How tangled the affairs of this world are! Never before, it seems, was it so full of suspicion and greed, of violence and crime. Peace parleys, summit conferences, pacifist propaganda, the United Nations and all other agencies fail to prevent war. "Wars and rumors of wars" encircle the globe. There is the continual threat of World War 3 — not idle talk, either. Civilization seems on the verge of destroying itself. Reformers are despondent and statesmen are despairing. A pall of hopelessness hangs over the earth.

Yet there is hope! The world needs to know that "this same Jesus" is coming again to set up a kingdom of righteousness on this earth, a kingdom of peace and joy. "The Lord Himself shall descend" — in His own majestic person. When He ascends His throne and takes up the reins of government, all of the problems of mankind will be solved: social injustice, racial prejudice, poverty, crime, and all the rest. Then "nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." Then we will not fear to go anywhere we please in the darkness, and will not need to lock our doors, nor put our valuables in vaults for safekeeping.

It is hard to understand the dread and terror some Christians seem to have when they contemplate the second coming, or why they have a distaste for it, and shrink from discussion of it. It is the holy hope of the world!

Oh yes, it will be a time of judgment — but not for believers! If you tremble at the thought of His return, could it be that you have not received Him as your crucified Savior and your risen Lord? It will be a time of terror for unbelievers, for those who have rejected Him, for those who have more or less politely bowed Him out of the picture, but to Christians it is a "blessed hope." In writing about the Lord’s coming to receive His own unto Himself, Paul says, "Wherefore, comfort one another with these words."

We are living in troublous times, and darker and more perilous times seem to loom ahead. But back of all this is the figure of the coming King, whose victory is as certain as the word of God. This hope steadies, encourages, comforts us.

Yes, Jesus is coming to earth again. The royal Son of God, who came the first time to die on Calvary to make atonement for our sins, who lives and dwells within the hearts of Christians as the dynamic for living, is one day coming to reign in glorious majesty. Handel caught the vision when he used Revelation 12: 15 in closing the "Messiah": "The kingdoms of this earth are become the kingdom of our God and of His Christ; and He shall reign forever and ever. King of kings and Lord of lords! Hallelujah!"

When Jesus was here on earth talking about His return, He said to His followers, "Watch therefore for ye know not the day nor the hour when your Lord will come." True watching is an attitude of mind and heart which would joyfully turn from any occupation to meet our beloved Savior, exclaiming, "This is the Lord; we have waited for him; we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation" (Isa. 25: 9). There is a beautiful phrase in 2 Timothy 4: 8 which speaks of those "that love His appearing."

The outlook does, indeed, seem hopeless. But praise the Lord for the hope of His sure return —

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Budget Observations
When the local church treasurer is able to report (as he is in some churches) that the gifts of the people are proving sufficient to meet the budgeted needs of the church, the congregation is encouraged. The same would be true of all our congregations if the treasurer of Our World Mission, Mrs. Fetherston, could report that the churches were sending in enough contributions to be able to meet the budgeted work of our General Conference, a budget that was carefully considered by boards, agencies, Commission and the delegates at Conference last year. Unfortunately this is not the case. Our feeling of encouragement is only partial. It appears that many of us have not done our best.

There is satisfaction in noting that the contributions to denominational needs for the months of March (see Recorder of April 22) and April (see back page of this issue) were higher than usual. It is particularly encouraging to observe that very few of the treasurers of the stronger churches failed to send in promptly the amount that had been designated for Our World Mission. Perhaps this is due to such a meeting and an effort to keep up to date the charts that were prepared for each church by Mrs. Fetherston.

Another observation is that if our churches had started off the budget year with total monthly contributions equal to what has been reported the last two months, we would be almost on schedule. Our obligation is to observe that very few of the treasurers of the stronger churches failed to send in promptly the amount that had been designated for Our World Mission. Perhaps this is due to such a meeting and an effort to keep up to date the charts that were prepared for each church by Mrs. Fetherston.

Problems Discussed by Associated Church Press
For many years (during the tenure of several editors) the Sabbath Recorder has been a member of the Associated Church Press. In the last few years this association has grown rapidly in prestige, in the number of periodicals holding membership, and the amount of service rendered to the periodicals. It now has 164 Protestant religious journals with an estimated readership of 175,000 million. Some of the periodicals also hold membership in a similar service organization, the Evangelical Church Press, which claims a large readership.

The ACP convention this year, held in Nashville, Tenn., boldly discussed several issues that have not previously been included on the agenda. When 125 editors or associate editors listen to experts and discuss together in the second largest publishing center in the United States such subjects as Sunday legislation, desegregation, the relation between Catholics and Protestants, communicating the Gospel, the condition of Christians in the USSR, and the problems of editing, it can be expected and results of such a meeting will be felt indirectly by a large proportion of the public which reads the magazines concerned.

The Associated Church Press scheduled a forum on the "Sunday legislation" dilemma. This can be taken as evidence that the subject has come to the front in our national life and needs to be handled constructively. We have the responsibility of helping to mold Christian public opinion on this subject. The speaker was Lewis Hooker, an attorney from Nashville, Tenn., who is now a guest speaker on "Blue Law Dilemma," as he titled his address.

What is the dilemma? Most of us recognize it. Religious people in general want to see Sunday properly observed as a day of rest and worship, but legislation to bring this about has to steer clear of a violation of the first amendment to the Constitution. Exodus 20: 18b, 29a.

United States Constitution. Whereas Sunday laws have their background in the English laws to enforce worship, and all such laws prior to the Revolutionary War were clearly religious in nature, there has been an attempt in recent years to enact laws regulating Sunday sales that are not strictly religious in motivation. The speaker pointed out that often the Christian merchant has to choose between adhering to his religious convictions (Sundaykeeping) and economic survival. This is part of the dilemma.

Citing case after case of Sunday laws tested in the courts, Hooker led up to a discussion of the future of blue-law legislation, some form of which now exists in 49 states. Unfortunately, it is not likely that the Supreme Court will find in many of the existing or proposed Sunday-closing laws a violation of the "establishment of religion" clause. Eight of the nine justices seem to be agreed on this. The thing that is still in question and may change with any change of personnel in the Supreme Court is whether or not a blue law abridges the right of free exercise of religion. It was pointed out that the three justices who wrote dissenting opinions on this issue are young and the four who wrote the majority opinion are old. The question of free exercise of religion comes up when a conscientious Sabbathkeeper is compelled to rely on the close Sunday on.

Expressing a personal viewpoint, the Virginia attorney felt that the solution to the Sunday-law dilemma lay in permitting exemptions. There seems to be a move in that direction. Twenty-one states have clauses permitting Sabbath observer exemptions. He wondered why the lawmakers could not be content to leave the matter of the day open and avoid the religious
issue of Sabbath or Sunday. To this most Sabbathkeepers could say a hearty "Amen," for exemption clauses are not very satisfactory from the standpoint of the principles involved.

It is indeed interesting to hear such a fair presentation of the blue-law dilemma to a representative group of editors of denominational and interdenominational publications. Dr. Hooker's closing remark, however, was made without knowledge that there were several publications of Sabbathkeeping denominations in the ACP. He said, 'The hope of all is that Sunday will be observed as a day of rest and worship for all. Until that time some form of closing laws will be with us.' It was called to his attention by one of the editors and by the president that Seventh Day Baptists had reason to register a dissenting opinion to that part of the statement.

What the future holds for religious minorities in relation to Sunday legislation remains to be seen. There is reason to hope that fair-minded editors will use their influence in favor of the one who is working for the good of all, the religious convictions of minorities are not overridden by the majority, and also that the church does not become a tool or pawn in the economic struggle between groups of merchants.

Sermons from Hebrews

The Rev. C. Rex Burdick, pastor of the Verona, N. Y., Seventh Day Baptist Church, and first vice-president of General Conference has announced in his church publication, "The Bell Ringer," that a series of twelve sermons from the book of Hebrews has just been completed. These have all been mimeographed and mailed. In whole, the item says, to any who would like them, either to fill in where sermons were missed, or to share with others unable to attend.

Although the offer was not explicitly extended to the denomination as a whole it is possible that if there are several requests financial arrangements could be made to copy the tapes and give the sermons a wider circulation. Ed.

An Invitation to Christian Giving

The story is told of a woman whose husband had just built a beautiful mansion on Bar Harbor, Maine, a fashionable resort city. She invited the cream of society, but no one came to her party. She was so hurt that she left that city, gave in, and decided to cut a not a single repair to be made on the house. It stood there for the next two years, an eyesore to the community, and no one could persuade her to forget the hurt she had suffered. She had extended an invitation... and nothing more.

Our Lord used parables when He wanted His hearers to understand Him. He described the parable of Heave on one occasion with this parable. A king gave a wedding feast for his son. He sent out invitations. When the dinner was ready, he sent servants to bid the invited guests come. They made light of it and went off and did what seemed important to them, even seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king became angry and sent his troops to destroy their city. He then sent his servants out to invite as many as they could find and bring them to the dinner. When he came in to look at his guests, he found one without a wedding garment. "Friend," he said, "how did you get in here without a wedding garment?" The guest was speechless. The king, hopping mad, blackly bound and cast into outer darkness where men will weep and gnash their teeth. For many are called but few are chosen.

Yet there was something more, something that involves a loving gesture, a gesture of love for the person invited. But the woman in Bar Harbor didn't quite measure up to the snobbish social standards of Bar Harbor. Interest in the king didn't quite measure up to the selfish interests of the people in his kingdom.

Christian Giving is an invitation... and nothing more.

But a refusal to accept that invitation involves harshest treatment to which you can subject another person, a rejection, in this case, a rejection of God the Father and a final and unremittent rejection. When you reject God's invitation in this program, you may very well be cutting yourself off from Him forever because refusal to love God, which is disbelief, may be terribly final for yourself and those you say you love.

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A Local Tract Committee Gives Inspiring Report

What can the Tract Committee of a local church accomplish in a given period of time? That depends somewhat on location and opportunities, but more on the opportunities that are discovered and the energy that committee members are willing to put forth in organizing and carrying out the local committee of the Riverside, California, church has done some things that might well prove an inspiration to others. Church business meeting reports do not always make interesting reading to people in other churches.

An exception to this rule comes in the case of a report found in "The Church Chronicle," the mimeographed publication of the Riverside church for April, 1963. It reads as follows:

The Tract Committee chairman, Jack Jensen, reported that the tract racks have been kept stocked, the outside bulletin board has been changed twice a week with the aid of Ruth Lewis, the tract racks have been changed from door to door of homes in designated areas has been made by members of the SDBYF. They witnessed to their way to some 300 families on the Sabbath afternoon of April 27 sharing a letter from the Tract Committee. It is the issue of the Sabbath Recorder and certain tracts.

In order for such a program to be carried out effectively there has to be much planning in advance. Materials have to be ordered and on hand. It is to be noted that the two or three churches of the Pacific Coast Association have a large standing order for the special issues of the Sabbath Recorder.

Impressions of the NCC

A Report to the Ecumenical Relations Committee by Delegate Mynor G. Soper

I had the opportunity of attending during the spring meeting of the National Council of Churches. It was my first occasion to have any direct relationships with my impressions are those of a first experience.

One of the first things which struck me as significant was the fact that the NCC is looked upon by most of the world as the voice of the churches of America. This is quite obvious by the news coverage the NCC gets. It becomes much more apparent as one sees the inner workings of the Council and the connections it has with government, business, and social organizations through its committees. Of course, it is not the official voice of all the churches, nor even of all the member churches, but the Council is an important voice in the affairs of our nation and perhaps the most listened-to voice of the Protestant church. For this very reason, I feel it is important that we, as well as other evangelical denominations, maintain a working relationship in the Council.

Another impression was that our part is not an unimportant one. While it is very true that our numbers are so small that we cannot play a very large part in all the committees and leadership spots, yet by our very being a member, the Council has to face the reality of dealing with minority groups within her ranks as well as making pronouncements about what others should easily in this regard in the world at large. We are, I found, respected for our position and there is genuine warmth of friendship towards us.

Probably the most impressive thing about the entire Council is the work it accomplishes in certain areas where, by being a group of communions banded together, the work is larger and more easily done. For example, the program of Church World Service, I quote from a report entitled, "Major New Developments":

Imagination Servics of Church World Service, during 1962, completed 42 Catholic Comprehensive...
Promoting the Sabbath at Little Rock, Ark.

The young church at Little Rock has a young pastor devoting full time to the church and the promotion of the Seventh Day Baptist faith (thanks to the support of the Missionary Board). His church is organized for work and is taking Gospel and Sabbath promotion work seriously. The church recently placed an order with the Tract Board for nearly 30,000 tracts (which requires reprinting of several titles). Little Rock now uses the largest number of special-issue Sabbath Recorders of any single church (1,000 or more).

Another unusual thing about the Little Rock church is its preaching emphasis during the month of May. The sermon titles listed in advance on the church bulletin are: "The Sabbath: Prey?" "The Sabbath: When?" "The Sabbath: How?" and "The Sabbath and the Law of Love." In times past certain Seventh Day Baptist ministers have written one or more good-sized books on the Sabbath. The subject is big enough for a series of sermons. At least Pastor Paul B. Osborn of Little Rock thinks such a series will be helpful to his church and to the visitors who are expected.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

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On Sabbath mornings from 10 to 12 the pupils and staff of the day school make up the bulk of Bible school and church audiences of 100-150, reports Mr. Samson. About fifty of these are school children between five and ten years of age. On the evening after the Sabbath the believers (some who were unable to attend in the morning) gather for an hour and a half praise and prayer service. Another service is held on the following morning. The Sabbath is emphasized in this service along with the other doctrines of the Bible.

The educational work of Mr. Samson is not under government control other than the adherence to a syllabus which is required of all schools. He is thus free to teach religious facts and tenets of the faith. Reports which we have visited Poona indicate that he is a man highly respected for what he has accomplished for his people. His church, as mentioned above, is independent. The building is called Gospel Tabernacle.

With the church and school buildings not enough to completion for full occupancy Mr. Samson hopes to devote more attention again to the publication and distribution of literature. One of the needs he mentions is a small, electrically operated printing press which could reduce the cost of publishing native-language tracts and would provide equipment for one area of vocational training. While in this country the Rev. K. K. Samson will receive mail at 352 Classon Avenue, Brooklyn 38, N. Y.

The project of the men of the Western Seventh Day Baptist Building Volunteer Work continues.

The Cuba Refugee Resettlement Program has been the major threat during the past, with 22,000 refugees resettled at the CWS Miami Center and 8,344 resettled this year. It is 60% of our case load and it is interesting to note that with only 8% of the total number of Cubans resettled, CWS has resettled 16% of the total number of Cubans resettled.

Incidentally, by the time of the meetings, they had resettled a total of 9,200. This probably seems like a drop in the bucket of the overall total, but it is still a significant number and undoubtedly more than if our denominations were not banded together through the Council in this Church World Service.

The overseas departments of CWS have 32 offices in 35 countries. The evaluation of their work in these countries seemed to be a very candid one. The report took note of the changing needs in the countries they are serving. These people live in a society which expects their government and even the church to provide welfare for them. The report took cognizance of the fact that it was unwise for the CWS to let their service get so large and unwieldy that they will not be able to control it. This can and has happened in the past because their resources are almost unlimited, partly due to the used government surplus available to them.

All in all, CWS work seems very significant and a step nearer accepting our responsibility of being our brother's keeper.

Regarding the meeting of the General Board, the Council as a super-church has its important function. On the other hand most of the representatives seem to understand and accept the Council as a tool with which they are effectively as an extension of their own denominations' programs. Their loyalty is undoubtedly to their own denominations first.

Some would hold that the ecumenical aspects of the Council are the most important while others would consider the world service or some other aspect the most important. In other words, there is diversity amid their ecumenical unity, which in my opinion is good.

There has been and still is a great deal of criticism of the NCC and accusations that it is communist. This year the Council made a definite statement of their opposition to communism. Undoubtedly in any organization that large, you will have philosophies of a wide variety, but my observations (which certainly are not infallible) were basically that 90% of those involved in the NCC are definitely interested in promoting the message and work of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
The quarterly meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Mission Board was held Sunday afternoon, April 28, 1963, with 22 members and 2 visitors present. Conference Secretary Harley Bond and Ross Seager of Salem, W. Va., were welcomed to the meeting by President Harold R. Crandall.

The treasurer was authorized to transfer from the Income Equalization Fund to the Hospital Building Fund the sum of $1,500 to permit the installation of an adequate water system at our Nyasaland mission station. The treasurer was also instructed to take from the Salary Equalization Fund the amount necessary to occupy by others than Makapwa Mission 9

NYASALAND government as to the disposition of land at the Makapwa Mission now in excess of $1,500. It is understood that Pastor Wayne Maxson and will conduct his

Jamaica Transportation Fund

At the April 1962 meeting of the Jamaica Seventh Day Baptist Conference, a loan was granted from the Missionary Board for the amount of £125 (approximately $350). The total amount received toward the mission in Jamaica by the Mission Board is reported as $1,383.40 in U. S. currency. A major part of this amount is in use as a "revenue loan fund providing the means of transportation to some of the Jamaica pastors as they travel around their circuit of churches. (See Sabbath Board Reeport of April 1, 1963, for information concerning the establishing of the Jamaica Seventh Day Baptist Church Circuits). Pastor Lawton reports, "A recent report by Dr. Theodore Tucker on his visit to Makapwa Mission while June 15 in Africa points up the urgency of implementing action immediately that has long been considered desirable. Dr. Tucker emphasized two factors in the current situation in Africa today that require action:"

African Interests Committee Report

(See Sabbath Board Report of April 28, 1963, for a report of action immediately that has long been considered desirable. Dr. Tucker emphasized two factors in the current situation in Africa today that require action:"

1. The emerging nationalism and accompanying independence and self-government in Nyasaland that will put mission work on an altogether new position relative to the government and the local governments that regulate their activities.

2. The need for maintaining the closest contact, bolstering the prestige of our field workers, and demonstrating in very concrete ways the sincerity of our intentions to work, not only for the spread of the Gospel, but for the betterment of the living conditions of the native populace.

Because of these facts, it is recommended that Secretary Everett T. Harris be sent to visit and inspect the Makapwa Mission, and to represent the Missionary Board and the General Conference in a trip of "understanding and good will" to Nyasaland.

It is further recommended that the length of the visit shall be for two months, and scheduled at such a time that a trip to the northern churches can be made during the dry season, and allowing the secretaries to return in time for attendance at General Conference this year.

There is much to be gained by having an official representative visit Nyasaland, among the benefits being:

1. A demonstration of continued interest and support of our work there.

2. Seeking a better understanding of the situation that exists as far as the interaction of missionary personnel, colonial government officials, native leaders and local population.

3. Developing specific plans for carrying out the projected expansion of service facilities.

a. helping to determine the possibility of acquiring a clear title to property

b. understanding the philosophy of property ownership of the natives

c. working out long-range objectives that can be reached satisfactorily as far as native feelings and Board of Managers responsibility are concerned.

d. relating the medical, educational and evangelistic phases of our mission endeavor to the needs of the people and the aims of our Board.

Because so much information and understanding in these areas is lacking, it is recommended that no further action on these projects be undertaken until the return of Secretary Harris with background information, except that the initial (water supply) step in the plan be put into effect.

The Roman Catholic Church in Spain plans to send 1,500 priests for work in Latin America before the conclusion of the Second Vatican Council, in answer to an appeal from Pope John XXIII.

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I believe in one God, an ever-present and loving God, as He is revealed in the Bible and as He shows Himself in nature and in Christlike people.

I believe that Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the Savior of all, is the basis of all Christian faith.

I believe that God's Spirit is ever with us if only we take time from our every day busy-ness to seek it.

I believe that the Bible is the "historical record of a growing religion." From the careful study of it we can gain a greater understanding of God and the life and work of Jesus. That it was inspired by the Holy Spirit makes each of us a better Christian, loving God and each other with greater sincerity.

Baptism by immersion is practiced by Seventh Day Baptists. I feel, although this is a very personal act, that it also publicly declares that the individual wishes to serve God and man in all ways possible. Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist in the river Jordan. What better example can we have?

I believe that all Christians should participate in the Lord's Supper in which the bread symbolizes the body of Christ which was crucified, and the grape juice signifies the blood of Christ by which He shed for the forgiveness of the sins of all. I feel that this observance is to remind us that Jesus' presence is with us at all times.

One of the foremost reasons for our existence as a church, is to teach this belief to our children. I firmly hold that love for God's commandments should help us to observe our Sabbath day of rest in the manner which He would wish. I could not, however, imagine myself as a judge of any other person's observance of the Sabbath.

I believe in the ecumenical church of God. It is impossible for me to think of our denomination by itself. Only as we co-operate with all Christian churches and all Christians, can we find true fulfillment of Jesus' teachings.

I grew up in Seventh Day Baptist tradition, both in my family and our church family. I attended colleges founded by Seventh Day Baptists. I accepted without too much questioning the beliefs and practices of our denomination. Not until I reached adulthood did I gain knowledge from attendance at churches of other denominations and from friends of other faiths did I question our tenets. I have learned to appreciate the best of other denominations and other faiths. Out of my questioning came a realization of the truth of the freedom of religious thought which is the heritage of Seventh Day Baptists. I am glad that I have to do my own religious thinking. I rejoice that no person has the power to tell me what I can believe and how I am to practice my beliefs.

With God's help and your prayers, I hope that I may be a good Seventh Day Baptist, a good deaconess, and a good Christian in my work. In my thoughts and prayers of a church, in my contacts with all people and, especially, in my thoughts.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — Sec. Rex E. Zwiebel

Board Action

The Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education met on Sunday afternoon, May 28, 1963, in its quarterly session. The following were present: Ben R. Crandall, Mrs. Helen A. Ogden, Philip B. Post, Dean Albert N. Rogers, Mrs. Mabel B. Slade, Mrs. M. Yule Sutton, Sec. Rex E. Zwiebel, Warren F. Brannon, Mr. and Mrs. Don Stears, John M. Reynolds, Mark R. Sanford, Pastor Herbert S. Saunders, Rev. and Mrs. Ernest K. Bee, and L. Maurice McCrea. Mr. Stears, vice-president, presided in the absence of President Victor W. Skaggs.

At the recommendation of the Finance Committee of the board, it was voted to turn all permanent investments over to the Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Fund, asking that body to act as trustee of the board investments.

Upon recommendation from the Executive Committee, it was voted to mimeograph 15 lessons prepared by writers on our foreign mission fields and to make them available at $1.25 a set, the approximate cost of the work.

Authorization was given to the Publications Committee to move ahead in the preparation of new Junior Quarterlies.

It was voted that we authorize the Recorder Press to give out a sample copy of the "Helping Hand" to those who ask for one, and that the editor, the Rev. Sanford, be given extra copies at his request free of charge.

With the closing of the School of Theology, new quarters will have to be sought by the Board of Directors. A committee of three is to be appointed by the chairman to arrange for the next place of meeting.

Seventy-five of all committees were reviewed and received.

Ecumenical Work Campers to 29 Countries This Summer

From Iceland to South Africa and Britain to Taiwan, hundreds of Christian young people were working this summer on special projects of the Ecumenical Work Camps of the World Council of Churches' Youth Department. In addition to 27 countries overseas, they will also be at work in Mexico and the United States.

Co-operating in the program in this country is the Commission on Ecumenical Voluntary Service of the National Council of Churches. In addition to screening young people for overseas service, it is responsible for projects in this country. Two one-year work camps, the Sanctor of such long-term service, will begin in the fall. The first in Thailand, running from September 1 to June 30, 1964, will involve manual labor on projects selected by the Church of Christ in Thailand. Leopoldville, Congo, is the center for the second from October 15 — August 15. For each, the WCC Youth Department and NSCF are looking for 15 mature young people between 19 and 30 with some previous experience in voluntary service, willing to give 10 months' service, living as a Christian community under very simple conditions.

The runner of the U. S. Peace Corps for many years, the Ecumenical Work Camps have the added quality of bringing together the young people of many nations and faiths in a spirit of Christian service and brotherhood. — The Religious Newswsley, April 23, 1963.

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(Presented to Alfred Station church before being ordained a deaconess April 13, 1963.)

I would like to preface my statement by saying that it was difficult for me to agree to become a deaconess, as I sincerely believe that there are other women capable of performing this role if it is physically possible. I was afraid, that when one becomes a member of an established sect, that the routine of one's life becomes so set that one cannot refuse, I would be somewhat of a hypocrite. For several years I have firmly believed and stated, rather loudly I am afraid, that when one becomes a member of a church, she not only accepts the rights and privileges of this membership, but also an obligation to assume responsibilities if it is physically possible. So you see, I could not try to teach this belief to our daughters and the members of my Sabbath School class and refuse to assume this responsibility.

I believe in one God, an ever-present and loving God, as He is revealed in the Bible and as He shows Himself in nature and in Christlike people.

I believe in the ecumenical church of God. It is impossible for me to think of our denomination by itself. Only as we co-operate with all Christian churches and all Christians, can we find true fulfillment of Jesus' teachings.

I grew up in a Seventh Day Baptist tradition, both in my family and our church family. I attended college and was founded by Seventh Day Baptists. I accepted without too much questioning the beliefs and practices of our denomination. Not until adulthood did I learn to appreciate the best of other denominations and from friends of other faiths did I question our tenets. I have learned to appreciate the best of other denominations and others' faiths. Out of my questioning came a realization of the worth of the freedom of religious thought which is the heritage of Seventh Day Baptists. I am glad that I have to do my own religious thinking. I rejoice that no person has the power to tell me what I can believe and how I should practice my beliefs.

With God's help and your prayers, I hope that I may be a good Seventh Day Baptist, a good deaconess, and a good Christian in my home, my church, in my contacts with all people and, especially, in my thoughts.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — Sec. Rex E. Zwielbe

Board Action

The Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education met on Sunday afternoon, April 13, 1963, in its quarterly session. The following were present: Ben R. Crandall, Mrs. Helen A. Ogden, Philip B. Post, Dean Albert N. Rogers, Mrs. Ifie., Herman Reynolds, Mrs. Madge Sutton, Lyle Sutton, Sec. Rex E. Zwielbe, Warren F. Brannon, Mr. and Mrs. Don Stearns, John M. Reynolds, Mark R. Sanford, Pastor Herbert Satter, Rev. and Mrs. Ernest K. Bee, and L. Maurice McCrea. Mr. Stearns, vice-president, presided in the absence of President Victor W. Skagg.

At the recommendation of the Finance Committee of the board, it was voted that we authorize the Permanent Investments of the board to use all permanent investments over to the Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Fund, asking that body to act as trustee of the board investments.

Upon recommendation from the Executive Committee it was voted to mimeograph 15 lessons prepared by writers on our foreign mission fields and to make them available at 25¢ a set, the approximate cost of the work.

Authorization was given to the Publications Committee to move ahead in the preparation of new Junior Quarterlies.

It was voted that we authorize the Recorder Press to give out a sample copy of the helping hand to responsible persons who ask for one, and that the editor, the Rev. A. Sanford, be given further copies at his request free of charge.

The closing of the School of Theology, new quarters will have to be sought for the next board meetings. A committee of three is to be appointed by the chairman to arrange for the next place of meeting.

Reports of all committees were reviewed and received.

ECUMENICAL WORK CAMPS TO 29 COUNTRIES THIS SUMMER

From Iceland to South Africa and Britain to Taiwan, hundreds of Christian young people are working this summer on special projects of the Ecumenical Work Camps of the World Council of Churches' Youth Department. In addition to 27 countries overseas, they will also be at work in Mexico and the United States.

Co-operating in the program in this country is the Commission on Ecumenical Voluntary Service of the National Council of Churches. In addition to screening young people for overseas service, it is responsible for projects in this country.

Two one-year work camps, the first of such long-term service, will begin in the fall. The first in Thailand, running from September 1 to June 30, 1964 will involve manual labor on projects selected by the Church of Christ in Thailand. Leopoldville, Congo, is the center for the second from October 15 — August 15. For each, the WCC Youth Department and NSCF are looking for 15 mature young people between 19 and 30 with some previous experience in voluntarism, "willing to give 10 months' service, living as a Christian community under very simple conditions."

The forerunner of the U. S. Peace Corps by many years, the Ecumenical Work Camps have the added quality of bringing together the young people of many nations and faiths in a spirit of Christian service and brotherhood. — THE RELIGIOUS NEWSWEEKLY, April 23, 1963.

Camp Dates

Jersey Oaks
Mar. 26—29 — July 1, 2, 3, 5, 8
Bantam — July 10-14
Senior — July 14-21
Junior — July 21-28
Lewis Camp
Junior Camp — July 14-21
Senior Camp — July 21-24
The Church Day Camp of the Pawcatuck church will be held at Lewis Camp from June 24-28. The Rev. Earl Cruzan is in charge.

Camp MILES
Camp MILES at Chemin-A-Haut State Park, June 24-30. Theme: "What Shall I Do?"

"We believe in world evangelism; geography is only a detail." — IVCF.
Spring Meetings of Associations
Eastern at Ashaway
The Eastern Association has changed its traditional time of meeting this year from the second weekend of June to May 31 — June 2 at Ashaway, R.I. (See issue of April 8 for more details of this 125th Anniversary meeting.)

Central New York at Brookfield
The dates of the Central New York Association have been changed recently by the Executive Committee from the first weekend of June to the second (June 7, 8, 9) so as not to conflict with the Eastern Association. (The pastor of the church at Ashaway is scheduled to speak on Sabbath morning at Brookfield.) The theme of the meetings is “Peace Comes from God.”

Northern at Battle Creek
The Northern Association (Michigan and Ohio churches) has announced a spring meeting at Battle Creek on June 7 and 8. The theme chosen is “Arise and Go.” Earl Babcock of White Cloud, Mich., president, and Mrs. Verne Babcock of White Cloud is secretary.

Western at Little Genesea
The Western Association, which includes the Seventh Day Baptist churches of Western New York and nearby Penn­sylvania, will meet with the Little Genesea church June 14, 15, and 16. Mrs. A. N. Rogers of Alfred Station is moderator and Mrs. Donald Pierce of the same village is corresponding secretary. The guest speaker on Sabbath morning is the Rev. Leon M. Malby of Plainfield, N.J., who has been asked to emphasize “Work in Cooperation in Interdenominational Cooperation.”

Southwestern at Texarkana
Texarkana, Ark., is the location of the Southwestern Association meeting this year the third weekend of June. The first serv­ice will be at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, June 20, at 200 Pleasant St., Texarkana. The president, William P. FitzRandolph, an­nounces that the subject of the meetings will be “Mis­sion Social Frontiers,” with the text from Romans 12: 17.

Southeastern at Lost Creek
The Southeastern Association meets at Lost Creek, W. Va., June 21, 22, 23 with the theme of “Art Thou Feud?” Speakers from a distance appearing on the program are the Rev. Paul Green from the Eastern Association, Albert Gilmore from the Central, Rev. S. Kenneth Davis from Daytona Beach, Fla., Conference President George E. Parrish, and Exec­utive Secretary Harley Bond.

North Central at Milton
Information at hand indicates that the North Central Association with D. Nelson Inglis as moderator, will be held at Milton, Wis., on the third Sabbath of June.

The theme for the meetings is “Chris­tian Delinquency.” The Rev. Loyal F. Hurley of Adams Center, N. Y., has been engaged as the guest speaker. He has indicated that he will speak on “Non­Christian Church Membership.”

Of the other Associations it may be noted that the Pacific Coast has already held its spring meeting and that the Mid­Atlantic is omitting its annual meeting within that Association in August.

LET’S THINK IT OVER
How Will the Hungry Be Fed?
There are regions — some of them as large as all Europe — where the only available farm implement is a short­handled hoe, says a report from the United Nations. “Squatting on his heels, the farmer uses this one tool for digging, weeding, lifting and the like. To harvest his crop, he has only a sheath knife. The result: pitifully little crop yield for a crushing amount of labor. To give them a way out, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the U. N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) have joined with Christian agricultural missionaries to com­bat the situation. UNESCO has extended its people-to-people aid program to FAO’s request. The project is to begin this year undertaking aimed at raising nutri­tion­al standards in an ill-fed world.

WOMEN’S WORK -- Mrs. Lawrence W. Marsten
A Letter
Dear Readers of the Women’s Page:
As some of you know, your editor is remaining in Florida until the first week in June when Laurel will finish the eighth grade at Bayshore Junior High School.
Shortly before my husband returned to Wisconsin in April, we were very pleased to have a call from Rev. S. Kenneth Davis of the Daytona Beach church. He was inquiring about our interest in having Seventh Day Baptist services in this area and felt that Tampa would be a central location. When the Daytona Beach church learned that we were very inter­ested they voted to sponsor us and send their pastor to meet with us twice a month. The first meeting will be at the University Christian Church, corner of 39th Street and 122nd Avenue in Tampa on Sabbath Rally Day, May 18.
Pastor Davis and I made one or two calls nearby. He had many more calls to make in other places and was soon on his way again. We appreciate the effort to see us, as it is about 185 miles from Daytona Beach to Tampa.
I was surprised to find how many Seventh Day Baptists were in this area especially during the winter months. I hope that each one will work and pray for the success of this Tampa branch of the Dayton church.
In Christian love,
(Mrs. L. W.) Evelyn Marsden.

ITEMS OF INTEREST
New School to Rehabilitate Converted Juvenile Delinquents
A new school which requires its students to be converted drug addicts, gang members, or probationers has just been opened at Teen Challenge Training Center, where the direction of the Rev. David Willkerson, an Assemblies of God minister, who works with teen-age gangs in New York and Chicago where the prospective students were recruited. Others come on probation from prison or through referrals from judges and parole officers.

At the school which is known as the Teen Challenge Training Center, young men are able to get training in Bible, art, agriculture, carpentry, music, or wood­working. Upon completion of a year there they are encouraged to attend college or Bible school if they desire to go so.

The new school is completely equipped with a chapel, classrooms, dormitory, dining facilities, printing shop, and recre­ational rooms, and a building for a shop.

Teen Challenge, a project of the Rev. Frank Reynolds, a minister who has degrees both in agriculture and education.

Billy Graham Magazine
Now in French and German
Decision Magazine, 2½-year-old monthly publication of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, will begin publication in French and German with the May edition.

With publication of the French and German editions, Decision’s circulation for all editions will pass 1,500,000. Of the total, 1,350,000 are printed in Minneapolis for distribution in the United States and Canada; 50,000 are printed in England and 30,000 in Australia. The initial press run for the new editions will be 50,000 for the French and 100,000 for the German edition.

The new editions will be circulated in France and Germany by subscription and through newsstand sales. In addition, the new editions will be made available to French- and German-speaking people in all parts of the world.

The Soviet Union distributed about 100-­million volumes of Khrushchev’s writings in 1961: nearly double the number (55-­million) of Bibles and scriptural portions which were circulated in the world that year. — Dateline.

MAY 20, 1965

THE SABBATH RECORDER
NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

Paint Rock, Ala. — Our church is small in number and doubtless our contemporaries regard us as being insignificant among the churches. We know that we are insignificant as numbers go but we need not be so in spiritual quality. The smaller in quality that we are, the more yielded and committed to God's power we should be. If we are "about our Father's business" as we should be, insignificance will soon change to significance. We may lift up our Lord before men that we may have a part in His drawing others to Him! — Paint Rock Newsletter.

Stonefort, Ill. — The Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship, with help from others in our fellowship prepared and served a "Chicken and Dumpling Dinner" on March 31 in the church basement for the benefit of sending the youth to camp. It was a very successful event.

Several from our church attended Sabbath day services on April 13 with our sister church in Farina, Ill., on the special occasion of their church's 97th Anniversary. Pastor Carlos McSparin was in charge of the services. This was followed by a Communion service and a fellowship luncheon. It is always a pleasure and blessing to unite in both worship and fellowship with them. Pastor McSparin was privileged to attend ministers conference in Adams Center, N.Y., April 17-19. It was a great blessing it was to attend, meeting new and old friends, with wonderful services and fellowship.

On Sabbath Rally Day, May 18, we will observe our annual homecoming day, inviting the Farina church to fellowship with us. Several nonresident members usually attend on homecoming day. — Correspondent.

Alfred, N.Y. — The Church Membership Class began its training March 16. The Community Lenten services were held on Wednesday evenings in the Church Center.

The morning of Easter Sabbath the Sabbath School presented an Easter service in the Parish House from which was followed by the regular Easter service in the church at eleven o'clock.

There were two Evangelical Society work meetings during March held at the home of Mrs. Barbara Muzzi, preparing for the Spring Sale. The Spring Sale of the Evangelical Society was called "Alfred-Style." It was held in the Parish House. It was successful.

Rev. Victor W. Skaggs of Alfred Station gave three evening sermons on Christian Responsibility at the church, April 10, 17, and 24. Changes of life are significant to the Ladies Aid.

The Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship group was host to the Youth Group of the Union University Church for a "Fun Night" on April 6. The God and Country Award group met three times at the parsonage. — Correspondent.

Nortonville, Kan. — Our most important news for the past quarter is of course that Pastor Leroy Bass and family have accepted our call and will be with us around June 1. Rev. John Hodge, pastor of 3 neighboring churches, has accepted our call and will be greatly missed. We have enjoyed this Christian fellowship as he brought our weekly message, worked with five of our young people, leading them into baptism, and ministered to our sick and sorrowing.

This past quarter the Ladies Missionary Society held a "bakeless" bake sale as the women of the church gave monetary gifts instead of baking and buying at a regular food sale. Participation was gratifying, the sale was a success, and $89.25 were taken in.

On March 23 a fellowship dinner was held in the church basement after Sabbath School. Following the dinner a program of music was presented. Among its features was a letter from the British Guiana missionaries, a film of Korean orphanages, records of Korean children singing, and letters from the foster children of the Lloyd August and Charles Wheeler families.

The Lord's Supper was served at the close of regular church services on April 6. One young man, who had been discouraged to take stock of his life and rededicate himself to the labor and love of a risen Savior.

Several of young people and their sponsors from the Kansas City and Nortonville churches attended the annual Spring Retreat at North Loup. This is an activity stemming from the Continence Association and the group has appropriately been named "The Mid-Continent Associates." The meeting was highlighted by the message from Malakawa Mission by Joan Clement, especially her banquet speech of "Why I Chose to Serve God."

On April 9 our ladies welcomed the ladies of the neighboring churches to a Silver Tea. An Easter program was made up of songs and readings with members of several visiting societies participating. The Nortonville Methodist, Christian, and Presbyterian; the Farmington Christian; and the Cummings Methodist Societies were represented.

Sam Wheeler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wheeler, and John Wheeler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Winston Wheeler, and both students of Aichison County Community High School of Effingham, Kan., participated in a Community Easter Cantata of 75 voices. There were 17 churches taking part, including our church.

The quarterly business meeting was held on Sabbath evening, April 13. Lloyd August and Zella Babcock were appointed to serve on a committee to consider the reorganization of the Association setup as it now is. Edna Wheeler, deaconess, is the official delegate from our church to the Council of Ordination of Mynor G. Soper at Boulder, Colo., on May 18.

The church has received the centennial plates with a picture of our church on the front and a short history on the back. A flurry of action has been going on in the Teen Code, while "going steady" is frowned on in the Teen Code. It also calls for mutual agreement between boys and girls on the hours they should be expected home.

"Parents have an obligation to provide adequate education in matters of sex," they say, in an attempt to warn each other of the tragic consequences to which going steady often leads.

Copies of the Code are available from the Tulsa Council of Churches, 515 South Denver, and through the Catholic Information Center in Tulsa.

— Religious Newsweekly.
OUR WORLD MISSION

OWM Budget Receipts for April, 1963

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SUMMARY

1962-63 OWM Budget $116,768.00

Receipits for 7 months:

OWM Treasurer $31,344.98

Boards 5,315.99

56,860.97

Remainder due in 5 months $39,907.03

Needed per month $11,981.40

Percentage of year elapsed 55.17

Percentage of budget raised 48.69%

Doris H. Fetherston, Treasurer.

476 N. Washington Ave.,

Battle Creek, Mich.

MAY 27, 1963

The Sabbath Recorder

If You Would Measure High

By Walter E. Ishenhour

If you would measure to the height That God would have you reach, You'll have to do the thing that's right In what you say and teach. You must be honest in your soul With God and all mankind, And looking only for the goal That godly people find. You must possess a worthy aim And prove yourself a man, Although you may not rise to fame By what you do or plan; But if you'll live, by God's good grace, Within His will sublimes, You'll shine along your earthly race And wisely use your time.