The Sabbath Recorder

The Master’s Touch

In the still air the music lies unheard;
In the rough marble beauty hides unseen;
To make the music and the beauty, needs
The master’s touch, the sculptor’s chisel keen.

Great Master, touch us with Thy skilful hand;
Let not the music that is in us die!
Great Sculptor, hew and polish us; nor let,
Hidden and lost, Thy form within us lie!

Spare not the stroke! do with us as Thou wilt!
Let there be naught unfinished, broken, marred;
Complete Thy purpose, that we may become
Thy perfect image, Thou our God and Lord!

HORATIUS BONAR in Masterpieces of Religious Verse.

APRIL 20, 1959

The Rev. Earl Cruzan, pastor-elect of our church, is expected to arrive in Westerly about April 19 for a period of approximately two weeks. This is in keeping with the agreement in October, when Pastor Cruzan was here, that he might have opportunity to meet with committees and share in planning summer activities—camp and Vacation School, etc. It is also expected that he will occupy the pulpit on the two Sabbaths, April 25 and May 2. That the visit may prove profitable to Pastor Cruzan and the church is devoutly hoped, and that it may portend a relationship that will be fruitful for the advancement of the cause of our Lord and Master.

Coudersport, Pa.—The church held its annual oyster dinner and business meeting on Sunday, January 11, at the community building. Yearly reports were presented and accepted. The budget for 1959 was adopted, Pastor Van Horn presented his resignation, effective July 1. He has accepted a call to serve the church at Adams Center, N. Y.

The following officers were elected for the year 1959: moderator, William Thompson; assistant moderator; Don Stearns; clerk, Kathryn Thompson; treasurer, Rachel Kenyon; organist, Zeruah Stearns; solicitor and collector, Georgianne Snyder; hall trustee, Steven Snyder; Lord’s Acre chairman, Roy Thompson; junior choir, Zeruah Stearns; senior choir, Rachel Kenyon; Recorder correspondent, Dana Kenyon.

A Beautiful Easter service was held at the church on March 28. The program featured a hymn cantata, “The Glory of the Cross,” sung by the senior choir. The junior choir also participated in the musical program.

Schenectady, N. Y.—The church here was happy to have a dedicatory service for a new organ on Sabbath day, March 28. For some time the group has tried to contribute to an organ fund as regularly as possible, but the final purchase was thought to be in the distant future.

The organ was the generous gift of William Boswell and his family in memory of Mr. Boswell’s father. Mr. Boswell presented the organ to the church during the service. His son, Thomas Boswell, was also present. Eugene Fatato, a student at the seminary at Alfred, and his family were here and he offered the dedicatory prayer. Miss Brenda Moore, home for vacation from Potsdam State Teachers College, played the organ. Dinner was served after the service.

AN OLD RAILROAD CONDUCTOR

An old railroad conductor, carefully punching tickets at the train entrance on a very cold night, was criticized by some of the shivering passengers hurrying to get aboard. Somebody said, “You’re not very popular tonight, Conductor.” He calmly replied, “I’m mainly interested in being in good standing with the superintendent of this railroad.” God’s man had better see to it that the Heavenly Superintendent approves and not worry too much about the complaints of some of his hearers. Vance Haver, in Rest For The Weary, Fleming H. Revell Co.

OBITUARIES

Van Horn. — Beecher Lynn, son of Edwin Burnett and Lottie Davis Van Horn, was born January 20, 1886, near North Loup, Neb., and died March 20, 1959, at Loma Linda, Calif.

Mr. Van Horn spent his early years in Nebraska and South Dakota, and came to California in 1936. He was married to Vera Thorngate on June 17, 1920, and to that union were born two daughters and a son. Mrs. Van Horn died on November 17, 1952.

On September 21, 1947, he was married to Mrs. Inez R. Hill.

While a young man he accepted Christ and joined the Seventh Day Baptist Church at North Loup, Neb., where his membership remained. Besides his wife, he is survived by his three children: Luella Davidson, of San Bernadino, Lyda Smith, and his son, Lynn, both of Redlands, all of California; three grandchildren; two brothers: Harry, of Riverside, Calif., and Hugh, of Portland, Ore.; and four sisters: Bertha Davis, of Battle Creek, Mich.; Leah Barnes, of Murray, Utah; Bird Rood, of Boulder, Colo.; and Jane Johnston, of Colton, Calif.

Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. Alton L. Wheeler, March 24, 1959, and internment was at the Montecito Memorial Park Cemetery near Loma Linda, California.

A. L. W.
Man Shall Not Live By Bread Alone

When Satan came to Jesus at the end of a long fast he tempted Him to use His divine power to turn stones into bread. Our Lord resisted the temptation by re­calling the Scripture that man shall not live by bread alone. It is a lesson which many well-fed Americans need to learn. On the island of Jamaica, where tropical fruits and vegetables grow in abundance, there are many which take the place of bread. People who have a small portion of land surrounding their homes can plant trees that "bear all manner of fruits." Missionary Leon Lawton and his family of Kingston, Jamaica, are fortunate to now live in a rented house around which are planted quite a variety of trees bearing edible fruits that are strange to the Amer­ican grower.

Satan, too, was standing there. He said, "Come my way; Lots and lots of pleasures I will give to you today." I say, "No, there's Jesus there; See what He offers me: Down here my sins forgiven; Up there, a home in heaven. Praise God, that's the way for me!"

One does not have to be long on this tropical isle to learn that Satan, too, is standing there and that unless the Gospel of salvation with its full social implications is faithfully taught to young and old, the right choice referred to in the chorus quoted above will not be made. The churches of our faith and the young people of our camp, under the counsel of our missionaries, are presenting the Word of God effectively as a regenerating force ("being born again...by the word of God") and as a standard to live and grow by (1 Peter 2: 2).

The word of God must find entrance to the better homes and to the hearts of those in city or country who live in the humblest dwellings. The missionary van traverses rough country roads to stop in front of a humble dwelling in the Sun­ning Hill area where some faithful believers live. Literature, including Bibles, tracts, and periodicals, is offered to the people at a price they can afford to pay.

The periodical seen in the hands of one of the sisters may be recognized as a copy of one of the special issues of the Sabbath Recorder. At this same spot several Bibles were dispersed to spread the Word in the region between the eastern end of the island. So the missionary serves whenever there is opportunity to make such trips.

April 20, 1959
LIVING UNDER SCRUTINY

"The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good" (Prov. 15: 3).

(A sermon by the Rev. Leon R. Lawton, pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Charles Street, Kingston, Jamaica, published in The Daily Gleaner, the city's largest newspaper.)

"We are living in an age when we can be found out! Readers of The Gleaner were amused to see the remarkable picture of a camera found him out. He was not aware of it but the "eyes" of the camera knew him out. So today we all live under scrutiny. How would we act if we knew someone had a camera pointed at us making a record of our every action? Would it make us a bit uncomfortable? Would we act differently? One of the wonders of our age, television, has in a measure done this. It has "caught" the sleepers in our services, the politicians in an unguarded action, a serviceman at a sports event outside the limit of his pass. It would be uncomfortable if we lived constantly under the "eyes" of the camera but the truth of our text is that we are constantly living under the scrutiny of God. He sees our actions, and more so, He knows our hearts. Our text points out: The Eyes of the Lord Are in Every Place! How can this be? Can God see my smallest action? Surely He is too busy with the universe to bother with me. Yet, how big a God do we have? "And God saw that it was good." (Gen. 1: 31). He must be larger and greater than the universe which He created. Man, with all his limitation, has power to see much. From Blue Mountain Peak he can view much of Jamaica. From a high-flying plane the whole of the island could be viewed at once. Through a telescope the wonders of the heavens are brought into sight. Does not God who made the eye have even more perception? And God's "vision" is not limited by physical features. His is spiritual.

Jehovah from His throne on high,
Looks down with clear and searching eye,
On all that dwell below;
And sees that fashioned heart and mind
Looks ever down on all mankind,
The women and the men.
(PSALM 33: 13, 14, in Modern Speech.)

Beholding the Evil
And as God looks He sees all our sins.
Nothing escapes Him! Jesus said: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committheth sin is the servant (bondslave) of sin" (John 8: 34). People are not looking at sin as God does! The way to win friends and influence people is to praise their virtues and play down their faults. Just a little flattery will get you on. This is the philosophy of opportunism. And nothing could be more vicious. It is dishonest and downright selfish. It proposes that the way to get ahead in life is to exploit the other man's ego, to play on his vanity, to tell him only what he wants to hear about himself.

Plenty of people want God to follow this same line in His dealings with them. They say, "God would be much more popular if He were more diplomatic. Why does He have to be so blunt in His Bible? Why does He insist on telling people the whole truth about themselves? No wonder people don't love Him. No wonder they don't want to read His Book and go to His Church."

Suppose you had a bad heart condition. How would you like to have a doctor who knew all about it but never mentions it? Instead he talks about your points of good health. You may think him to be a good fellow and may gladly pay his fee but some day you will wake up to the awful truth that he was a fool.

God beholds the evil! He may be unpopular with sinners but that is only because He is thoroughly honest with them. He tells you the truth because it is for your good to help, to save you. And He willingly gave His only Son that this might be possible.

Jesus said men become slaves of sin—owned and governed by it. Willingly! Because of this we need to be convicted of our sin today. Only as we are will we be aroused and moved to seek deliverance; and only those who seek salvation find it. "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." (Matt. 7: 7). Knowledge of sin makes us receptive to the Gospel, and for those finding deliverance in Christ it brings joy and thankfulness to their hearts for such deliverance.

If you have a pain somewhere you can do one of two things: You can either take something to deaden the pain or you can go to a competent physician for diagnosis, treatment, and healing. God beholds the evil— in my life, in yours. We come under conviction. We know that this evil is something to deaden the pain, pursuit of pleasure, a life of dissipation. Thus they seek to silence the voice of conscience — to deaden the pain. But there is no cure, no healing, no salvation on this road. Others who are wiser believe the Word of God: "The wages of sin are death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6: 23) — and find deliverance in Christ.

Yes, God beholds the evil. But with an everlasting love that it might be forgiven and the life cleansed. "Come, let us reason together saith the Lord. Though your sins be as scarlet they shall be white as snow though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool!" (Isa. 1: 18).

Beholding the Good
Our text continues with the great truth that God is also beholding the good.

This is the other side to the scrutiny of God. Yet what can God see? How can He see? The text says, "...there is none that doth good, no, no one" (Ps. 14: 2, 3). But God sees us not only in terms of what we do by nature and by choice, but also in terms of what we can become by His grace! A sinner can become a child of God through faith in Jesus Christ! Imagine as many as received him (Jesus Christ), to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1: 12). Only as we are changed, converted, and made new in Christ can our lives be filled with goodness in the sight of God. Man-made schemes of moral goodness, humanitarian service, and the like will ever fail. They are only designed to fit the needs of men as men see that need. God's way meets the real need of those who were made and would re-make into the image of His dear Son.

SavIng Scrutiny
We are living under the saving scrutiny of God! He sees us to guide us, to teach us, to bless us, and to judge us. How does He look at your life what does He see? "We are asking God that you may see things, as it were, from his point of view by being given spiritual insight and understanding. We also pray that your outward lives, which men see, may bring credit to your master's name, and that you may have the joy and peace that is in the knowledge of Christ. And God's way meets the real need of those who were made and would re-make into the image of His dear Son.

Evangelism cannot be handed over to a committee. At times there is a tendency in denominational circles to create and place upon committees the duty of disseminating the Faith. The plan is unworkable. True evangelism must be the personal testimony of Christians concerning the Lord's grace and truth. Only in this way can the message be warm and persuasive.
When a group of Seventh Day Baptists has been meeting regularly for some time as a fellowship, for worship and Bible study, it very naturally begins to think in terms of organizing as a church. The members may have discussed together the questions on page 16 in the booklet "A Program for Extension and Growth," and feel that they are about ready to take the next forward step.

Among other things, these Seventh Day Baptists would like to have their own pastor. They long for a spiritual leader who will give them inspiration, who will help train their children and love them into the Kingdom, who will direct them in a program of outreach. They are willing to work but they feel the need of leadership.

How may they go about securing a pastor when older and more established churches can offer more attractive wages and a parsonage as a home? How can a struggling fellowship challenge a pastor to come and serve?

One suggestion has been that the fellowship secure a large home or dwelling place, the first floor of which can be used as a place of worship. Then the fellowship can go about furnishing the second floor as an attractive place for a pastor to live. When the time is ready they may invite a student pastor to come and serve them. If there is a school of theology in the vicinity there is a possibility that the fellowship can help that student as he continues his studies.

Another possibility for securing pastoral leadership lies with our older, retired ministers. A furnished apartment as a dwelling place for an older pastor would surely have its appeal. The fellowship that launches out in faith is the one that will succeed.

GIFT for Missions

A few months past the Riverside Church was informed that Elder Ballenger (for editor of The Gathering Call) had remembered it in his will and that a sum of $1,000 had been left for that church to use as it deemed wise toward missions. The matter of deciding upon its use was referred to the Stewardship Committee of the church.

The Stewardship Committee recommended to the church that the fund of $1,000 be equally divided between the Jamaica and Nyasaland Mission fields, the use of the portion for Jamaica to be designated by the head of that mission.

After considerable correspondence the $500 for Jamaica has been designated toward another memorial classroom at Maiden Hall Vocational School.

Dr. Victor Burdick has expressed the desire to purchase an X-ray machine (with anticipation that the government would pay one half the cost), and the $500 for Nyasaland has been designated for an X-ray machine.

This generous gift, although outside the budget, is aiding the work of both our Jamaica and Nyasaland Missions to a great extent. The Missionary Board is grateful to be a channel for this gift to reach our mission fields.

Progress and Plans

At Crandall High

By Mrs. Alma Brisset, Librarian and Teacher

Crandall High School has now finished one decade of existence and is starting a second. The school has passed the General Certificate of Education and is pleasing the budget, is aiding the work of both our Jamaica and Nyasaland Missions to a great extent. The Missionary Board is grateful to be a channel for this gift to reach our mission fields.

The Stewards' Committee recom-

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Some requested a fuller explanation of "Houses." The student body is divided into three which meet every Monday evening immediately after school. Perhaps the nearest synonym for House is "Club." The groups have entertainment, business, and educational programs. Mills House has been sponsoring a canteen, something for a long time. The P.T.A. has arranged a Quiz Contest for the boys which meet every Friday. The winning House receives a silver cup. The names of these Houses are Randolph, Mills, and Bond. Bond House has been chosen as the winner by a vote of the cup at a meeting.

We would like to express here our appreciation to the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Board for their stated policy (which at their last board meeting) as it relates to education and medical work of the indigenous church on mission fields.

We know they have spent many hours and have thought about all of us here before they came to these conclusions and we wish to thank them.

Also thanks are extended to each person who contributed to Our World Mission Fund which makes possible the work in Jamaica as well as the other mission fields abroad and at home.

We ask your prayers that each of us connected with Crandall High School will be of more service to all about us.

We have several new applications for the next term. We are too crowded now to be being our living room into a classroom. There appears to be no other place to meet.

Since this has been typed, the government inspector has been with us. One new requirement is a faculty room. We were planning for one combined with a sick bay. This must also be located in the cottage, so we are converting the small bedroom into such a needed room.
We heartily endorse the buying of a church building bond that has also added interest by the Texas Farm, Ark., Seventh Day Baptist Church. They are in denominations of $50, $100, and $250. The maturity dates begin at one year and then a bond or bonds mature each year for the next 14 years. They draw 5% interest.

Individuals, churches, and organizations within the church bonds have added opportunity to participate in Christian outreach. This is a "home" extension. For further information contact the Rev. Marion C. Van Horn, Box 34, Fouke, Arkansas.

Youth Field Worker

Miss Helena Knox, Seventh Day Baptist Youth Field Worker for the summer of 1959, spent her college spring vacation consulting with members of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education in preparation for her summer work. She met with the Executive Committee of the Board as well as with the Youth Work Committee. The Youth Work Committee offers services to camps and Associations. Her main endeavor will be to further the work of Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship, but her talents lend themselves to many other lines of endeavor. Of course, it will be impossible for her to be present at all camps and Associations, but invitations from all will be considered quite thoroughly. Write, J. Paul Green, Jr., Alfred Station, N. Y.

New Hymns on Christian Education

The Hymn Society of America is cooperating with the International Journal of Religious Education in the quest for new hymns particularly for use in gatherings related to Christian education. Such hymns may express: (1) the personal dedication of a teacher to his task; (2) recognition of the place of Christian education in the total life of the church; and/or (3) a call to recruitment to the teaching ministry. Partial descript, and conditions for use are given in the March issue of the International Journal of Religious Education.

Country School Views

Soon, it is hoped, the long-hoped-for vocational school in Jamaica may become a reality. The principal has been engaged and will begin the arduous task of completing the necessary buildings and all the other preparations that must precede this new missionary-educational service to the youth of Jamaica.

The school, which has quite largely paid for itself through the wise management of the Rev. Charles Smellie, presents some interesting views which can be caught on camera film and many which cannot because the dense, luxuriant growth on the well-fertilized hillside does not let through enough light for normal photography.

The principal cash crop on the Maiden Hall property is bananas. Here an American visitor looks up at one of the large stems of bananas. Within a week this tree will be cut down to yield its heavy fruit which will be carried on the head of a worker to the road below where it will be shipped by truck to the banana boat lying in a north-shore bay. Some young stems were observed twice as far above the ground as this one. The newly elected principal of the vocational school, Roger Cazziol, holds a degree in tropical agriculture and is expected to teach that subject to the boys of the school when it opens.

Beyond the banana groves there are cul-
tied to a bamboo stake on a hilltop. The large brown calf impatiently waits to get his share which the farm manager leaves for him. The vines growing on poles in the background are yams. The almost woody vegetable which sometimes attains a weight of 40 pounds bears little resemblance to our vegetable of the same name. It is a staple article of diet on the island. One or two varieties are quite tasty but the larger ones need to be well seasoned with salt fish or some kind of sauce.

--- L.M.M. ---

Overseas Churches Join U.S. Appeal for Tibetan Refugees

Christian Churches in countries overseas are rallying to aid destitute Tibetan refugees, joining with American denominations in appeals for funds to give immediate assistance to the thousands who, with the Dalai Lama, have fled into India and other neighboring states.

This was announced last week by Dr. R. Norris Wilson, executive director of Church World Service, at CWS offices in New York City, from which the appeal to the American churches has gone forth.

Immediate efforts in Tibetan refugee relief by churches abroad, Dr. Wilson said, include initial grants of 20,000 kroner by Swedish churches, £1,000 by the New Zealand Council of Churches, £1,000 by the British Council of Churches, and 10,000 marks from churches in Germany.

Dr. Wilson reported that a recent appeal of the World Council of Churches and the American National Council of Churches in the United States resulted in special offerings last Sunday for the Tibetan victims of oppression.

In the appeal to the American churches for emergency funds, Dr. Wilson said: "The violence of suppressive intervention by Peiping in the Tibetan revolt has had the same effect in Asia that Moscow's suppression of the Hungarian revolt had for Europe.

"I deeply believe that we in the West, and particularly the churches of the West, will be tested in the years ahead of all our friends in Asia if it appears that our response in respect to this crisis is not commensurate with our response to the Hungarian crisis.

"The $10,000 to which we committed ourselves upon first advice from the field is only a beginning. It is now obvious that many times this amount will be urgently required from American Christians to meet the needs of the distressed thousands for whom the Tibetan Emergency Fund is sought."

Over-all coordination of the emergency assistance given in the Tibetan crisis is being carried on by the Division of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees of the World Council of Churches.

Church World Service, representing 35 major Protestant denominations in America, already has sent $10,000 to a joint Christian-Buddhist relief committee in Darjeeling, India, through the India National Christian Council as well as having released food, medicine, and other emergency supplies from CWS stockpiles in India.

Funds being received from denominations, individual churches, and church people in response to the Church World Service appeal for the Tibetan Refugee Emergency Fund are being forwarded through the India Christian Council for immediate use in the border areas where more than 20,000 refugees are reported in dire need.

Donations to the Tibetan Refugee Emergency Fund, Dr. Wilson said, may be made directly through Church World Service, 215 Fourth Avenue, New York 3, New York, or through local churches.

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WOMEN'S WORK — Mrs. A. Russell Hanson

Christians Speak From Far Places

Liberia

"Several weeks ago," wrote a missionary nurse in Liberia, "I had an old man in the dispensary. He was very ill, mostly from starvation. One day I gave him two eggs (the patients or their relatives do the cooking), he looked at me with amazement—then an hour later he returned to show me how to boil an egg. He reasoned that I didn't know how to cook eggs or I would not have given them away!"

Rhodesia

"What is it in the Christian religion that speaks to the African? The question was posed recently by the church leader of Rhodesia, Nbangini Sithole, who went on to answer:

"The African, in common with other human beings the world over, is occupied with questions of his own being. There is a deep spiritual need. The African, I contend, relates himself with something beyond himself, something he can see with the eyes of his soul. To the African whose soul is searching for practical theology, the Christian faith sheds some light on some of the darkness that surrounds his existence. The sincere hope is that the African shall not be selfish and keep the Gospel to himself, but that he shall pass it on. Already he is doing this."

Egypt

"Before I could read I was no better than a bench," said a woman in an Egyptian village. "Now I can sing, and I can read the words in my Bible, so I know the stories the minister tells in his sermons. I am part of the service. I am a person!"

The Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature, which works in the field of education for people to read, heard such statements often. Books are so precious that the woman quoted above keeps her Bible in the bread box, so it will never rot away.

Japan

Offerings for the World Day of Prayer in Japan, February, 1958, were sent to Okinawa for leprosy work and to Hong Kong for refugee work. More than 500 services were held throughout Japan.

Brazil

It sometimes happens that in less well-developed areas of Latin America, a girl comes from the rural area into town to school, gets her training — as a nurse, perhaps — and then develops "lofty" ideas and decides to stay in town. Anice has carried "lofty" ideas even further. Anice came from a tiny mud-walled home to study in Ponte Nova, Brazil. She finished her schooling and entered nurse's training. She did well. In fact, she stood at the head of her class, but she didn't go to work at the city hospital. Instead, Anice went back home. Her lofty purpose is to serve her village people through a rural clinic.

Philippines

A young Filipina widow, left with six children to support, led a rigorous life. Up every morning by four, she cooked, washed, ironed, packed lunches, and cared for the children. Then she worked all day in a distant field to earn a share of rice and corn. Many nights as the children slept she planned anxiously how to stretch out an Easter offering, how to pay the son's school registration or some other "extra" need. Then the pastor of her church asked all the members to tithe. It seemed impossible, and yet — the young widow was the first to bring in her pledge for $8.00, more than half the pledge of the richest man in the church.

Iraq

An educated Iraqi woman recently said to a missionary, "We don't need your material help, and we don't really need your military help, what this country needs, I think, is a Jesus. Won't you send one of yourself to help us?"

(The above brief stories are taken from a recent booklet Christian World Facts, published annually by the Division of Foreign Missions of the National Council of Churches, by the Friendship Press.)

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for May 2, 1959

The Value of Wise Administration

Lesson Scripture: 2 Samuel 5: 1-12.
how can one describe a young people's camp in Jamaica? Can the picture be painted of a hillside covered with banana and coconut trees, with a house set high on the hill above the winding road? An open kitchen back of the house built to serve the students of the coming vacation school was the working place for three consecrated cooks fanning their cast iron charcoal pots. The enclosed porch to the side would accommodate the heavy springless iron cots and mattresses provided for the girls. Food would be served in the middle room of the house with the plates carried to the long, open front porch, which served also as an assembly and reading area when the boys came up from the classroom-barracks some distance below, near the chapel, where most of the activity centered.

Can you imagine a tropical, shaded area, quite secluded from the world, suddenly coming alive as a camp, with a total of more than 100 boys, instead of the four or five who regularly reside there? The Smellie family took as a matter of course their invasion of their home and the well-planted farm which he has been managing for the past four years. The young people proved to be serious-minded folk, cooperative in every way. Among them were three student pastors who were able to present for part or all of the time.

The first young people's camp ever held in Jamaica was a great thrill both for the Jamaican young people and the American staff. From daylight till 9:30 at night the hills of Maiden Hall rang with the voices of happy young people.

The wide veranda was full of eager faces as Pastor Lawton explained the well-planned program of the week. He had organized the entire day so that every hour was spent each morning at ten in directed study of this book. Another morning hour was given to instruction and discussion of how to organize and lead youth groups. Other periods took up what it might be to be a follower of Jesus and outstanding examples of men of faith and works. These young people who had come with little idea of what camp would be like gave testimony at the closing campfire of the glorious privilege it had been to spend a week with the Lord Jesus. Each day deeper consecration was evident not only in a few, but in all the campers.

The rising hour on week days was 3:30, and no one seemed to think it was too early. Most of the campers were awake a little before that time. When it was announced that the hour would be 3:30 on Sunday morning, Pastor Lawton, wondered how he could be sure of being awake to blow the bugle call. Several of the young men (without any alarm clock) volunteered to waken him and, as it proved, were able to make good their promise. The girls, who had slept but three hours, were even more alert.

The camp was operated with strictest economy, but the meals (figured at 14 cents) were nourishing and good, though some of us had to be persuaded to like boiled green bananas and a liberal use of salt fish in the diet.

Practical Christian living with a constant emphasis on faith and works was stressed by the camp faculty, drawing the theme from the Epistle of James. An hour was given to instruction and discussion of this book. Another morning hour was given to Bible study, such enthusiasm for Bible study, such eagerness for Bible study, such enthusiasm for singing has seldom been noted in an American young people's camp. The beautiful chapel was used from eight in the morning for short recitation times, and again for vespers and a community evangelistic meeting in the evening.

A group of campers showing fruits of the earth and fruits of the Spirit.

Probably the most outstanding work was when the young people led the evening meetings. The choruses learned during the week new literature taught to the people of the community who came; filmstrips were shown, and a sermon was brought by a young pastor or a leader. It was evident by the response of the youth and adults that these services made a deep impression on them. One evening two teen-agers who had attended several meetings gave their hearts to the Lord, while others responded to a call for deeper consecration.

On the last evening, as we sat on the hillside facing a huge campfire, every camper stepped out without hesitation and gave his testimony. Faces glowed with an inner light that had not been there at the beginning of the week. It was indeed a blessed time and every camper went home resolved not only to live for Christ, but determined to bring others to know Him.

A young lady strolled into an Illinois schoolroom one day after school. The teacher, Mentor Graham, looked up and recognized the young husky standing there awkwardly at the new young buck who had recently moved to town and who had whipped the daylight out of all the local toughs. Graham looked up and down the six-foot-four-inches of muscle and ignorance before him and offered to help him read and to lend him a few books. No one remembers Mentor Graham nowadays. He was one of the quiet men, but his pupil will be remembered for a long time. His name was Abraham Lincoln. — William P. Barker, Twelve Who Were Chosen, Fleming H. Revell Co.
Israel's Open Door Defended  
Justine Polier of New York in a debate with Norman Thomas at Boston recently defended Israel's "open door" policy for Jewish refugees. Currently, several thousand Jews per month are entering Israel from Romania in an emergency rescue operation. Many people who are concerned lest an increase in Jewish population will disturb the peace of the Middle East are critical of this rapid immigration. Among such critics is Dr. Elson, pastor of the National Presbyterian Church. He is quoted as having written in a recent article, "If there is to be peace in the Middle East, the major contribution toward it today can be made by Israel by the simple commitment to the 'Little Israel' concept."

The clergyman declared that "fears of Israeli expansion seem incredible when one recognizes that Israel is a land of 8,000 square miles and a population of 2,000,000 people — including 200,000 Arabs, surrounded by ten nations with an area 300 times as large and with combined populations of over 50,000,000."

She cited United Nations showing that the natural increase in population in Egypt alone far exceeds the Israeli growth from both natural increase and immigration combined.

"Remember the Sabbath day to keep it wholly." Every hour is sacred. The hours after sunset Sabbath eve and during the afternoon were the time of the morning worship service.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

SHILOH, N. J. — Pastor Bond baptized ten candidates on Sabbath eve, March 20, in the baptismal of the Roadstown Baptist Church. The following morning all were received into church membership.

The "Elijah" was sung by the choir the Friday night before Easter. The choir, director, and organist had spent many hours on the preparation for the evening's music, and the attendance was very gratifying.

Alfred and Alfred Station young people and leader, Mrs. Janette Rogers, spent a weekend in Shiloh after visiting Ephrata, Pa. The program for the weekend was as follows:

Friday night, Miss Florence Bowden gave the history of the Shiloh Church to a very interested group. The church was constituted in 1757 and has had three buildings.

Sabbath day was a day of events. Dean Albert N. Rogers gave the morning message. In the afternoon the young people went to Philadelphia to go into Church to learn of its history. Then all went by bus and car to nearby Greenwich to tour this little town, visiting the tea-burning monument and the earliest Friends Meeting House, which is now used only once a year. The Wood Mansion which houses many relics of the county and one or two homes were opened for the visitors that day because of their very early history.

A fellowship supper was held in the Shiloh schoolhouse planted by the Ladies' Benevolent Society, with the Marlboro ladies assisting. The tables were set for 210 people.

The Alfred group had prepared an original skit on the early Seventh Day Baptists at Ephrata. The Social Committee of Shiloh, Ella Sheppard, Erma Fogge, and Lora Beavers, gave an extensive research hour among the old books guarded in the safe at the Session Rooms. Many unusual things were revealed. As a surprise to closed the evening's entertainment they revealed their "open door" defense.
We realized anew the all-sufficiency of Jesus. The vocal solo by Mrs. Starlin Ross, "All in an April Evening," reinforced the message. The Sabbath School business meeting in the evening showed a great deal of accomplishment in the last quarter, for which we thank God.

Correspondent.

SALEMVILLE, PA. — We are again without a pastor but that does not say we are not active in our church services. Laymen or organizations of the church have charge of worship services when we do not have guest speakers.

On November 6 we held an all-day meeting in the annex with women of the two other churches of the community cooperating in collecting, mending, and patching clothing for the Child Welfare Care of Bedford County, with seven cartons of clothing collected. We also had an open-house Thanksgiving supper Sunday evening, November 13, Sabbath, December 19, the Juniors gave a Christmas program for our worship service. With the help of the Women's Society the Juniors delivered Christmas cheer boxes to the homes of the ill and shut-in friends and sang carols.

We held our yearly business meeting January 4. Re-elected at the meeting as moderator was Warren Lippincott who has served in this office for several years. Other principal officers elected were Mrs. Frances Kagarise as clerk; Albert Blough, treasurer; and Duane Ebersole, treasurer of the Building Fund. Jake Ebersole was chosen as the new trustee for three years.

Mrs. Mildred Robinette is the chorister. Mrs. Albert Blough was elected as church correspondent. Mrs. Carol Guyer was appointed as advisor of the Junior Youth Group, and Mrs. Warren Lippincott as Junior superintendent.

The church paid $36 to the Southeastern Association to help sponsor the radio program over station WPDX in Clarksburg, W. Va. The Women's Society, Sabbath School, and Junior Society gave $11 to the "Portable Organ Fund for Jamaica." The church paid $36 to the Sabbath School, W. Va., and $11 to the "Portable Organ Fund for Jamaica."

Sabbath, March 21, Brother Montie Slusher and family of Jackson Center, Ohio, were with us. He gave us an interesting message. We held a fellowship dinner in the new annex of our church so we could all get better acquainted with the Slusher family.

We are looking forward to the visit of ministers from the Southeastern Association in the months of April and May.

The ladies spend Wednesday of each week quilting in the home of Mrs. Jake Ebersole. The Women's Society meets in different homes the first Wednesday evening of each month for their business meeting and discussions.

Plans are being made to redecorate the parsonage. We hope and pray that God will lead someone to answer our call to be our minister. — Correspondent.

**Births**

Stuart. — A daughter, Carole, on February 20, 1959, to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Stuart, of Stephentown, New York.

**Obituaries**

Stephan. — Alfred D., son of David and Mary Hatfield Stephan, was born in Pine City, Minn., November 13, 1887, and died at his home in Nortonville, Kan., April 4, 1959. Mr. Stephan worked faithfully in the Nortonville Seventh Day Baptist Church for many years until his health failed and he became confined to his home.

He is survived by his wife, Bernice; a daughter, Mrs. Hubert Bond; two sisters: Mrs. Florence Deland and Mrs. Jack Zeek; four brothers: Earl, Tom, Lee, and Hatfield; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were conducted in the Nortonville Seventh Day Baptist Church by his pastor, the Rev. Robert Lippincott. Interment was in the Nortonville Cemetery.

R.P.L.

Wing. — Ella Witter, wife of the late Luther A. Wing, was born May 12, 1865, and passed away March 24, 1959, at Berlin, N.Y.

Her husband served the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Denver, Colorado, for seven years; the De Rueter, New York, Church for seven years; spent one winter in Daytona Beach, Florida; and served the Berlin Church for seventeen years.

Mrs. Wing was always very much interested in the community and served on many boards, including the town library. She was always active in the church organizations and was loved by the entire community.

Mrs. Wing is survived by one son, Hubert, of Berlin; one granddaughter, Nancy, and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted from the White Funeral Home in Berlin with the Rev. Paul Maxson officiating. Interment was in the Center Berlin Cemetery. — P.L.M.