Called Apart To be a Part
(Continued from page 6)

Lord who said, "Go ye into all the world (not only geographically, but into all its situations and needs)." His prayer was that His children should not be of the world in spirit, but in the world as His servants.

In our effort to discover for ourselves this relationship, we will:

Examine our personal relationship to the Lord Jesus Christ.
Take Christ and His teachings seriously.
Continually seek an awareness of the world's need and our responsibility.
Prayerfully and regularly search God's Word for truth and guidance.
Make this search a family matter.
Seek a higher and truly Christian concept of the Sabbath and its place in Christian growth and service.
Commit our lives fully to Christ "every moment of every day."

Our Bible study book of the year will be 1 Peter, entitled The Calling of the Christian in the New English Bible. In it we will discover that faith in the redeeming work of Christ is the motivation for lives of obedience in every area of existence. Under the Holy Spirit's leading, we will find the means of carrying out our goals for Year IV of Facing Frontiers, Strengthening Our Witness on the Home Field. Second Peter is a special project assignment, and its title is "The Remedy for Doubt."

Our hymn for the year might be, "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee."
Will you join me and my family this year in discovering that we are CALLED APART — TO BE A PART?
The two phrases of the theme are bound together with the cross.

We are bought and called apart by the shedding of our Savior's blood on the cross of Calvary — we take our part in the healing of the world as we take up our cross.

Please join me in a pact to pray for each other to be sensitive to each other, and to be sensitive to God's leading in service. Your letters telling of your experiences and ideas, and sharing of prayer requests will be most welcome.

The prayer of every sensitive believer's heart could well be expressed in the song to be sung by my family, "Every Moment of Every Day." (His wife and children, called to the platform, sang this song at the close of his message).

With this as our daily prayer, we will be Called Apart and Be a Part of His work.

Annual Meeting Notice
The annual meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education will be held on September 21, 1969, at 2:00 p.m., in the Parish House of the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church. All delegates to General Conference at Nyack, N. Y., are eligible to attend and vote.

Tract Society
The annual meeting of the American Sabbath Tract Society will be held at the Seventh Day Baptist Building, Plainfield, N. J., Sunday afternoon, September 21. It will be preceded by the quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees which will convene at 1:00 p.m.
Unwilling To Kill, Willing To Die

In an Eternity article on whether or not ministers should be drafted (no decision reached) the opinion of conscientious objectors naturally came up. Several ministers interviewed felt that the price tag of conscientious objection should be pointed out to trained men of draft age. Roger McGuire puts it this way:

"Only in the extreme does a nation have the right to insist that an individual kill or be killed. But, in the final event, the individual must be willing to die. Conscientious objection must be recognized, on whatever grounds. But the C.O. must be willing to pay the price of following his conscience, whether it be death, limited service, prison, etc."

He states it well. Unwillingness of kill may be extended to refusing to be part of a crew-served artillery piece or piloting an armed military plane if one's conscience so dictates, but willingness to serve one's country if it involves duty in an area where mortar shells fall and where bombs burst is something else. Citizenship under such a case is the giving of life just as citizenship in the kingdom of heaven may call for serving in dangerous places in the city or in a mission field jungle.

This question of willingness to die is often the crucial test of sincerity. Neither can we rightfully rebel against constituted authority and make morality as to the general or the specific place of danger. To say that I will go with the Army or the Navy to a non-hazardous place of national enforcement and yet refuse to pay the price of following my conscience so dictates, bears the marks of cowardice and sows the seeds of anarchy. In the final analysis the nation has the right to ask a conscientious objector as to the place where he is not willing to be sent. To refuse to follow my conscience is as grave a sin as the killing of a fellow citizen of the country.

We do not feel that this is a point of primary importance, however. The question that should be asked is: Willingness to serve as a conscientious objector in the case described above.

A New London, Conn., deserter is quoted. "I would not go to Vietnam whatever the consequences."

"Only the most liberal conscientious objectors naturally came up.

"Recently two army deserters sought refuge in Canada, where he prizes his freedom."

"Speaking at the U.S. Congress on Evangelism the noted Graham associate, Leighton Ford, emphasized the need for evangelism to go beyond conversion and work for social justice. During his hard hitting address he spoke of race problems that the black man should not be killed.

But Not Next Door"

"...and for the two nations involved. When a church or church leaders encourage law breaking, the church compromises itself and will suffer loss in the end."

SEPTEMBER 29, 1969


Thoughts on Reparations

It is hard for some of us to understand the anguish with which Black militante demand reparations from the churches for past wrongs to their race. More difficult to appreciate is the prevalent acceptance by denominational and ecumenical groups of the "principle of reparations. They must have their reasons; they are thoughtful and sincere men.

The wrongs suffered by the relatively few slaves before the Civil War and the inequalities endured by them and their descendants during the past hundred years cannot be righted by making reparations demands of the churches to the extent of $500 million or $3 billion. It is true that there was complicity of church members and the subsequent injustices. However, it was the Christian conscience that led to the abolition of slavery and it has been the church people more than any others who have championed the cause of civil rights in recent years. Further help is needed to better the economic condition of all (not just Negroes) through no fault of their own suffer economic disadvantage. But to put this needed help in terms of reparations demanded of white church members (not the government) is unjust and discriminatory. No wonder there are clear thinking Negro leaders who say they will have no part in it.

The church must move individually and corporately on the basis of love and charity to alleviate suffering and poverty. The church carries on its work by the contributions of its members who designate the causes to which they are impelled to give. Let us recognize that we have not reached the limit of loving and giving. But let our giving be with discretion and balance according to the principles laid down in the Bible. "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver," we read. Let us pay our lawful debts, support our government with our taxes to take care of the major social needs, but let us distinguish between these obligations and the tithes and offerings for the Lord's work. Gifts to needy brethren, yes. Reparations to a proliferating race now well-integrated into our society, no.

MISSION NOTES SPECIAL

This Sabbath Recorder of next week (Oct. 6) is really a new publication, Mission Notes, which is now combined with our denominational weekly rather than being published separately three times a year. It goes not only to our regular subscription list but also to others who through the years have expressed a desire for it.

Mission Notes depends on gifts rather than paid subscriptions. If it is to continue even in combination with the Sabbath Recorder most gifts will be needed to get a new editor. The Rev. Edgar Wheeler, who has edited the paper for many years, is now president of General Conference and can no longer continue. With the help of the Rev. Leon Lawton and the editor of the Sabbath Recorder he is coordinating the material for next week's issue.

Full-Time Secretarial Post Opens at Denominational Building

A plan for opening a full-time secretarial position was approved by the trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society, at their meeting September 21, 1969. The starting salary offered is $4,000 including benefits.

Duties of the new position will include typing and shorthand in the office of the editor of the Sabbath Recorder and corresponding secretary of the society, Rev. Leon M. Maltby, and also similar work for the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society which will contribute to the salary to be paid.

Typing, shorthand or speedwriting skills and a Seventh Day Baptist background will be required. The position offers opportunity for advancement, and a unique type of dedicated service through participation in the work of two agencies located in the Seventh Day Baptist Building. A committee composed of Rev. Herbert E. Saunders, Rev. Albert N. Rogers and Mr. Maltby will screen applications. Details may be secured from any of the committee, P. O. Box 868, Plainfield. N. J. 07061.

OPEN LETTER TO YOUNG REBELS

Rev. David Willkerson is the author of the best-selling, "The Cross and the Switchblade," "Twelve Angels from Hell," "The Little People," "Parents on Trial" and just released, "Teen Challenge: The Rev. Mr. Willkerson is a minister and the founder and head of Teen Challenge. Through the David Willkerson Youth Crusades Mr. Willkerson speaks to 15,000 to 20,000 young people each week. He listens to their questions and is aware of the problems of youth today. From out of these experiences and because of his deep concern, he has written the following open letter to young rebels.

Attention All Young Rebels!! You do your thing and I'll do mine. And what is my thing? I like to preach the Word. Thermometer, fan, nothing in my life that wants to come out. I've got a message all pent up inside and I'm going to let it out — line by line so that it can go down easy.

Here goes!

You say, "Destroy the American system because it has not abolished unemployment and crime." Then you must blow up the hospitals because they have not abolished cancer.

You want to make revolution. Then find out what.

The establishment is supposed to be against the poor. Yet poverty in America is on the decline.

In 1900, about 90 percent of our population was poor. In 1920, 50 percent. In 1930, 34 percent. In 1968, only 15 percent. The job is far from finished, but don't say someone is not trying.

Now who has failed? You have.

You say, "Arthur Godfrey..." You fail because you no longer want to think, to use violence to shut down schools. You fail by denying freedom while you cry freedom for all.

You slander and abuse anyone who disagrees with you.

You steal, loot administration buildings, and defy all authority.

You try to whitewash your ignorance with idealism. You call your hysteria in sight.

You say, "The American people demand..." Then you add only what you want. This is intellectual sloppiness. You want to "wreck the system." You take centuries of pain and suffering to devise democracy. A system that protects squares like me against rebels.

If you were a substitute for facts. A system that still protects every minority from tyranny.

A system that at least tries to solve housing problems. A system that still seeks to make changes without violence. A system that abhors bloodshed. A system that refuses to suppress free speech.

A system that allows reckless attacks against itself. That allows mass demonstrations to be nationally televised. And you want to smash it.

And what would you give us in its place? Heroes such as Marx, Mao and Che. Leaders who demand power, while jailing students, writers, scientists and teachers, banishing them to labor or death—only because of their opinions.

Tanks and armies rolling over borders — "liberate."

You plan to give us "nonviolent coordinating committees," who engage in gunfire and violence.

You would dig out of the grave a nineteenth-century ideology, Marxism.

You would give us assertions and deny us facts. Passion as a substitute for knowledge. Idiosyncrasy willed out of total solutions. Idealism with not one ounce of brains behind it.

No, thank you, my rioting student friends. Whatever its imperfections—give me democracy.

I despise poverty more than you — but I am free to give.

I despise pompous politicians — but one has no my back against the wall.

The smug affluent bug me, too. But God help us if we didn't have their taxes to feed the poor.

Sure, I know there is a credibility gap.

But it beats having to swallow a dogma enforced by terror and violence.

Under democracy I am a free man. Free to worship God — even to the point of fanaticism. Free to stand on any street
Free to travel — to any point on the globe. Free to vote against inferior products through dollar power, and against dishonest politicians with a ballot. Rebel so far have done little more than to soften the system. They have blown kids' minds, frightened the conforming classes, questioned the legitimacy of everything, and carved up capitalism without the foggiest idea of where to go. It is more a revolution of jargon, slogans, and polysyllables than of substantial ideas.

Radicals and militants are now addicted to the capitalist telephone. They accept invitations to speak and the money pours in. They become capitalists. They are "defanged" by the dollar. For one thousand dollars they will curse "capitalism."

Why is everything happening now — and together? A surplus of causes seems to exist. People are desiring to maintain a sense of their own importance. Trying to find values in a superorganized world of bigness. A vacuum of impersonality: A sense of powerlessness.

There's fear that man no longer has influence over decisions affecting his life. Not enough of you left, in love with God and life and freedom.

I don't mind you doing your thing. But you cannot do it at my expense. The only dignity you can give to doubt is to wrap it in silence. There is no bravery in preaching revolution without purpose and overthrow without follow-up. Could it be that you're really not doing your thing at all — but that your thing is doing you?

Before you start "doing your thing," better get fenced in with love. God's love!

Additional copies of this letter are available without obligation from the David Wilkerson Youth Crusades, 688 Broadway, Massapequa, N. Y. 11758

Our Prayer Corner
Suggestions for Prayer This Week

Pray for: 1) Our friends and neighbors who do not yet know the joy of salvation.
2) Our friends and neighbors who have faith but do not yet know the joy of obedience regarding the Sabbath of the Lord.
3) The dedicated laymen in our churches who are searching for more meaningful service through the church.
4) Our pastors, that they be given strength to persevere in their vital ministry in spite of the heartless response of so many of their people.

Who's To Blame? You will never improve unless you blame yourself for the trouble you have. Then when you realize your troubles are your own, you can take them to the Lord, and He will give you guidance.
—R. G. LeTourneau

THE SABBATH RECORDER

Wheeler Visits Mill Yard By Rev. James McGeeachy

Attendance at the Central Committee Meeting of the World Council of Churches in London is by invitation only. Rev. J. I. Wheeler with the opportunity to visit the Mill Yard Church once again.

On Sabbath, August 23, he was met by Bro. Bower and the Rev. J. I. McGeeachy, who had come south from Hull, Yorkshire, to meet him. On Friday night Pastor Wheeler had conducted a Friday night devotional service. Seventeenth Day Baptists were becoming better known to other church leaders as a result of his meeting with them.

After Sabbath School the preaching service began at 12:30 p.m. Elder A. Peat welcomed Bro. Wheeler, recalling his visit of last year.

"Agents of Reconciliation" based on 2 Cor. 5:17-21 was the subject of our visitor's sermon. He began by telling how he had been used to reconcile a young girl, who had left home and taken to drugs, to her parents. Such cases must be dealt with individually even as Jesus dealt with the woman of Samaria and Nicodemus.

Being reconciled we must surrender our lives to God, no longer making our own decisions, but consulting Him and His will in all things. As adopted sons of God, we are reconciled to Him (Gal. 2:20; Matt. 28:19, 20). We must not keep the Good News to ourselves. There was once a Japanese farmer who grew much rice in his paddies through which much water flowed passing on to the fields of others. He decided to build a dam, and so keep all the water for himself. The result was that his rice rotted. So if we settle down in gospel smugness the rot will set in in our own spiritual experience. We must be channels to give the water of life to others. We will all appear at the judgment seat of Christ and answer to Him.

In Luke 15 the parable usually known as that of the prodigal should really be the parable of the elder son, because it was directed at the Pharisees as shown in v. 1, 2. The elder brother would not even sit with his young prodigal brother when he returned. He did not want to be reconciled to him, nor have him share his blessings. We must not be like him, but being reconciled ourselves witness to others the love of God. In the afternoon service Bro. Wheeler brought us the greetings of the World Federation; of Leland Bond, president of the General Conference; of the new president and of Rev. Everett T. Harris; and other leading brethren.

His text was 1 Cor. 12:12 showing how different members of the body should work together. A set of figures was written on the blackboard showing the immensity of the Church's task.

The world's population is now about 3,000,000,000.

The nominal Christian population is about 1,000,000,000.

Protestants number about 250,000,000.

Baptists are reckoned at about 25,000,000.

Seventh Day Baptists number about 12,000.

In England we have less than 100. Can we draw a circle around these smaller numbers and say that these alone are the true Church of Christ? We must not become smug and self-satisfied, but show more concern for the larger numbers, and to take to them the news of the gospel, and the clearer light which we believe we have, The Body of Christ has many members.

Our own Seventh Day Baptist witness is found in many lands, the U.S.A., Holland, Germany, New Zealand, Burma, India, Malawi, Ghana, Nigeria, Brazil, Mexico, Poland. News has come of brethren in Czechoslovakia and Russia.

Once we had a flourishing church in Shanghai, China, but the Communist Revolution scattered it, and the hospital there was taken by the government. This warns us that the time is not far away when other fields is passing, for emerging new nations are gradually nationalizing every foreign project within their borders, so today we are able to enter these countries as freely as we could ten years ago.
Marjorie Janette Burdick was born in Jackson Center, Ohio, the daughter of Dr. Squire and Martha Mills Burdick. She was a devoted and loving daughter, being very close to her mother, and she enjoyed helping her father in the outside work. When her father decided to retire from active ministry and her parents expressed the desire to spend their last years in Milton, she purchased a home for them there and later took a position in the Milton school system. She is to live in the home since their deaths and her retirement from teaching. She does most of the outside work around her home including the apple orchard.

During all these years, Marjorie has continued her interest in young people and has served them in many ways. She has taught in the primary department of the Milton Sabbath School for many years and the training she has given her pupils in the use of the Bible has been inspiring and thorough, to which many of them are deeply grateful. She has been active in the work of the Woman's Society, rendering this service to church members in rendering this service along with the work of the church women. She is a deaconess in the church and has served in many capacities in the church, as were killed during World War II.

She is a deaconess in the church and sang in the choir until the need arose for someone to tape the church services every week so that they could be taken and played to the sick and shut-ins. Not only does she tape them, but she also took on the responsibility of taking the tapes around herself and playing them for these people. Soon after the opening of the Caravilla Retirement Home near Milton, she began to tape the church services and have them played for the residents there.

She has been a deaconess in the church and served as president of the Women's Board of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination.

Marjorie has a cheerful and generous nature. She is friendly and kind. She accepts what physical setbacks come to her with courage and optimism. She has a tremendous faith in God and as James says — Marjorie backs up her faith with works.

—Mrs. Russell (Dora) Burdick

Alcohol and Cigarettes

By T. B. Maston

Retired Professor of Christian Ethics

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

There is abundant evidence that "smoking is a serious health hazard." There seems little if any doubt that it is a major contributor to a number of diseases but particularly to emphysema and lung cancer.

The prevalence of lung cancer has increased at an alarming pace. The rate is more than fourteen times what it was thirty-five years ago. There were approximately 53,000 deaths from lung cancer alone in 1968, which is the equivalent of the number killed in World War I.

We approve the efforts of health organizations and of Federal and state governments to educate our people concerning the danger of smoking. We do insist, however, that a similar effort is needed regarding the danger of beverage alcohol.

Alcohol is as dangerous, if not more so, than cigarettes. The American Medical Association for the first time in 1967 ranked alcoholism as the third greatest health problem surpassing cancer and exhaustion, only by heart disease and mental illness.

Furthermore, there is the danger on the highway from the drinking driver. The National Safety Council reports that there were 52,500 deaths in a recent year in traffic accidents.

The seriousness of the slaughter on the highways should really sink in on us when we realize that as many are killed in one year on our streets and highways as were killed during World War I and many more than were killed in the Korean War and that have been killed so far in the war in Vietnam.

There are spot announcements on radio and television sponsored by state and city departments about the dangers of cigarette smoking. Why not similar warnings about drinking beverage alcohol? An effort is being made to ban cigarette advertising on radio and T.V. Why not a similar movement for alcoholic beverages?
Mrs. Victor Burdick Comes Home

Because of the critical illness of her father Mrs. Beth Sutton Burdick made a trip from Makapua Station, Malawi, Africa to this country for a brief visit, arriving at Los Angeles on Sunday evening, September 14.

It is understood that this visit is taken within the twenty-one day limitations of an excursion rate plane fare. She had arranged a direct flight from London to Los Angeles. She is spending time with her father and mother at their home in California.

A host of friends will be remembering Beth and her loved ones in our prayers. We will be praying that God will grant healing and strength and courage, all within His gracious will and way.

On Witnessing for Christ

The Sabbath eve and Sabbath morning guest speaker at General Conference, Mr. DeMoss, national chairman of Christian Business Men's Committee, made some startling remarks to the large group assembled at Nyack. For instance, he stated that not one in any thirty or so professing Christians that one would approach and ask, "What is a Christian?" can answer correctly.

Mr. DeMoss went on to give his de‌‌inition of what is a Christian in very simple and direct words. He is one whose sins have been forgiven through the sacrificial death of Christ on the cross.

"What do you believe Christ means to you? Then be ready to tell of your own faith in Christ as your Savior today."

The first two Sabbaths of October present a wonderful opportunity for Seventh Day Baptists to put into practice the good intentions and resolutions made at Conference. These opportunities are: World Communion Sabbath on October 4 and Laymen's Sabbath on October 11. Make these Sabbaths opportunities for witnessing and reaching out to others.

Literally hundreds of millions of people all over the world and of all denominations will be partaking of the Lord's Supper the first weekend in October. This fact presents a great opportunity to witness if we will take it. It is suggested that we be ready to ask someone we meet, perhaps someone with whom we work or play or walk along together, this opening question: Did you partake of the Lord's Supper on World Communion Sabbath (or Sunday)? And what did it mean to you? Then be ready to tell what it means to us.

Why must we limit our casual conversations to the weather, to baseball or football, to work or play or walk along together? To the latest styles? Think about it — and try talking about the deeper issues of life. We may get the surprise of our lives as we make new friends and really witness to our faith in Christ.

Tape Recorded Highlights

Conference tapes (at 3-3/4" per sec.) of the highlights of the day were made by three volunteers after the evening meeting each night (15 minutes of conversational reporting).

The tapes are available immediately on a first-come, first-served basis from the Plainfield office, P.O. Box 868—07061.

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$4,000 including benefits
American Sabbath Tract Society
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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Sec. Rex E. Zwiebel

BEACON INFORMATION
By Alice Rood, editor

"A Purpose for Living" — theme for year 1969-1970

Bimonthly Issue Themes:
October — "Christ" (emphasis on a personal commitment to Christ and how He can change life)
November — "Communicating with God" (emphasis on prayer and Bible reading)
February — "Love" (emphasis on loving others)
April — "Faith" (emphasis on faith and what it means to us)
June — "Sabbath Day" (how it was given to us through God's love and what it means to us today)
August — "Getting Involved" (what can be done — a motivation to get the lead out and get moving)

These topics are the basic ideas for the feature articles in each issue. Plans are to feature the ministerial students in each issue. Other items will hopefully be:
Dedicated Service Column — articles written by SDS workers about their experiences
President's Column — something from our National SDBYF president
Joke Page — self-explanatory
Editor's Column — "tidbits" from Alice
Newsletters from Beacon correspondents of each YF
Prayer Column — in hopes of getting a unified prayer time for all SDB youth. This column will be used for sharing prayer experiences, encouraging prayer groups to get started, prayer requests, etc.
Meditation and Devotion Column — poems, etc., shared by or written by SDB youth

The Beacon will be a mimeographed paper. Hopefully each issue will be mailed at least a week before the month of the issue. To do this the following deadlines for publication material must be met:

The Beacon is now sponsored by the Milton Youth Fellowship. Send material to: Alice Rood, 340 E. Madison Ave., Milton, Wis. 53563.

Correspondent Responsibilities
1. Elect a Beacon correspondent as a regular officer of youth group (or Sabbath School if no youth group) annually.
2. Submit name and address of correspondent and officers of the YF to Miss Alice Rood, Milton, Wis. 53563.
3. Note the responsibilities of a correspondent: a) Write a newsletter from your own youth group every two months, 15 days prior to the publication month. b) Make a list of names and addresses of members in your area that will receive the Beacon. (Include college and home addresses.) Send $1.00 to Lyle Sutton, Almond, N. Y. 14804 for each National SDBYF membership. c) Notify Alice of any address changes during the year and of any new subscription members. d) Help distribute the six complimentary copies that will be sent to each minister or church clerk. e) Keep in contact with Lone-Sabbathkeepers in your area — getting articles from them and seeing that they get a copy of the Beacon. f) Keep your eyes open and ears alert for material for the Beacon. (Articles, poems, meditations, jokes, etc.)
4. If your church youth group is small in number you may wish to have a Beacon correspondent. This allows you a way to keep in contact with other youth of other churches, and a way for them to know about you. There may also be adults in your church interested in the Beacon.

Please pray for the work of the Beacon that it will be used to unite SDB Youth as one body in Christ. It will be a success only with His help and yours.
JUDSON JOURNAL

Some of our Sabbath Schools receive the JUDSON Journal. This publication will no longer be published in its present form. The concerns that were contained in the Journal will be included in the Baptist Leader starting with the January issue. They will be under the heading, "Planning the Church's Educational Ministry." The change will be concurrent with a new look and format of the Baptist Leader.

We urge all our Committees on Christian Education to try the Baptist Leader. It will be of great help in administrating and planning a successful education program.

Retiring Leaders Appreciated

There are many people who have helped and are helping the editor of this page with the national program of Christian education of our denomination. Two men who have crossed the denominational line in the true ecumenical spirit are Dr. Kenneth L. Cober and the Rev. James E. Fidler, American Baptist education leaders, who retired from the national staff this year. Not only have they shared technical data and concerns, but they have offered fellowship in a truly Christian manner. We have worked together in both spiritual and those who emphasize the faith and work are inseparable.

The World Alliance has pleaded for reconciliation of "groups within the Christian community" who are engaged in "a tug of war between those who stress the spiritual and those who emphasize the social aspects of the gospel.

José Nordenhag, addressing the annual meeting of the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance, declared that "this cutting of the gospel in two is alien to it." He added: "The new Testament clearly teaches that faith and work are inseparable. The great tragedy of our time is that we are prone to pay lip service to the love of God while neglecting our neighbor as a person."

Theological Students Start Fall Term

Four students are in theological seminaries this fall preparing for the Seventh Day Baptist ministry. Others on the high school and college academic levels are looking toward further preparation. Dedicated young men and women are searching for God's call, and some of them are finding that His call leads them to the church vocations. We of the churches may realistically hold high hopes for the future when we see young men and women, at God's call, devote years of training to preparation for ministry for Christ.

Those in seminary this fall are:

Dale Rood, third year student and Alan Crouch, second year student at Crozer Theological Seminary;

Russell Johnson, second year student and Robert Babcock, first year student at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Victor W. Skaggs, dean of the Center for Ministerial Education.

Don't Sever the Gospel

The general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance has pleaded for reconciliation of "groups within the Christian community" who are engaged in "a tug of war between those who stress the spiritual and those who emphasize the social aspects of the gospel."

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My gratitude,

Lennora Winter Michel Dysart, Is.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for October 11, 1969

THE LORD GOD OR BAAL?

Lesson Scripture: 1 Kings 18:30-39

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Losing Tax Exemption

Americans United for Separation of Church and State reports that the Internal Revenue Service has revoked its tax-exempt status.

The revocation notice said that the organization is "action" oriented and as such is not eligible for tax exemption.

Does the Internal Revenue Service mean to imply that aggressively evangelistic churches or churches, for example, that seek to promote the sevent-day Sabbath forfeit their right to exemption and that mild, middle-of-the-road churches should not exist? That hardly seems possible, but the ruling might be read that way at some later time.

The pressures for conformity are strong. People who rock the boat are looked at a little fishy-eyed. Americans United is an organization that rocks the boat. It tries to keep the Roman Catholic church from getting a strangle-hold on local, state and national government. It does get into court actions to fight unconstitutional take-overs of public schools, etc., by that church or any other. Yes, it works against some and for legislation to preserve religious freedom and the separation of church and state. Its work in this respect is different from the main business of Protestant churches.

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Theological Students Start Fall Term

Four students are in theological seminaries this fall preparing for the Seventh Day Baptist ministry. Others on the high school and college academic levels are looking toward further preparation. Dedicated young men and women are searching for God's call, and some of them are finding that His call leads them to the church vocations. We of the churches may realistically hold high hopes for the future when we see young men and women, at God's call, devote years of training to preparation for ministry for Christ.

Those in seminary this fall are:

Dale Rood, third year student and Alan Crouch, second year student at Crozer Theological Seminary;

Russell Johnson, second year student and Robert Babcock, first year student at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Victor W. Skaggs, dean of the Center for Ministerial Education.

Don't Sever the Gospel

The general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance has pleaded for reconciliation of "groups within the Christian community" who are engaged in "a tug of war between those who stress the spiritual and those who emphasize the social aspects of the gospel."

José Nordenhag, addressing the annual meeting of the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance, declared that "this cutting of the gospel in two is alien to it." He added: "The New Testament clearly teaches that faith and work are inseparable. The great tragedy of our time is that we are prone to pay lip service to the love of God while neglecting our neighbor as a person."

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for October 11, 1969

THE LORD GOD OR BAAL?

Lesson Scripture: 1 Kings 18:30-39

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Losing Tax Exemption

Americans United for Separation of Church and State reports that the Internal Revenue Service has revoked its tax-exempt status.

The revocation notice said that the organization is "action" oriented and as such is not eligible for tax exemption.

Does the Internal Revenue Service mean to imply that aggressively evangelistic churches or churches, for example, that seek to promote the sevent-day Sabbath forfeit their right to exemption and that mild, middle-of-the-road churches should not exist? That hardly seems possible, but the ruling might be read that way at some later time.

The pressures for conformity are strong. People who rock the boat are looked at a little fishy-eyed. Americans United is an organization that rocks the boat. It tries to keep the Roman Catholic church from getting a strangle-hold on local, state and national government. It does get into court actions to fight unconstitutional take-overs of public schools, etc., by that church or any other. Yes, it works against some and for legislation to preserve religious freedom and the separation of church and state. Its work in this respect is different from the main business of Protestant churches.

This legislative activity is undoubtedly what the IRS is striking at. The statement quoted, however, is pretty broad. If churches are to be compelled to pay property taxes and be exempt from them it should not be on any such basis as this. It sounds a little like "throwing out the baby with the bath water." It is to be hoped that the writers of the four-page letter will see fit to reconsider the portion quoted above.

Whatever happens, let our churches stand by their Christian convictions and continue to joyfully, fearlessly try to secure general acceptance of your beliefs.

—L. M. M.

From a Subscriber

Thanks from the bottom of my heart, for the inspiration of the dear old Sabbath Recorder.

My gratitude,

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Wheeler Visits Mill Yard
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ago. We must therefore train native pastors and workers to take over the missions stations and property as we are doing in Malawi.

The British Conference has no property. We glimpsed step-by-step, the necessity of our church affairs being well-organized, of widening our horizon and vision, and playing our part in gathering the great multitude whom no man can number into the Kingdom of God (Rev. 7:9).

On Sunday, August 24, at Herne Hill, Rev. Wheeler met our Conference Committee and told us of arrangements being made for the meetings of the World Federation at the time of the General Conference in 1971, and for the coming of delegates from other countries. We should utilize the time of visiting brethren from the U.S.A. to the best advantage and seeing such visits were costly. A prayer followed. Our various conferences should be encouraged by churches and individuals, so each other's needs would be met and practical help given whenever possible.

Extended planning is necessary, and we should budget ahead for five years as being done in the U.S.A. Thus dreams can be realized. At this end also we must be faithful in tithing, and only when we have done our best in this respect should we seek aid from other conferences.

Some consideration was given to the request for a successor to Pastor McGeachy to be sent, and what type of leader was most required in England.

In the evening an evangelistic service was held. E. D. Shorter E. H. Morris conducted the service. Pastor McGeachy spoke on "Servants and Their Wages," and Bro. Wheeler on the "World's Need of Christ," and how we can bring hope to others as Philip was led to the Ethiopian eunuch, by the Scriptures. There are too many people in the world, and too few in the church. Let us introduce Jesus to others, and by this means our work will grow.

On Monday morning, August 25, Pastor McGeachy met Rev. Wheeler at the Baptist Church House at Holborn, and there had a further discussion about the cause in England and its needs. Part of their conversation was tape-recorded. After lunch at King's Cross they parted with the hope that Bro. Wheeler's meeting with the London German brethren would be greatly blessed.

Rev. Erlo E. Sutton Memorial Fund Is Established

A new fund in memory of the late Erlo E. Sutton, 1879-1969, is being established by relatives and friends through the Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Fund.

Known as the Rev. Erlo E. Sutton Memorial Fund, it is to be used for audiovisual materials in cooperation with the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education. Mr. Sutton's first leadership was that of field worker in West Virginia for the Young People's Board. He was editor of The Helping Hand, uniform lesson quarterly, from 1926 to 1951 and during this time traveled widely as director of religious education for the Sabbath School Board. His son, the Rev. Trevah R. Sutton, is an audiovisual materials supervisor in the El Paso, Texas, public schools.

Checks forwarded by the Shihol, N. J., Seventh Day Baptist Church served by Mr. Sutton as pastor, 1915-23, and from relatives and from the pastor of his own church, Boulder, Colo., the Rev. Elmo F. Randolph, Jr., $1,371. His daughter, Mrs. Robert Randolph, Freeport, Ill., is undertaking to acknowledge all contributions. Anyone wishing to share in this special memorial may forward his contribution to the Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 868, Plainfield, N. J. 07061, in care of the Rev. Albert N. Rogers, assistant treasurer.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

COLUMBUS, OHIO.—The Seventh Day Baptist Fellowship of Columbus, O., meets every Sabbath day. Our services are held in the homes of the members. Each week we have a worship service, then Sabbath School study led by Ernest Bond or Dick Shepard from the Helping Hand. This is followed by a Sabbath School lesson for the children. We have a fellowship dinner every week, where we enjoy wonderful relations among the brethren.

The regular members of our group include Mr. and Mrs. Ernest F. Bond and Rebecca of Galena; Mr. and Mrs. Dick Shepard, Morgan and Dalene of Monroe; Mr. and Mrs. James Wels, Jimmy and Kimberly of Reynoldsburg, Ohio. The Bond and Shepard are members of the Lost Creek, W. Va., church, and the Shepards and Beverly Wells are from the Denver, Colo., church.

The Bonds and Shepards attended the Southeastern Association at Lost Creek and the Bonds and Mrs. Spaur attended the Nebraska Conference at Yankton. This helps us keep in touch with our sister churches.

The Rev. and Mrs. Francis Saunders have visited us twice. The Rev. Duane Davis and family from North Louis spent the Sabbath following Conference with us.

We welcome others to share with us. Anyone wishing to attend our Sabbath service or desiring further information is invited to contact Mr. and Mrs. Ernest F. Bond, Route 2, Galena, Ohio, Tel. (614) 934-4581.

RICHBURG, N. Y.—At our quarterly Communion service on July 5, recognition was made of four of our deacons and deaconesses who have served the church for over forty years.

They are Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Burdick, Mrs. Floyd Clarke and Mr. Hal Drake.

Due to ill health Mrs. Burdick was unable to attend the service.

A report of the ordination service from the Sabbath Recorder of July 1, 1929, was read by Mrs. Thelma Stearns. It follows:

"On Feb. 16, 1929, a special church meeting was called at which time Jesse Burdick and Hal Drake were chosen deacons and Mrs. Jesse Burdick and Mrs. Floyd Clarke were chosen deaconesses. The ordination service was held on May 18. The ordination sermon was preached by Rev. Alva L. Davis who chose for a text Titus 2:10. Rev. Hurley Warren gave the charge to the candidates. Rev. Clyde Ehret gave the charge to the church, and the consecrating prayer was conducted by Rev. D. Greene. Deacon M. O. Burdick welcomed the new deacons and deaconesses to the office and to its honors and duties. The benediction was given by Mark Sanford."

Our Ladies Aid Society meets each month at the home of the hostess for that month. We are using the programs sent by the Women's Board.

July 30, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Clarke celebrated their sixty-sixth wedding anniversary. Nearly sixty relatives and friends called on them during the afternoon open house.

Eight of our members attended the Conference at Nuyack. —Correspondent

Accesions

By Baptism: ALFRED, N. Y.
Jude Frechette

By Baptism: DENVER, COLO.
Mrs. Flora Chronister
Becky Higuera
Jenell Smith

By Baptism: LOST CREEK, W. VA.
Miss Drenda Randolph
Miss Marv Jane Curry

By Letter: Mrs. Stephen Saunders
Mrs. Stephen (Irene) Saunders

SCHENECTADY, N. Y.
By Testimony: Mrs. Harold Pearson
Mrs. Clara Goodrow

Marriages

Matteson - Wellman.—Norman Matteson, son of Floyd and Nollie Matteson of Sanford, N. Y., and Marguerite Wellman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Cuff, of East Greenbush, N. Y., were united in marriage August 30, 1969, in her home in North Tonawanda by the Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel.

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**NCC General Board Responds to Black Manifesto**

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 12—After an emotion-packed afternoon of discussion, the General Board of the National Council of Churches late yesterday responded to the Black Manifesto by urging member communions to raise an immediate sum of $500,000 to meet needs of black clergy groups and put plans into motion to make available “tens of millions of dollars” for minority economic development.

The sum of $500,000 is to be raised by the council’s member communions to go directly to the National Committee of Black Churchmen for five regional conferences for black clergy (at an estimated $200,000 cost) and to the Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization, which makes grants to local groups seeking improvement of the economic status of minority groups.

The plan to raise “tens of millions of dollars” will be presented for action to the NCC’s triennial General Assembly, scheduled to convene in Detroit in early December.

**BWA Secretary Dies**

Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance since 1960, died of a heart attack in Washington, Sept. 18. He was well known to a number of Seventh Day Baptists.

A native of Norway, Nordenhaug, 66, had been chief executive of the international Baptist fellowship with about 27 million members since his election in 1960 at the Baptist World Congress in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

He had planned to retire in July, 1970.

In August, the Executive Committee of the alliance elected Robert S. Denny, senior associate secretary of the alliance, as Nordenhaug’s successor.

A gifted linguist, he would never say how many languages he spoke, but his co-workers said that he could speak any of the languages of Eastern and Western Europe. He was also trained as an architect, theologian, and cabinetmaker.

He was editor of The Commission, publication of the Southern Baptist Convention’s Foreign Mission Board, from 1948-50, before becoming seminary president.

**Baptist World Alliance**

The Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance composed of 130 Baptist leaders from 31 countries met in Austria this year, presided over by William R. Tolbert, vice-president of the Republic of Liberia.

The committee adopted resolutions on evangelism and reconciliation, world peace, and world relief. The resolution on evangelism called for a worldwide emphasis in the ‘70’s for evangelism and reconciliation with such a crusade launched at the Baptist World Congress in Tokyo next summer.

**Pacific Coast Association**

The fall meeting of the Pacific Coast Association will be held, as is customary, with the Los Angeles church, 4976 N. Figueroa St., October 17, 18. Those desiring lodging are asked to contact Mrs. George Barber, 2044 Milan Ave., South Pasadena, CA 91030.