The annual birthday party, engineered by the Fellowship Class and accomplished by cooperative effort, was held Sunday evening, May 17, with good attendance. The twelve birthday calves were the proud achievement of Junior girls. It was the occasion also for making up a purse for the soon-to-be-married missionaries in Nyasaland, Dr. Victor Burdick and Miss Beth Severe.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. — On Sabbath day, May 9, our church had a dedication service for babies at which time two couples dedicated their children to the service of the Lord. Pastor Saunders gave an impressive sermon on the subject, "Dedication," explaining the meaning of the term and giving the thought that we should dedicate our all to the service of the Lord. In the evening of May 9 our Family Night program was a concert by the choir, directed by Miss Lois Wells. They sang the entire church service, even the sermon, under the following heads:
1. Let us worship and praise the Lord.
2. Let us lift our voices in prayer to the Lord.
3. Let us read the Word of the Lord.
4. Let us listen to a message from the Lord.
5. Let us, as we part, ask the blessing of the Lord.

The choir was assisted by three guest singers: Paul Mayo, tenor; Judy Smallman, alto; Robert Carl, bass. Mrs. Stella Maxson Carpenter is our very talented organist. This was truly a very inspirational program. Much credit is due to Miss Wells for her excellent work.

--- Correspondent.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON for June 20, 1959

The Importance of Sharing Responsibility
Lessons Scripture: 2 Chronicles 19: 4-11.

--- The Sabbath Recorder ---

ASHAWAY, R. I., CHURCH. See story inside.
A Nation of Complainers

How must we look to people of other lands who read our papers and listen to our news? Are we not a nation of complainers? Do we not give the impression — with our labor disputes, our racial struggles, our political battles, and our juvenile problems — that we have nothing to be thankful for? Do we not by our complaints and our claims of injustice feed the very fires with which our potential enemies seek to defeat us? We would do well to read again the many Psalms of thanksgiving and especially the last five. For example, we could learn a little appreciation and compose from Psalm 147: 20: "He hath not dealt so with any nation: and as for his judgments, they have not known them. Praise ye the Lord."

The Rev. Daniel Jenkins recently told a group of international civil servants who were facing problems and difficulties in Europe that things were not as bad as they seemed. "And," he added, "for goodness sake let's remember that the Lord expects his people to enjoy them and not always to be harping on their difficulties." If such words could be spoken in the United Kingdom or France, how much more do they apply here in our country?

In lands of dire want and cruel oppression it often appears that most of the people suffer in relative silence. Here in a land of privilege and plenty we magnify our inconveniences and in screaming headlines demand our rights, often with acts of violence. Should we not ask ourselves how much of this world's goods the Apostles possessed when he wrote (from prison): "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content" (Phil. 4: 11)?

The Christian should, indeed, be watchful at all times and should stand boldly against any encroachment of the civil, religious, and social rights of his fellow men. He is no better than the proverbial publican, however, if he fights in anger for his own rights or fails to take into consideration the manifold blessings of God that have come to him in his nation, his community, his church, and his home.

"Praise ye the Lord!"

Our Prayer Vocabulary

Most of us are familiar with and somewhat intrigued by that page in Reader's Digest entitled "Increase Your Word Power." We feel that we owe it to ourselves and to society to add a few new words to our vocabulary of usable words. Our offtakers of names and vocabulary words are very clearly distinguish them from other words of similar sound can we truly call them our own.

How much attention do we give to enlarging our prayer vocabulary? It is not a question of learning theological terms, although Christian prayer in its highest forms can hardly be enjoyed without some knowledge of theology, regardless of the words used. Although the mediatorial work of Christ, the omniscience, and the omnipresence of God are in the background of such praying, these terms (so easily learned) are not a large part of the prayer vocabulary we need. What we need more is a vocabulary of geographical terms and foreign names in far-off places.

Just a few years ago a certain tribe of Indians in Ecuador was seldom mentioned in public prayer meetings. Now "Aucas" has well-known connotations of the story of the five young missionaries who died trying to reach these savage Indians with the Gospel. The Far East Becomes known because of the interest in the Philippine names and radio terms that have been learned by countless thousands in America who have prayed intelligently.

Now this little paper calls for people to learn a whole new list of names associated with the 100,000-watt transmitter on Okinawa.

A prayer vocabulary must grow if the Christian is to grow. Seventh Day Baptists long ago learned a number of Chinese names. More recently they have added Nyasaland and Makapwa to their prayer vocabulary. Not too many of us know the names of native leaders for whom we should pray. Chinyangwa is not on our tongues in prayer. It is the language of that part of Nyasaland where our missionaries are located. We should enlarge our vocabulary enough to pray for all the people who speak this language who cannot read or write. Pray that many of them may receive Bible lessons soon by way of the Finger-Fonts.

On other mission fields there are now or soon will be new workers of European background. Are the names Mauch and Cazziol in our prayer vocabulary? How much attention do we give to making them easily learned? What of the large number of isolated Sabbathkeepers in this country and throughout the world who write to us for spiritual help and literature? If there were more prayer for new leaders in this country, would not their adjustment be quicker and their success greater?

Intercession is the type of prayer that requires an atlas and periodicals like the Sabbath Recorder to make unfamiliar names part of our daily meditation.

A man should never be ashamed to own that he has been in the wrong, which is but saying he is wiser today than he was yesterday. Alexander Pope.
EID TORI 1.1.1.

What's Behind the Names?

The American Association for the United Nations is a good-sounding name. Almost every place of faith in the UN. However, this organization with its $300,000 annual budget is dedicated primarily to the admission of Red China to the United Nations. The name is a misnomer.

The Committee of One Million has a name that arouses a little suspicion when spoken without its descriptive qualification. It is the Committee of One Million Against the Admission of Communist China to the United Nations. With a budget of only $66,000, it succeeded in accomplishing much by way of publications during 1958. It circulated 26,000 copies of one book. It did much to encourage a trade agreement between Japan and China and, late in the year, successfully aroused Christian opinion to repudiate the China resolution of the World Order Study Conference — a resolution which proved quite embarrassing to the National Council of Churches.

Seen in Church

The morning offering was announced. Four young ushers, well trained in the decorum of passing the plates, marched to the front. With one hand neatly behind the back each did his duty and all stood again before filled plates as the congregation rose to attend again before filled plates as the congregation rose to

Rally Day. Attendance was good, chairs had to be carried to the balcony. The offering was unusually large for local expense, $206 for Our World Mission, besides $27 for the Camp Building Fund (the loose offering).

These things are quite satisfying about full churches and full offering plates. Sometimes we find that neither is quite large enough. That particular church faces a problem where a group of delegates from other churches. It will be hard to find room enough. To be sure, arrangements can be made for visitors to hear the sermon and participate in the offering. This congregation, like some other Seventh Day Baptist churches, needs a larger building and larger offering plates. It would seem that the latter should come first. It might be a good investment, speeding the day when the other could become possible.

On Being a Lady

At what point in life does a girl become a lady, or is it a quality of character, a standard of behavior? Parents would say that a girl is never too young to learn to be ladylike. But at Shilo, N. J., the term lady has a special meaning and age requirements somewhat difficult to reach.

The Ladies' Bible Class of the Sabbath School has no members younger than 80 years.

In the children's division of a Sabbath School there is sometimes to difficult an interesting discussion of whether to follow a closely graded or a group-graded system of classes. Seldom does one find adherence to a closely graded system among the octogenarian women. This group of ladies has been together for many years. They are faithful in attendance and enjoy a bit of social fellowship. Recently they held a tea at one of their homes. The class is taught by one of the daughters. Until her recent death the mother of one of the two assistant teachers was also in the class. The teachers, reportedly, like their class. All three were at the social gathering.

Mature Christians are Christians who act more and more every day like Jesus Christ.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

OWN SABBATH, JULY 11

Let's plan to honor our returning missionaries, the Rev. and Mrs. David Pearson and daughter Debbie, who will be coming from Nyasaland very close to the July 11 date, not with tick-tack street trade on the streets of New York City, but with an outflow of love tangibly expressed by extra dollars given to OWM Budget. They have given seven years of service and on their furlough will be not only giving of themselves in telling of the work in Nyasaland but will spend time in study and preparation for further service.

A total program of education and outreach on the home field is a necessity in order to make possible the required undergirding of prayer, interest, and money to carry forward our overseas work. Are you really anxious that our work in Nyasaland, Jamaica, and British Guiana move forward? Plan now to make your generous contribution to OWM on July 11.

"RED NIGHT"
A New Christian Film

Out of the red of Russia comes a film titled "Night." A sequel of a cause that will not die, though harassed, restricted, and despised. "Red Night" portrays authentically the apostolic courage with which the believing remnant in Russia confronts the atheistic pressures that have relegated Christians to second-class citizenship.

The tension and heartache between Ignores discrimination by communist party official, and his sister Anya, wholly committed to the service of Christ, form the dramatic core of a colorful and heart-stirring story of what it means to be a follower of Christ in Russia today. "Red Night" is presented by Paul E. Freed, president of the Voice of Angel, radio broadcasting station of Tangier, Morocco. The film is 16mm, in full color, running time 30 minutes. It is available for rental from Iverson-Ford Associates, 175 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

JUNE 15, 1959

MEMORY TEXT

Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice; and be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

— Ephesians 4:31, 32.

A PRAYER FROM JAMAICA

By Josset V. Dusket

Our dear kind Father who art in Heaven, again Thy children approach the mercy seat where Jesus answers prayer. Thou thyself hast bid us come, therefore we will not say we pray.

Dear Father, as I come to Thee, I realize that I am unworthy of Thy manifold blessings, but I want to thank Thee for Thy loving favour extended toward me and Thy children everywhere. I am asking Thee, O Father, to bless and strengthen Thy ministering servants throughout the world; help them to work faithfully to the one end of exalting the name of Christ and establishing His Kingdom in the hearts of men.

Heavenly Father, I pray that Thou wouldst help those of us who have put our faith in Thee, that we may walk as Thou wouldst have us walk. Bind us together with the cord of love and anoint us with the anointing of Thy Holy Spirit. Cast out all sickness and soul ailment from our lives — help us to love each other with a love divine; mould our human strivings into lives like Thine.

Hear our prayer, O Lord, forgive us of our many sins. And finally when Thou shalt come, save us in Thine eternal Kingdom, through Christ Jesus our Saviour. Amen.

THE SABBATH RECORDER
"A Great Woman"

It was not by the standards of the world that the Shunammit woman of 2 Kings 4:8 was regarded but she was a great woman by the standards of religious history in the Bible. Perhaps Elizabeth Fisher Davis of Shiloh, New Jersey, has not achieved greatness in the eyes of the general public, for she has not had world renown. But to those who have known her in relation to her faith and good works during her 73 years of active membership in the Marlboro Seventh Day Baptist Church she is "a great woman" like the woman at Shunem or like Dorcas, Lois, and Eunice of New Testament fame.

Mrs. Davis was written up on the Women's Page of the Sabbath Recorder of June 17, 1957, when she was approaching her 89th birthday. We cannot at this time retell the dramatic story of her humble life of faith and service. We do want to add a few words hoping we will not fail to impress those who have not had opportunity to observe the qualities in her life that are so stimulating.

On a recent visit to South Jersey your editor saw Mrs. Davis again at an evening service in her life that are so stimulating. It is a song that rings in nearly every young people's gathering in the United States. With certain variations to make it fit the situation it is sung by the youth in all of the Seventh Day Baptist Churches of the world.

At 87, Elizabeth Fisher Davis is still young in spirit. She is still writing for youth. An additional verse for the Rally Song has been mentioned previously. The words may well be copied and learned in the form quoted here:

We young folks believe in the Sabbath,
The seventh day God sanctified;
His Word is settled in heaven
And will forever abide.

Something new has been added to this popular song to bring the older folks into it:

We parents and friends of the young folks
Are happy to join in their song;
We trust them and pray for them daily
As time goes by, a new song.

What makes a person great in the eyes of the Lord and in the eyes of those who see spiritual values? One thing is the ability even in old age to see each day as a new day, not just a repetition of the previous one, to find new experiences while being thankful for a treasury of past blessings. In the hour spent with her old friends, we found new projects dear to her heart. In addition to her desire to help in any way possible in the spreading of Bible truths held dear she quietly mentioned another. For several months she had been taking Bible lessons and has a desire for a second-hand, two-manual electric organ in her home so that she can prepare herself to serve her church upon occasion in a new way.

Thank God for some of these "Shunammit women" who are still with us, women great in faith, strong in works, ready for further service, willing to be called to that prepared place of which Jesus spoke. — L.M.M.

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MISSIONS — Sec. Everett T. Harris

MISSION STORIES

By Beth and Joan

A happy surprise is coming your way. A series of twenty (20) missionary stories has been prepared by missionary nurses Beth Severe and Joan Clement at the request of the Missionary Board. These are very interesting, informative, and inspiring stories.

All church school teachers and leaders of youth will want to have a copy as it comes to you from the Publications Committee of the Board of Christian Education. We understand it is to be made available early in June so that Vacation Bible School teachers may make use of this material. Those who are planning mission courses will find now the opportunity to add our own Seventh Day Baptist emphasis.

There is an interesting story that goes with this publication of the nurses' varied experiences at Makapwa Mission, Nyasaland. It seems that the stories were dictated to Miss Jacqueline Wells as the three mission workers rode along together visiting the churches last summer, a trip that covered approximately 10,000 miles.

We young folks believe in the Sabbath, teaching, entertaining special mid-week prayer meetings, and otherwise upholding the hands of the pastor. Foreign and home missionary work and Sabbath tract work are her meditation day and night. She contributes faithfully also to Bible-centered work outside her own denomination and is particularly interested in helping the Bible Sabbath Association to achieve its aims.

Through the years Mrs. Davis has trained and directed many quartets, choirs, and other groups and has written numerous songs for children and young people. The most widely used of her compositions is the "Rally Song" which begins, "We young folks are Seventh Day Baptists and proud we are of the name." It is a song that rings in nearly every young people's gathering in the United States. With certain variations to make it fit the situation it is sung by the youth in all of the Seventh Day Baptist Churches of the world.

As Mr. Davis was called a great woman but she has not gained world renown. But she has been very interested in the work of the Lord and in the eyes of those who see spiritual values. One thing is the ability even in old age to see each day as a new day, not just a repetition of the previous one, to find new experiences while being thankful for a treasury of past blessings. In the hour spent with her old friends, we found new projects dear to her heart. In addition to her desire to help in any way possible in the spreading of Bible truths held dear she quietly mentioned another. For several months she had been taking Bible lessons and has a desire for a second-hand, two-manual electric organ in her home so that she can prepare herself to serve her church upon occasion in a new way.

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very significant fact will not be a surprise to preachers! It is this, that so very often the secular camp will consider to be trite, and even meaningless, on due reflection after they had been "thrown off" the anvil of their first inspiration, have proved to be the very messages that anonymous seekers have prayed to God to receive! Again and again, when the reading of such a prepared message in the hearer's home is so deep and so genuine that he has not been seized by the listener with most affecting gratitude. In fact, I have often been asked weeks later to go back to certain daily messages and read them over again, as well as the current Tonic Thought, yet I would have dismissed even my own creation as unworthy of a single reading, let alone a repeated one!

Behind these thousands of anonymous calls there are stories of heartache and heartbreak, of desertion, betrayal, illness, fear, anxiety, failure, sin, and many a sorrow. Often they are told to me, or to my wife. To them the freshly minted affirmation offers an introduction to their confession, or their unfolding.

I do not believe this is a ministry for everyone. Some men, splendidly extended for God in other ways, will feel no call upon K. Duane Hurley, the College President Honored Again another doctor's degree was conferred upon K. Duane Hurley, president of Salem College, Washington, D.C. On June 10, by the Board of Trustees of Southeastern University at the Commencement Convocation. The degree received is Doctor of Laws (LL.D.), Milton College, and was presented to Hurley by President Albert E. Runyon. Hurley has been a leader in the field of Christian education for many years, and is a well-known author and lecturer. He has been a member of the board of directors of the American Association of Christian Colleges and Universities, and is the author of several books on education and religious thought.

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Experience has proved that all of us, regardless of age, naturally respond to the call of God through quiet meditation in harmony with the songs of birds, the sunshine through the leaves, the gentle blowing of the wind, the quiet pool out of which a stream starts. In a comparatively secular camp all this may be enjoyed, but God is often left out.

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Through sharing of chores, worship periods, attractive and sincere study presentations, counseling, and recreation, the camper discovers the "Way of Life."

In our camps the boys and girls are taught the importance of spirit of fellowship should carry over into living back home. The relating of all problems, decisions, and decisions to the standards of Christ presents a challenge that will be met. Adults who do not have children of their own are urged to finance the sending of a child to the nearest Association or Seventh Day Baptist church camp, or to make a gift to help along the camp program. Believe me, camping is worth while.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — Sec. Ron E. Zwickel

WHY A CHURCH CAMP?

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WOMEN'S WORK — Thos. A. Russell Mason

WORSHIP SERVICE FOR JULY

This I Believe — "In the Beginning God" Call to Worship: Unison: "We believe in God, the one personal, perfect, and eternal Spirit, Creator and Sustainer of the universe; our Father, who manifests a love and understanding of God's will as expressed through and by Jesus Christ."

Hymn: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Scripture: Gen. 1: 1; John 1: 1; Psalm 19 Prayer (the leader): O Thou who hast prepared such good things for us who love Thee and who obey the voice of Thy holy Word, give us all the needed grace to walk joyfully in the light of Thy truth, and to bear the cross for Thy glory and for the helping of our fellow men.

Help us to heed the inner voice of Thy Spirit, in order to be prepared for the work to which Thou hast called us. May we feel Thee near to give peace in times of quiet, and to give strength in the day of conflict. Fit us, we pray Thee, for the special work whereunto Thou hast called us as a people. Make us so true to Thy service, that the world may glorify in Thy person and be the light of the world. We ask it in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

Meditation: In the beginning God — yes, we have faith that He caused "Absolute Creation" to take place. Countless ages may have passed between the "beginning" and the "first day." The creation story refers to the preparation of the earth's surface for man's abode.

In His infinite wisdom He has a plan for man. In long sight to His thoughts are higher than ours. His ways are higher than our ways.

In Romans 12 Paul tells that God's mercies must move us to please Him. "Therefore, let us pursue the things which make for peace, and build up one another."

Mankind has always accepted the fact that there is a Higher Being even though He has never been seen by anyone. His presence is evident at all times. The first book of the Bible declares that God created the heavens and the earth, man, the home, and the Sabbath. It declares God made man in His own image, and that man is superior to all earthly beings. In John's Gospel we are given an interpretation of God as infinite and eternal, the Creator of all things, "I am that I am" before whom there is no other God (John 1: 1-14).

God is a Spirit. "We believe in God, the one personal, perfect, and eternal Spirit" and that He dwells in our hearts. His infinite greatness dwells in all His beauties. God is a God of love and He desires fellowship with us. He expects us to be good stewards of our time, talents, and material possessions. He speaks through men, not only by word, but by deed: therefore we are witnesses for Him in the utterances of our lips and in our conduct.

Let us seek to find His way for our lives that we may glorify our Father which is in Heaven.

Hymn: "O God, in Whom We Live and Move."

$5000 More to Aid In Brazil Famine

An additional $5000 was raised for famine relief in Brazil, for which the church has been forwarded by Church World Service to aid relief centers in drought-afflicted areas. This brings to $20,000 relief funds contributed by Protestant churches in the United States.

More than two million persons in the famine area are reported as existing at near-starvation levels, with little hope of natural relief excepted before the seasonal rains due next spring. It is the worst famine in the country's history.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

For June 27, 1959

Religious Leaders and the Nation Lesson Scripture: 5 Kings 18: 1-6, 9-12, 17-19, 21.
THE SABBATH REFORM MOVEMENT AMONG SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS
(Prepared for the Seventh Day Baptist Ministers Conference by Evalds St. John, Librarian, Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society.)

(Continued from last issue)

1876

In the spring of 1876, Nathan Wardner set up headquarters in Glasgow, Scotland, and began an intensive program of Sabbath tract distribution. Through this effort Gerard Velthuysen, Sr., and 31 members of a Baptist Church in Haarlem, Holland, were brought to the Sabbath. The Hollander, in turn, have been active in spreading the Sabbath truth in many parts of the world.

In 1876, Elder Johnson labored in Illinois and Arkansas. Elder Bailey labored in northern Wisconsin. He reported that he had been able to get 40 articles discussing the Sabbath published in the Sunday issue of the Chicago Herald Times.

In this same year Elder Bailey visited Dakota Territory and established a church among the converts — three of them ministers — and had three Sabbath keeping churches in that territory — one Danish, in Moody County; one Swedish, and one American, in Union County. You note for the first time the names of the Rev. Peter Ring and Martin Olson, and so on.

Elder Kelley reported more converts in Southern Illinois and L. C. Rogers reported that he had spent 12 days in Pennsylvania working for the passage of a bill to amend the Sunday law. That year he also held meetings in Franklin County, Vt.

1879

Elder Bailey reported the organization of a church in Cartwright Mills, Wis., and another in Chippewa, Wis., 15 of whom were converts. That same year the Women's Auxiliary Tract Society of the Western Association employed a colporteur — a woman — to distribute tracts in Hornell and vicinity.

Nathan Wardner returned from Scotland, engaged in Sabbath reform work in Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Kentucky. In 1880 he organized a Seventh Day Baptist Church in Shepardsville, Ky. The following year A. B. Prentice, pastor of the Adams Center Church, labored three months here and in Pittsville and Fond- ville.

1881

In the summer of 1881 A. H. Lewis delivered an address before the Summer Assembly at Chautauqua, N. Y., on "Sunday Laws, Past and Present." He was heard by hundreds of clergy men. The estimate that year at Chautauqua was as somewhere between six and eight thousand.

1882

The young people of the Piscataway Church took over the mailing of hundreds of tracts to the Baptist ministers of Virginia; and H. C. Rolf, of Norway, started distributing tracts in Norway and Germany. In Hamburg his work centered chiefly among the sailors, for through them tracts could be scattered all over the world.

Sabbath Reform Publications

1882 — The Outlook

At this time it was felt by the Tract Board that if Seventh Day Baptists were to be successful in Sabbath reform work they must reach the church leaders and opinion makers of the country. In April, 1882, the society began the publication of The Outlook, a paper designed to carry the truth into the "gray" thought. It was announced as undenominational in character. The plan was to reach its real object — Sabbath Reform — by careful approaches along lines of religious thought, including a better Sabbath observance, etc., and thus prepare the minds of the readers for a more unprejudiced and constructive Sabbath doctrine of the Sabbath. As time went on it became more direct in its approach to the Sabbath question. It was sent to clergy men, to Sunday School workers, to theological students, to public reading rooms in the United States, Canada, and Europe. The circulation was never less than 45,000. Dr. Lewis was the editor. He always contended that the question of the Sabbath is the most important issue of our day and that the substitution of a magazine more evangelistic in its mission was a grave mistake; that Sabbath reform work as represented by the Sabbath Society had declined from that date. (In 1889, the second magazine was suspended.)

The Light of Home

In 1883, the Tract Society began the publication of an 8-page paper especially for the laity — called The Light of Home. A. H. Lewis and C. D. Potter were the editors. The first issue was mailed to 100,000 selected names. The newly formed Women's Board had a part in securing the list of names.

Sabbath Reform Edition of the Sabbath Recorder 1898

Because Seventh Day Baptists lost ground by not being before the world in some tangible and impressive manner, the Sabbath Recorder began to issue a Sabbath Reform Edition once a month, hoping to gain the attention of those who controlled public opinion. The edition began in 1898 with 4000 and was gradually increased to 14,000 monthly in 1901.

Then finding that a special monthly could be published for about the same cost, in 1902, the Rest Bill of Christ was substituted for the special edition.

Gospel Messenger 1885-1889

Previously I mentioned the work of Elder James Bailey and others among the Italians which was fostered in 1885, under the leadership of the Rev. A. P. Ashurst, which was published particularly for this purpose, called "Studies in Sabbath Re­ form."

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Evangelizing and Industrial Association in Africa in 1899, or of our interest in what was then called The Gold Coast.

Methods in Sabbath reform work have changed. Emphasis on particular points has changed. One thing has not changed, and that is—the importance of the individual Sabbathkeeper in this effort.

Great responsibility was laid on the individual Seventh Day Baptist in the early days to spread the Sabbath truth by his daily consistent Christian conduct among his neighbors. The importance of such an individual has never changed.

Vocation Information

There is a Vocational Committee on the denominational level with Clarence Rogers of Salem, W. Va., as chairman. If this committee is to function well in matching job opportunities with position applicants, information must flow in and out of the office regularly. The cooperation of many people is required.

It was brought to the attention of the Vocational Committee of the Central N.Y. Association that there is a good opening for a maternity home in De Ruyter, N. Y. The community has had such a home and needs one. Write to Charles Swing.

This is the time of year that college graduates are looking for teaching positions in areas where they can attend Seventh Day Baptist churches and help in the church work. One such graduate is Re Rogers Baker with a B.S. from Cornell University. He is prepared to teach agriculture in high school. He and his wife have been active in the De Ruyter Church although the distance from their residence at RD 1, Freeville, N. Y., is considerable. They have declined position vacancies at places which would not afford church privileges.

Correction

In the Alfred news on the back page of the June 1 issue an error was made in reporting the Southwestern Association. It should have read Mrs. Gordon Ogden, Mrs. Leah Crofoot, Mrs. Paul Saunders.

THE SABBATH RECORD

LET'S THINK IT OVER

Ancient Crimes Become Modern

From the middle of the first century to the middle of the second (or longer), to be a Christian was quite generally counted as a criminal offense against the state and punishable with the ague of the martyrs. There are few places today where loyalty to Christ is considered a crime.

Communist China appears to be one of those few. According to the papers, several thousand people are being executed for their religious beliefs daily in one day. The charge against 700, according to reports, was that they were Christians. It is no wonder that those who have escaped, weep when telling about conditions faced by their brethren.

Dispense with Paid Ministry?

When church representatives of 14 East Asia countries assembled to ratify the constitution of the East Asia Christian Conference, one of the speakers, the well-known Bishop Leslie Newbigin, made a proposal that would quickly solve the problem of the high costs of maintaining the ministry (though that was not his purpose).

Bishop Newbigin of the Church of South India, general secretary-elect of the International Missionary Council, called for bold experiments in new forms of the Christian ministry, using non-professional and non-paid men and maintaining the ministry (though that was not his purpose).

He emphasized that the basic Christian witness depends not on the ordained man but on the laity witnessing in the daily round of secular activities.

The Psychological and Spiritual Values of Sabbath Observance

By Jerome Malino, D.D.

(The to give an adequate resume of Rabbi Dr. Jerome Malino's address, it seemed best to use his culminating message in its entirety. In this way we feel something of his enthusiasm and better understand his logic. After giving a bibliography for Sabbath study and an explanation of the Mishna, Dr. Malino proceeded with the following lecture.)

Yesterday when I was referring to the ceremony that takes place when the Sabbath is being concluded, I said that we smell the flavor of the spices from the spice box because we are weakened by the departure of the "added soul" which is ours during the Sabbath. For me, this is really the problem of the psychological and spiritual meaning of the Sabbath — the added soul that is ours. But I would like to spell this out a little bit, because by itself it is merely a poetic conception.

Man is made in the image and likeness of God (to use the language of the Mishna). We read this in the eighth Psalm. "What is man that thou art mindful of him, or the son of man that thou visitest him, yet hast made him a little lower than the angels." By the way, the Hebrew means just a little lower than God. So here is this creature, of little consequence, made up of the earth — the earth, and yet he is but a little lower than God himself.

Here we do not have poetic hyperbole and exaggeration. We have a very real reflection of the complex character of man. He resembles the beasts of the field in many ways. He must eat as they do. He must rest as they do. He will procreate in the same way. He will fall heir to the same mortality to which they succumb. But, in addition to that, he is capable of love and compassion. He is capable of recognizing that there is a creative force in the universe, that is capable of grasping on half of justice. He is sensitive to beauty.

These are things that mark him distinctly from the beasts of the field.

Avoiding Extremes

Now, these two elements which are found in man actually reside together within a single body. There have been religions which have gone to one extreme or the other. Some have said that the solution lies in the denial of the flesh; they have been ascetic religions which have tried to nourish the soul of man at the expense of his physical body or his physical needs. And so there have been religions that elevate the mortification of the flesh. The more one can deny the appetite the more one can fulfill the spiritual potential of the denial of the flesh.

There have been other religions that have veered to the other direction, and have devoted themselves to hedonistic pleasure-seeking. "Eat, drink, and be merry for tomorrow we die — the flesh is all that we have; why, bother to contemplate anything of the spirit." Our religious tradition is the recognition of both Judaism and Christianity — has for the most part, sought not to emphasize one extreme at the expense of the other, but rather to reconcile the two in a way in which this is done is through the imposition of the discipline of the spirit upon the activity of the body — not by denying it, but rather by strengthening it. And I think a long time ago by the rabbis of the Talmud.

The story is that men of a certain town decided to set a trap for the evil inclination. They believed that if this evil inclination could be can be put to death, immediately the level of life would jump up to the level of the spiritually sublime. They caught the evil inclination and kept it in jail for three days. And then the Talmud with sublime nonchalance says, "Somebody..."
tended looking for a day-old egg, and lo, through all the land one could not be found. This was a clear indication that if this so-called evil inclination were locked up, even the chickens would stop laying. And the Talmud goes on to say that were it not for this elemental drive, men would not build houses, nor would they engage in business, nor would society as we know it be possible.

What I am trying to suggest is that the answer of the extremist is a meaningless answer, that the only answer valid for human experience is the answer which says we must have the divine potential in the way in which we impotence the spirit's potential upon the flesh's need. We don't deny the reality and the meaning of sex, but we see to it that sexual relation is spiritualized and not translated into reality. In the cartoon we see to it that sexual relation is spiritualized and not translated into reality.

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**Marriages**

Babcock-Bennion — Calvin Babcock of Galax burg, Ill., and Meleta Monroe of Poteau, Ark., were united in marriage on Sabbath night, May 9, 1959, in the Poteau Seventh Day Baptist Church by their pastor, the Rev. Marion C. Van Horn.

Bee-Husman — Ernest Kay Bee, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kay Bee, Sr., of Reform, Alabama, and Marie JoEllen Huson, daughter of Mr. Floyd Goodman, of Salem, Va., were united in marriage at the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church by Pastor Doyle K. Zwiebel, of Richburg, N. Y., on Sabbath afternoon, May 30, 1959.

Lange-Tucker. — At the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Alfred, N. Y., on Sabbath afternoon, April 18, 1959, James J. Lange, 215 Oxford Street, Rochester, N. Y., son of Edward O. and Clara Devosa Lange, and Marjorie J. Tucker, Alfred, N. Y., daughter of Nathan F. and Mary Pierce Tucker, were united in marriage, the bride's pastor, the Rev. Hurley S. Warren, officiating.

**Deaths**

Babcock — A son, Barry James, on October 6, 1958, to Dr. and Mrs. Wayne Babcock, of North Loup, Neb.

Cox — A son, Jeffrey Mark, on July 17, 1958, to Mr. and Mrs. George H. Cox, of North Loup, Neb.

Monk — A daughter, Tami Kay, on March 14, 1958, to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Monk, of North Loup, Neb.

Goodrich — A daughter, Joan Alece, on February 26, 1959, to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Goodrich, of North Loup, Neb.

Soper — A son, Mynor George II, on April 6, 1959, to Pastor and Mrs. Mynor G. Soper, of North Loup, Neb.

Jessen — A son, Richard Fred, to Donna (Glaw) and Fred Jensen of Riverside, Calif., on April 28, 1959.

Lewis — A daughter, Kathy Lynn, to Capt. Alfred and Betty Lewis, in Germany, on May 19, 1959.

Doll — A son, Randy Dale, to Elaine (Boatman) and Art Doll of Riverside, Calif., May 20, 1959.

Murray — A daughter, Sandra Gall, on May 21, 1959, to Varnell and Merline Mitchell Murray of Poteau, Ark.

**Obituaries**

Davis — Calvin Edgar, son of A. Judson and Jennie Hurley Davis, was born at Humboldt, Calif. He later moved to Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark., where he was united in marriage with Mary A. DeLand at Farnam. In 1914 they moved to North Loup. To them were born two sons, Bert who died in infancy and Donald, who lives at Scotts, Neb. Besides his wife and son, he leaves three brothers and a sister, two grandsons, and many other relatives. Farewell services were conducted by a neighbor, the Rev. Ralph Sawyer, at the M.E. Church in North Loup, and burial was in Hillside Cemetery.

Foster — Arthur C., son of Septimus and Elizabeth Stevens Foster, was born Nov. 3, 1877, at Wells, Tannery, Fulton County, Pa., and died May 27, 1959, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Eberole of Bedford, Pa. Mr. Foster taught a Sabbath School class in the Salemville Seventh Day Baptist Church for 25 years after moving from Altoona, Pa., to Salemville. He also rendered faithful service as church janitor for many years until failing health made it necessary for him to relinquish this duty. Surviving are his wife, Beda Berkerheimer Foster; a son, Marvin L. of Williamsburg, Pa.; and two daughters: Mrs. Kenneth Eberole of Bedford, Pa.; and Mrs. Thelma Replage of Camp Hill, Pa.; and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the Salemville Seventh Day Baptist Church by a former pastor, the Rev. Edgar Wheeler of Ashaway. R. I. Interment was in the Salemville Cemetery.

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Thompson — Lammechiena B., daughter of Jacob and Geesina Schuur Bakker, was born in Rotterdam, Holland, May 26, 1914, and died May 20, 1959, after a long illness, at her home in Bound Brook, N. J. Lammechiena was brought to this country by her parents only a few weeks after the Titanic disaster in 1912. She was graduated from Alfred University in 1934, and taught art for several years prior to her marriage to C. Harold Thompson on December 15, 1945. She joined the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Christ, Plainfield, N. J., December 22, 1923, and remained a loyal member throughout the years. She was deeply interested in the cause of Christ and the well-being of others. Surviving are her husband and two children, Nancy Jean and Robert Harold, and a brother, Frederik J. Bakker, of Plainfield.

The funeral service was held in Plainfield, N. J., December 22, 1923, and in 1959 he rededicated his life to the Lord, uniting in fellowship with the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church.

He is survived by two daughters, Helen May and Gladys Irene Zumwalt of Big Creek, Calif., and Gladys Irene Berard of El Monte, Calif.; one son, Wallace E. of San Bernardino; two brothers, Ross of San Bernardino, and Charles of8061, Calif.; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

In keeping with his pastor's wishes, the general services were held at the Mt. View Cemetery in San Bernardino.