis for redecorating the interior of the church. Wednesday and Thursday of that week were days of blessing for the lone Sabbathkeepers in the Imperial Valley and San Diego areas as the pastor called on them in their homes.

"Our Belief in the Sabbath" was under study, Sabbath, January 18. Following a sermon entitled "Our Belief Concerning Baptism," on January 25 four young candidates were baptized.

Youth Sabbath was observed with thrilling impact on February 1, with most of the service in the hands of the young people. Under the direction of Mrs. Starlin Ross the Youth Choir presented "God of Our Fathers." Pastor Wheeler admonished us to be "more like the Master" in a sermon of that title.

Beth and Joan (as we call our missionary nurses on furlough from Nyasaland) are now residing in Riverside with Mrs. Alice Hayward and are attending California Baptist College here. On February 5 they made a guest appearance at the Dorcas Society. At this writing they have given the children's message on two consecutive Sabbaths. Following a fellowship luncheon on February 8, Joan gave a talk illustrated with color-photo slides of their November trip for the Pacific Coast Association visiting all the lone Sabbathkeepers who were found at home, northward to include Pascooe, Washington.

The Annual Birthday Dinner was held February 9, with food, fun, and philosophy for all ages.

In the interest of World Brotherhood, Pastor Wheeler preached on "Prejudice in the Heart," on Sabbath, February 15.

A teachers' meeting for all classes, was held at 4:30.

Marriages

Burnett-Swinney. — Arthur Burnett and Ellen Swinney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morton Swinney of Niantic, Conn., were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents on March 8, 1958. The pastor of the bride, the Rev. Paul S. Burdick, officiated.

Births


Dickinson. — A daughter, Carol Sue, to Everett and Wilberta Dickinson, Shiloh, N. J., on February 26, 1958.

"He shall save his people from their sins."

"And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem" (Luke 9:51).
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The present survey is written up in some detail in a current issue of Christianity Today, ministers’ magazine which sponsored it.

EDITORIAL NOTES
"Over Against the Treasury"

Our Lord sat "over against the treasury" to observe how the people gave to the support of the temple and its ministry. He had mixed feelings at what He saw because some with much gave little and some with little gave much in proportion.

Both the amounts and the motives of our giving from week to week are known to Him without whose knowledge not a sparrow falls to the ground. If the Lord were to tell us on the pages of this magazine what He thought of current giving to Our World Mission, what words do you suppose He would use? Would they be words of approval or disapproval, or both?

When you study the February figures on the back page of this issue you will notice that the comparison with January is not good. The explanation is simply this: $2,029.92 lower. Subtracting the quarterly gift from the publishing house of the Tract Society the receipts are still $732 below the reported January receipts. More than one-third of the churches (mostly smaller ones) sent nothing in to the denominational treasury.

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Growth in Numbers

Just what is necessary for church growth? Perhaps we might briefly mention here three things that seem of prime importance. First, the spirit of Christ must be present and at work among the people. If the members have truly met Christ and are earnestly striving to give Him first place in their living there will be a spirit of oneness that cannot fail to be noticed. Second, the program of the church permeated by this spirit will be vital and of such a nature that all participating will feel that they are constantly being drawn into that fuller, more abundant way of life. And third, it will be impossible to keep the members from telling the good news to others. Not only will each one want to tell about the fellowship and worthwhile program of his church but he will want to try to give the wonderful gift of God’s love and what a transforming influence it can have in one’s life. There will also be a feeling that the fellowship will be enriched by the addition of each new person who will look to Christ and become a part of the group, all of whom are imperfect but who together, with God’s help, are striving toward perfection.

You will notice that no mention has been made that there must be a "good pastor." Grants of money should be an asset for good leadership in any field helps a group in its effectiveness. But the real responsibility lies on the shoulders of each one. If each of us is to be a Christian, each of us may be willing to accept the challenge to give of the best of his time, talent, and treasure in order that others may look to Christ. It is not so much what each of us does but how much we each of us are doing.

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MISSIONS

Young Ministers

Begin Service in Jamaica

Sabbath Recorder readers will recall an article in the issue of February 3, 1958, which told of a recognition service held on January 8, 1958. These student pastors were assigned churches under the supervision of more experienced pastors. The three student pastors were Brother Japheth Anderson in Portland (Orange Bay Church), Brother Joseph Samuels in St. Thomas (Font Hill Church), and Brother Nathan Thompson in St. Elizabeth (Academy and Center of the group of buildings. The meetings will begin at 7:30 sharp. Pastor Lawton concludes his letter to us, "We are thankful, indeed, for the evidence of the Lord's blessing upon them (these student pastors) up to their present ministry and trust that our American brethren will continue to pray for them in this work."

CONFERENCE PUBLICITY

Pacific Pines Camp lies in the San Bernardino National Forest, about two miles from Covina. There is a tradition of no talking nor visiting on the Sabbath. As a result, water may have destroyed the world. We are constantly hearing of new fields of opportunity and new areas for our activities. We are constantly hearing of men and women who are ready and willing to take active parts in broadening the effectiveness of Our World Mission. But we dare not enlarge our program until we can properly maintain our present commitments!

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There are many people who say that their religion is the Sermon on the Mount, but the man or woman is yet to be born who has ever lived up to the Sermon on the Mount. The Bible says that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. There is only one way back to God, and that is the way of the cross. Jesus says where conversion comes in, for Jesus said, "Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." And that is where conversion comes in. This is how to begin! This is your way back to God! Actually, the word conversion means "to turn around," "to change one's mind," "to turn back," or "to return." In the realm of religion it has been variously explained as "to repent," "to be regenerated," "to receive grace," "to experience religion," "to gain assurance."

True conversion will involve the total mind, the total affection, and the total will. There have been of people who have been intellectually converted to Christ. They believe the entire Bible. They believe all about Jesus, but they have never really been converted to Him. There is a vast difference between intellectual conversion and the total conversion that saves the soul.

Christ demands a change in the way you live — and if your life does not conform to your experience, then you have every reason to doubt your experience! Certainly they are only the outward elements that make up emotion when you come to Christ; hate and love will be involved, because you will begin to hate sin and love righteousness. Your affections will undergo a revolutionary change. Your devotion to Him will know no bounds. Your love for Him described. Even if you have an intellectual acceptance of Christ, and an emotional experience, that still is not enough. There must be the conversion of your will! There must be a determination and a resolve to follow Christ. You will must be bent to the will of God. The only desire you will have will be to please Him.

In conversion, as you stand at the foot of the cross, the Holy Spirit makes you realize that you are a sinner. He directs your faith to the Christ who died in your place. You must open your heart and let Him come in. At that precise moment the Holy Spirit performer the miracle of the new birth. You actually become a new moral creature. There comes the implantation of the divine nature. You become a new life; Jesus Christ, through the spirit of God, takes up residence in your heart.

The converted person will love many things he once hated, and hate much that he once loved. There will even be a change of heart about God. Where you once may have been careless about God, living in constant fear, dread, and antagonism to God, you will find yourself in a state of reverence, confidence, obedience and devotion. There will be a reverential fear of God, a constant gratitude to God, a dependence upon God, and a new loyalty to Him. Conversion means a complete change in your life, and more important, your acceptance in the Kingdom of God through the finished work of Christ on the cross.

Conversion is only the beginning. Have you been converted? Make this decision — today.

The above message is available in two-color tract form, with a good picture of the famed evangelist, from the American Tract Society, 15 West 166th Street, New York, N. Y.

Wise and Foolish Virgins
Free enterprise produces Cadillacs; socialism must do with ox carts. Have you, as a Christian, sought, regarded, and proceeded to do and be upon God, and a new loyalty to Him? Conversion means a complete change in your life, and more important, your acceptance in the Kingdom of God through the finished work of Christ on the cross.

Association Meetings
Northern
One of the earliest spring meetings in the list of nine geographical Associations of Seventh Day Baptist churches is that of the Northern Association which will convene at White Cloud, Mich., April 11, 12, and 13. The theme chosen is "Building the Temple." A good attendance is desired from the area including Michigan and Ohio. The churches are Battle Creek, Jackson Center, and White Cloud. See page 235 of the Year Book for names and addresses of officers. Leon E. Mosher of White Cloud is the president. The entertaining church always appreciates advance notice of those who would like to take advantage of the hospitality offered.

Thoughts on Resurrection
If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, not on things on the earth (Col. 3: 1, 2).

Christianity began not at the birth or the baptism of Jesus, nor did it begin with the teachings and blessings of the Master, but it began with His resurrection. There is no redemption for men today except through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The resurrection is more than can be observed by merely a day. It is a life lived in a resurrected pattern and a resurrected spirit. The commemoration of the resurrection is of meaning only as the resurrection is effective in our hearts. Unless Christ lives in our hearts, Easter is no more than a festival to the goddess of spring. — The Messenger (News Sheet of Nortonville, Kan., Church).
Mr. Schauffler never told the boy he would care for him; he simply threw him back on his own sense of duty. The next week the command was, "You would preach that thing and the suggested reply was given. The boy's father angrily said, "Then march!"

So the boy put up all that he had in a red handkerchief, and marched out into the streets of New York with no shoes on to sleep and nothing to eat. Now I say that was grander faith in God than the faith of Abraham when told him to go out into a land that he knew not; for Abraham went with his flocks and herds, and this boy had not a single mutton chop or a place to sleep.

Also the father of the lunatic son had faith that Jesus could save the boy, but he had a small faith. He had faith in Christ's ability to help, but his faith was weak. To a certain extent he doubted Jesus' ability to cure his son, because he had asked His disciples to help and they could not. Naturally this discouraged the father. He brought him to be healed by Christ and he only found Christ's disciples. He was very discouraged when they could not heal. Christ came down with Peter, James, and John, after the Transfiguration, to the plain where the scribes and Pharisees were mocking His disciples because they could not heal the lad. Christ was seen by the disciples. The father of the lunatic youth came running to Jesus at this time and pled for mercy and help. He had some doubt in his mind whether or not Christ could heal his son. In verse 24 we find him saying, "I believe, help my unbelief." He was asking for help to overcome his unbelief.

This is what Christ wants from us. Also He will help us overcome our unbelief. Then He can work in our life, in this kind of faith. He requires it before He can work. He cannot work until we believe He can and show our faith in that fact. Help to overcome our unbelief can come by no way except by prayer and daily communion with God.

A man was in Washington some time ago riding on a trolley. This fellow observed that the motorman could easily make the car go slow or fast. By a touch of the handle in his hand the car would go slower, almost stop, and yet not quite stop, but just go creeping along like a snail. He said it was hard to do it. He would preach that thing and the suggested reply was given. The boy's father angrily said, "Then march!"

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from our Makapwa Mission — from the Pearson and Dr. Victor Burdick. Both thanked the young people for their subscription to a religious magazine of their choice. Mrs. Pearson spoke about teaching a girls’ class in Homecrafts, and that they have tried to start a Women’s Society but that this is something new to them. Doctor Burdick thanked our women for the new linens being made for the hospital and mentioned under the circumstances, he had been forced to learn how to use the sewing machine to mend the hospital gowns now in use.

World’s Fair Protestant Pavilion
It was voted to send $50 toward the cost of the Protestant Pavilion and ecumenical exhibit at the Brussels World’s Fair in the name of the Women’s Society of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference. Belgium’s tiny Protestant minority was inspired to present to the world a portrayal of the history, beliefs, and work of Protestantism. On faith alone, they secured space near the center of the fairgrounds, and asked a Swiss architect to design a suitable building. This Protestant Pavilion will not be large, but it will be beautiful in its simplicity. It is prefabricated from glass and aluminum, so that after the exhibition it can be moved and used as an ecumenical center.

There will be a circular chapel where three services in different languages will be held daily, and an exhibition hall which will carry out the theme, “The New Humanity, as Seen in the Light of Jesus Christ.” The cost of this project is modest compared to most of the other exhibits but funds are being raised in many lands to meet this $120,000 expense. For each donation of $5 or more, the donor’s name will be held in a drawing to win one of the “Roll in the Pavilion.” Contributions may be sent to Miss Ella Harllee, Secretary, Protestant Pavilion, Room 1005, 156 Fifth Ave., New York 10, N. Y.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON
for April 12, 1958

God’s People in Bondage
Lesson Scripture: Ex. 1: 7-22.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — Sec. Rex E. Zwibel

YOUTH MEETING THOUGHTS
THE MASTER’S TOUCH
The first of a series of program suggestions prepared by Mrs. A. Al Huntington of Los Angeles for Seventh Day Baptist youth groups. The thoughts, held forth in simple language, will make good reading for a wide age range.

Hymn: “I Am Thine, O Lord”

Prayer
Report and Announcements
Hymn: “He Keeps Me Singing”

Scripture: Psalm 23

In the Ocean Grove Auditorium there was advertised a concert by a master violinist to be played on the dollar violin, accompanied by the pipe organ, one of the greatest in the land. At the appointed time a tremendous crowd was present with high anticipation. The mighty organ peeled forth a fitting background for the masterful performer. As he put the instrument to his shoulder and drew the bow across the strings, a rich, deep, sweet, mellow tone floated out upon the air. His soul seemed to burst forth a glorious message of power and inspiration. As he proceeded the music grew in volume and sweetness. So majestic was it that it seemed that the very heaven was aglow with rhapsodies. The organ was vibrant with the tide of resonance.

As the master came to his brilliant and sublime climax, completing his rendition, there was at first a breathless stillness. Then there burst forth a tremendous storm of applause. The people cheered and cheered and cheered. They arose to their feet and cheered on and on.

Right in the midst of this almost riotous expression of delight, the master stepped in the front of the platform and bringing the violin down upon the table, smashed it into a thousand pieces. The audience, astounded and all dazed, sat down aghast. What could it mean?

Had the master had such an inspiration of music that it dethroned his instrument? Had he gone mad under the inspiration? Had he gone out of his mind? But the Master’s touch changes it all. Greatest things happen to all — even the most humble, in surprising ways when our lives are under the Master’s touch.

Many times we feel our littleness and unworthiness to such an extent that we bury our talent and do nothing. But the Master’s touch changes it all. Greatest things happen to all — even the most humble, in surprising ways when our lives are under the Master’s touch.

Special Music: Living for Jesus

Prayer

CAMP NEWS
The Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church has announced its camping dates for the coming summer. With over half of the instrument, camping will begin June 29 for the primary group and end July 20 with the juniors. Camps for seniors and intermediates are set in between.

The directors of Pacific Pines are having the Mountain Patrol check the camp daily throughout the summer. If anything is out of order a report to the church is made immediately. Camp privilege passes are being issued to anyone of the church who plans to use the camp facilities, and everyone who plans to camp there at any time must have a pass to show.

Camp Harley in the Western Association has been advertised as a “nighter” on the night after Resurrection Sabbath. Those who camp will prepare a sunrise breakfast for the youth of the neighboring churches who will come for the sunrise worship service.

Regular Association camping dates are July 13 to July 27. Pastor Paul Green of the Riverside SDA church will direct the Senior Camp, and Mrs. Jerald DeGroff will be in charge of the Junior Camp.

MARCH 31, 1958

THE CHURCH LIBRARY

More than 90 books have been added to the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church Library. Most of them were gifts from interested members and friends, while a dozen were purchased new. A “Library Night” celebration held the previous night promised to be a round of good reading in the growth of the Christian personality. Those co-operating were Mrs. Gleason Curtis, librarian, Oren DeGroff, Mrs. Bob Bagbon, Mary Lea Van Noty, and Evelyn Ring.

CHURCH SCHOOL AND PUBLIC SCHOOL

The May issue of the International Journal of Christian Education is a special issue designed to turn the attention of church people to the needs of public schools, and to increase communication between church school and public school leadership. Copies may be obtained at P.O. Box 238, New York 10, N. Y., single copies 50 cents, 20 or more copies at 30 cents, 100 or more at 25 cents each.

Mixed Marriages Show Catholic Policy Fails
A Catholic sociologist, Father Lucius F. Cervantes, of the Jesuit order, has revealed the increasing failure of the Catholic opposition to mixed marriage, and the increasing rebellion of young Catholic people against the discriminating rules which the priests attempt to impose. Father Cervantes, a Jesuit priest and director of the Department of Sociology at Regis College, Denver, in an address at the 19th annual convention of the American Catholic Sociological Society in Washington, estimated that one third of American Catholics married outside of their faith and that of every ten Catholics who do so five are non-Catholics. He pointed out that this means that since their marriage is outside of the church and hence invalid, he estimated that of the six out of ten remaining in the faith at the time of marriage, two more are ultimately lost to the Catholic Church.

Father Cervantes also pointed out that mixed marriages between Catholics and non-Catholics have increased as diverse divorces and desertsions as marriages within a single faith. — Church and State.
New Idolatrie?

"We are likely to be tempted into a new kind of idolatry with missiles and space ships as our false and physics textbooks as our Scriptures," says the Rt. Rev. Girault M. Jones, Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Louisiana. "Congress will gladly vote a tremendous appropriation to pay for this kind of security and we will pay our taxes to buy an extension of a stalemated peace. In the face of such temptation, the church, plans must read once more: 'Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might.'"
### OUR WORLD MISSION

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**Treasurer's Statement**

Covina, California, August 11 - 16, 1958

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**SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE**

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**The Sabbath Recorder**

**Risen with Christ**

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

Col. 3:1.