Seventh Day Baptist Publishing House

The primary work of the American Sabbath Tract Society is publishing and distributing the literature of Seventh Day Baptists. Prominently located in Plainfield, New Jersey, is the Seventh Day Baptist Building, back of which is the well equipped publishing house long known by the name “Recorder Press.” Planning Committee and Commission are meeting consecutively in the Board Room of the front building from December 30 - January 10 developing plans and program for the future. Some of these plans involve the printing of more literature in the Seventh Day Baptist Publishing House.
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Tract Society Emphasis

This blue-ink issue, as may readily be seen, is one of a series of first-of-the-month emphasis issues following the same schedule as last year, granted of the American Sabbath Tract Society is featured. It is hoped that through these articles our readers may become more acquainted with the work of this major board and may be challenged to make greater use of our tracts and the other services offered. It is further the board's belief that this will help to round out the picture of all the boards and agencies which Sev­enth Day Baptists and their friends support with their gifts through OWM or designated to a particular board or ag­ency. The Missionary Society was featured in December. The Board of Christian Education and Missions will have emphasis issues in later months.

Giving by Guess

Do you give by guess? Some of us do and would commend it to others. Since that could be easily misunderstood as an explanation of why I had such considerations prompt my giving. The first is love, and, I guess, the second is love also. I give because, in response to God's love, I want to be a part of those who bring about the spiritual and temporal blessings, I want to respond by contributing to His cause on earth. In the second place, love prompts me to give so that I can trust my best knowledge has to leave off. It is in the area of the giving by guess that my gift will be well invested. Is that selfish? Maybe just a little. Why should I have to be careful in my giving? Will it benefit those who I give to?... I mean the people I can retreat gracefully and try again. At least I haven't guessed with other people's gifts.

I see two categories where guessing comes in, the individual or not yet recognized by the Women's Board. I want to try to figure out what other people are likely to do so that my gift will be well invested. Is that selfish?... I mean the people I can retreat gracefully and try again. At least I haven't guessed with other people's gifts.
President's Column

Impressions from Boston

Two of the most spiritually stimulating days of my life were spent October 17 and 18 in Boston, Massachusetts, attending the International Convention of Christian Business Men. To be one of approximately 1,000 men from all parts of the world is an experience itself, but to be associated with a group of men who were serious about their commitment to Jesus Christ was even more impressive.

To make their presence known in the Boston area these men set themselves to work witnessing for Christ in many ways. In addition to man to man witnessing, they spoke to civic clubs and churches throughout the Boston area. The primary purpose of this organization is to win other business men to the cause of Christ.

One thing that stood out as a general impression was the fact that I did not observe any of these men using tobacco, alcohol or profanity. These were not rules of the organization but something that these men felt was important in their effort to show respect for God and His holy temple.

In order that I might gain every experience that I could from this meeting I decided to take part in the "Good Will Ambassador" program. The object of this program is to select from the telephone directory of the city of Boston a business that was related to your own and to contact the executive officer, make an appointment to see him, give your personal testimony, present him with a New Testament, and invite him as your guest to a noon luncheon. The final objective of this program was to seek to win this man for Christ if he was not already a Christian. I can say from personal experience this is one of the most humbling, yet, most rewarding experiences one can have.

Another rewarding experience was to be a part of an open air witness in the "night life area" of the city. To see hundreds of "hippies" was real shock for a "boy from Lost Creek." I am convinced that these people are in need of spiritual gratification. They have not been provided the opportunity with Faith that can provide the satisfaction of experiencing the Holy Spirit and thus they continue to search in other realms.

These kinds of experiences truly make one "Sensitive in His Service." Have you shared your Christian experience with a stranger lately? What about a friend or neighbor? It will make you sensitive.

—Leland W. Bond

Amazing Story of One Tract
Not long ago Ithamar Quigley, a 90-year-old minister from Elizabeth (N. J.) who is spry and active, drove to Plainfield to pick up some tracts, which he had originally printed himself. Mr. Quigley has been in touch with the Tract Society since the days when Dr. A. J. C. Bond was pastor at Plainfield and encouraged him to publish his first Sabbath tract on the relation between the Old Covenant and the New Covenant.

The sweet-spirited, full-bearded veteran in the Lord's work who claims he hasn't touched any medicine for 65 years dropped in to call on the secretary, who has recently taken quite a bit of medicine and gets around the house in a wheelchair. Mr. Quigley told an amazing story about that first tract of his which was printed in the Sabbath Recorder.

The tract went to a friend in California, Theophilus Gill. He in turn sent a copy of it to a man named Edwards in Jamaica, W. I. Mr. Edwards said it was just what he needed to combat one of the Sunday arguments and to convince people of the permanence of the seventh-day Sabbath. He called for large quantities for distribution. It is stated that on the basis of the message of this one tract Mr. Edwards established ten Sabbathkeeping churches in Jamaica affiliated with Mount Zion Sanctuary. Mr. Quigley is the active pastor of a small church of the name in Elizabeth. For many years he had his own printing press and a very extensive tract ministry—all resulting from that first tract.

—Maria J. McCall

Tract Society President

In the 1968-69 denominational program of "Facing Problems with Faith" there is a strong emphasis on "Know Your Boards and Agencies." Featuring the Tract Board this week we introduce the president of the American Sabbath Tract Society and its Board of Trustees, Charles H. North of Plainfield, N. J.

Mr. North has been president since September 1966, elected at the corporate meeting upon the resignation of Frederik J. Bakker. He had previously been the treasurer for a number of years. The new president has brought much to the society and board in the way of energetic leadership. He has given much thought to the appointment of committees and as ex-officio member of all he has taken an active part in the work of most of them during his years of presidency. He has been a champion for a greater ministry to the denomination by the Tract Society and its publishing house.

The new president took over at a time of transition and problems in the publishing work and has had to spend a great deal of freely given time to the complicated process (legal and otherwise) of closing out the commercial business and converting to a strictly denominational operation. To be president of one of our major boards can be a very important and time-consuming task. Mr. North has often expressed the opinion that it means far more than just attending the quarterly meetings and the annual meeting of the society. At the present time the president is guiding the board through a revision of the bylaws which involves consolidation of committees and working out job analyses for officers and committees. Changes in the constitution also are expected in the near future.

NABF Encourages Baptist Sharing in Education, Publications, Conferences

Representatives of nine Baptist groups with a combined membership of more than 15 million in North America have suggested that their conventions and conferences work together more closely in the fields of education and publication.

Forty members of the General Committee of the North American Baptist Fellowship met recently in Washington for two days of examination of the concerns they hold in common and an exploration of ways to help each other.

They also welcomed the General Association of General Baptists as the ninth and most recent addition to the fellowship. Other participating groups are the American Baptist Convention, Baptist Federation of Canada, National Baptist Convention of America, National Baptist Convention of Canada, National Baptist Convention of Mexico, North American Federation of Canada, National Baptist Convention, Seventh-day Baptist Convention, Progressive National Baptist Convention, Seventh-day Baptist General Conference, and the Baptist General Conference.

Duke K. McCall, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., was the final speaker of the fellowship to succeed V. Carney Har. groves of Philadelphia, an American Baptist pastor who has headed NABF since its organization in March 1966.

L. Vencela Booth of Cincinnati, a pastor and executive secretary of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, was received in the fellowship's organizational meeting in March 1966.

L. Randolph of West Virginia, is a Seventh-day Baptist.
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How it is Possible

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We do now have a tax-free denominational publishing house owned and operated by the American Sabbath Tract Society. Much of the credit for undertaking the present project goes to General Secretary Alton L. Wheeler who studied the numbers and worked with the Supervisory Committee of the board. It was figured that there might be enough income from the printing of the parent society and that of the other boards and agencies to break even if personnel was reduced to a skeleton crew and other expenses were cut. The printing of the Sabbath Recorder would provide about two-thirds of the income for a balanced publishing house budget.

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To come back to our title and first sentence, we firmly believe that we have some good tracts. The message of many of them was put into appealing tract

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Some tracts are initially very popular because of their striking appearance. Certain well financed interdenominationals at the office are able to print many small pieces in full color and come out with a large variety of new titles each year. There is need to keep abreast of the times and perhaps capitalize on popular sports figures or current events in a way that will catch the eye of the reader and then influence his thought along religious lines. This is good; it serves a purpose. But a denominational publishing house has subject material other than prayer, salvation, stewardship or general topics which must be portrayed and do not lend themselves to full-color, mass production publication, with high initial cost.
form by some of the best writers of a past generation and some of the best of the present day. Almost every tract now available has been considered, reconsidered and updated where necessary before reprinting. But no one connected with the publication of our tracts would deny that we need better tracts. We are working at it. But time and again the Tract Society has calls for reprinting tracts that the committees thought should be dropped, revised, or replaced. Sometimes with these requests comes nearly enough money for the reprinting. The society wants to put into the hands of faithful people the largest amount of the best material for producing new Christians, new church members.

The Publication and Distribution Committee of the Tract Board is one of the larger committees under the new committee organization this year. Headed by Mrs. Anna North the committee has the following members besides the president and the corresponding secretary: Mary C. Ayars, Florence B. Bowden, Theresa D. Parvin, Herbert E. Saunders, Ella K. Sheppard, Victor W. Skaggs, and Peggy W. Van Horn. Consultants outside the board membership are: Gladys Drake, Everett T. Harris, Evalois St. John, and Rex E. Zwiebel. Communications in regard to the tract service of the board, may be presented through the chairman or any member of the committee.

Christian Concessions
One of the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowships in California had a scheme to raise money to spread the gospel on college campuses. The group set up booths at all meetings at which they not only sold food but dispensed the gospel. Their posted menu read:

Hamburgers: 30c
Hot Dogs: 30c
Coffee: 10c
Coke: 10c
Living Water: Free

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for January 18, 1969

EARLY REACTIONS TO JESUS
Lesson Scripture: Mark 2:1-12, 15-17.

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Our Prayer Corner

"Men ought always to pray and not to faint."—Luke 18:1

"But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet."—Matthew 6:6

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."—James 5:16

Suggestions for Prayer This Week
Pray for:
1) The ministry of the Sabbath Recorder in city, college and seminary libraries, that by reading it in these places people may come to know and respect the position and work of Seventh Day Baptists.
2) The missionaries and lone-Sabbath-keeping people whose most regular and most up-to-date connection with our whole work comes to them through the Sabbath Recorder (airmail or regular mail).
3) The American Sabbath Tract Society in its biggest program of editing and publishing our denominational weekly in the face of rising wages and other printing costs.
4) The tract ministry, that the committees may know which tracts will best meet the needs, that the tracts sent out may be as seed sown that eventually comes to harvest.
5) That our people will take full advantage of all the tools available to them through the Tract Society for spreading the Sabbath truth.
6) The seemingly dormant seed of literature distributed may spring into life when hearts are prepared to receive the message of salvation.

Suggestions for intercessory prayer are solicited from all who see the need. Send them to the editor or to the Conference president so they can be considered for mention in the board minutes for the people who most need to be upheld at the throne of grace.

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Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel (Publications) Alfred Station, N. Y.

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Books at Reduced Prices

Some years ago the American Sabbath Tract Society reduced the prices of its bound books in an effort to get them out to our people where they would be read. The prices were dropped so low in some cases that valuable books have been selling below the cost of presentation postage. It has now seemed wise to the Board of Trustees to announce price increases, not up to the level of current prices for books of comparable size and quality, but substantial increases. Prices too far below value tend to downgrade the books.

Until May 31, 1969 the following books (while they last) may be purchased at present prices. After June 1 the following new prices will be in effect.

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In the office of the publishing house at Plainfield there is quite a bit of space. It is occupied with desks, files, cabinets, and a busy photocopyer, not to mention equipment for the coffee break which draws together once a day the workers from all the offices in the Seventh Day Baptist Building.

Only one of the desks in the office has a name. It is what for many years has been called the "denominational desk." There has never been any placard over it; it is just understood. Perhaps the term does not have quite as much meaning as when two or three of the other desks were devoted to commercial work, reception, bookkeeping, etc. On the other hand, this desk, the area around it and the other files devoted to Sabbath Recorder and Helping Hand subscriptions, proofreading, etc., make that "denominational desk" more important than ever before.

Presiding at that desk is Ella O' Connor who knows Seventh Day Baptists better than anyone else in the whole organization. While still in high school this daughter of our long-time manager, the late L. H. North, started working part-time at the publishing house in shop and office. She has done almost everything that could be done by a woman. Her service has not been continuous since her marriage but she came back to the office nearly fifteen years ago and has
faithfully discharged the many duties that cluster around that desk.

Since the change-over from commercial to strictly denominational printing there has been a reduction of office as well as shop personnel, Mrs. O'Connor had been working only half a day. Now in her full day she does the bulk of the纠错sread, handles all of the money that comes in for literature, supplies, etc., as well as subscriptions, answers all office phone calls, receives visitors and takes care of other office details that once were divided among several people. Etta is a VIP as far as the office of the publishing house is concerned. Her wide acquaintance through many years of correspondence with people in all our churches makes it possible for her to be a fountain in our office to say, "Ask Etta."

She Does Her Part

When a publishing house has relatively few employed people the importance of each one stands out. So it is with Mrs. William McAllister, bookkeeper in the office of the Seventh Day Baptist Publishing House at Plainfield, N. J.

The term bookkeeper conjures up in some minds a picture of Bob Cratchit sitting on a high stool before a high desk making entries in a ledger all day.

For a bookkeeper of the publishing house nothing could be farther from a true picture. Job tickets need to be made out for each job that is done. Then time sheets have to be collected and tallied and marked against each job. Other costs are added for the preparation of each "sales" sheet. Invoices are then prepared.

Going on behind the scenes in addition to the process described above there is payroll (also prepared from the time sheet) and payroll deductions for Uncle Sam. There are invoices to be paid on purchases of material and there is the monthly report to the post office on the number of periodicals being mailed in each category.

The stock inventory has to be kept. That means both the actual counting of books in stock and the keeping of records in some instance as well as a nomenclature in a little book and making sure the two balance.

Finally the bookkeeper is also the bookkeeper—that is she does prepare the monthly financial report and reconciles the checks with the bank statement as Bob Cratchit himself did.

Our bookkeeper is the daughter of Mrs. Frankie and the late Courtland V. Davis, mother of a growing family living a few miles from Plainfield. Her husband is highly qualified in the field of electronics research and manufacturing. In addition to her duties with the publishing house, Jean is treasurer of the General Conference year, charged with raising the funds $4,600 that went into effect December 1, 1968, has extended the educational benefits available to veterans who have pre-

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Sec. Rex E. Zwibed

Happy Birthday

To Christian Endeavorers

Christian Endeavor Week will be observed January 26-February 2, 1969, marking the 88th anniversary of this pioneer youth organization in the Protestant church. The youth and their leaders from scores of evangelical denominations and communions in over 75 nations and island groups around the world will mark Christian Endeavor Week with special services, rallies, and banquets.

Today Christian Endeavor is helping youth to open the doors to a firm spiritual foundation which declares that Jesus Christ and His Gospel have the basic answers for living in today's world. Christian Endeavor is an interdenominational, international, and interracial agency in the local church specializing in service for youth.

Young Adult Pre-Con Retreat

According to an announcement from the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church, the Young Adult Pre-Con Retreat for 1969 will be held at Lewis Camp.

During the Conference year of 1967-68, two church youth fellowships gave $100 each toward the salary of the youth field worker; they are Boulder and Milton. We are very grateful for their support.

The National Youth Fellowship is charged with raising $1,300 during this Conference year, this also to be applied to the salary of the youth field worker. We expect to pay Miss Burdick at the rate of $4,600 a year with $2,000 coming from the Memorial Fund of the denomination, $1,300 from the amount that has been raised prior to this year, and the balance from the youth. Gifts from others are always appreciated. They may be sent to Mr. Lyle Sutton, Almond, NY 14804.

G. I. Education Extended

A new law which went into effect December 1, 1968, has extended the educational benefits available to veterans discharged from the military $1,500. Instead of one month for each month of service veterans are now entitled to one and one-half months of school. Some veterans who have previously declined the schooling because of the limited time allowed may now get up to four years of college, depending on individual entitlements. Interested? Contact your nearest VA Regional Office.

National SDBYF Membership

Now is the time to join the National Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship for the year 1969. Membership costs $1.00 per person. This charged fee is used to help defray the salary of the youth field worker and the expense of publishing the Beacon.

To date about 160 of our youth have joined, several having signed up at General Conference. To join, send your name and address, along with your $1, to Mr. Lyle Sutton, Almond, N. Y. 14804.

Youth Field Worker

The tentative schedule for Miss Esther Burdick, youth field worker, for January 1969, is as follows; January 2-4, Syracuse Seventh Day Baptist Church; January 5-7, Adams Center church; 8-11, Verona church; 12-14, DeRuyter church; 15-18, First and Second Brookfield churches; January 19-31, Corning.

On December 17, Miss Burdick gave an oral report of her work thus far to the Youth Work Committee of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education in Alfred Station.

At each stop her schedule calls for conversations with the minister, the youth advisors, the youth fellowship officers, and others who may be working with the youth program of the church or Sabbath School. As this permits her to meet with the total youth fellowship in scheduled meetings. Also, she desires to meet with individuals of the older youth-college age, especially those who have served in the Summer Christian Service Corps.

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Junior High Conference

Junior High Conference at General Conference will be directed again in 1969 by Miss Constance Coon. We are sure that those who worked and played under her direction at Kearney will look forward to next year's conference.

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words have peculiar application to us who have traditionally taken an evangelical and missionary stance. We tend to defend structures and traditions, to be static when we ought to be dynamic in our comprehension of the breadth and meaning of Christian mission. The Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ is bigger than all man's problems and needs; its applications are limitless. We do well to build upon the past for a larger mission for Christ.

Our Lord said: "Every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is a householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasures things new and old" (Matt. 13:35.) There is much that is good in our old concepts of missions, and there is much that is good in the new. And when we put them together, our understanding of our mission will grow to meet the needs of our times.

Saigon Baptist Chapel Hit

The newest Baptist chapel in Saigon, has become a "veteran."

The chapel building was hit by Vietcong fire a number of times. The greatest damage was done by a mortar shell which made a direct hit on the roof, a small rocket round which hit the front of the building, and small arms fire which peppered the building from all sides.

Ly Cu, a ministerial student who lives in the chapel on weekends, sat huddled on the main floor during the attack. Though the heat and shrapnel from the exploding mortar gave him some anxious moments, he says, "I was not afraid because God was with me."

More than 40 persons, many of them children, were killed in the chapel area, and approximately 200 were wounded.

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