first of December, the candles of the Gospel, of Faith, of Hope and of Love had been lighted during a part of the Sabbath morning worship service.

The Senior and Youth Choirs presented a cantata entitled, "Let All Together Praise Our God"—by David H. Williams. The vespers ended with a candle lighting service, all the congregation leaving the church with lighted candles, singing "Joy to the World."

The annual Christmas program was presented December 22 in the church with the primary school children participating in the opening part, followed by the Willing Workers Class presenting a worship service, "O Worship the King," written up by Miss Florence Bowden.

The Senior YF along with the college students of our church enjoyed themselves at the parsonage after sharing the joy of singing carols to the shut-ins on December 23.

—Correspondent

Judgment Day Service Fills Church

More than 800 people attended the Judgment Day service at Normals Church in downtown Stockholm, Sweden, overflowing the auditorium. They heard music and a sermon focusing on divine judgment against those who fail to provide for the needs of their fellowman.

A traditional late-year observance, Judgment Day services centered around Matthew 25:31-46, where Jesus speaks of the final judgment. The Scripture points out that providing food, clothes, lodging, and personal attention to a needy brother is tantamount to providing it to Jesus himself.

During the offering, five placard-bearing youths walked to the front of the auditorium, where about 100 others from the choir and congregation then came to join them. The placards said, "The Love of Christ Constrains Us," "Less Abundance — More Sharing," "Do You Live as a Christian?" and "All Men Equal Before God."

A relief offering of 6,500 crowns ($1,300) was collected. It was divided equally into three parts—for Biafran aid, for social work done in Sicily by reformer Danilo Dolci, and for pastoral aid in Sweden. In addition, 1,500 crowns was donated to the regular church budget.

Reaction to the sermon ranged from the remark that "it was the most meaningful worship service I've ever attended" to the statement, "I don't like this at all!" by a man who stalked out of the service before it ended.

More than 3,000 invitations to unchurched Stockholmers were given out by members of Normals Church in advance of the Judgment Day service.

(EBPS)

Obituaries

PECARARRO.—Mary Alma, wife of "Toni" Pecararro, was born in Omaha, Nebr., Dec. 11, 1905, and died suddenly at her home in Hammond, La., Dec. 24, 1968.

Mrs. Pecararro was a teacher in the Hammond Sabbath School and was active in the work of the church. She served her community well, contributing to the welfare of the needy around her, working faithfully to the end.

She is survived by her husband, four sons, one sister, nine grandchildren and one nephew.

Funeral services were conducted from the church by her pastor, Rev. H. Earl De Land. Burial was in the Springfield Cemetery.

—H. E. D.
Rest Awhile

One of the most precious words falling from the lips of Jesus was that one spoken to His disciples on an occasion when we presume it must have been needed: "Come ye apart and rest awhile." In reading the account we may not be entirely sure that all of them felt the need for the rest or the kind of rest in a place that Jesus had in mind.

Applying these words to ourselves, we may loudly affirm that we are not tired and that we are too busy to withdraw from our pressing activities and leave the mainstream of daily life. We should remember that when circumstances beyond our control force us into such a withdrawal from physical activity there may be along with it the call of our Lord to make the best use possible of the time and to grasp the opportunity of spiritual rest and meditation. We may or may not agree that rest was needed when we had no reason to feel tired, but we must agree that the Lord has refreshed and blessing in store for us if we will but put our minds to receiving it. Perhaps we need to take some early morning time for reading more of the Good Book or pondering the message of books about the Bible and Christian living.

The call to come apart and rest awhile may come to us not directly from the Master, the Great Physician, but perhaps from the family doctor or a surgeon who specializes in only a few parts of the body. His prescription may be rest for one part of the body which has a stubborn little infection. We are reminded again of the New Testament words, "If one member of the body suffers all the members suffer with it." It is pretty apparent that when the hands of the watch don't move properly we have to take the whole mechanism to the watchmaker for repair, not just the hands. Of course the scriptural message is that the unity of the local church. When the church member has to take a little rest treatment (with perhaps some antibiotics) he does well to use some of this rest time to pray for other members of his church or that larger body, his denomination and its members who are not so visibly joined together by common faith and common endeavor.

Thoughts upon returning to the hospital for a brief stay.

Facing Similar Problems

There have been repeated suggestions in recent years for partial or complete reorganization of the Seventh Day Baptist denominational structure. So far Commission and Conference, on the basis of such studies as they have conducted, have decided against any partial reorganization. Individual proposals for rather drastic changes in the way we attempt to carry on our denominational work have not won majority support because people were afraid that the new organization trying to dodge apparent pitfalls of the past would not lead us into others that might be more dangerous than the liabilities of the present.

The search for new structures and methods or for a clearer statement of goals and purposes must and does go on. A proposed Constitution of our General Conference with a number of changes was discussed last August by Commission and Conference delegates. It will be up for further consideration and possible adoption at Nyack next August. If adopted will it be something we can live by for a reasonable length of time? Constitutions, bylaws and job analyses are, of course, not an end in themselves to absorb the energies but should be agreed on as soon as possible so that the work they outline can be carried on to the glory of God without undue interference with the calling of our members.

It is interesting to note that some other denominations somewhat similar to ours are setting up commissions to study possible reorganization. The 1968 Convention of the American Baptist Convention set up a 32-member study commission to study the structure of the American Baptist Convention and has received a mandate to look at the national organization, the General Council, the relationship of state and city societies to the national organization, church polity, and relationship of Baptist institutions. The commission will report back to the convention in three years.

Dr. Johnston, commenting on the priorities of this reorganization study had a few things to say that Seventh Day Baptists may find interesting by way of comparison.

He said that the American Baptist Convention is listed among the top 20 major denominations but we are at the bottom of the list. "Sometimes we try a little too hard to be like the big boys. We must within the next few years define our relationships with the conciliar movements, the Council on Church Union, the National Council of Churches, and other related programs."

Also he said that it is now a "myth to call this convention a denomination, we are in reality four separate societies and a group incorporated as the American Baptist Convention."

Moral Crises in Vietnam

What is the Christian attitude toward the settlement of the Vietnam war as applied to Vietnam itself? That may not be an easy question to answer. It should be a bit easier than the political questions that are stalling even the beginning of the peace talks in Paris that were counted on to occur before the election.

President Johnson left office, before some yet future date. There are some Christians at the Paris peace talks, no doubt, who are trying to act on Christian principles as well as representing the political position of their country. The two cannot be entirely separated nor too easily combined. We must remember that high principles are not realistic as well as idealistic.

There is quite a movement in some Christian circles and on the part of highly placed Christian leaders to convince the church people of America that a military or political victory of the Vietcong in South Vietnam would be tolerable to the Christian conscience. One such person is Dr. Edwin C. Cameron, editor-in-chief of The Christian Science Monitor. He voiced this view to a presumably sympathetic audience.

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**MEMORY TEXT**

But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word. — Acts 6:4

of the Friends of the World Council of Churches in New York, December 10. We quote a portion of the WCC news release:

"I do not find it immoral to yield to the political forces which exist and are able to maintain themselves in Vietnam," he declared. "For over a decade there has been great moral ambiguity, at least, in the forms of corruption which our relationship with Saigon has fostered."

Dr. Canham called for the prevention of a "colossal bloodbath" on the part of a successful Vietcong. "There must be some sort of effective guarantee, preferably with international enforcement, to prevent further genocide, be declared.

It is to the second paragraph that I would like to call attention. If there is real danger (as there certainly is) that a settlement favorable to the Vietcong would be likely to lead to a "colossal bloodbath" can we say that such a settlement can be harmonized with moral principles? The noted editor thinks there should be an effective guarantee that such genocide would be prevented. Could a token international force do that in the light of past experience? We are trying to prevent that slaughter with $500,000 American troops without complete success. Which nations would willingly pay the bill and furnish the men for maintaining a force large enough to guarantee the lives of the South Vietnamese?

The political commitment of North Vietnam and the Vietcong is manifestly almost the same, and would become more closely identified with the North and with Red China if South Vietnam was forced to give up the struggle for democratic self-determination. For these reasons some of us believe that our afterthoughts about morality could well be in the nature of a guilty conscience if we were to encourage a Vietcong take-over in South Vietnam.

**Hard to Give to Jesus**

It is so easy to give gifts to some people; they are so willing to accept them that they plead for them and almost snatch them out of your hand, never giving anything in return. It is very hard to give anything to Jesus, as the people of His acquaintance found out. You just can't outgive Him who came to this earth to give.

There was Joseph who wondered whether he should give Jesus his name. He gave Jesus a name, childhood protection and a trade. Joseph got much in return. Milligan know and honor him even to this day.

There was another Joseph, the one of Arimathea, who at great labor and expense had hewed out a tomb for himself and his family. He tried to give this new sepulchre to Jesus. Three days later Joseph got the tomb back again unexpectedly. He found that he had only loaned it, for it was again empty. He and his family could be buried there and he had all the honor of having given the sepulchre that could not hold the Lord of Life.

Mary and Martha gave Jesus and His brothers hospitality. It was a generous gift. But Jesus gave the two sisters their brother Lazarus back from the grave.

A little lad gave Jesus his lunch. He and 5,000 others had enough to eat and have some leftovers, too. They could remember His day-long teaching because they were not sent away hungry.

Other examples from the gospel story abound. Jesus accepts our gifts but sends lessons beyond measure in return. Material gifts "unto the least of these" in His name are not without their reward in heaven—and on earth. But when we give ourselves to Him, we know that His rewards greatly overshadow our sacrifice.
ing that project with the publishing of volume III of Seventh Day Baptists in Europe and America; reviewing the proposed program and other plans for the General Convention to he held in Nyack, N. Y., August 10-16, 1969; reviewing OWM budget askings of boards and agencies, and many other items. Further details of these and other matters will be shared in future issues.

Love: A New Commandment

By T. B. Maston*

"A new commandment I give you, that you love one another" (John 13:34).

How was love "a new commandment"? Jesus had frequently spoken of love before. He had given love for God and neighbor as the summary of the law and the prophets (Matthew 22:40). What did He mean when He called it "a new commandment"?

It may help us answer that question if we understand that there are two words that are sometimes translated "new." One may mean basically young as contrasted to aged; the other, fresh as opposed to worn out (see Matthew 9:17 where both words are used). In the passage from John 13 the word is "fresh."

It is possible that Jesus meant that the new commandment was new in its source. Here He is not quoting from the Old Testament as He did in the summary of the law (Deut. 6:5; Lev. 19:18). Notice He says, "I give unto you." The authority for what He says rests within Him.

The commandment is also new in motive. Our love for one another stems from His love for us. Since He has loved us, we naturally and inevitably should love one another. Through His love for us He has been brought into the family of God. We should love those within that family, those who have been brought into union with Him through His love for them. The proof of our love for Him is our obedience to His commandment to love one another.

The commandment He gave was and is abidingly new or fresh in its dimension. It is new in those who are to be loved. We are to love those who are in the Christian fellowship. As disciples of Christ we should love all men, but we should, in a unique way, love one another. This is in keeping with His family, He can and should love all people, but He can and should love His wife and children in a distinctive way.

Notice also that this love is new in its expectations or demands. They no longer need to love one another as He had loved them. Here is both model and standard. How much had He loved them? He was going to give His life for them. They should be willing to give their lives for one another.

This quality of love for one another will be new and fresh in its consequences. It will make us friends of Christ (John 15:14). It will prove to others that we are disciples of His (John 13:35).

Love for one another creates a spirit of fellowship among Christians. Love will also determine what we will do rather than what we can do. Jean Van Horn was most helpful in assisting with the work. It certainly is heart-warming to see the enthusiasm and desire I continue the outreach in their community of those in whose homes we met.

Two clubs have been started in Paint Rock, Ala., one at the home of the Jebees and the other at the Burtles. Initial contact of young people was successful through the efforts of an eleven-year-old girl who showed keen interest in Bible Clubs. It lasted all summer. Of the fifteen meeting in the Beebe home only three had any real church affiliation. The fields certainly are white unto harvest.

Many come from broken homes or ones where parents work seven days a week. There is a desire for spiritual things which often is found lacking in the adults. This constitutes a real problem in trying to get children to attend Sabbath School. The young people may want to come but parents have other places to go or are too busy to get them ready. A real highlight of this Christmas season was a Christmas program presented by Bible Club members of the club in Hopkinton, Rhode Island. Mary Greene, a member of the church, and Winnie Wright, of the community, have been assisting Pastor Clifford Bond in continuity of the younger club. Enthusiasm has continued and the whole community has expressed interest by contributing materials for crafts projects.

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Christmas Letter from Makapwa

(Mrs. Beth S. Burdick has written a Christmas family letter which will be read with much interest by the many children of the Makapwa Bible Club."

The time has slipped by again, and perhaps this will not even reach you by Christmas. Anyway, we trust it does, and we wish you each and every one a most happy Christmas and may the New Year bring many blessings—as we walk in the path that God would have us go.

We have been fairly busy with school programs, etc. Last Tuesday afternoon Joanie and Mark had their Christmas program which was very nice. The next day I went to Blantyre to see Vicki's Christmas program as well as the entire school, but they had sent out a schedule of the different classes and the time they would be on, so I went just for Vicki's, using the rest of the morning for shopping. Vicki was a shepherd—she did very well. Picked up Mark and Joanie at noon in Cholo; Mark's class was going together for the entire school, and Winnie Wright, of the community, have been assisting Pastor Clifford Bond in continuity of the younger club. Enthusiasm has continued and the whole community has expressed interest by contributing materials for crafts projects.

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MISSIONS—Beverly T. Harris

Bible Clubs

By Miss Connie Coon

"Where there is no vision the people perish" (Prov. 29:18).

In order for us to grow as a denomination there must be a Christian outreach. The first principle of witnessing as stated in the book Tell It Like It Is is noteworthy. "We must have social contact with non-Christians. Both in our groups (church and otherwise) and as individuals, we often see no one come to Jesus Christ because non-Christians are listening to our message."

The purpose of Bible Clubs is to contact youngsters in a given neighborhood for a weekly meeting in a home where the gospel may be presented. Many young people are reached who have no church affiliation. Recently four homes (Mary Green's, the Heinings', the Davises', the Cushing's) in the Daytona Beach area were opened for organization of Bible Clubs. Three of these clubs are continuing after the initial four week program. Over forty-five were in attendance. Following dinner Laura Jean Van Horn was most helpful in assisting with the work. It certainly is heart-warming to see the enthusiasm and desire I continue the outreach in their community of those in whose homes we met.

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nice dinner with the Pearsons, did some shopping, arriving home a little after five. So now we are all home together until the opening of the new school year on the 27th of January.

We are having a week of Vacation Bible School at Makapwa, which opened (December 15). So right now all the children are up at the school. They will have part of the church service on Sabbath.

A few nights ago Mark had gone to bed while Joanie was still busy with something. But he kept calling, saying he heard a snake outside making a noise. I told him it was a cricket—that he wouldn't be hearing a snake, and besides if there was a snake outside, it wouldn't get inside. He didn't go to sleep, but looked at a book until Joanie came. The next morning wasn't a school day for him, and he slept until Joanie had already gone to school. When he got up he went into the bathroom; I in a very small one, but a very much to take pictures. The staff was helpful facing the river. We got told, 'See, I told you I heard a snake last night. You said it couldn't come into the house.'

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Don't Forget Free China

There are not many voices in behalf of the millions of oppressed people and the remnants of Christian churches in mainland China. The most consistent plea for their welfare comes from the little bit of China that remains free and independent on the Island of Taiwan (Formosa).

Reaching mission board secretaries and other concerned people in this country for the past nine years of its existence is the four-page Free China Weekly printed in Taiwan on high quality thin paper similar to Bible paper. It repeatedly calls attention to the plight of the mainland Chinese where once Christian churches flourished. It must be added that the publication is primarily a secular rather than a religious news paper.

In a recent issue there was an article entitled "ROC Calls on U.N. to Apply Sanctions Against Peiping."

"The call was contained in a declaration adopted at a mass rally at Taipei City Hall on December 10 to mark the 20th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the United Nations. More than 500 representatives of the government, parliamentary bodies, schools and civic organizations attended the meeting."

It pointed out that the Peiping regime has slaughtered 70 million Chinese people since it seized the China mainland in 1949. For these and other deprivations of human rights the declaration called not only for condemnation but sanctions. The Taipei rally also issued a plea for member states in the U.N. to lift their immigration limits to accommodate Chinese refugees.

Our Prayer Corner

"Men ought always to pray and not to faint."

"But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet."

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

Suggestions for Prayer This Week

Pray for:

1) In gratitude for the courage and will to serve (without salary) granted to Frankie Davis of Kingston, Jamaica, since the death of her husband Courtland.

2) In gratitude for the measure of health restored to Mrs. Neal D. Mills so that she can carry on her work during the last months of their work in Jamaica.

3) Courage to face financial and other problems in training for the ministry of students of Guyana, Jamaica, Makali, Korea and other countries.

4) The burdens of carrying on the work of the Seventh Day Baptist Conference on Guam where one leader denies himself to provide about half of the conference budget out of his living.

5) The establishment soon of a new church in Torreon, Mexico, through the added efforts of the the Rev. Elias Camacho.

Suggestions for intercessory prayer are solicited from those who would send them to the editor or to the Conference president so that there can be mentions raised in intercession for the people who most need to be upheld at the throne of grace.
by political barriers and where governments deny the liberty to serve Christ without hindrance. We assure them that they are remembered as an integral part of our life and work. We speak to the minority groups who so often face hardships and opposition and assure them that they have equal standing and are held in equal esteem with all our world fellowship. We would like to voice and declare our hate of the injustices, inequalities and prejudices which in time past crucified the Son of God and today divide man from man and nation from nation.

"Let us turn together to the place of our redemption and renew our love in the presence of the Savior of the world. Let us dwell in the love that saves souls and changes enemies and inspires sacrifice and delights in service.

"Let us pray for each other that the Spirit of unity may be upon us and the life of Christ within us. Let us try to do one task throughout the world to bring men to the knowledge of His saving power and to extend the bounds of His Kingdom."

Articles Wanted for New Special Issue
As the February special issue goes to press plan are already underway for the May issue. Rev. Myron Soper of North Loup has agreed to be the guest editor. Featured will be a number of unusual spiritual experiences gathered from our own people. Mr. Soper appeals to Sabbath Recorder readers to write out and send to him (typewritten, double-spaced) experiences as well as conversion experiences gathered from our own people. Mr. Soper has his own son (John 3:16). The map should remind us that in the fellowship and service of Jesus Christ we are members of a worldwide Christian family reaching out to more than 120 countries of the world.

"Our Baptist unity lies not in the structure of a world church or an organization which joins together the scattered ends of our fellowship. Our unity is basic in Jesus Christ. Our unity surmounts our differences and reaches across the barriers of a divided world. 'By one Spirit are we all baptized into one body' (1 Cor. 12:13).

"We take this opportunity of speaking to those of our Baptist people who are separated from their fellow believers in those churches which do not maintain such a unity."

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Sec. R. H. E. Zwiebel

A Challenging Letter
Dear Friends in Christ:

Do you really want to "get with it"? Are you interested in doing something daring and different?

The last couple of years I have been on a wild and wonderful trip that has changed my life a great deal. It hasn't been an LSD trip or one that is brought about by drugs. Instead it is a trip that has required the giving of my talents to others. I'm on the wild and wonderful trip of serving my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. (Wild because it seems almost unbelievable what we can do when we let God use us in His work and wonderful because of the many blessings and rewards that I have experienced.)

It is indeed a changing and exciting world that we live in. It is a world that is asking for the very best and very most that we can give, and there is not a better way for us to give our best than giving our service and talents to help others. We cannot do our very best by the giving of ourselves to God.

Why not give yourselves to God and help other people by joining one of the areas of dedicated service that our denomination has to offer? For those of you that are in high school, or of any age for that matter, there is the Vacation Church School (LDS) Program. Those of you out of high school and in college can become a part of the Summer Christian Service Corps. If you really want to take a wild and wonderful trip then why not join the Extended Dedicated Service Program?

The rewards? You will find many such as:

A small child coming up and telling you that he likes you after Vacation Church School is over.

A young person telling you that he enjoyed the neat camp that you had a working part in.

Elderly people thanking you for calling on them and asking you to come back again sometime soon.

A chance to help others and find new meaning for your life as you work for Christ Jesus.

The work? Challenging and fulfilling. Why not really "get with it" and sign up for dedicated service now?

In Christ,

Harold D. King, Chairman

Dedicated Service Committee of the Board of Christian Education

P.S. Want more information? Ask your pastor or youth advisor and write to:

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Ministers Conference Plans

The Seventh Day Baptist Biennial Ministers Conference will be held in Salem, West Virginia, April 30-May 6, 1969. The local church will be our host. Ten lectures will be presented. The Rev. Herbert Saunders will lead our thoughts on the history and relevancy of the Sabbath. The Rev. Victor W. Skaggs will lecture on the subject of "Proclaim the Gospel." Both have some novel ideas that will challenge our thinking and discussion.

The ministers will be free to attend nearby Seventh Day Baptist churches on the Sabbath.

We hope that our churches will make it possible for their ministers to be present at this meeting. The rest of attending are usually mutually helpful to the minister and the church he serves.

The conference is a project of the Higher Education Committee of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education in cooperation with the Center for Ministerial Education.

LESSON WRITERS

Every year in May, we celebrate Sabbath Rally Day. The program is sponsored by the American Sabbath Tract Society. In a cooperative effort the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education solicits writers of special, graded lessons on the Sabbath. Those who have agreed to write these this year are Miss Florence Bowden of our Shiloh
Filmsstrips Suitable for Sabbath School Lessons

The Audio-Visual Services Committee of the Tract Board would like to call attention to some fine filmsstrips that would supplement the Sabbath School lessons in March. There are 14 strips available—all in color.

- The Last Supper
- Gethsemane
- Arrest and Trial
- Judgment and Crucifixion
- The Resurrection
- The Easter Sunday
- The Emmaus Disciples
- Footsteps of Risen Christ (double frames)
- Hosanna to the King
- Jesus’ Resurrection
- The Last Days of Christ
- Jesus Is Not Afraid (with record)
- Jesus Lives (with record)
- The Meaning of the Resurrection

For description of these strips see the Filmsstrip Library catalog. Your pastor and Sabbath School superintendent each have one.

A Short Life of Christ

a book review

Not every family in the church has on the library shelf a substantial book on the life of Christ. Such books are helpful if they are well written and give us a greater knowledge of His matchless life than one can get from his own unaided study of the Gospels. When one has read quite a number of these books, he finds that the framers of the best writers and the footnotes and bibliographies are copious enough for extended study. Some of the works quoted are as late as 1968. The author’s grasp of the literature is remarkable, but when the Easter Sunday resources are the important thing. He faces every problem squarely as a scholar should and gives well reasoned solutions. This is no ordinary book. It satisfies those who have an appreciation for the scholarly approach and yet can bring great value to the reader who just wants to know more about Jesus. Coming to the end one lays the book down with a satisfaction and a warm glow. One feels that through these pages he has come to a new experience. “On Christ the solid Rock I stand.”

The book is published by Wm. B. Eerdmans, Grand Rapids at $5.95. It is available at a lower rate through Evangelical Book Club.

L. M. M.

LET’S THINK IT OVER

Poor Reasoning of an Atheist

While there was much euphoria felt by nonpublic school groups over the reading of the Genesis story of creation and the prayer of Col. Borman, these actions spurred Mrs. Madalyn Murray O’Hair, the prominent atheist whose prior suit led to the Supreme Court’s decision to bar prayer from public schools, to register a complaint with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration because of the Bible reading episode. She said that it was “extremely unfortunate” for a nation which has embarked on a project designed to expand human knowledge. The Bible “is accepted by a very minor number of persons in the total world. Christianity, you know, is a minor religion.”

WASHINGTON POSTER’S ADDRESS

Rev. Delmer Van Horn, pastor of the Washington, D. C., church moved the week before Christmas from Laurel, Md., to the newly furnished residence and church at 16th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20011. Anyone contemplating a visit to Washington may wish to jot down the new telephone number (202) 291-7002.
“Meditation on the Deck of a Burma Riverboat”
Paul D. Clasper

I stand in a great tradition —
In the tradition of those who have stood on the deck
And heard the sound of the waves,
And have seen the moon filter its rays
through the warm evening mist
And headed for a distant city to preach the Word of God.
This is the tradition of those who dare to think they have seen the heavenly vision,
however dimly and intermittently.
And who are content with nothing less than a determined effort to obey it, however feebly and faltering.

And when a cynic,
Whether without or within, taunts:
“What is this vision glorious?”
Words fail.

But for such as they are, the vision means
A growing conviction that God might really be like Jesus Christ,
That the knowledge and realization of this is the most potent seed for good which can be sown,
Therefore, worth any expenditure I am able to make,
And that in the spending of self in this task
Even my modest gestures may be energized by the might of the Eternal Spirit.

This is the tradition to which I belong.
Not to a sect of the perfect,
The always loyal, the never doubting,
But to the fellowship of the restless and the questing.
To those who think this gospel may be true,
To those who risk all to test that thesis with a life.

Submitted by E. T. Harris

Note: Though missionaries may no longer be admitted to Burma their past efforts bear fruit. The Bible and Christian literature may be distributed by Burmese Christians. A Burma Seventh Day Baptist Conference has been organized and receives a little financial help through the S. D. B. World Federation. The 1969 Burma Conference is held at Tahan in mid-February.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Dr. Ockenga Will Head College Divinity School

Dr. Harold J. Ockenga, pastor of Boston's famed Park Street (Congregational) church for 32 years, announced his resignation to become president of Gordon College and Divinity School in Wenham, Mass., effective next April.

Dr. Ockenga was a Presbyterian who came from a pastorate in Pittsburgh to Park Street, located on Boston's "Brimstone Corner."

He has preached throughout the world and for 25 years has directed a mission program from Park Street which has 90 projects in 44 countries. The church now contributes $300,000 annually to missionary work.

Dr. Ockenga was the first president of the National Association of Evangelicals and co-founder and president of Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif. He has also been closely associated with Christianity Today, the fortnightly published in Washington, D.C.

Gordon College and Divinity School is interdenominational. Its theological stance is considered conservative.

—ABNS

Surgeons Are Religious

One might think that surgeons and doctors of medicine, who deal so much with the physical rather than the spiritual, would, through their specialized scientific training, be skeptical of the supernatural and have little place for God in their thoughts. This does not seem to be the case.

The Surgeon General, who has been in charge of the case of Dwight D. Eisenhower at Walter Reed Hospital all these months, is a man of strong religious convictions.

"You can't be a doctor of medicine and not be religious." He believes surgeons are more inclined toward faith than other medical men "for the simple reason that we get inside and see what makes us go around!"

Rev. Marion Hargis
Rev. Marion Hargis, widow of the late Rev. Gerald D. Hargis was unexpectedly called to be with the Lord at Riverside, Calif., Dec. 6, 1968.

Mrs. Hargis received her early Christian training through the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Farina, Ill. where the family home was located throughout her childhood and youth, and where she committed her life to Christ and His service.

On April 19, 1967, she was married to the Rev. Gerald D. Hargis, and together they served in a variety of pastoral situations including pastors at the Seventh Day Baptist churches of Walworth, Wis.; Little Genesee, N.Y.; Riverside, Calif.; Battle Creek, Mich.; and Los Angeles, Calif. They also served as missionaries to Jamaica under the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society from 1932 to 1939. Mrs. Hargis' warm personal faith, her deep interest in others, and her special contributions through the ministry of music will be remembered by all who knew her.

Mrs. Hargis was ordained to the gospel ministry by the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church on April 13, 1941. In her later years she was active as a teacher in private and public schools in Los Angeles, and as a lay leader in the Los Angeles church, where her husband was pastor at the time of his death, November 26, 1949. She has also given unselfishly of herself to aid in the music needs of the Christ's Seventh Day Baptist Church of Los Angeles.

She is survived by a son, Dr. Ronald I. Hargis, Pasadena, Calif., and a daughter, Miss Geraldine Hargis of Rome, N. Y. Another son, the Rev. Robert Hargis preceded her in death. There are also four grandchildren.

Private graveside services were conducted at Olivewood Cemetery in Riverside, Calif., December 11, 1968, by Pastor C. Rex Burdick, and a memorial service was held in the Riverside Church later the same day.

—C. Rex Burdick
NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

HEBRON, PA. - The church people painted the parsonage in 1968.
One Sabbath while our pastor, Harold King, was at Conference, our youth conducted the worship service.
Mrs. Dana Kenyon furnished a lovely cornucopia arrangement of fruit and vegetables for the front of the church during the Thanksgiving season. Flowers and plants graced the sanctuary throughout the year, thanks to the women of the church.
The WSSS made several contributions to the Women's Board and other projects this year. They sent get well and cheer cards to the ill and shut-ins. The usual Christmas boxes and plants were packed and distributed and candy and cookies mailed to our servicemen.
The church held its annual Christmas night, December 22. A short but impressive program was presented by the youth and children, with audience participation in the Christmas carols. Children and youth received boxes of candy. Mittens brought were given to the school nurse for distribution to needy children. Those attending followed their usual practice of putting community Christmas cards in the church "mailbox" and donating the postage to be used in some worthy cause. This year, the postage, together with contents of the birthday box and $10 given by Mrs. Monta Friligan, was sent to the Northern Tier Children's Home (Potter County) and the Seventh Day Baptist mission in Malawi.
—Correspondent

Accessions

ALBION, WIS.
By Testimony:
Mrs. Victor (Cora) Aaby
Glenn Atcherson
Mrs. Glenn Atcherson

MILTON JUNCTION, WIS.
By Testimony:
Miss Nellie Freeborn

Obituaries

HARGIS.—Rev. Marian H., daughter of George and Adele Howard, was born at Newark, N. J., March 25, 1893, and died suddenly at Riverside, Calif., Dec. 6, 1968. (See more extended obituary elsewhere in this issue.)

KENYON.—Robert Earl, son of George and Mildred Kenyon, was born Dec. 23, 1921, in Hopkinton, R. I., and died Jan. 2, 1969, of asphyxiation while repairing a silo near Waterloo, Wis. He was married June 13, 1942, in New York to Geraldine Smith, living in Ashaway R. I., until 1935 when they moved to Madison, Wis., and two years later to Milton. He was a service man for Jamesway Manufacturing Co., and traveled widely in both North and South America to install and service their machines.
Robert was a faithful active member of the Albion Seventh Day Baptist Church. When traveling for Jamesway, he carried a Seventh Day Baptist Yearbook, so he could know about our churches in the areas he serviced.
Surviving are his wife; two sons, Robert Jr., Ohio, and Bruce, Edgerton; a daughter, Mrs. Barbara Pearson, Janesville; three grandchildren, a sister, Mrs. Thelma Tarbox, Saunders-town, R. I.; his mother, Mrs. Mildred Almond Kenyon, Cumberland R. I.; his stepmother, Mrs. Julia Kenyon, Hopkinton, R. I.; a half brother, Richard Kenyon, Hopkinton; and a half sister, Mrs. Caroline Lundgren, Holden, Mass.
Funeral services were held from the church with his pastor, the Rev. Addison Appel, officiating, and interment was in Milton Cemetery.

Births