I have worshiped in churches and chapels;
I've prayed in the busy street;
I have sought my God and have found Him
Where the waves of His ocean beat;
I have knelt in the silent forest
In the shade of some ancient tree;
But the dearest of all my altars
Was raised at my mother's knee.

—John H. Styles, Jr.

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**Why Stress the Sabbath?**

What a great difference a little proposition can make in a sentence! This year Leonard Bond, our First President, in his messages has been challenging Seventh Day Baptists with the theme “Sensitive in His Service.” The Tract Board Committee preparing suggestions and printed material for the 1969 Sabbath Rally Day (May 17) selected the theme “Sensitive in Our Sabbathkeeping.” What a different line of thought that could be mind if we changed the proposition so the phrase would read “Sensitive About Our Sabbathkeeping.” Let us reflect on it a moment.

Is it perhaps true that a good many of us are indeed sensitive about our Sabbathkeeping? If so, we will have a Sabbath rally day with a better theme. What a reaction will it bring when a new acquaintance or a church leader of another denomination asks us why we stress the Sabbath? Do we get sensitive, defensive, apologetic? Do we wish we didn’t have to explain how and why we are different from other Christians? Granted some of our friends want us to show that we have not quite in good standing with the main line Christians because of observing a different day. They would like us to get the impression that we haven’t studied our Bibles or that we are stressing some insignificant item and not getting on with the main business of the church. Our reaction to such things will either show up as an unimportant sensitiveness or a praiseworthy sensitiveness.

How can I claim, to be a good Christian if I am insensitive to the revealed will of God? Our Lord picked us out of darkness into light. I am now in His service. I must be sensitive to His command. He not only commissioned us to preach the gospel, but He called us to loving obedience: “If ye love me, keep my commandments.” Our message is not just basic truth by which sinners are converted and become the Christian life; it is also teaching them all things that Jesus emphasized in His ministry. That includes the faithful and right observance of the Sabbath, observing it in the spirit and in the truth. The more we love Him the more sensitive we will be to His will and the righteousness that must exceed “the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees.”

There are people with whom we come in contact who have not learned the joy of Christlike Sabbathkeeping. How can we not only be sensitive to them, but will send the writer, upon request, up to 10 free copies of the issue in which an article appears.

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**Thoughts on Recognition**

Never has there been a time when there was such need for definition of terms and sticking to those definitions than now. This is particularly true of religious and political terminology. We get into all kinds of misunderstandings when we have vague, faulty, or contradictory definitions of frequently used words. For instance, what do we mean by recognition?

The opening speaker at the annual U. S. Conference for the World Council of Churches at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., was Dr. Keith Bridston, a professor at the Pacific Lutheran Theological School. He urged the assembled WCC leaders to be willing to “accept the fact that life is contingent, chancy, and risky” and that the church must be ready for change in the future. He urged that in his address, that “while the churches were slow in responding to the black revolution, they were nonetheless the source from which much of the Negro leadership arose as well as the stimulus to the white conscience. Among its ‘authentic offspring,’ the church should recognize ‘the Negro’ but also Eldridge Cleaver, not only the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, but also the Black Panthers.”

One might well wonder what is meant by recognition of Eldridge Cleaver or the Black Panthers. In a political convention the presiding officer cannot recognize the floor of the opposing party who have infiltrated. In the United Nations recognition is a big issue. Certain nations considered to be too far out of harmony with the principles on which the organization is founded are not given recognition.

Can the Christian church as a congregation or as a unit, recognize such a political movement as recognize the Black Panthers in the same way that they recognize the Southern Christian Leadership Conference? Then what about the word Christian in the name or in the general aims of the organization; its leader won the Nobel Prize and championed non-violence as the means for accomplishing Christian goals. Could anyone speak of the Black Panthers as a Christian organization? How then can one speak of recognizing them in this sense of the word?

Recognition has several different meanings, some good, some bad. When long parted friends meet, the light on their faces is the light of happy recognition. When you call the doctor to identify your malady, he looks at the rash on your skin and recognizes it as scarlet fever, leprosy or whatever it is. The Christian analyst recognizes Eldridge Cleaver. He knows who he is and what he stands for. The same with the Black Panthers. They are a dangerous rash, like scarlet fever. They may have a right to their opinions as long as they do not
destroy the rights of others, but they would be quite out of place among the followers of Christ. We should seek to understand them, but a prudent man does not take a viper into his bosom, as the Scriptures put it.

Let us live close enough to the Lord so that we will recognize Him when He comes again and close enough so that He will recognize us and bid us enter.

The Challenge of a Closer Moon

The above is the title of a series of programs during April presented by NBC News in association with the National Council of Churches. Having seen none of these TV programs the writer is not in a position to comment on their effectiveness. The title is indeed intriguing, as is some of the publicity release that hints at the content.

What is the challenge of a closer moon? From one point of view, it is a challenge to appreciate the earth which is so much closer to us.

True, there is a challenge to set foot on the moon carrying your life-sustaining climate with you, as the astronauts hope to do within the next two months. After speaking of carrying one’s climate with him I am reminded that the word “carry” does not have the same meaning on the moon as on earth. If all of our burdens would be five times lighter, there might be great numbers ready to emigrate to the moon. The trouble is that our heaviest burdens are not of the kind that disappear with a diminishing of the force of gravity on a smaller sphere. Of course, out there, in space between earth and moon the astronauts experience complete weightlessness. This does not mean that the weight of sin cannot bear down on the shoulders of an astronaut or be removed by a conversion experience that might come to one out in the uncertainty of space.

The publicity release states rather beautifully, “In their magnificent mission, American astronauts have shown all mankind how precious is the earth — a grand oasis in the great vastness of space.”

Want to go to the moon? Not to stay, that’s sure. The smiling, silvery moon that comes into view every cloudless night and whose appearance every fortnight seems to stir up the romance of the soul. It is less romantic when it is examined more closely, without any life of its own, pockmarked with refuse of the cosmic fragments of the ages, for which there is no healing such as we see in nature here, the moon is not very desirable.

The psalmist looked into the heavens and penned those beautiful words, “The earth is the Lord’s and the fulness thereof.” He went on to remind himself and us of how the Lord fashioned this earth and made it ready for man. Other celestial bodies are cold and unwelcoming or are so close to the sun that the heat would be constantly unbearable. The earth is the Lord’s and it is man’s; it is suited for man. It has a fullness.

What message does the moon have for us? What is the challenge of this heavenly body that has suddenly come within just a few days of us? The message and the challenge may well be, let us do something with this beautiful land that is ours. We are reminded that the old hymn writer was right when he surveyed all nature and observed, “and only man is vile.” What a mess we have made of things. Man can adapt himself to the gravity on the earth and its atmospheric pressure of 28 pounds per square inch. He has muscles and bones sturdy enough to shoulder a burden of 100 to 200 pounds and walk away with it. However, he adds some unbearable burdens of the mind and soul and staggerers under the weight of personal and social sin.

There is a remedy. Back there in history near 2,000 years ago we had a visitor, not from the moon, not from the vastness of outer space, but from heaven itself. The coming of Christ brought the possibility of redemption from sin and a victorious life. Not only are our burdens rolled away, but also we are commissed.

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President’s Column

Have you been missing the President’s column? I hope so! It has been some time since I have written an article for the Sabbath Recorder. It seems that I get involved in so many ways and of course a fellow has to be about his regular occupation.

I do not believe that I have written since my trip to Albion and Milton, Wisconsin, in the early part of March. I can assure you that I have not forgotten the wonderous time that Lettie and I had there while there. Everywhere I go people have been so hospitable and the few extra pounds that I have gained this winter is proof positive.

One of the inspirations on this trip was the young people and their prayer group. They came to meet with us on Friday evening at the home of Mary and Leland Skagg. I understand that this is an outgrowth of the W.C.C. program. I firmly believe that prayer is one of the keys to our personal salvation and the salvation of our denomination (1 John 5:14).

An amazing group of people turned out for the Sabbath morning service at Milton. It was good to see the church nearly filled to capacity. One of the activities of this church has been its “Meal of Sharing.” They not only shared a wonderful meal with us but designated a portion of the offering to “the least of these, my brethren.” We have elected representatives to the World Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches should be designated for such. In the early months of this year the gifts were gratifying: W.C.C. received $110.15 and N.C.C. received $63.65.

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MEMORY TEXT

Let the floods clap their hands: let the hills be joyful together before the Lord; for he cometh to judge the earth: with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity.

Psalm 98:8, 9

Designated Ecumenical Giving

On every hand we hear appeals for worthy causes. Orphans and widows in underprivileged countries are suffering every day; we see sickening pictures of the Biafra tragedies; great poverty is being exposed in our own wealthy country. We need to give to all these, plus our own World Mission, never refusing help to “the least of these, my brethren.” We can not do otherwise if we would strive to be true Christians.

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Black Manifesto Is Given NCC Board

By Rev. Albert N. Rogers

Presentation of a Black Manifesto to the churches of America by James Forman, black militant leader, highlighted the meeting of the 72nd General Board of the National Council of Churches in New York City. The document demanded $500 million from churches and synagogues with tax exemption of church properties to enforce these demands.

The General Board recorded its appreciation of the aspirations of Forman and the National Black Economic Conference which he represented, and referred the demands to the National Council's general secretary and Executive Committee for immediate (interdenominational) action in the concern at the threat to disrupt church services, offices and publishing houses, many board members expressed their approval of long range economic proposals in the manifesto.

On the day preceding the Council meeting Forman presented the Black Manifesto to officials at diocesan offices of the Protestant Episcopal Church in New York, asserting that Episcopalians alone could raise the fund demanded. One of the bishops who replied said black militants could not rally black Christian support for their cause in pursuing disruptive methods. On Sunday, May 4, Forman interrupted services at Riverside Church, New York, and read the manifesto, whereupon the pastor dismissed the congregation.

At the request of the Council on Ecumenical Affairs of General Conference, I attended the General Board meeting at the Statler Hilton Hotel, New York, and voted the proxy of the Rev. Alton L. Wheeler, general secretary. (Other menical Affairs of General Conference mandated. One of the bishops who replied Forman interrupted services at River­side Church, New York, and read the manifesto, whereupon the pas­tor dismissed the congregation.

The next meeting of the General Board will be in September, prior to the Na­tional Council's General Assembly to be held in Detroit, November 30 - December 5.

Our Prayer Corner

Suggestions for Prayer This Week

Pray for:

1) The church leaders and pastors in training in Jamaica who have recently been encouraged and strengthened by a 17-day visit by the Rev. Dr. John Lawson, former missionary on the island.

2) The beleaguered Seventh Day Baptists of Biafra, especially Pastor Harrison of Umuahia, the capital city, which fell to the Central Nigerian forces April 23. (He had just sent word through Red Cross of his need for literature and cloth­ing.)

3) The students in our country who are so soon going into part-time or full­time service for the Lord in a number of our churches.

Suggestions for intercessory prayer are soli­cited from all those who may read this item to the editor or to the Conference president so that there can be many voices raised in inter­cession for the people who most need to be upheld at the throne of grace.

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Thoughts on Remembering

By Charles J. Bachman

"All the way which the Lord thy God led thee." (Deut. 8:2)

During the course of life there have been many occasions when we said to ourselves, "If only they took us to task for this or that fine product off the market." We take it too much for granted that the things which we appreciate are going to be with us forever. Frequently, we have to do is to reach out at any time and there they are. Comes that rude awakening, and those things are no longer there.

This is also true in the course of growing up. The family friends, the folks at church, those others more mature than you whom you see constantly. Little do we realize that we also mature more and more each day, until that day when we turn around and find that nice old person whom one time we considered a daddy­daddy is now a real nice old gent — and still later realize that that nice old gent is no longer present. Why cannot the nice things continue forever?

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Along with all our criticism of the past and those who formulated it, comes a stronger challenge to us who remain to do better than they. If for some reason we did not like the way things were done in our youth, now is the time to put into practice all those ideals and plans which we supposed superior to those of the old.

Los Angeles — no matter. It is possible that unless we attach our personal endorsement to this church it may not be here one day. We can only work on the course of life and it will have disappeared from sight. As we travel we see many church buildings that have become union halls, lodge halls, dance pavilions. It is foolish to ask us whether it please you to see your building in that state?

Unless we as individuals become aware of our position in the course of events, we can happen to us. This nice old church, like the product we use, may be taken off the market. And those folks we see each week in church—how many do you build it each week to be as young as they were. One by one they take their leave, and our hearts ache because we no longer have them with us.

Truth and values! Does your church have these? It is quite apparent it does have these two items for sale, and you as a prospective user should take advantage of their offering each week not only by your attendance but by selling these products to others who may just be looking for them. You, of course, will never know how the neighbor unless you approach him with your set of truth and values. It may be just what he is looking for to solve his per­sonal problems.

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Shiloh, Syracuse and Berlin. It was during the preaching mission. Rev. Charles D. Swing, pastor of the De Ruyter Seventh Day Baptist Church, gave the invocation. The Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, dean of the Center for Ministerial Education, Plainfield, N. J., offered the dedicatory prayer. Fifty persons joined in the hymns including representatives of the Adams Center, Brookfield, De Ruyter, Leonardville, Syracuse and Verona churches. Special guests were Mrs. Ivan Bliven, Preston historian, and Mrs. Bliven’s mother, Mrs. Mae L. Smith of Norwich, N. Y., country historian; Clyde Franklin representing the Preston town board; and descendants of Preston church members.

The bronze plate fixed to a granite slab was erected last year by the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society, Plainfield, N. J. Gerald F. Rogers and Francis A. Lenser of Brookfield donated labor in engineering and masonry and Mr. Bliven did considerable work on the trees and grounds. Robert Burdick of Syracuse took pictures for the record.

A brief history of the Preston Church, 1804-1901, was read by the Rev. Albert N. Rogers, president of the Historical Society. Its members, he pointed out, helped found the Scott church and contributed to: the De Ruyter Academy; denominational publications at Homer, N. Y.; and to national, civic and community enterprises during the century after its founding by Elder Davis Rogers and Elder David Davis.

—A. N. R.

Associations Announced

Some of the nine associations into which our United States Seventh Day Baptist churches are grouped have already been held. It is time to call attention to the associations that will hold their meetings soon. Basic information about the associations and their usual times of meeting is found in the Directory of Associations in the back of the 1968 Yearbook.

Central New York Association will be be with the Verona church, June 6-8. Program highlights will soon be available.

Southeastern Association meets at Lost Creek, W. Va., June 20-22 and is followed immediately by the association camp, Berea, W. Va.

Southwestern Association will be held at Paint Rock, Ala., June 12-15, with the theme “Go to the South” (Acts 8:26).

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Missionals invited to take our part in the renewal of all this glorious earth. If we could go to this now closer moon, maybe we would come back with a challenge to devote ourselves more wholeheartedly to our unfinished task here on earth. We might also appreciate all that our Lord told us of that place that He has prepared for those who love Him. The better land is not the moon but heaven.

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attend “with study and discussion groups for them pertaining to their roles.”

The American Tropics Committee chairman reported on the change of leadership personnel at Crandall High School, Kingston, Jamaica, which had already taken place. It was reported that the Rev. and Mrs. Neal Mills have been visiting at De Rueter, N. Y., since their return to the States. They will be in the area of Westerly soon. A meeting of the African Interests Committee was scheduled to be held while the Millses are here and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Crandall of Arkport, N. Y., missionaries-elect, have been invited to attend. It was reported that the Rev. and Mrs. Grover Brisey arrived safely at Kingston, Jamaica, in mid-March, and had taken up the work at Crandall High School and as Missionary Board representative, as of April 1, 1969.

A resolution of appreciation for the services of the Rev. and Mrs. Neal Mills was given unanimous approval as follows:

“Be it resolved: “That the Board of Managers of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society extends to the Rev. and Mrs. Neal Mills its sincere appreciation for years of dedicated service on the mission field. Having served as principal of Crandall High School at its inception, the Rev. and Mrs. Mills felt constrained to return for an interim appointment when the need was great and it seemed that no one else would accept the call. Throughout this period Mrs. Mills has served as inspiration and helper during trying times when the sacrifice was great for both.”

“The board wishes to extend its best wishes for the successful employment in their continued service for the Lord.”

The African Interests Committee chairman told of a change of plans at Makapwa Station whereby funds that had been held in reserve for purchasing a new Land Rover were now being requested for use in a building program for expanding the Christian Education and Evangelism work.

It was voted that “the fund being raised for purchase of an automobile in Makapwa be released at the request of the African Interests Committee (in the Central Africa Conference) for capital improvements known as the Blantyre Development Project.”

It was reported by the African Interests Committee that Pastor David Pearson is planning a trip to the northern churches of Malawi during coming months for pastoral training and refreshment courses. Two Christian Education courses are projected by Pastor Pearson, the subject being Seventh Day Baptist polity and including an intensive study of the Central Africa Conference’s constitution and organization.

The executive vice-president reported on gifts received as a memorial to the late Courtland V. Davis and told of these being sent to Mrs. Davis. Such gifts have been used for construction of a wall built along the rear boundary line of the Kingston Seventh Day Baptist Church. A memorial plaque is being placed in the wall with the assistance of Pastor Joe Samuels.

It was reported that the Rev. Leon R. Lawton, released worker by the kindness of the Denver Seventh Day Baptist Church, is presently in Jamaica offering his services. One such service is to expedite the change-over of ownership of the pastor’s house to the Missionary Board, now that matching funds have been received in full by the Missionary Board.

A motion which had been presented to the annual society meeting to rescind the action of the Missionary Board to require payment of ten dollars in dues for voting members was withdrawn. After much discussion it was decided to leave the present requirement in force.

A report of progress on plans for the Missionary Board’s part on Conference program was given by President Osborn. The report was read and approved following prayer by the Rev. S. Kenneth Davis. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Sabbath Recorder Wins Friends

By the Editor

An unusual story about the Sabbath Recorder was told by a young woman living out on Long Island, an hour’s ride by train from New York City. Our denominational weekly has been so common and taken for granted by most of us throughout our whole lifetimes that we may be unaware of what a single copy might do for a stranger to the Sabbath who happened to be in (the providence of God) ready to receive its message.

The young lady recovering from hospital treatment felt the need of something religious to read. In the hospital library her eye fell on a copy of the Sabbath Recorder. Although she was a deeply religious person and had been a personal counselor every night in the Billy Graham New York Crusade she had never read any of our Sabbath literature and had not seriously considered keeping the Sabbath. This particular copy of the Sabbath Recorder was hers. She got permission to take it home with her for further reading and research.

Finding the editor’s name she wrote to him asking where there was a Seventh Day Baptist church she could attend. She had not yet received a reply when she wrote a second time giving her telephone number and saying she would like to have a family living in the West Indies who would “sentence” her to John Brown’s “New Jersey” the next Sabbath. Travel instructions were given to her and she made the three-hour trip as planned. Two weeks later she came again and stayed for lunch. Then it was that her story unfolded, a story of faith and strong Christian conviction.

What can one copy of a periodical aimed primarily at Seventh Day Baptist readers accomplish? It depends on what is in the copy picked up and how the soil is prepared to receive the seed. One does not always know. One thing is sure; this young lady would not now be coming to the Plainfield church if someone had not placed the Sabbath Recorder in the hospital library. In this case it was the Seventh Day Baptist chaplain serving the patients who subscribed for the library. There was food for thought and a tone that attracted this Christian worker. It may not be strange that she is now a subscriber to the journal that she found helpful.

One other remark is in order. A single visit to a Seventh Day Baptist church may either cool or warm the interest that has been generated by the printed page. Do the visitors at your church and missionary board find genuine warmth, spirituality, and a sympathetic appreciation of people as people? Are we truly interested in those who come out of backgrounds different from ours, or are we just thinking about our church, our clique of friends within the church? The printed page is needed, but it is not all that is needed.

War Plays No Favorites

Early in March, 18 miles south of Saigon, a mortar projectile slammed into the heart of a 24-year-old pastor and killing his pregnant wife and another woman, as well as injuring the pastor, his three small children, and the husband of the other woman who was killed. Ironically enough, the visitors had come to the pastor’s house to seek refuge from the shelling.

The young pastor who lost his wife and unborn child in the attack is the son of our Pocket Testament League national evangelist, Pham Van Thau. As his father said at the memorial service in Saigon, “I will carry on his ministry with a heavy heart. But carry on he will.” Young Pastor Thau is witnessing to the unquenchable spirit which prevails through Christian workers in this unhappy land.

The Pocket Testament League attempts to keep in touch with every aspect of Vietnamese life—farmers, city dwellers, students, the military, government, business, etc. (The Incidents of Chien Hoi, hundreds of men who have abandoned Communism to join the South Vietnamese forces.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—See Rev. E. Zwiebel

Camp Dates

JERSEY OAKS CAMP

The dates for JerseY Oaks, the camp owned and operated by the Shiloh Seventh-Day Baptist Church, are:

Youth Retreat, May 30 - June 1, Herbert Saunders, director

Midget Camp, July 7-11, Alon Crouch, director

Junior Camp, July 16-20, John Conrod, director

Senior Camp, July 20-27, Charles Bond, director

CAMP HOLLSTON

A letter from the pastor of the Battle Creek Seventh-Day Baptist Church lists the dates for camping at Camp Holston. They are:

Day Camp, June 16-20

Senior Camp, June 22-29

Intermediate Camp, June 29-July 6

Junior Camp, July 6-13

Primary Camp, July 13-15

The Day Camp takes the place of Vacation Church School.

From the Friendly Guest, publication of the Battle Creek church, we gleaned this information about Camp Holston: "Camp Holston is in its 25th year of existence. It has been the object of many work bees by the members and friends of the church."

When the camp was opened, formally, it was pointed out that Camp Holston was the only church-owned camp in Calhoun County, Michigan. Not only is our camp available to our church members, but it has been used by many other churches and civic organizations.2

Primary Conference

The director for Primary Conference at General Conference is Mrs. Warren (Marion) Brannon of our Syracuse Seventh-Day Baptist Church. We are thus assured that our primary age youngsters will have a good reason to want to accompany their parents to Conference. Other children's conference directors are Miss Connie Coon who will lead the junior high group, and Mr. Robert Harris the leader of the junior age.

Youth Pre-Con Retreat

The annual Seventh Day Baptist Youth Pre-Con Retreat will be held on the campus at Nyack Missionary College, Nyack, N. Y., August 6-10, 1969. This is the same place that General Conference will be entertained.

The director, the Rev. Glen Warner, who is field pastor for our Pacific Coast Association, is laying out a fine program. The fee has not been determined at this date, but will be announced as quickly as it can be determined. All our youth and their friends who are from 15 to 18 years of age are urged to plan to attend this yearly endeavor which is sponsored by the Youth Work Committee of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education. Those who are in the age range of 18-20 may choose to attend either this retreat or the Young Adult Retreat which will be held at Lewis Camp, Ashaway, Rhode Island.

We commend the Junior Christian Endeavor of the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church and its leader, Ruby Hambleton, for the study they are making of the Seventh Day Baptist Churches of the United States. The class is plotting all of our churches on a large wall map. Pictures of the churches are asked for, a sample bulletin, and a picture of the pastor and a representative group of laymen.

There are 12 youngsters in the organization. "Any nation which ignores or suppresses the rights of its Christian citizens has within it the seeds of its own destruction." Any Christian who compromises his moral and spiritual convictions to conform to the social order is unworthy of his faith.3

—Dr. Raymond M. Veh, Thienville, Wisconsin, in "Speed Zone Ahead!" (Youth CE Meetings).

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Not Too Old To Teach

Dr. Frank C. Laubach, 84, is teaching a two-month literacy course for the spring quarter at Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Ky. Dr. Laubach is credited with teaching more than 60 million people to read in more than 350 languages.

Dr. Laubach will teach a special two-week course on "Literacy Evangelism" at the Laubach Literacy Institute June 8-27, in Syracuse, New York.

The Laubach Literacy Institute offers major courses in "Literacy and Writing for New Literates" (three weeks) and "Literacy Education and Teacher Training" (two weeks).

Australian Youth Accept Christ

Some 333,250 people attended the ten services in Victoria's capital city with nearly 12,000 of them accepting the evangelist's appeal to commit their lives to Jesus Christ. "We've had the highest percentage of people under 25 years old responding to receive Christ of any city I've ever been to anywhere in the world," said Billy Graham in answering a reporter's question on the success of the crusade.

He said that the crowds had been a teen-age audience as upwards to 94% of those in attendance were young people at a Youth Night service. Dr. Graham explained that normally it was about 60-70% young people.

Dr. Graham's next crusade is scheduled for New York City's new Madison Square Garden, June 13-22.

To Fight Alcoholism

The National Advisory Committee on Alcoholism, headed by Dr. Robert Straus of the University of Kentucky Medical School, has made a two-year study of alcoholism and has recommended that the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare initiate an extensive program to combat alcoholism in all of its programs.

"The magnitude of the problem is enormous," Dr. Straus said. "Our country has more than five million alcoholics. Their suffering alone is intolerable, but the need for increased action is made even more imperative by the fact that affected families may include as many as 20 million Americans."

Vietnam Chaplains Lauded

The Army Chief of Chaplains, a Roman Catholic, spoke recently at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Tex., praising the work of military chaplains in Vietnam and around the world.

Maj. Gen. Francis L. Sampson of Washington spoke at the annual Chaplain's Day sponsored by the seminary and the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. More than 100 chaplains attended the sessions, open also to seminary students interested in the chaplaincy.

Sampson gave military chaplains credit for welding new ties of friendship between Catholic and Protestant service men.

He said he was made more aware of improved Protestant-Catholic relations during a recent visit to Vietnam. "I never saw a Catholic man hesitate to listen to a Protestant chaplain," he said.

Seven chaplains have been killed in combat and many others wounded. "It's a real tough war and a tough one for chaplains," he continued. "They don't sit back in their chapels and wait for the men to come to them; they're in the swamp and the elephant grass themselves."

Men in Vietnam have built 120 chapels on their own initiative and during their free time according to the Army chaplains' chief.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for May 24, 1969

GEOGRAPHICAL AND CULTURAL BACKGROUND OF THE PEOPLE

Lesson Scripture: John 4:3-10, 19-26

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LAND HOUSE SURROUNDED BY GHOSTLY WHITE

We'll strive to be true to the Sabbath,
And whether at home or afar we shall
Silverhill—
dominated family with a curious past.
Gothic romance set in an old New Eng­
over the house at night.
legend of ghostly hounds that hunt
through the sky with death and clamor

cide to enliven their tour of the Middle
East by calling on their Great Aunt
Gabriel
purchase, rehabilitation and preservation

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WOMEN'S WORK—Mrs. Earl Crowen
BOOKS FOR YOUR
READING ENJOYMENT

History and Current Problems—
I'm a Lucky One, by Barry Sadler. 1967

Is a uniquely American story that focuses
on the life of an uncommon young man.
Gives an interesting account of training
in the armed forces, the Green Beret way
of fighting in Vietnam, and finally the road
to fame and glory in the entertainment
world.

Children of Crisis, by Robert Coles. 1967

Discussion of the effects of the civil
rights struggle on children and the psy­
chological meaning to the race. A striking
and illuminating work.

Description and Travel—
Mr. Vernon Is Ours, by Elswyth Thane. 1966

A folksy history of the efforts of the
Mount Vernon Ladies' Association in the
purchase, rehabilitation and preservation
of Mount Vernon. Many illustrations.

Fiction—
Gabriel Hounds, by Mary Stewart. 1967

A well-written romantic suspense novel
based on the life of Lady Hester Stan­
hope. Charles and Christine Mansel de­
cide to emigrate to Australia by ghostly white
birch and occupied by a grandmother
ominated family with a curious past.

We'll strive to be true to the Sabbath,
We'll strive to be true to our God.
And whether at home or afar we shall
We'll guide our lives by His Word.

—Elizabeth Fisher Davis

THE SABBATH RECORDER

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

PLAINFIELD, N. J.— At its annual
meeting March 30 the Sabbath School
voted to approve the new church bylaws
making it an auxiliary organization of
the church, administered by the Board
of Education. Thus ended its
long existence as an autonomous
organization.
The following Sunday, April 6, at
2:00, the church held its annual meeting
and adopted a new constitution and sev­
eral new bylaws, proposed by a special
committee headed by the Rev. Victor
Skaggs. The clerk, Mrs. Anna North,
reported 78 active, 2 associate, and 21 in­
active members. The treasurer, Charles
North, reported over $15,000 expended
locally and $4,900 to OWM and
interdenominational causes. The new
budget included $16,230 for local work,
$5,000 for OWM, and $5,600 for special
church projects. Provision was made for
a summer assistant to the pastor and an­
other student assistant pastor in the fall.
Pastor H. R. Saunders was unani­
mously reelected for two years.
His report, which included a long list of activities
performed during the year, was approved
with commendation, and its recommenda­
tion was adopted - that we call our
elders into specific church ministries as
follows: Minister of Christian Education,
the Rev. Alton Skaggs; Minister of
Church Life, the Rev. Leon Maltby; Min­
er of Evangelism, the Rev. Victor
Skaggs. Each minister is to be advis­
er to a church committee. The pastor
will be responsible for Christian
Social Action. He is chairman of the
1969 Conference Program Committee
and director of the cooperative Vacation
School.
It was announced that Miss Jane Har­
riss would be the summer assistant, and
that Miss Jennie Wells and two SCSC
workers would teach in the Vacation
Church School.
The Young Men's Fellowship had met every
weeks under the leadership of As­
stant Pastor Dale Rood. They had charge of the box social and "slave auc­
tion," which were part of the annual
meeting.
The following officers were elected:
moderator, Mrs. Ruth Parker; clerk, Mrs.
Anna North; treasurer, Charles North;
assistant treasurer, Mrs. Ardake Skaggs;
chairman of the Board of Church Edu­
ation, Mrs. Janette Rogers; Sabbath
School superintendent, Mrs. Kay Sat­
erlee; trustees, Fred Bakker and Miss Janet
Whiford. Fred Bakker was later elected
president by the Board of Trustees.
The Worship Committee was discon­
tinued and its work given to the Board of
Deacons and Elders, which elected
Lloyd Coon as chairman at its April 12 meet­
ing.
The Coordinating Council with Pastor
Saunders as chairman met April 12 and
appointed non-elected officers and mem­
ers of committees. They made plans for
a church retreat at Jersey Oaks Camp
May 23-25.

—Correspondent

DAYTONA BEACH, FLA.— A youth
retreat was held Easter weekend with
fifteen in attendance. At morning
assembly they all attended the Sunrise Service in
the Bandshell at the beach then returned to
the church where the men serve the
annual pancake breakfast for all our
church people and friends. About fifty­
five were served.

A bridal shower was recently given by
the church women for Penny Heining.
The floor of the sanctuary has recently
been sanded and sealed. It took many
willing hands to help with the project but
we are all pleased with the "new look."
The Bible Clubs have continued to be active.
We have enjoyed the many visitors this past winter, some for just a hello and others over a period of time. We hope
more will come another year. Some of our
regulars have returned to the north and others plan to leave soon but of course there are always some of us here the
year round. Average attendance for the
winter quarter was: Sabbath eve 18, morning
worship 53, Sabbath School 40.

—Correspondent

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MILL YARD, LONDON.—Pastor McGeechey concluded forty years of service to this oldest of all Seventh Day Baptist churches on March 15. He preached his farewell service in the morning and was honored with a farewell gathering in the late afternoon. (See article in April 14 issue.) Numerous church leaders of Baptist and Sabbathkeeping groups spoke in appreciation of his service. Some of the people from the Birmingham church as well as Herne Hill were present for the occasion. The pastor was presented with a cheque of £45 and other gifts.

Accessions

DAYTONA BEACH, FLA.

By Baptism:
Gregory Cushing
PAINT ROCK, ALA.

By Testimony:
Frances (Mrs. George B.) Colbert

SHILOH, N. J.

By Baptism:
Susan Harris
Lisa M. Roberts
Lila D. Roberta
Doreen A. Petrik
Dennis Lee Harris
Edward R. Nichols

By Letter:
Mrs. Cathy (Hurley) Dixon

Obituaries

INGLIS.—Ruth, daughter of the late J. Andrew and Emma Seely Inglis, was born Feb. 15, 1899, in Marquette, Wis., and died at the Edgerton Community Hospital on April 15, 1969.

She attended Milton Academy after moving to Milton in 1909 and worked in Milton until her retirement. She is survived by a brother, D. Nelson Inglis, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted from the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church on April 17 by her pastor, the Rev. Earl Cruzan. Burial was in Milton Cemetery.

—E.C.

LOOFBORO.—Hattie Mudge, was born in Welton, Iowa, Dec. 20, 1875, and died at Caravilla, Janesville, Wis., on April 23, 1969 after a prolonged illness.

She was married to Horace R. Loofbore June 5, 1905. They moved to Milton in 1926 and made their home in that area the rest of their lives. She had been at Caravilla for a number of years and was always a source of encouragement to all who called upon her.

She is survived by two sons, Elston of Janesville and Paul of Waukesha; five grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Leonard Wilkinson, of Seattle, Wash.

Funeral services were conducted from the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church on April 25 by her pastor, the Rev. Earl Cruzan, assisted by the Rev. Carroll L. Hill. Burial was in Milton cemetery.

—E. C.

WHITFORD.—Mae Sherman, daughter of Harley P. and Ruth Hemphill Sherman, was born at Alfred Station, N. Y., April 19, 1884, and died at Betheseda Community Hospital, North Hornell, N. Y., April 21, 1969.

On April 27, 1904, she was united in marriage with Schuyler S. Whitford of Alfred Station. To this union were born two daughters: Ruth (Mrs. Clair B.) Bennett of Howard, N. Y., and Mary Ellen (Mrs. Richard A.) Stimson of Andover, N. Y.; and one son, Clinton, who died in January, 1955. Mr. Whitford died on January 2, 1934. Besides her daughters, there also survive two granddaughters, seven great-grandchildren, and one sister, Mrs. Ellen Raish of Alfred Station.

Mrs. Whitford was baptized and joined the Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church in July of 1904, and was a lifelong, faithful member. She had served the church in various capacities, at one time having been president of the Ladies' Aid Society. She was active in the Alfred Station W.C.T.U., as well as that of Allegany County, until she went to the hospital.

Funeral services were conducted from the Robertson Funeral Home, Hornell, N. Y., Thursday, April 24, by Rev. Hurley S. Warren, interim pastor. Burial was in the Alfred Rural Cemetery.

—H. S. W.