STEADFAST
By Mont Hurst

"Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord."

-Psalm 27:14

In the midst of a fierce battle the commander of one army saw that his outnumbered forces were losing the fight. His chief of staff came to him and said, "Sir, I have ordered a retreat." The commander replied, "I know that our general is aware of our predicament and will send reinforcements. Withdraw your order for retreat!" The reinforcement did arrive later in the day and the tide was turned into victory.

God knows of our every problem, affliction, frustration and need. If we release our faith to Him we will instinctively know that He is aware of our need and will send deliverance before we are engulfed in defeat. Sometimes, in our frenzy of fear and excitement, we fail to realize He sees all and knows all and is going to deliver us. It is our part to endure the situation or difficulty, intensify our faith, and expect the miracle of His deliverance. In His Word in Isaiah 40:31, He tells us, "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." Do we need more assurance than this? God cannot lie. He will fulfill His Promise.

Almighty God, I stand steadfast in thy will and power.

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Baptist Crusade Campaign
Flourishing in Mexico

The Crusade of the Americas, a massive Baptist-led evangelistic campaign in the Western Hemisphere, is getting off to a flying start in Mexico, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board reports.

The Rev. Ervin E. Hastey, Crusade coordinator for Mexico and Central America, said 20 churches of the Guerrero Baptist association registered 592 professions of faith following a one-week campaign in late January.

The campaign is featuring three main regional meetings, March 30-April 6 in the central sector of Mexico; May 25-June 1 in the north; and October 12-19 in the south.

-One Nation Under God

In the National Presbyterian Church of Washington, D. C., the church which Dwight D. Eisenhower joined in 1953 when he was president, has commemorated a significant event of his presidency with a special window. In the Chapel of the Presidents a faceted-glass window has been placed that shows President Eisenhower signing the 1954 law which added the words "under God" to the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The whole pledge is worked into the window design. At a time when some are trying to remove all reference to God in public and school life it is encouraging to recall that under Eisenhower a recognition of God as sovereign was written into law, and a fitting memorial in glass now preserves that event.

Birthdays make us humble. They remind us that the life we enjoy came to us not from our own effort but from the parents before us. It is much the same with the birthday of a periodical, especially one that is 125 years old. The SABBATH RECORDER was born and named a long time ago through the efforts of people who can now be remembered only by the heritage they left. We of the present generation and those of us who put effort regularly into this publication are grateful on this birthday occasion for the foresight and effort of those who started this periodical and brought it along the way to our day.
There is a date in June that must not go unnoted. For several years we have been watching and waiting for time to round out a quarter century in connection with the date that appears on the masthead of the Sabbath Recorder. The date is June 13, 1844. It was on that day that the Sabbath Recorder was born. Who at that time could have predicted that 125 years later Seventh Day Baptists and friends of their cause would still be looking forward each week to the arrival of their denominational journal?

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When we review the long list of church weeklies that have arisen, served their day, and passed from the scene, it is clear that one like yours that has persisted for 125 years has been able to offer a high significance.

We do not always live up to the level of our information—that is, we often know better than we do—but it is a fact that we seldom—never—or higher than that level. For this season, your service to your constituency from week to week is of fundamental importance, and I am hoping that you are using this milestone to expand our outreach, moving ever ahead of us, taking our place and moving with us.

As you move in your mission into the years ahead, let me congratulate you and wish you every increasing joy in your demanding service.

Aubrey N. Brown, Jr.
Editor of the Presbyterian Outlook (estb. 1819), the United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

EDITOR’S NOTE: The Presbyterian Outlook has already celebrated its most significant 150th birthday. Twenty-five years added to the age of our Sabbath Recorder is quite the same as that many years of human longevity, for publications have a way of staying young; their later years may be more fruitful and contemporary than their earlier years. The story of the present service of the Presbyterian Outlook is interesting. Essentially an organ of the Southern Presbyterian Church (as it used to be called), under the leadership of Aubrey Brown (editor for 25 years), it has campaigned to get the church into the world. When the paper started it was called The Missionary. It had had other ancestors, a relatively slim, generally picturesque periodical, it is alive and influential. Like the Sabbath Recorder it has to have some denominational subsidy.

The Sabbather Recorder

Plainfield, N. J.

Dear Mr. Maltby:

I have your letter of April 3rd indicating that the Sabbath Recorder is about ready to celebrate another milestone in its long history. As the field of religious journalism is undergoing a shake-up in our age and religious journalism has within its responsibility the presentation of various views in order to enrich general enlightenment. The Churchman extends warmest greetings to a fellow cen­ tenarian in that rather exclusive club of the oldest religious journals in the United States.

If at any time we can be of any help, please call on us. Meanwhile Salud!

Sincerely yours,

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The Churchman (Episcopal) Rec­ollects Its Birth­day

St. Petersburg, Fla.

The Sabbath Recorder:

As for your 125th anniversary, you might wish to use this: The Churchman, although forty years older than the Sabbath Recorder, has the spirit of a fellow­younger. In the field of religious journal­ism. Religion is undergoing a shake-up in our age and religious journalism has within its responsibility the presentation of various views in order to enrich general enlightenment. The Churchman extends warmest greetings to a fellow cen­ tenarian in that rather exclusive club of the oldest religious journals in the United States.

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Negro Evangelism Promoted

Howard O. Jones, associate evangelist with The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, has agreed to serve as Consultant to the American Tract Society’s new Division of Negro Evangelism.

Already active in leaflet materials for the Negro community the historic society, a bold expansion program in order to now in its 143rd year has undertaken to meet the urgent challenges of the day. Under the direction of an advisory coun­cil of leading Negro Christians backed by a special staff at the American Tract Society headquarters in Oradell, N. J., ATS will be responding to the challenges of today’s explosive society by producing tracts for the Negro community that meet the issues head-on and present Jesus Christ as the only answer.

Jones, a graduate of Nyack Missionary College, spends part of his time each year in Africa where he conducts evan­gelistic crusades. His weekly broadcast, The Hour of Freedom, over ELWA radio in Monrovia, Liberia, reaches countless thousands across the African continent.

Associated Church Press

Congratulates a Member Publication

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There are very few religious journals in the United States and Canada that have reached the venerable age of 125 years. In fact, there are only a smattering of publications that can boast such an amazing con­tinuity of publication.

Please accept my congratulations on this happy occasion. I know your reader­ship will rejoice with you upon this anni­versary.

Be assured that The Sabbath Recorder has always been an honored member of the Associated Church Press and your contributions to greater understanding among our many publications and editors has always been appreciated. May The Sabbath Recorder continue to flourish in the years to come.

Sincerely yours,

Alfred P. Klauser

Executive Secretary
President's Column

It is about time that I shared some of the Conference plans with you. I am sure that you are beginning to enjoy some of the information being supplied by the host committee about the facilities and physical arrangements for your visit to Nyack, so I'll limit my comments to the programming.

In addition to our Conference theme of "Sensitive in His Service" we will have a daily theme which will be as follows:
- Monday — Sensitive in His Service through Sincerity
- Tuesday — Sensitive in His Service through Sharing
- Wednesday — Sensitive in His Service through Speaking
- Thursday — Sensitive in His Service through Submission
- Friday — Sensitive in His Service through Salvation
- Sabbath — Sensitive in His Service through the Sabbath

The daily Bible studies which will be presented by five different individuals will be taken from the book of James and will reflect ideas relative to the daily theme. This part of the program will be known as "Gems from James" and we are looking forward to some real gems from this very practical book.

The day will begin with prayer for those who desire to participate and will close with an evening devotion following the evening speaker or event.

One of the real anticipations is that we may have a very stimulating experience as we participate in the activities of the week. We have scheduled a full week of activities, but we hope that people will have a feeling of relaxation without pressure.

WHAT STUDENTS FACE

IVCF says that it publishes HIS magazine for students who are put on the spot — by riots, attempts at seduction, attacks on their faith, by creeping secularism and galloping humanism.

Conference Publicity

Operation Conference, 1969

(Number 4 of a series)

—About Nyack

"Nyack, population 5,400, altitude 68 feet. Nyack is on the west bank of the Hudson River where it widens out to lakeside proportions, which early Dutch settlers called the Tappan Zee. It is now the western terminal of the Tappan Zee Bridge." The above description summarizes the significance given by the American Automobile Association to the village of Nyack, at least in relation to the major cities and points of interest in the northeast. But to 500-750 Seventh Day Baptists, Nyack will become "Conference, 1969."

To orient you with the general area, Nyack is about 20 miles north of New York City, directly off exit 11 of the New York Thruway. But those of you who expect a metropolitan and suburban atmosphere will be disappointed. It is ideally located in Rockland County among a series of state parks and the Hudson River that make the setting almost rural in character. For example, it might be likened to Salem, with its steep hills, narrow roadways, and many steps.

Nyack's history traces back to the original concept of suburbia, as a residential village and summer resort for New York City residents, and many of its homes reflect this grandeur. The area's history was highlighted during the Revolutionary War, when it served as a training camp of Benedict Arnold, who tried to surrender the military post of West Point to the British.

The major attractions are the college campus, which includes the buildings of the college in the western terminus of the Tappan Zee Bridge.

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the entire period. Included are Simpson Hall, the five story frame building that once was "the college," and will serve as our dining hall; a main administration building, (Shuman); two dormitories (Moseley Hall and Christie Hall); an auditorium (Pardington Hall); hopefully a new gymnasium where we will hold our "big" meetings, and a student center that will become a reality over the coming weeks. The college grounds houses about 550 students, and ideally provides for a complete transition to Seventh Day Baptists for the Conference week.

Included in the area's list of facts is a local ordinance prohibiting the "occupancy" of trailers. This means that they can be parked in the village (the campus has limited parking facilities) but may not be used for lodging. See the April 14 issue of the Recorder for a list of nearby camp sites.

The area abounds with both pool and lake swimming. Rockland State Park is two miles north of Nyack and features others slightly farther away include: Tallman Mountain Pool, Tallman State Park, Sparkill (pool only); Lake Sebago, Harriman State Park (20 miles west); and Lake Tiorati, Harriman State Park, (20 miles north).

The Nyack area also has several hiking trails along the Hudson River, riding stables, picnic areas, roller skating rinks, golf courses, etc. Of course there are the well-known historical sites at West Point, Hyde Park, and the well-known attractions of New York City.

Outstanding Young People

Miss Lynn Ashcraft of our Los Angeles church was one of eight students out of 1,500 in her Junior High School who was presented the Citizenship Honor Award. It represents unusual scholastic and extracurricular accomplishments.

Miss Kathy Kenyon who had to give up her extended dedicated service work with the Alfred, N. Y., church for health reasons is back at her home church at Westerly, R. I., where she is organist and choir director. Kathy is also a member of the Missionary Board.

Junior Conference Plans

The theme for the 1969 Junior Conference is "Sensitive to God and Others." Since accepting the responsibility of being director, I have secured the services of Miss Florence Bowden and Mrs. Ella Sheppard of the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church and Mrs. Alice Rood of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church.

This Conference year we are stressing the work of our boards and agencies, so part of the Junior Conference program will include presentations by persons from some of our boards. We will also have a special presentation by our general secretary, Alton Lux Wheeler. The program will include a time for worship, Bible study, drama, music, and plenty of time for recreation. Miss Bowden will be in charge of the worship services, Mrs. Sheppard of the Bible study, and Miss Rood will assist with the music. Miss Connie Coon will help organize the recreational program.

Junior Conference will be held August 11-15. The morning session will be from 9:00 to 11:45. The afternoon program will begin at 1:30 and conclude at 4:30. Wednesday afternoon will be free time. I hope and pray that we will have a large attendance and that many will preregister.

Seeking to have a sensitive program, Robert Harris, director

Church Bulletins

Sam Studer, Salem College student, has agreed to serve the Schenectady, N. Y., church as interim pastor this summer, it is reported.

Bob Harris of Shiloh, N. J., student at Salem College and looking toward the ministry, has a summer of service outlined which includes directing the Junior Conference at Nyack, N. Y., in Conference at Milton, N. Y. We would like to run a column like this several times emphasizing unusual scholastic achievements and Christian service projects of our young people.
My good friends,

I wish that I could sit down and write each one of you a letter today, but since that is not possible, this is the next best thing. It is a real pleasure for me to be working as director of Pre-Con this year, and I want to tell you a little about the plans that have been made.

This year's theme will be, “Discovering Sensitivity to Your Creative Self.” If that sounds a little heavy, what it means is this. As an individual you carry within yourself a very unique and genuine gift. In learning about your values and yourself, you will want to know all you can about that gift. As Christians, we believe that the radical and authentic Spirit of Jesus Christ can set that gift free, and help you to be a person who enjoys the “abundant life.” Perhaps you have never thought about this, or perhaps you think that you are without gifts. Don't believe that! Every person has at least one, and the abundant life in Christ means discovering and developing it fully. It is our intention this year at Pre-Con, to provide a warm atmosphere of Christian community where we may, each one, discover or develop the gifts that lie within.

We are very fortunate to have as resource person this year, Dr. Wayne Rood. Dr. Rood is a professor of Christian Education at Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, California. He understands young people very well, and is a fine personal example of someone who has discovered and developed his gifts. Probably one of the finest things about Pre-Con, is the chance to be around other Seventh Day Baptist young people. As Dr. Rood put it so well, “We are gathering ourselves together because we like each other, and we don't see each other very often. We have important things to talk about.”

What will the schedule be like? It will be quite flexible. Each morning, following breakfast and worship, there will be an hour of conversation with all campers and staff gathered in one place. This will be an opportunity for you and your friends to bring up the things that are really on your minds these days, whether it be dating, national concerns, drugs, whatever. After this hour, there will be the usual recreational rehearsal: lunch, then recreation. At about 4:00 each day, Dr. Rood will make a presentation, and then each camper will be free to choose one of five or six areas in which to express his gift creatively. The areas will be writing, drama, dance, music, sketching and junk sculpture (if I can find someone to coach that group). Dinner will be about six o'clock. There will be another choral rehearsal. The rest of the evening will be coffee house atmosphere, supervised by the staff. The purpose of this will be for relaxed discussion, guitar playing, work on your “thing,” etc. A closing worship will finish the day.

Can you come? I hope so. Wouldn't it be great to break the attendance record of 110? One association I know of was working for 120, and I think it is impossible for you to come. Look around you. Everywhere, everywhere, there are people willing to help you attend Pre-Con. Your parents, relatives, pastor, friends and your Y. F. are all wanting to help. If you really want to attend, and have exhausted every resource, write to me and I'll do all I can to help you out. August 6-10 is the time. The campus of Nyack Missionary College is the place. Surely hope you can make it!

Most sincerely yours,
Pastor Glen Warner

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Sec. Rex B. Zwiebel

An Open Letter to Youth About Pre-Con Retreat

127A, 425 So. 156 St., Seattle, WA 98148

Missions—Everett T. Harris

Guyana Mission News

Excerpts from letter dated May 11, 1969
from Pastor Leroy Bass

Plans are rapidly progressing for our next youth camp. You will find enclosed an information sheet, copies of which are being sent to all prospective campers. We have expectations for a most excellent camp this year, spiritually refreshing and exciting in all its aspects. Many interesting things are planned.

I never thought I could direct a youth camp until I came to Guyana and responded to the youths’ appeal that we Seventh Day Baptists have our church camp too; other churches do. I plunged into plans for our first one the first year we came to Guyana. Now we are to have our third camp, and I am thoroughly enjoying it.

I should tell you in reference to your youth camps that I am realizing that our 1970 youth camp will go on without me, so this year I am putting in Pastor Leyland Bowen as assistant director as a coaching year to break him in, so he can be director the year I am on furlough in the States. He is our best candidate for this position. He will do very well; I am confident of this.

I am also proud to report that since last November I have been able to transfer my Board of Worker’s Fund treasurer to the hands of the Guyanese, and it is being carried out successfully by the Con-

fidence treasurer of the regular Guyana Conference, who is Sister Inez Peters.

This, too, like camp, I intend to go on in a well organized way while I am out of the country for our furlough. These beginnings on indigenization of the church work are taking definite shape, and little by little it shall be proceeding until the work is all theirs and we missionaries can go elsewhere. There is still more training to do in the future training institutes, and young men are beginning to take ministerial training in Jamaica. All this is good. We have one Mortimer Tobin who is also making plans to go to Jamaica as did Sam Peters.

With more young men being baptized we should have some more whom God will be calling, and with such a corps of young men taking good training in a good seminary, we are building a future strength for Seventh Day Baptists in Guyana.

Report of Visit to Guyana

By the Rev. Rene Mauch of Nassau, Bahamas

Today is Sabbath day (May 17, 1969) and an ideal day to leave aside the cares of this world and reflect on matters of eternal importance. It is an eminently suitable day to write you some of my impressions received during my recent visit to Guyana . . . .

The purpose of my sojourn there was once again, to assess the local situation and see in what way I might best be of help on a self-supporting basis. Especially whether maybe a boat or a plane or any other facility might help in extending the work of our Lord among the Guyanese.

I must say that one of my first and most definite impressions has been the marked change in the Guyanese people. Independence has come and yet among others I noted a spirit of deep unrest and dissatisfaction that raises a great question mark as to the future. I can sincerely say that I found the time very useful and profitable while at...
SHOW'N TELL

Something New in Audio-Visual Helps

Have you heard about one of the newest audio-visual phono-filmstrip Helps for Bible teachers? Through a gift from Connie Coon the American Sabbath Tract Society can now offer fifty Show'n Tell filmstrip and disc recorded Bible stories for any church that has the moderately priced General Electric Show'n Tell phono-viewer. It is understood that the viewer costs only about $40. Several churches have already ordered the equipment on the recommendation of Connie Coon, our denominational assistant in evangelism.

The economy of having these fifty Bible programs available from the filmstrip library at Plainfield, N. J., is apparent. The complete set is too expensive for many churches to buy and parts of it might be idle for long periods. Our library can distribute the flat, easy-to-mail programs as needed and keep the set in use. We do not have room here to list all the programs. For the present, superintendents and teachers may plan ahead and ask for the stories they want illustrated. The materials are recommended for use from kindergarten through third grade.

The Show'n Tell phono-filmstrip is not to be confused with the Stori-Strip programs of Bible stories that have been advertised for several years as available from our filmstrip library. These are now beginning to catch on and are in demand. The Stori-Strip carries a retail price of $40. Several of these have been marketed for many years but there has had no means of distribution. The American Sabbath Tract Society does not deal in phono-filmstrip, but it offers the 50-stories program on a free basis. For more information contact the American Sabbath Tract Society.

The road to tomorrow runs through yesterday.

[Rev. C. G. Rutenber, ABC president]

On Talking Students Seriously

By Kenneth E. Smith
President of Milton College

Most small liberal arts colleges have professed a special concern for the individual student, and have gone on record as committed to the value of close student-faculty relationships. Recent studies seem to suggest that students of this generation derive the most from a college experience, partly at least, in terms of meaningful relationships at a time when demands upon faculty make such relations highly unlikely. The student slogan, "I'm just a number here," is countered by the faculty muttering, "We're not here to hold their hands." The college must face this issue now.

Either the statement of purpose is an inherited stone around the neck, or it is the basis for direction, planning, and action. It is certainly not unusual to discover a significant difference between the ideal and the functional, but not to be able to reach a stated goal is one thing — not to intend to is something else.

Let me state my thesis early. The strong likelihood is that higher education with all its problems and demands is here to stay. It is, and now college will be able to provide "student-faculty relationships" or "individual attention" unless it becomes more distinctive. It must be done. To do so at the present time there is little evidence that such a commitment exists even in the small, liberal arts colleges.

There are several reasons for assuming that the problem will continue to plague higher education. The enrollment growth of colleges and universities is not likely to slow down appreciably, nor will the cost per student. Larger classes, instructional mass media, and all that is implied by the enrollment and cost factors may be anticipated.

The realities of the situation run counter to the hopes and expectations of thoughtful, troubled students who are preoccupied with the existentialist claim to individual importance. Every occasion of being herded, numbered, listed, lined up, and programmed is a personal offense. When the crisis becomes explosive, it is the brightest of the students who attack the system. The dropout of the un­able is nearly matched by the dropout of the unmotivated.

Not long ago a young man came in to inform me that he was leaving college. There was little doubt in my mind that his decision was based on his view of things. "My classes interfere with my studies," he said. "It's too much like high school. Right now I have to get my ideas about life straightened out." He was reading Camus, Zen Buddhism, Thoreau, Augustine, Sartre, Gandhi, and others, as a personal quest. Getting grades in courses seemed less real, less important. I said all that I thought a dean ought to say. He left.

If any member of the faculty feels inclined to say "Good riddance," let him read again the college statement of purpose. Despite all that is said about "spiritual values," "cultural enrichment," and "personal relationships," we tend to place more emphasis on grades, attendance, credits, and prerequisites. It's easier to keep records than to keep students.

This is one reason for asserting that if the college really undertook to do what it says it does, it would be one of the more distinctive colleges in America. And, it would have to abandon our statement of purpose, who would want to teach here? Perhaps if we try to answer the first question, we can answer the second one for ourselves.

What would happen in the curriculum if we were to take the student seriously? The college tends to say: "Here is what is important for you to know. We have had this experience than you have had so what will best prepare you to face the competitive world. You must face these requirements in society, and you might as well be here." These may not take Oriental Art, you must take the Introduction to College Math.

While there are many students who are relationally preoccupied with the existentialist claim to individual importance, the demands of the crisis produces a student population, there is a growing number who could not care less. They would like to discuss with respected faculty members...
C. E. Contest Award

Through the generosity of Albert H. Diebold Christian Endeavor is able to conduct an essay contest and give awards each year. There are also awards to C. E. Societies for outstanding projects. The first award to individuals this year went to Sharon Ann Showman of Vanburen, Ohio — a cash award and an expense-paid trip in July to Portland, the birthplace of C. E. Following are some quotations from the talk that she gave in her church, which was later entered in the contest. She puts herself in the place of a soldier in Vietnam who isn’t getting much mail from his home church.

"It's All Right, You've Been Busy"

To my friends, church, school, and whoever else it is. Yeah, remember, Hi. Remember me? No, I guess not. Let me try to refresh your memory. I was the average type student, but the kind you could always borrow money from or get a lift home from games. I played football, sang in the church choir, led young people’s meetings a few times, and gave special gifts on my instrument. I had a lot of friends in those days.

"I just thought I'd write to you, since I don't receive much mail from you."

But I know you're busy.

"I want you all to know you were real nice when I received my orders for overseas duty. Going away parties, gifts, promises of letters."

But you've been busy.

"Mail sort of brings you closer to home. But you've been busy."

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Christian Endeavor is now announcing the 1970 competition in the Christian Youth Witness Program. Individuals, societies and local C. E. Unions may enter the contests to participate in the Albert H. Diebold Award, totaling $1,000 in cash, grants to attend the International and World's C. E. Conventions and honor certificates.
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Inasmuch as the Seventh Day Baptists of the United States are interested in each other and especially interested in the future of our young people it seems well to pass on some of the information that has come to the editor. We want to know each other better and encourage the graduates who may be changing locations. If you can help them to grow in their faith and in meaningful Christian service in their new locations you will feel good. So if a student or a graduate is close enough to be ministered to by your church put forth the effort to extend a welcome and an opportunity for service.

Our hearts are stirred with graduations and local graduates and sometimes publish in our newspapers. The list follows:

Becky Hurley — work on Long Island
Tim Looney — work in Salem
Elizabeth Nida — work in Connecticut
Peggy Parrott — summer school, Lansing, Michigan
Carol Rasmussen — Editor, Salem Herald

Alfred Rogers — farming
Sam Studer — summer pastor, Schenectady church, N. Y.
Bob Wheeler — work in Salem
North Loup, Nebr., church reports two graduating from the University of Nebraska, Ronald and Patricia Williams; from Grand Island Business College, Darlene King; from Mankato (Minn.) State College in August, Albert W. Babcock. High school graduates, whose plans are not given, are Colleen Keown, Allen and Mildred Williams, and Carol Ruth Soper.

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Power in the Printed Page

Leon Trotsky, the Communist, said: "The most powerful means of propagating communism is the small pocket pamphlet."

Jehovah's Witnesses, said to be the fastest-growing religious group in America today, are active and persistent in sending and giving forth their doctrines through the printed page.

Catholic Information Society states: "The laity armed with pamphlets can be made the greatest sales force in the world for the Catholic faith."

One missionary said: "We lost China because we failed to give the gospel in literature, and the 30,000,000 adults who had learned to read in a recent ten-year period were given the gospel of communism instead of the gospel of Christ."

A Latin America Missionary is quoted: "In recent months, I have been astonished to find 90% of all converts in Latin America are either directly or indirectly the result of literature evangelism."

Of Gospel tracts someone has said: "No one can argue or debate with them. They are anointed to win souls. They go through any kind of weather, hot or cold. They do not eat or sleep. They do not grow tired or weary. They never get sick. They need no offering. Their ministry may last one hundred years on some occasions. They can enter homes of sinners to which you could never go. They are always ready. Clothes, shoes, or hats are not needed. They are prepared to preach anytime—twenty-four hours each day. They never change their message, never make mistakes, go into false doctrine, or lose their temper."

The American Sabbath Tract Society publishes gospel and Sabbath literature in pamphlet form, recognizing the importance of doing so. If the above statements challenge you, why not volunteer your services in distributing this literature?

Crusade Groups Coming from Far and Near

From as far away as Sydney, Australia, and London, England, special delegations will attend the Billy Graham New York Crusade in the new Madison Square Garden, June 13-22.

By planes, trains, busses and private autos, the more than 500 delegations will converge on the sports center as part of the 20,000 people nightly who can hear Evangelist Graham for ten nights in June.

Bill Brown, director of the Crusade in America's largest city, explained that while churches were encouraged to bring special delegations composed of 50% active members and the other half unchurched, that thousands of seats will not be reserved.

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Nyack, N. Y.
August 10-17, 1969
Package Cost: $45.40 (single)
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(children 2-8 - 1/2 price)
Rooms: $30.00 (single)
$24.00 (shared)
Children 0-12 with own bed - Free

Learning to Use the Bible

Now is the time for parents and church leaders to see that the children of the church and the community learn to use the Bible to get the answers to life's questions that come early and insistently. Are we providing and staffing Vacation Bible Schools and Bible Clubs that may put eager smiles on the faces of youngsters like this one?