Keeping the Sabbath

The Late Dr. H. C. Morrison

The Sabbath Day, with all it is and all it means, is one of the greatest blessings God ever bestowed upon man. The breaking up of time, with its toil, nervous strain and accumulating responsibilities into weeks—periods of seven days—with the seventh day for rest, is an inexpressible benediction and blessing to mankind.

The coming of the Sabbath day is a constant reminder of God's existence, and His right to rule His intelligent creatures is one of His wisest provisions of His government. Those who keep the Sabbath cannot forget God, nor are they at all likely to drift far in disobedience of any of His laws. To keep the Sabbath in the true spirit of the Sabbath is to become a reverential and obedient Christian.

It would be difficult to enumerate the many benefits and blessings that come to us through the institution of this day of rest and worship. The rest to the tired body, the relaxation of mind and nerve, the bath, the better clothing, the cheerful Sabbath dinner, the family reunion, the sanctuary, with song and sermon, the social intercourse, the spirit of reverence and devotion that come to us through the holy Sabbath cannot possibly be estimated.

It has been proven over and again that this law of the Sabbath is not only written in the Bible, but in our natures also. Men, animals, and machinery will do more and better work, will last longer and keep in better repair, if they have rest every seventh day. It has been said to those who claim to have demonstrated the fact, that the seventh for rest is the proper proportion. If it were the fifth or sixth day, the time of labor would be too short. If it were the tenth or eleventh day the time of labor between rests would be too long. The mind of God is infinite. He knows exactly what we need, and has done all things well.

Those persons who violate God's law with reference to the Sabbath will certainly trample upon His commandments with reference to other things. The violation of the Sabbath law hardens the heart, deadens the conscience, and prepares one for rebellion against God with reference to all other commandments. The Sabbath violator is, or will become, an all-round sinner. No man who infringes against this law will have a tender conscience on any other law. Those who do not remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy will inevitably trample upon any and all commandments that stand in the way of the gratification of their desires and whims.

We Worship Thee

By Eva Millar

We worship Thee, O God most high, Whose glory fills the earth and sky; 'Tis chanted by the restless waves And answered in the echoing caves.

The fruits of all the earth are Thine, The treasures of the sea and mine; May we Thy gifts, Lord, so employ, That they shall bless and not destroy.

Each child of Thine Thou lendest skill, A tool wherewith to do Thy will; So may we, Lord, fill all our days With deeds of love and songs of praise.

Ourselves and all that we possess We pray Thee to accept and bless, Till with the true and living bread The multitudes of earth are fed.

Till want and fear and hate shall cease, And love bring in Thy reign of peace; Till all mankind receive Thy word, And worship Christ, the living Word.
Strong on Religious Liberty

Jewish leadership in the United States is making itself heard more and more on religious and other questions - just as it is as it should be now that they are accorded their rightful place in our multilateral society. Among the subjects on which rabbis and others are most vocal are religious liberty and separation of state and church. There are, of course, a few who are radicals on the left or on the right or on Jewish questions - just as there are radicals in the Catholic and Protestant folds.

Mainstream Judaism in America is quite consistent in its stand for right principles. A coalition of Jewish religious and secular organizations last month reaffirmed their "vehement opposition to state financing of sectarian religious instruction in public schools." The stand was taken in opposition to the position of Rabbi Harold Saperstein who had called for an intensified search for a means by which sectarian schools could be assisted within the framework of our constitution.

We reject the argument that religious schools are entitled to state aid when they are facing increasing financial problems, the organizations declared, adding: "We cannot - indeed, dare not - look to the state to transmit our religious heritage to the next generation."

When we reflect a little, we realize that the most often heard appeal for public funds for parochial schools is just this that they are having a hard time and ought to be helped. Such an argument overlooks the principle of equality involved. The whole public should not be taxed to provide funds to propagate a religious organization to which only a segment of the population subscribes. Even if many of the same faith (which can never be the situation) would be somewhat different. The minority should be accorded its rights as a right, but it is not because the smaller the minority the greater the tendency to forget these rights and to exert pressure for their neglect.

The other point made by the Jewish organization is interesting. It is true that we cannot - indeed, do not - look to the state to transmit our religious heritage to the next generation. There are some things that we must do ourselves if they are to be done properly and effectively; we cannot shirk or shift our responsibility. One cannot help but wonder, however, if these words would have the same meaning and acceptance if spoken in Israel. Dare we have one set of principles for the United States and another for Israel? It appears that the dominant feeling in the Jewish section of our nation had to be brought into being to preserve and transmit a long religious heritage. This is true under circumstances are drastic to be inseparable. So far the Orthodox element has successfully resisted every attempt to make Israel a secular state like ours. If it loses its characteristic Jewishness its reason to be is undermined. The state by legislation and a certain amount of enforced conformity is confronted with the problem of separation.

What Israel does may be shrugged off as being none of our concern. We must be constantly on the watch, however, to see that the oppressed minority becomes the opposition majority when the situation changes.

—L. M. Malbry

C. E. Day in Our Churches

Although Youth Week, as sponsored by the NCC, has been shifted from the first week of February (Christian Endeavor Week) to the fall, many of our churches have continued to set aside the first Sabbath in February as Youth Day. On this day, the Sabbath Recorder tells of the youth taking full charge of the morning service on this day as in years gone by.

The Christian Endeavor movement is nineteen this year. There have been indications that it has not been as robust as it once was. One of the reasons that it had to cut back on its budget, its publications, and its services was that it had to cut back on its budget, its publications, and its services was that in the last twenty years many denominations broke away from this ecumenical or interdenominational endeavor to establish their own youth fellowships — hoping thus to tie the young people closer to their own church. This was slightly out of keeping with the trend toward cooperation and church union, but one can see why leaders took this kind of action.

It now appears that Christian Endeavor is making a fairly strong comeback. Charles L. Bitner, general secretary of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, says that requests for organizing kits have hit a thirty-year high, leading many churches now see the value of the C. E. organization and the service it can render through lesson topics, etc.

Seven Day Baptists were pioneers in C. E. and have contributed much to local and state union leadership. Our people also followed the trend of setting up our own youth fellowships. Like others, we found the rough going because we could not produce helps with the high purpose and well-rounded emphasis that could come from a larger, national organization with a strong constitution. During the years it has been evident to some of us that the Seven Days Baptists have stood up better and trained the youth better than others. Just as our people were pioneers in C. E. work, it may be that we may be in the forefront of those coming back to the movement. This is one type of interdenominational cooperation where identity is not lost and all receive benefit by having a solid organization that is worldwide.

Sabbath Recorder Day

This is the second issue with the new dating. It comes to you, hopefully, on or before Sabbath Recorder Day, February 20. For the first time last week, we are now predating your magazine more than before. Instead of Monday, February 8, the issue previous to this was dated Sabbath, February 13. We trust that many in more distant places will appreciate this.

Sabbath Recorder Day is a good day to think appreciation of the truly remarkable activity it is that C. E. is now a denominational paper in times like these and to resolve to support it in every way possible, including new subscriptions. Speaking of subscriptions, it will be pos-

FEBRUARY 20, 1971
sible to subscribe or renew at the long­
hold rate of $4 until April 1.

Today I am asking one of the relig­
ious monthly magazines at $5. It is a popular magazine that carries a lot of advertising. I could hardly help but think of the difference between
the cost of $5 for fifty issues of a religious
material for the same price. Ours would
continue to be a bargain even if we were
asked to share the cost than this
modest increase in price provides.

The Sabbath Recorder has been a
love of my family. The past decade,
they have been reading this
Seventh Day Baptist magazine for more than seventy
years. She had some suggestions for the
back page. It is gratifying also to hear
that the Sabbath Recorder is consistently
making some new friends and being welcomed
into some families with the
joy of a new son. There can be many
more happy people if we all work at it.

New Christians are bound to the church and
to the denomination by reading each
week about our total work. Thus they
gain a sense of purpose.

Pray for:
1) The individuals in all the Seventh
Day Baptist Conferences who will realize
that the way will open up for them
to come to the SDBWF meetings next Au­
gust. Some cannot come unless prayers
are answered.

2) The spiritual encouragement of un­
supported workers in Ghana, Nigeria,
and several Far East countries.

3) “The need of the hour” to the will of God, of the willingness to minis­
ter to churches or groups and the need
for some one to minister to present
or potential congregations.

Let us extend the challenge.

Stewardship Reward

The Bible in a number of places em­
phasizes the rewards of good steward­
ship. The following is how the
loved one and the covet “Well done, good and faithful
servant” that is pronounced by our Lord
after life on earth is finished. Not in­
significant to our general well-being is
the rewards of good steward­
ship.

The commission presented a silver pitcher.

There may not be a stewardship man
in Seventh Day Baptist circles who has
reached the position as executive director-treasurer
of the Stewardship Commission of the
Southern Baptist Convention. He was ac­
claimed as “Mr. Stewardship” and was
praised in a resolution for rendering
“superior leadership in stewardship pro­
motion for over twenty­three years in the SBC.” A testimonial banquet was
arranged to honor him. At the time of the
banquet, the commission presented
Moore a complete outfit of clothing—
suit, sport coat, all weather coat, hat,
shoes, shirt and tie. To Mrs. Moore the
commission presented a silver pitcher.

The third paragraph states that, “The
WCC views the Canada need in exactly
the same terms that it has applied over
the past two decades to other refugee
situations: Hungarian, Nigerian/Biafra,
Vietnamese, and so on.” But let it be noted that the WCC, of course, is
not parable. They cannot be compared
because they are not of a kind. As it is
with a star and a planet, there may be
approximation and superficial similarities, but
the real substance is altogether different.

Perhaps the most serious difficulty is
that the WCC action and the Sabbath
Record is a tradition of<br>THE SABBATH RECORDER

Our Prayer Corner

Suggestions for Prayer This Week

Dear Editor:

Having just read, “WCC Justifies Fund
Appeal for U. S. Draft Evaders in
Canada” (January 11, p. 13), I feel
compelled to comment on the item. The
implications, if not the facts may be
called in question by thinking people.

The following quotation appears, “It is clearly under­
stood (by whom?) that none of the funds
so granted are intended to be used to
introduce desertion or evasion on the part
of the U. S. citizens of draft age.” This
may be a factual representation of the
WCC’s announced intention, but there
may be no doubt that the council’s action
denies the announced intention, for it
contains an implicit blessing upon as
well as explicit aid and abetment to illegal
evaders and deserters.

The WCC looks the Canada need in exactly
the same terms that it has applied over
the past two decades to other refugee
situations: Hungarian, Nigerian/Biafra,
Vietnamese, and so on.” It would be impossible to estimate the
many various reasons given by philos­
ophers of all fields — e.g. anthropology,
sociology, biological science, theology—
what sets man apart from ani­
mals. I cite the passage above not to
incite an argument from those among
you with much insight into these
matters than I, but merely that it ex­
emplifies the importance of past, along with
present and future in our lives. Especially
as Christians is this true.

As we Seventh Day Baptists wind up
300 years in America, we have a tradi­
tion and heritage of which use can be
made for each generation to rise superior
the preceding one. It is a tradition of
striving for Christian “tools” (love) and
“forethought” (hope), a tradition of
leadership, a tradition of making mis­
takes, and learning by them. A tradition
of growing maturity, and responsibility.
We do not all trace our lineage back
to those founding fathers (and mothers).
Thank heavens — since our history shows
many of the most vital and staunchest
leaders were led to Seventh Day Baptists,
cate with enthusiasm to all its youth and
to the WCC offering the availability of
such alternatives to those who for rea­
sions of conscience must reject service in
the military?

—C. Rex Burdick, Riverside, Calif.

President’s Column

HERITAGE

“He was using steel and making a bow,
two of the greatest inventions which have
brought about man’s material progress.
But more than that, he was making a
bow not for instant use, but against a
future need, displaying that thought for
the morrow which enables man to rise
superior to the animals about him. And
also he had not invented the
bow;... the real substance is altogether different.

Perhaps the most serious difficulty is
that the WCC action and the Sabbath
Record is a tradition of<br>THE SABBATH RECORDER

Our Prayer Corner

Suggestions for Prayer This Week

Dear Editor:

Having just read, “WCC Justifies Fund
Appeal for U. S. Draft Evaders in
Canada” (January 11, p. 13), I feel
compelled to comment on the item. The
implications, if not the facts may be
called in question by thinking people.

The following quotation appears, “It is clearly under­
stood (by whom?) that none of the funds
so granted are intended to be used to
introduce desertion or evasion on the part
of the U. S. citizens of draft age.” This
may be a factual representation of the
WCC’s announced intention, but there
may be no doubt that the council’s action
denies the announced intention, for it
contains an implicit blessing upon as
well as explicit aid and abetment to illegal
evaders and deserters.

The WCC looks the Canada need in exactly
the same terms that it has applied over
the past two decades to other refugee
situations: Hungarian, Nigerian/Biafra,
Vietnamese, and so on.” It would be impossible to estimate the
many various reasons given by philos­
ophers of all fields — e.g. anthropology,
sociology, biological science, theology—
what sets man apart from ani­
mals. I cite the passage above not to
incite an argument from those among
you with much insight into these
matters than I, but merely that it ex­
emplifies the importance of past, along with
present and future in our lives. Especially
as Christians is this true.

As we Seventh Day Baptists wind up
300 years in America, we have a tradi­
tion and heritage of which use can be
made for each generation to rise superior
the preceding one. It is a tradition of
striving for Christian “tools” (love) and
“forethought” (hope), a tradition of
leadership, a tradition of making mis­
takes, and learning by them. A tradition
of growing maturity, and responsibility.
We do not all trace our lineage back
to those founding fathers (and mothers).
Thank heavens — since our history shows
many of the most vital and staunchest
leaders were led to Seventh Day Baptists,
and vital "new blood" continues to contribute, and is essential, to our maturity. As mature Seventh Day Baptists we have a responsibility of making use of our tradition whereby our generation will leave to the next a more nearly Christian world. This means applying the Christian "tools" of the present: grace, an active unselfish involvement in Christ's work in the world now; Christian "foresight": preparation to meet needs with Christian hope and confidence. It is important in applying tradition, to be aware of it, knowing its background and how it has contributed not only to our own maturity, but that of our nation. It is my sincere hope that every Seventh Day Baptist will take advantage of this tercentennial year to refresh himself of his tradition. —Stephen Thorngate

* C. S. Forester, "The Sky and the Forest."

Quitclaim Deed
A stewardship article submitted by R. B. Bialy

Today I received an additional illumination from reading Basil Miller's biography of Charles G. Finney. He started his religious work in New York, and I found in the legal textbooks frequent references to the law of Moses, he determined to buy a Bible and read the passages for himself. Up to that time he had had no religious training whatever, and neither he nor his parents had ever owned a Bible. They were decent, law-abiding, but with no interest in religion. At one time in his varied career he engaged in a series of meetings with lawyers and judges, and was able to deal with them quite effectively, to "speak their language." One of the lawyers drew up, in precise legal form, a quitclaim deed to himself and all he possessed, turning it over to Jesus Christ. That was his way of acknowledging sovereignty of the Lord Jesus, that a work of conversion had been accomplished in his life.

Do you realize it is perfectly legal for me to give Jesus Christ a warranty deed to my life. We are His property already. He owns us twice; once by creation and again by redemption. All we can do is cease claiming rights in ourselves. And we are trying to defraud Christ if we expect Him to give us anything of value in return for that worthless paper. Yet worthless though a quitclaim deed may be, Christ does ask us to give Him quitclaim deeds. He already has the right. Now He wants us to give them to a specific individual and will stand back of and defend his right to the use and enjoyment of that property.

Now it is impossible for me to give Jesus Christ a warranty deed to my life. We are His property already. He owns us twice; once by creation and again by redemption. All we can do is cease claiming rights in ourselves. And we are trying to defraud Christ if we expect Him to give us anything of value in return for that worthless paper. Yet worthless though a quitclaim deed may be, Christ does ask us to give Him quitclaim deeds. He already has the right. Now He wants us to give them to a specific individual and will stand back of and defend his right to the use and enjoyment of that property.

—Gerald C. Bond, Siloam Springs, Ark.

Protestants in Italy
The Protestant Federation of Italy meets recently in Florence.

The federation passed a resolution asking annulment of the 1929 concordat between the Italian government and the Vatican. It sought, in another resolution, to achieve complete freedom of church state, including the ending of compulsory religious teaching in the schools, and removal of all special privileges granted to any religious denomination.

Baptists are one of four member denominations in the Protestant Federation of Italy, formed four years ago. The others are Waldensian, Methodist, and Lutheran. —EBPS

Brazillian Church Makes Remarkable Advancement
By Leo Floyd

The Seventh Day Baptist Church of Porto Uniao, Santa Catarina, Brazil has experienced a remarkable advance during the past two years. In 1969 its membership totaled only 84; the church's present membership is 228, an increase of 142 over 1969. This compares with an overall denominational increase of 221 members during this same period.

The most remarkable part of this achievement is that the church is located in a relatively small city that does not have a large population. Yet this church has demonstrated that the location of a church does not necessarily make the difference between success or failure of its program. These people have shown what will happen in any city where there is a desire by its members and leaders to seek God's will. A willingness of a church and its people to submit themselves to the Holy Spirit's guidance, with a desire to work hard in carrying out God's program for them, will make a success of any church's efforts.

The Porto Uniao church knows only too well that without God's help all of this would never have happened. They thank God for His blessings upon them during the past two years and are praying that He will continue to bless them in their efforts for the future. They are seeking strength and wisdom to continue in the Lord's program of helping the lost and needy to find in Him the rest and peace that comes with putting their trust in Him.

Part of the dedication day crowd listening to a speaker outside the church at Porto Uniao, Brazil

FEBRUARY 20, 1971
Leaders who go on missions to other countries are often presented with a variety of tokens of appreciation. While my good and helpful wife Ethel and I were on such visits to Jamestown church missions, we were often presented fruits and vegetables such as bananas, mangos, sour sop, breadfruit, coconuts and yams.

On the Sabbath of January 2, while here in Malawi, we were due for another surprise for at the close of the Sabbath morning and afternoon services at the Nolo church, some 50 miles from Blantyre, Ethel and I were asked to come forward to be presented a gift of another kind—a box containing 113 eggs!

It was a Sabbath long to be remembered for being royally hosted by the David Pearson family at Blantyre. We had arisen early in the morning to make the extended trip, part of it being on "secondary" dirt roads and three quarters of a mile along a narrow path by foot. The VW Kombi was well filled as we were accompanied by Pastor and Mrs. Nantikwa and Pastor Otrain Manani with others returning with us.

We arrived at about 10:30 to find several sizable classes meeting inside the sanctuary and around various areas of the church yard, men and women meeting separately. There were at least two men's classes with approximately twenty-five in the class I attended.

All too soon the class sessions were brought to a close by the ringing of the "bell"—the striking with a piece of steel against an auto wheel suspended by a wire from a tree.

The membership of the Nolo church is about 190, and the sanctuary was filled to capacity that Sabbath with approximately 250 worshippers including members and pastors from neighboring churches.

Ethel presented the children's message with surprises—even to me — pulled from her purse as well as a message inspired by several passages of Scripture with Otrain Manani serving as able interpreter.

The dramatic "anthem" was one of the most impressive I have ever heard. As a mixed sextet stood in front of the altar, the singing began but the sextet remained silent. Another group of persons (two groups) were singing outside the church. As the harmonious vocal conversation continued between the two groups, Pastor Manani seated beside me, interpreted the message. The ladies outside were seeking Jesus. The choral group inside was responding "Jesus is here!" Then one man from the altar group went back through the congregation preaching, exalting the Christ. Soon the two ladies came singing as they entered the church and proceeded down the aisle with choral conversation continuing.

After the invitation was once again presented to them by one of the men, they formed an octet as they joined in singing with exuberance to the glory of God, "Jesus is here!"

The sermon inspired by Mark 10:17-22 and Matthew 22:37-39 and delivered by the writer included Jesus' insistence that the Lord wants full dedication and love on the part of all of His disciples. At the close of the service in response to the altar call twenty-eight adult persons came forward to dedicate themselves to the Lord. After the rest of the congregation had left the sanctuary, a further challenge was presented to them and they were then divided into several groups each joined by a pastor for further edification, confession and prayer.

As we later returned home, plowing through mud amidst a torrential rain, Ethel and I recollected several expressions of Christ's love expressed towards us including the realization that Pastor and Mrs. Nantikwa had walked some twelve miles to join others greeting us on our arrival at the airport some distance from Blantyre.

At the Shiloh mission on Friday, Sister Anna was born.

(The continued on page 15)

THE SABBATH RECORDER

FEBRUARY 20, 1971
The 1970 Seventh Day Baptist Yearbook will soon be in the hands of its readers. Parts if it were printed earlier in the summer; much of it could not be set in type and arranged in pages until recently. Not until the page proofs were returned could the book be produced at the Pawtucket Seventh Day Baptist Church in Westerly, R. I., on Sunday, January 24. Pastor Edgar Wheeler offered prayer. It is interesting to note that when the memorial resolutions should be drawn up and added to the records for two former board members who had died, the last meeting: Mrs. Mary Starr (Utter) Maxson and Martin J. Oates.

The treasurer’s report indicated that the society is in sound financial condition. He also reported that a reparations claim for indemnity covering the expropriation of China Mission properties by the Chinese Communists had resulted in recognition by the United States Department of State that the Seventh Day Baptist Mission Society had sustained a loss of $30,000 with interest thereon at 6% per annum from October 1, 1949 to the date of settlement. This recognition lies “within the scope of the V of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949 as amended. The treasurer pointed out that there are no funds available at the moment to meet this approved claim but when, and if money becomes available, the certified settlement will be made.

The reports of the executive vice-president, the consultant in office, and of the evangelist on the home front were received, approved, and recorded. These will be published in the next issue of the Missionary Reporter.

Evangelist Myron Soper reported on his report of meetings of Key ‘73 held at St. Louis, December 7 and 8. He considers these meetings very significant and believes Seventh Day Baptist will want to be affiliated with this united effort of many denominations.

The main thrust will be in 1973 when the Seventh Day Baptist Churches will be united and organized. The main thrust will be in 1973 when the Seventh Day Baptist Churches will be united and organized.

FEBRUARY 20, 1971
MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—Rex E. Zwiefel

A Book for Youth Counselors

For those working with youth the United Church of Christ Youth magazine for January, 1971, has pulled together some very good material on the military draft that students need to know before they register. There is a big push on for this with all denominations as this is the only thing of its kind.

Available for 65 cents from Youth, Room 310, 1505 Race St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19102

What Are Seminarians’ Concerns?

The Institute for Urban Ministries sent out questionnaires to discover what area the seminarians were concerned with, asking that three of them also be chosen as most important.

Counseling, contemporary theology, and human rights were by far the three most important areas. Also getting some support were: urbanization, the Holy Spirit, historical theology, liturgical reform, youth culture, ecology, de-personalization, and local level ecumenical dialogue and task forces.

Verona Church Acquires New Parsonage

The Verona, N. Y., church located at a crossroad several miles from the village of Verona between Oneida and Rome has long felt the need of a new parsonage to replace the home one-half mile from the church that had outlived its usefulness and was hard to keep in repair. Quite a number of years ago land next to the church was purchased in hope of eventually building a suitable parsonage. The land has frequently been used to grow Lord’s Acre corn that stood tall and even.

The following story comes from Verona telling of the change of plans that came when a new house just beyond their land was vacated and became available. It was built in such a way as to make it well adapted to use as a parsonage.

Greetings to all of our brothers in Christ. May we share a part of our happiness with each of you. The church at Verona has felt led to purchase a new parsonage. What an exciting time this is for us!

The home we have purchased is located approximately one-fourth of a mile from the church. It has a lovely 14 x 22 ft. living room; kitchen and dining area together; focal living room office; two baths; four bedrooms; two car garage; and a laundry area, recreation area, and fruit cellar in the basement. The house is located on a pleasant double lot and is six years old.

We are thankful for the coming of Pastor Babcock and his family and are looking forward to working shoulder to shoulder with him. What a marvelous God we have to work things all so wonderfully.

Thank Him for all His blessings and praise Him for His mercies.

—Parsonage Committee

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for February 27, 1971

RICH TOWARD GOD

THE SABBATH RECORDER

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Sec. David S. Clarke

How Much Insight?

How Many Renewed in Christ?

Franklyn Wise of Olivet Nazarene College in Kankakee, Ill., in an article in Religious Education magazine regarding the role of local church education asks if we are concerned more for “praise and ecclesiastical promotions” or for persons gaining insight into Christian life and being reborn in Christ’s vitality. For Seventh Day Baptists this may ask: Do we keep the high aims of Christian education in activating our methods? Do we keep actively seeking renewed persons as we pursue the gold, silver, or bronze certificates? or attendance awards? Do we seek praise from another or from God?

In what he termed, “A Conservative, Evangelical Assessment of Concerns for the 70’s,” Dr. Wise deals with doctrines of conversion, sanctification, grace, sin, salvation, and love. He points to behavioral psychology’s influence on Christian education as related to moral teaching from the Bible. He lifts up the problems of the Church’s rural traditions and society’s urbanization (or I might interpret it better “urbanity”). Talking of medical and social changes affecting sexual attitudes and action, he asks, “What can the Church teach about the ‘quality of life’ resulting from sexual experiences within the Biblical context as overemphasized and extra­marital ones?” He calls for education on sexuality within the Church to supplement public or personal education.

Perhaps most important for educators were Dr. Wise’s observations about the aims of Christian education: “Today, conservative evangelicals experience a diffusion of aims. The greatest rewards in praise and ecclesiastical promotions are given to those who bring to the god of statistics the largest numerical increase in church rolls. As if at all, it is the question, ‘How many were won to Christ?’ or ‘How much insight into the Christian life did your Sunday School pupils receive?’”

What may be most significant for Seventh Day Baptists is the continuing demand for consistency. In educating for free and intentional behavior that is morally related to the living God how can we keep from being pressured by societal standards or behavioristic polls, helpful as these latter may be in portraying problems?

Prevention of Abuse of “Chemical Comforters”

During February on educational television many areas of our country were able to see the Public Broadcasting Corporation’s series on prevention of the abuse of “chemical comforters” or drugs. Consult your own area’s educational television program for times of programs still to be shown. Spectrum, the journal of the Developmental Educational Development, NCCC, recommends thoughtful viewing for Christians and their friends. Why not bring in a group of interested persons and discuss the programs after viewing one or more of them together? This could be a really vital youth and adult education activity.

Tested in October after production by WQED-TV of Pittsburgh, the series includes: the U. S. surgeon general and others introducing the problem, documentaries on prevention and rehabilitation, town meeting of youth and experts, drama by ex-addicts, a docu-drama, and the younger child problem.

Later in the spring there will be a series especially for church and general educators, in the fall a series by teen-agers is scheduled.

ABC OF LAM

Sound like a strange mixture of letters in alphabet soup? It has an explanation. LAM is Latin American Mission which attempts to train nationals for in-depth evangelism of the southern continent. At the recent Latin American Congress on Evangelism at Bogota, Colombia, there were enthusiastic delegates from what we call the Central American countries—Argentina, Brazil, and Chile. Those from Brazil emphasized their conviction that today is the day to evangelize their country.

FEBRUARY 20, 1971

13
Missionary Board Meeting

(Continued from page 11)

casting ministry under the auspices of the Gospel Broadcasting Committee of the Christian Council of Malawi.

Reports from Miss Sarah Becker, R.N., on medical work at Makapwa and the clinic at Thosebe indicate that a great need is being met and that the government strongly urges the continuance of this work.

The Executive Committee presented to the board a new handbook that gives the policy and practice of the society over the last seventy-five years. Since this is not new policy it was received by the board and copies are being made available to workers, board members, and other interested individuals. It was pointed out that this was not the final word as the policy of the board is continually under review and change as circumstances and opportunities arise. Therefore the handbook will be amended and changed from time to time to meet the changes in the policy and practice of the board.

The operating budget for 1971 in amounts totaling $1,075,53 was presented by the Executive (Budget) Committee and adopted. It was pointed out that the $3,000 plus increase from the figure approved at General Conference last August reflects the new Missionary Support Policy, the increases in payment of Social Security and Blue Cross premiums. One of several cutbacks was noted in the amount budgeted for missionary pastor support on the home field.

Upon recommendation of the Executive Committee a retirement plan for undedicated employees of the board was adopted.

The executive vice-president read a most interesting report of the medical work of Miss Sarah Becker. (Her report will be published in the next issue.) It is expected that a national worker, Mr. Harold Dzumani, presently in nurses' training at Kent, England, will be returning to Makapwa in mid-1972 qualified to become head of the medical work.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

VERONA, N. Y.—Our people are happy to again have the Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Babcock and son Barry came to us from Dodge Center, Minn., January 18, accompanied by their son William who drove a rented truck with their household goods. An installation service was held the next Sabbath, January 23.

We have had an active year, with all auxiliary groups keeping up their meetings and projects.

During the past few months we were fortunate to secure the services of the Rev. Carlos Mooney, pastor of the Canastota Baptist Church, as our interim pastor. He and Mrs. Mooney found a warm welcome among our people, especially the young married group. We all regretted their move to a church in Cleveland, Ohio, about January 1.

Our annual meeting was well attended and business was conducted in good order. The two projects of the year were the sesquicentennial celebration, reported in a former Recorder, and the purchase of a new parsonage. We felt a renewed interest and responsibility in continuing the work of Christ begun 150 years ago and carried on by many consecrated people. We learned much more about our history and are encouraged to continue to do our part in the service of God who led our ancestors.

For several years we have had a "New Parsonage Project" and have a lot next to the church. When a six-year-old modern split-level home near the church was made available it was decided to purchase and build. By means of contributions from friends and members and a loan from the denomination added to the fund already in hand, the purchase was made.

Pastor and Mrs. Babcock are comfortably situated in the new parsonage. The Ladies' Aid purchased a new rug for the living room and helped to stock the cupboards with some essentials we thought they could use. The old parsonage, which will bring memories to many readers, is for sale. It was purchased many years ago for $500 and has had many improvements and additions through the years.

We ask your prayers that we may be better witnesses for Christ in 1971 and go forward in His service.

—Correspondent

Subscriptions Coming In

At least one or two churches did not wait for Sabbath Recorder Day to push renewals and new subscriptions. On February 3 our office received from one of our churches a check for $73 to cover the renewals, new subscriptions, and gifts either collected by the agent or paid for by the church. The amount received was larger than in previous years. If others follow this good example there will be more people reading our denominational paper and supporting our far-reaching work through the interest developed by such reading.

Meant To Fly

Airplanes are to fly, autos and buses are for ground transportation. Sounds right, but airport facilities are not adequate for getting planes off the ground without unduly long taxiways. American Airlines alone taxies its planes one million miles per year and in 1969 spent $6 million for fuel used on the ground from gate to take-off and from landing to gate. How many of our churches fail to get off the ground?

—Alton L. Wheeler
January 14, 1971

Accessions

(Continued from page 8)


Hays.—A daughter, Constance Carol, to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hays of Harvey, La., on Nov. 18, 1970.

Pierce.—A son, Shane Wyatt, to Robert and Mary Anna (Wear) Pierce of Arcadia, Calif. on Jan. 20, 1971.


Williams.—A daughter, Deonne, to Scott and Karma (Conrad) Williams of Vallejo, Calif. on Dec. 17, 1970.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

February 20, 1971
Sabbath Thought

While it is true that there can be obedience without love, is it not also true that there cannot be love without obedience? In words that apply to the Sabbath as well as other areas of obedience, Jesus said, “If ye love me keep my commandments.”

S. D. B. STALWARTS
Tercentenary Series
By Albert N. Rogers

Three centuries of Seventh Day Baptist history in America will be climaxed in events next August at General Conference and at Newport, R. I., where our first church was “gathered.” Meanwhile, interest in the people involved in that history grows.

The Langworthy family, descendants of Andrew and Rachel Hubbard Langworthy who were charter members of the Newport church, is remembered in the display currently seen in the foyer of the Seventh Day Baptist Building, in Plainfield, N. J. The display contains articles and books related to the family of Franklin A. Langworthy, late of Plainfield, who died August 13, 1970. Diaries kept by Mr. Langworthy, one of his family Bibles, the tool box used in his machinist’s trade, and the ox yoke which may have been used when his family moved from Rhode Island to New York state in 1791 are to be seen.

Other Seventh Day Baptist stalwarts to be featured in future displays include Samuel Hubbard, father of Rachel Hubbard Langworthy, whose journal is a prime source of historical insights. A copy of the journal has been loaned to the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society by Milton College. Another stalwart who was pastor of the Newport church during the Revolutionary War is William Bliss, and he will be portrayed with keepsakes from the church.

A series of studies on early denominational history is now being carried on in connection with the Sabbath School of the Milton church, and this is reported to be attracting attention there.

The Historical Society is revising and expanding its audiovisual materials related to Newport, and color slides with script are available for a request. Address: S.D.B. Historical Society, 510 Watchung Ave., Box 868, Plainfield, NJ 07061.

Eternal Life Important

Eric Bylin of Sweden, a retired missionary to the Congo with a doctor of philosophy degree, was presenting a missionary message. He got as far in his message as, “The question of eternal life is the most important question we can raise . . . .” His voice trailed off and he collapsed behind the pulpit. He never got to finish his discussion of the question of eternity, but he entered that state with a full realization of its importance.

We do well to give frequent thought to preparation for going to be with the Lord.

Clear-toned Bell at Milton
The Milton, Wis., Seventh Day Baptist Church now calls the village to worship with a clear-toned bell, replacing the cracked bell. (See story inside.)