

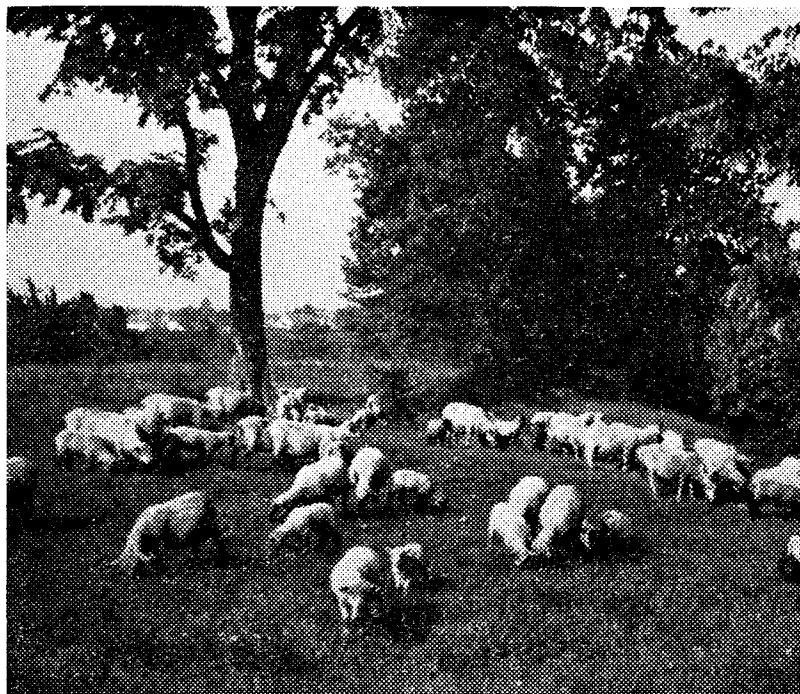
“Go, Set a Watchman, Let Him Declare What He Seeth.”  
— ISAIAH 21:6 —

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— JOHN 14:6 —



“Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will. . . .” — Hebrews 13:20, 21

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## Why Not Talk to God About Sunday?

Erling Calkins did and he is now a Sabbath-keeper

Lord, I am puzzled. Most of my friends go to church and rest on Sunday, but some say Saturday is the true Sabbath. Will You please tell me which is right?

**"The seventh day is the sabbath" (Fourth commandment, Exodus 20:10).**

Saturday is the seventh day. Is this the Sabbath to be kept by Christians, even after Your crucifixion and ascension to heaven?

**"Pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day" (Matthew 24:20) (Note: Christ was warning of the destruction of Jerusalem, which took place in A. D. 70, nearly 40 years after His ascension. He taught that the Sabbath was still to be kept by His followers.)**

But, Lord, why the seventh day? Isn't Sunday as good as Saturday?

**"God BLESSED the seventh day, and SANCTIFIED it" (Genesis 2:3). "God did REST the seventh day from all his works" (Hebrews 4:4).**

But, Lord, didn't You change the blessing from the seventh day to the resurrection day?

**"He hath blessed; and I cannot reverse it" (Numbers 23:20). "For thou blessest, O Lord, and it shall be blessed for ever" (1 Chronicles 17:27).**

Yes, that sounds right, but why do so many people keep Sunday instead of Saturday? If the Bible teaches Sabbath keeping, how and by whom was Sunday keeping introduced into the Christian church?

**"And he [the 'Little Horn' power] shall speak great words against the most High, . . . and think to change times and laws" (Daniel 7:25).**

The Roman Catholic Church is the Little Horn of Daniel 7; do You mean that it should think to change the law of God?

**"Ask now the priests concerning the law" (Haggai 2:11).**

Very well, I will ask Stephen Keenan, a Catholic priest: Does your church think it has the power to change the law of God?

**"Had she not such power, she could not have done that in which all modern religionists agree with her; she could not have substituted the observance of Sunday, the first day of the week, for the observance of Saturday, the seventh day of the week, a change for which there is no Scriptural authority." —Doctrinal Catechism, page 174**

When was this change made?

**"We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church in the Council of Laodicea (about 364 A. D.) transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday."—The Convert's Catechism, Peter Geirmann, page 50 (This catechism received the Pope's official blessing on January 25, 1910.)**

Do Protestant ministers agree with this?

**CONGREGATIONALIST: "It is quite clear that however rigidly or devotedly we may spent Sunday, we are not keeping the Sabbath." —Dr. R. W. Dale, The Ten Commandments, page 106.**

**METHODIST:** "Sabbath in the Hebrew language signifies rest and is the seventh day of the week, . . . and it must be confessed that there is no law in the New Testament concerning the first day."—Buck's Theological Dictionary

**BAPTIST:** "There was and is a commandment to keep holy the Sabbath day, but that Sabbath day was not Sunday. It will be said, however, and with some show of triumph, that the Sabbath was transferred from the seventh to the first day of the week. . . . Where can the record of such a transfer be found? Not in the New Testament — absolutely not. . . . Of course, I quite well know that Sunday did come into use in early Christian history. . . . But what a pity that it comes branded with the mark of paganism, and christened with the name of the pagan sun god, when adopted and sanctioned by the Papal apostasy, and bequeathed as a sacred legacy to Protestantism."—Dr. E. T. Hiscox, author of the Baptist Manual.

Well, Lord, that is certainly revealing! Now tell me: What do you think of keeping Sunday in the place of the Sabbath?

"Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men" (Matthew 15:6, 9).

What difference does it make if Sunday did come from tradition? A day is a day, isn't it?

"Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteous-

ness?" (Romans 6:16). (Note: Sin is "the transgression of the law" (1 John 3:4). Therefore, breaking the seventh-day Sabbath is sin.)

What, then, shall I do: obey the Sabbath of God's Commandment or keep the Sunday of men's command?

"We ought to obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29).

But surely, Lord, the millions of people who keep Sunday can't be wrong, can they?

"Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it" (Matthew 7:13, 14). (Only a few obeyed God in the days of Noah, in the days of Lot, and in the days of Christ. The majority were lost.)

But, Dr. So-and-so is a very wise man: Why do not he and all the great preachers keep the Sabbath?

"For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called; but God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty" (1 Corinthians 1:26, 27). (The great religious teachers in Christ's day rejected the truth also. The disciples were of the common people.)

But I have accepted Jesus; I know He is my Saviour. I know He has accepted me and I have been keeping Sunday. Surely I would not be lost if I did not keep the Sabbath now, would I?

**"And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent" (Acts 17:30).**

I know You, Lord! Surely You wouldn't condemn me for breaking the Sabbath Commandment and keeping Sunday instead, would you?

**"He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him" (1 John 2:4).**

Do You mean that if I do not keep the Commandments, my love is not genuine and I cannot receive eternal life?

**"If thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments" (Matthew 19:17).**

But, Lord, Lord! Can't I do something else? Won't my profession get me to heaven?

**"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father" (Matthew 7:21).**

But I pray.

**"He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination" (Proverbs 28:9).**

But, Lord, look at the people who work miracles in Your name. Some heal the sick, others talk in tongues and do many wonderful things. Yet they do not keep the Sabbath. What about them?

**"Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you:**

**depart from me, ye that work iniquity [sin]" Matthew 7:22, 23).**

Yes, I must admit the Sabbath is right; but my business would suffer if I closed on Saturday. I might lose my job. I wouldn't get ahead in the world.

**"For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36).**

Well, for myself I wouldn't care. But what about my family? Wouldn't it be better for me to work on the Sabbath than to let my family starve?

**"Your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:32, 33).**

**"Yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread" (Psalm 37:25).**

My friends will laugh at me and ridicule me.

**"Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, . . . and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven" (Matthew 5:11, 12). "If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you" (John 15:18).**

But suppose my own family does not agree with me. Should I go against their wishes, which would mean in some cases a division in the home?

**"He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And he that taketh not his cross,**

and followeth after me, is not worthy of me" (Matthew 10:37, 38).

I am afraid I won't be able to withstand all these trials. I am too weak.

**"My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9). "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Philippians 4:13).**

Then, Lord, what is the reward for being faithful to You and the Commandments?

**"There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake, who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting" (Luke 18:29, 30).**

Lord, I am hoping for a home in the earth made new. Will we keep Sabbath there, too?

**"For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the Lord, so shall your seed and your name remain. And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the Lord" (Isaiah 66:22, 23).**

Then, Lord, Thy will be done! With Your help, I will keep the Sabbath.

**"Well done, thou good and faithful servant!" (Matthew 25:21).**

This article, together with last month's article, "Why Not Talk to God About the Sabbath?" may be obtained in tract form by writing Erling Calkins, 639 W. 141 St., Hawthorne, California. Prices 3½ cents each, \$2.25 per hundred, \$15.00 per thousand, in U. S. A.

## **AUTHOR SPEAKS OUT AGAINST SUNDAY LAWS**

In his recent book, *Space-Age Sunday* (1960, The Macmillan Company; price \$3.95), Hiley H. Ward shows remarkable insight for a non-Sabbath observer into the dangers of Sunday laws in the United States and Canada. He mentions four "battle scenes" in the controversy — Saddle River, New Jersey; Little Rock, Arkansas; Toronto, Ontario; and New York City—each an illustration of a different phase of the campaign to force Sunday observance.

Two chapters are devoted to the history of Sunday. In one chapter, "Alternatives to an American Inquisition," the author suggests what can be done to avoid religious persecution because of an enforced day.

While most Sabbath observers will not agree with all of Ward's conclusions, they will find it refreshing to find one not of their number who presents so logically the case against Sunday laws.

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### **QUERIES**

Did not the Lord God bless the seventh day, making it the Sabbath (Exodus 20:10, 11)? "Thou blessest, O Lord, and it shall be blessed for ever" (1 Chronicles 17:27)

Has He blessed any other day of the week?

—Pearl W. Lamson

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### **DOMINO? NO!**

A law in Alabama states that "any person who engages in domino playing on Sunday must be fined."

"You Shall Finish Your Labor Every Saturday at Six . . ."

## Did Jesus Write This Letter?

By Miss Rachel Schaub

Editor's Note: The letter, which has appeared in several papers, referred to in this article, is mentioned by W. H. McGrew in his column in The Marion, Indiana, Chronicle-Tribune on March 12, 1961. His article said, in part:

" . . . the letter was first found under a stone at the foot of the cross on which Christ was crucified. On the stone was written: 'Blessed is he who shall turn me over.' No one knew what this inscription meant until one day a child turned the stone and discovered the letter which Christ had written. . . . After more than a thousand years it was brought to this country. . . ."

"The letter follows:

"Whosoever works on the Sabbath day shall be cursed. I command you to go to church and keep the Lord's day holy without any manner of work. . . . You shall finish your labor every Saturday at six o'clock, at which hour the preparation for the Sabbath begins. . . . Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day, for the seventh day I have taken as a resting day. . . ."

It is interesting to note that Mr. McGrew uses the words "allegedly written by Christ"! We think you will agree with his use of "allegedly" after reading this article!

### Did Our Saviour Write This Letter or Did He Not?

As I read the letter I can say with full assurance, regardless of the history given about it, that the letter was **not** written by the Saviour. Factors that persuade me to this conclusion will be set forth in a moment. First, I want to say that the letter and things in connection with it, to me, sound like more machinations of the Roman church, which is well versed in

dealing in superstition and subterfuge. Not only is this known orally but Holy Writ testifies to the fact: ". . . for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived" (Revelation 18:23). This is said of the Babylon, out of which the Creator calls for His people to come (verse 4 of the same chapter). This Babylon is the Roman church.

The letter promises prosperity to those who publish it and plagues to those who withhold it. When I was a child, to convince the family of the seriousness of the observance of Good Friday, mother told us of a woman who had disobeyed and had taken to sewing on Good Friday; heaven let itself be heard at its disfavor to the disobedience, striking the shirt into the ground with lightning and thunder. It was just a story—I see that today—no truth in it.

Though untrue, the story had the desired effect, at least in some quarters with some people. The account of this letter and the letter, no doubt, are meant for the same purpose.

### Reasons for Disbelief

My reasons for disbelieving that the letter is genuine are grounded in the Word of the Creator; the Saviour would not command in a letter anything that is contrary to what is given in the Bible.

The letter is supposed to contain the commandments of the Saviour and to have been signed by the

angel Gabriel ninety-nine years after His birth. Strange! Why wait so long for the signing? The Saviour must have written it before His death. The letter is supposed to have been found under a stone at the foot of the cross. How was the signature established?

The letter states, as a command from the Saviour, that whosoever works on the Sabbath shall be cursed, and that labor shall be finished every Saturday at six o'clock, "at which hour the preparation of the Sabbath begins."

As stated here, we are told preparation for the Sabbath begins at six o'clock on the day presently called Saturday. That makes beginning to prepare for the Sabbath at the end of the day, and the seventh day at that.

This is contrary to the Word.

Holy Writ says days are from evening to evening (Genesis 1:5 ff, 13, 19, 23, 31; Leviticus 23:32). In Luke 4:40 it is stated that when the sun was setting—in the end of the Sabbath—those who had sick and afflicted ones brought them to the Saviour for healing. Because of the wrong belief and teaching of the leaders in the church the people didn't bring their sick during the Sabbath, but as soon as the Sabbath was ended they brought them. The Saviour laid His hands on them and healed them all. It appears the people made haste here: they didn't wait until the sun was fully set, but brought their afflicted as it was setting.

#### **Preparation of Sabbath Beginning at Six O'clock**

At different times of the year the sun sets at different times of

the day; at the highest point of winter it sets at 4 o'clock where I live, and at the highest point of the summer it is almost 8 o'clock at its setting, so there can be no set hour for the beginning of the Sabbath.

By what is stated in Exodus 16:21 it evidences that the preparation for the Sabbath was in the morning, at the beginning of the day. In the giving of the manna in the desert the manna had to be gathered in the morning. As the day wore on and it became hot it melted.

And the preparation day for the Sabbath was not the seventh day, or Saturday: In Exodus 16:5 the Eternal tells Moses he is to tell the people, concerning the gathering of the manna: "on the sixth day they shall prepare that which they bring in; and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily." The command was given. Following this, verses 22 and 23 tell us that on the sixth day the people went out and gathered as instructed. The rulers came and told Moses. Moses said unto them: "This is that which the Lord [Yahweh] hath said, To morrow is the rest of the holy sabbath unto the Lord [Yahweh]: bake that which ye will bake to day, and seethe that ye will seethe: and that which remaineth over lay up for you to be kept until the morning." So the sixth day, the one presently called Friday, is the preparation day. On other days of the week when any manna was kept over it bred worms and stank (Exodus 16:20). That which was kept over for the Sabbath did not

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## My Sabbath Experience

By Eithella F. Bauersfeld

Since there was nothing spectacular about my learning of or accepting the Sabbath as my day of worship, and I could not see how it would help anyone else to decide to keep the seventh-day Sabbath, I talked with my pastor before sending this. One thing he said I'd like to share with you:

“If everyone who is saved must have a spectacular instance to refer to, then why do we teach our children from infancy to live the Christian life? They live as they are taught, and one day they suddenly understand and become real little Christians, living for Him. It is not earth shaking, but it is real.” My accepting the seventh-day Sabbath was like that — not earth shaking but real, and as natural as a child accepts the rules in the home which Mother and Daddy decide.

I've been a Christian since I was eleven, and at that time joined the Congregational Church, and worked as a child of eleven can. Sunday afternoons I taught the baby brothers and sisters of the older children who came to Christian Endeavor. There has never been a time since then that I did not take an active part in my church according to my age at the time. So I was being conditioned by my parents before I understood, since I had made my commitment. When we moved from that neighborhood, we went to the Methodist Church as my parents had been Methodists before, and I, a child, went with them.

At the time the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Los Angeles was

being built, I was attending services in Eagle Rock and watched the little church being built, while waiting for my bus. I saw the sign: Seventh Day Baptist, and was curious. When the building was completed and the first meeting announced, I attended. I went again and again, but also attended my own church. I told my mother that as I walked up the street, it was Saturday, but when I entered the church it was the Sabbath. The time came when I knew that I wanted to be a member there **sometime**, so I asked the pastor to baptize me (by immersion, as I had been christened as an infant). I felt my folks would be hurt if I left their church, so did not do more, except to attend the services of the little new church on Sabbath as well as my own church on Sunday. One Sunday afternoon, I was talking to my parents and told them how much the little church had come to mean to me. My mother said, “If you feel that way, then that is where you belong.” So then I contacted my minister and the minister of the little church and asked for a transfer of my membership. From then on I was a Sabbath keeper. I was still working for the Police Department

and had to work on Sabbath sometimes, but usually worked nights so I could attend services. Since I retired after 31 years' service, I put in as much time as I can in my church. I do part time jobs, but no longer work on the Sabbath. I work in my church office, and have a part on committees and other work of the church. On the Sabbath I worship with others who love the Lord and want to obey His Commands.

Miss Eithella Bauersfeld has served as secretary for the Seventh Day Baptist publication, *Mission Notes*, since 1956. She is also president of the Rosa Palmborg Missionary Society.

#### **FIVE REASONS FOR VOTING AGAINST SUNDAY LEGISLATION IN CONGRESS**

1. Any bill prohibiting sales or work on Sundays is religious in nature and springs from religious doctrine; designed as a partial establishment of religion by civil law, which the First Amendment to our Constitution emphatically forbids Congress to pass.

2. Any bill to prohibit sales or work on Sundays, if passed, will create a law which definitely would discriminate against all people who, because of religious convictions, choose to observe the seventh day of the week; and it would deny them "equal protection of the laws," which is emphatically forbidden by Section One of Amendment Fourteen.

3. To vote for any bill designed to make a Sunday law would be giving aid and comfort to the enemies of our Constitution, which, according to Section Three of Amendment Fourteen, is not with-

in the right or the authority of any Senator or Congressman under the oath of office as set forth in Article Six of the United States Constitution, and therefore it would render one unworthy of the honor of such high office.

4. The Supreme Court of the United States would utterly fail in its duty if it allows any Sunday law to be enforced against any citizen, or any class of citizens, of the United States.

5. Such a law would begin a religious persecution which may impose heavy fines and imprisonment upon otherwise good law-abiding citizens of the United States, while criminals guilty of felonious crimes go free. This could end only in eventual martyrdom of professed Christians and Jews by professed Christians in this Land of religious freedom and place a non-erasable stigma upon the people and the government of the United States.

—Isaac N. Cramer

#### **SABBATH OBSERVING GROUP**

The Church of God (Seventh Day) has world headquarters at Jerusalem, Israel.

Members believe that the need of the hour is for all of God's Commandment-keeping people to get together and be one, as Jesus prayed in the 17th chapter of John.

Elder Joseph L. Cash is zone overseer, and would like to hear from anyone living in Illinois and Indiana.

They have for their motto, Have Bible, Will Travel. The address is Elder Joseph L. Cash, Route 2, Box 26, Vincennes, Indiana.

FROM THE—

## MAILBAG

Conducted by Mrs. Ruby C. Balcock

"I always enjoy reading The Sabbath Sentinel. It is written in plain language anybody can understand, and when I read the last one, No. 50 of February, it especially impressed me as to the truth it contains, knowing it also to be true that the majority of people will dodge and wiggle to avoid the Fourth Commandment which says 'Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. . . . But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God.'

"I think the article written by Pastor C. C. Morlan—'Without Excuse'—is very timely and to the point, and it would be a good thing if more ministers would bring their sermons along these lines and tell the people what the laws require or stand for. . . . I would like to order 10 extra copies of The Sabbath Sentinel for the next three months, or as long as this article continues, that I could give some to my neighbors. . . .

"I note you invite suggestions as to what articles in The Sentinel may be issued in tract form. I may say I would like to see the article written by T. A. Lamb, 'Convicting the Sinner,' which appeared in The Sabbath Sentinel, third quarter, 1959, issue No. 35. This article I think is very good, as I find so many people, as I talk to them about the Sabbath, say their conscience doesn't bother them, and

this would be a good tract to give to such people. . . ."

—Peter Korschuh,  
Cluny, Alberta, Canada  
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"I am wondering if the B. S. A. has a broadcast in reach of Durant, Oklahoma, and if you have an October issue of The Sabbath Sentinel. Someone was writing about how good it was and I didn't get that issue. I think the Sentinel is real good. I don't see why I didn't get in touch with it sooner. I would like very much to be where I could meet with a company of people that really believe the truth. . . . Do you have a song book that is in line with Sabbath belief, and tracts?"

—Micajah M. Miller,  
Durant, Oklahoma,  
General Delivery  
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"Beginning this week on the Sabbath (February 18) will begin a series of ads in The Altoona Mirror and the Bedford Gazette of the following:

**WHY? WHY? WHY?**  
should anyone keep the old Jewish Sabbath today? Which day is the Lord's Holy Sabbath today? For answer, write Bible Sabbath Association, Fairview, Oklahoma.

"This will appear in the above mentioned papers for several months, each Sabbath. Would you and all who are interested unite with me in backing this effort to get the Sabbath to the people in this wide area, by prayer for the message to take root in readers' hearts, and bring many to the Sabbath Truth. . . .

"The days are ripe for a larger

army of loyal Sabbath keepers to go to the front lines while we have freedom to do so. May God send forth reapers who are worthy of their hire.

"May the Lord bless you in your work there."

—Jerome Boyd,  
Woodbury, Pennsylvania  
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"I was handed a little booklet last Sabbath in church. The title is Let's Go Back to the Sabbath. I am very much interested and have been praying for such a movement. I feel the Lord is entitled to that honor. He gave us the Sabbath, the one He kept, instead of a man-made day. I hope all the people will wake up before it is too late, and how wonderful it would be if folks would begin to live good Christian lives so they would be ready when the Lord does come. I do feel it will be soon. . . ."

—Lillian D. Johnson,  
5106 Greenwood St.,  
Erie, Pennsylvania  
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"I am well pleased with your little booklet Let's Go Back to the Sabbath. You will have my support, I can assure you, in your good work.

"May the Lord bless you in your good work is my prayer."

—A J. Werner,  
P. O. Box 391,  
Galt, California  
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"Would you please keep me on your mailing list for future copies of your publications? Thank you."

—Mrs. Farrell Brown,  
619 N. E. Roseland Ave.  
Roseburg, Oregon

"We were glad to get our Sentinel yesterday. It sure is a good paper. It tells the truth about the Sabbath. I wish more people would open their eyes, so they could see this wonderful Truth. But it seems as though they do not want to see. We believe that if ever they do see the Truth it is now high time that they try to see it, as the Gentile time is fast coming to a close.

"Not only do they need to keep the Sabbath, they need to be born again, according to the Bible standard of a holy life. Too many people are thinking that if they keep the Sabbath, that is all they need to do. They go on in the world, doing everything that they did before they started keeping the Sabbath Day. That is not the plan of God; He wants a holy people to reign with Him in the Kingdom."

—Elder Joseph L. Cash,  
Vincennes, Indiana  
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"I think the handbook and directory is one of the best means of giving out information concerning the work of the Sabbath-keeping churches and it shows for strength as the united, non-sectarian voice of the Seventh-day keepers. This is a good witness among the Sunday churches. My mother (Baptist) read the Handbook and she was so surprised that there were Seventh Day Baptists, and so many other groups or denominations that support this doctrine. . . . I think it should be revised and published not only for B. S. A. members, but also for other groups and individuals seeking information about our churches. . . ."

"I would like to see an effort to

locate every Sabbath-keeping organization, church and denomination, fellowship or association. We need to have an authentic account of each. I realize time does change things. Please don't think I am being critical, I would just like to see our work for Christ go forth and win many to the Truth."

—Claude Monroe,  
Lincoln, Missouri  
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"I am very deeply interested in the Laws of my God; that's why I am still giving charity to the poor and needy. The true spiritual Sabbath of my Great God must be restored in due time; the truth of the Sabbath promotion must go on

until Christ the Saviour returns...

"I am very happy to know Elder Gearhart has accepted the president position once more. . . ."

—G. E. Gunther  
(a former director)  
162 James St.,  
Newark, New Jersey  
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"It is with pleasure that I address you as co-workers as I do feel that the final sifting that God will make is the division of those who keep His Sabbath and those who don't. Many do all the rest of the works but think it not important to keep any special day.

"I felt the need today to let friends of mine hear more about

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the need of the Sabbath, so I am taking this means of giving them more information."

—Mrs. Ed. Karo

(She ordered B. S. A. literature sent to them.)

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"Yes, I have received the new Sentinel and do enjoy it, especially 'Sabbath and Sunday' by John Nesterenko (issue No. 46, October, 1960). The article is very good, but I may add a few things to make it (if possible) better. . . .

"Page 4, near bottom, first column, quote: 'Only one time did the disciples meet together on the first day of the week to break bread, because Apostle Paul was ready to depart and preached until midnight, and upon break of the day he departed. (Acts 20:7).' May I add to that (Ch. 20:13): 'And we went before to ship, and sailed unto Assos, there intending to take in Paul: for so had he appointed, minding himself to go afoot.' Commentary on the Whole Bible (Matthew to Romans) by Rev. David Brown, comments on 'Troas to Assos' states: 'This is a sail of nearly 40 miles; whereas by land, cutting right across from sea to sea, by that excellent Roman road, which then existed, the distance was scarcely more than half, or nearly 20 miles that Paul walked on 'the first day of the week' or Sunday. So Paul certainly did not keep Sunday. . . .

"The Sabbath Law of the Fourth Commandment (Exodus 20:8-11, last part) says: 'Wherefore the LORD [Jehovah] blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.' With that, put 1 Chronicles 17:27, the last part of David's prayer, 'for

Thou blessest, O LORD, and it shall be blessed for ever.' So God's Sabbath Day is blessed for ever. . . .

"Revelation 11:15: 'And the seventh angel sounded: and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.' Verse 19: 'And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament.' 1 Kings 8:9: 'There was nothing in the ark save the two tables of stone, which Moses put there at Horeb.' Those two tables contained (Exodus 20:8) 'Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy,' attention called to the Sabbath by God in the last days. . . .

"To add a bit to Mr. Nesterenko's (on Page 6, about middle of first column) 'What difference was it for King Saul to destroy the enemy and his property, as God commanded, or to spare something to sacrifice for God?' (1 Samuel 15:22): 'And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.'

"Then Mr. Nesterenko's 'For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft,' etc. May I quote from Chamber's Encyclopedia, article 'Sabbath': 'Hitherto we have spoken of the observance of Saturday, the day of rest prescribed to the Jews, and to which exclusively, the name Sabbath Day was anciently applied, and still continues to be given by

every nation but our own and its offshoots. At what date the Sunday, or first day of the week, began to be generally used by Christians, as a stated day for religious meetings, we have no definite information, either in the New Testament or in the writings of the Fathers of the Church. By none of the Fathers before the Fourth Century is it identified with the Sabbath, nor is the duty of observing it grounded by them, either on the Fourth Commandment, or on the precept or example of Jesus or His Apostles.' Now from The Kansas City Catholic, February 9, 1893: 'The Catholic Church, of its own infallible authority, created Sunday a Holy Day, to take the place of the Sabbath of the old Law, and as Catholics are bound to obey the commands of the Church equally with the commands given on Sinai, Catholics must observe Sunday. But what in the world do Protestants mean by observing Sunday?'

"Yes, what do they mean by it? Tradition only.

"Now Job ('Probably the oldest of the Bible books,' according to Rev. C. I. Scofield, D.D.) Chapter 31:26-28: 'If I beheld the sun when it shined, or the moon walking in brightness; and my heart has been secretly enticed, or my mouth hath kissed my hand; [to the sun or moon] This also were an iniquity to be punished by the judge: for I should have denied the God that is above.'"

—Charles Luther Price,  
(age 88½ years)  
Ryley, Box 168,  
Alberta, Canada

## DID JESUS WRITE THIS LETTER?

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stink nor were there any worms therein (Exodus 16:24).

That the presently called Friday is the sixth day can be established by testimony given in the Scriptures. The facts are found in Matthew 28:1, which states the Sabbath is the day preceding the first day of the week: "In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn [draw on] toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary . . ." We have but a seven-day week; we know Sunday is the first day of the week; that makes the day called Saturday the seventh day and the day called Friday the sixth day. So the Sabbath and the preparation of the Sabbath are established from the Bible.

### Contradictions in the Letter

The letter contradicts itself in that it states, first, that labor is to be finished by six o'clock **on** the seventh day: "You shall finish your labor every **Saturday** at six o'clock . . ." and then it states that the seventh day is the Sabbath and is to be kept holy: "Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day, for the **seventh** day I have taken as a resting day . . ." The day known as Saturday is the seventh day.

The letter was not written by the Saviour, but by someone who didn't know facts about the Sabbath as given in the Bible very well.

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Don't let this issue die with you;  
Let your neighbor read it through.

A CHAT

## WITH THE EDITOR

### GROW OR GO

It is interesting to read of religious denominations and movements which were once important influences among the people of their time and are now almost unknown. Two examples which come to mind are the Rappites and the Shakers.

Without commenting on the merits of their beliefs, there is one thing apparent about the history of these—and all—organizations: when they stopped **growing**, they started **going** into obscurity and toward an eventual end.

We are glad to say that the Bible Sabbath Association is not in this position; we are growing, but even that presents its problems. We are experiencing “grow-

ing pains” in many phases of our work. Unless some problems are solved quickly and satisfactorily, there is the danger that we will stop growing and become just another **going** organization.

These problems are numerous; they cannot be summed up in a short article. However, because of the urgent need for their immediate attention, we are presenting some of the most pressing ones for your prayerful consideration now. In future issues, we shall comment more fully on them and also present others.

#### Finances

The Bible Sabbath Association has grown to the point where the jobs of president and secretary-treasurer, for instance, must be considered more than “part-time” work. This work is being hindered because these offices are (except for expenses) on a non-paid basis. It is impossible to handle the vol-

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ume of correspondence and other duties of these offices in the time left over after one has worked long hours in office or on a farm. These officers do not object to contributing their time; they love the work. But they feel the utter impossibility of doing what needs to be done in this vital work during the time available.

### **Expansion**

Opportunities come to us which present tremendous challenges. We are looking forward to having our own publishing house, a headquarters building, our radio programs going out regularly over strategic stations. But our hands are tied by lack of finances.

### **The Sentinel**

Of course, we could dwell at length on this, for it is the part of the work closest to us, and it is dear to our heart. But it can be boiled down to this. Our subscription rate is going up because the present rate does not cover printing and mailing costs. We do not make a profit on *The Sentinel*; of course we do not plan to, but we cannot lose money either, unless it is taken from some other fund where it is needed just as badly. Those of you who are familiar with the economics of printing know that it costs much more per copy to print a few copies of something than to print many. Whether one copy or a million are to be printed, the same amount of work must be done in type setting, proof reading, make-up, and make-ready. Once a job is on the press, the rest is largely automatic, with relatively

little more labor involved for printing ten times as many copies. So—the way to keep costs down is to increase subscriptions. Introduce this magazine to your friends and send gift subscriptions.

### **Public Relations**

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### **And In Closing**

There, in a nutshell, you have some of the many problems that are plaguing the officers. We are praying about it; will you? We are contributing time, talent, and money; will you? And we are certain that with the Lord's help we shall do our part in proclaiming the Sabbath message; will you?

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### **SUPREME COURT PUTS OK ON SUNDAY LAWS**

On May 29 the United States Supreme Court upheld laws of Massachusetts, Maryland, and Pennsylvania which regulate retail selling on Sunday. The decision will have a bearing on similar laws in many other states.

## SABBATH OR SUNDAY

The time has come for the divine institution of the Sabbath to be restored to mankind. While it is true the knowledge of God's holy ways have been preserved in the earth and Sunday observed, the requirements of the Ten Commandments and especially the seventh-day Sabbath, have been largely forgotten and trampled under foot.

**Question**—What is the Fourth Commandment?

**Answer**—“Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy” (Exodus 20:8).

**Question**—Who claims to have changed the Sabbath?

**Answer**—The Catholic Church.

**Question**—Are Protestants following the Bible or the Catholic Church in keeping Sunday?

**Answer**—Protestants are following custom introduced by the Catholic Church.

**Question**—What day is the Sabbath day according to God's Commandment?

**Answer**—“The seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates” (Exodus 20:10).

The seal or sign of the Holy God is in your keeping of His Sabbath. “Hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I am the Lord your God” (Ezekiel 20:20).

The Sabbath of God and Sunday are the banners of two rival

powers. If you have faith to believe that the Holy God will triumph, raise His banner now and volunteer for His Kingdom. Step out boldly to obey the Holy God and stand on the side of right; others will catch the spirit and join us in loyalty to the True God.

What about you? Will you follow Christ? “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me” (John 10:27).

—Naomi Bell Holcomb

## ROCK ISLAND ROCKED BY SUNDAY CONTROVERSY

Rock Island, Illinois, is all astir over the matter of Sunday business, judging from editorials, news articles, and letters to the editor in the local papers.

The Council of Churches of Scott and Rock Island counties stated: “We reaffirm our conviction that Sunday is the Lord's Day, a day for worship and not for business.” Representatives met with officials of several stores to work out an agreement providing for Sunday closing.

In a letter to the editor, Mr. and Mrs. William Rogers, of Route 1, Milan, Illinois, stated: “We in the United States should take a firmer stand on the principles on which our country was founded. . . . Let's keep Sunday a day of rest.”

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