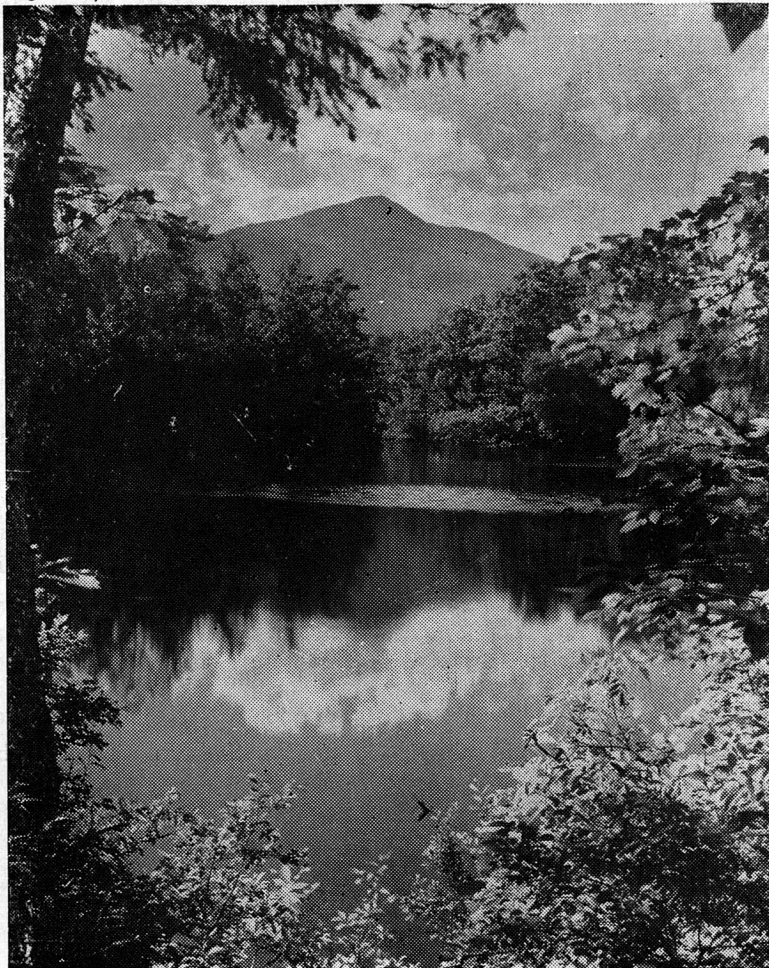


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Let him declare what he seeth."
— Isaiah 21:6 —*

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The Fatal Mistake That Will Send Millions to Hell

STANLEY HARRIS

LIVING in a world where we must choose between good and evil, there is an inescapable need for some sure rule of right by which we may guide our actions. We are living in a world which requires standards. We have to have standards of right and wrong, standards of weight, standards of measurement. It is neither *wise* nor *safe* to depend altogether on conscience or reason for guidance.

A Muslim has a Muslim conscience, a Buddhist a Buddhist conscience. If a Muslim kills a Christian, that is no sin to him; it is all right. A Buddhist or a Hindu would do things that we could not do with a clear conscience.

We are all more or less independent in our thinking, and depend upon our own ideas. I suppose it is more or less human nature to think we are right. But I have discovered that sometimes I can be wrong; and when it comes to religious matters, I do not ever want to become so hard-shelled in my beliefs that I will not accept what God has revealed in His Word as truth.

In Proverbs 16:25 we read, "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." We have a number of people in the Bible who thought they were right, yet were wrong.

In the age of Noah there were giants of intellect, but they did not believe the simple message which Noah preached. They were vain in their own conceit, and considered their own wisdom to be above the wisdom of God. They said there was not going to be any flood, the world could not come to an end by a flood.

We have to have standards in all we do. I would not want a person to build a house for me unless he used a square, a level and a plumbline. Correctness in any line demands regulation according to a perfect standard. We have standards in building, standards of weight, and standards of measure. We have the yard and the foot, the mile, the meter, and the kilometer. God has provided a perfect rule of conduct — a standard of right and wrong. Some people say that what was good enough for dad and mother and grandpa and grandmother is good enough for me. They were good people, they will get into the kingdom; I will do what they did, and I will get there too.

Well, suppose your father owned a dry goods store, and he was an honest man and sold thousands of dollars' worth of material, and he had a yardstick on his counter which he used for years, measuring those thousands of dollars' worth of material which

he sold. But suppose your father died and left the business to you to carry on where he left off. You are using the same yardstick and selling the same type of materials that your father did. One day a woman comes into the store, and buys some goods by the yard. Pretty soon she comes back and says, "I do not believe you gave me the correct measure."

You say, "I certainly did. I measured your goods according to the yardstick on the counter."

But she says, "I do not think it is correct."

So you take the goods and you measure the goods by the yardstick, and it is all right.

But she says, "When I got the material home and measured it, it was a short measure. Are you sure your yardstick is correct?"

You say, "Why, of course it is. My father used it for years. He sold thousands of yards of material. My father was an honest man, and I know that yardstick is right."

She says, "Well, would you mind testing it to see? Would you mind getting another yardstick to see if it is correct?"

You say, "No, I do not mind, absolutely not. I know it is all right. I know my father would not do any thing wrong."

And so you go get another yardstick and you lay it on top of the one laid down on the counter, and much to your surprise you find that the yardstick that your father had used for years, is one inch short. Now what are you going to do? Are you going to say, "It was good enough for my father. He used it for years. If it was good enough for him, I can use it too?"

Your father may have been a per-

fectly honest man; he no doubt was. He was giving a short measure, not knowing that his yardstick was one inch short. But that is no excuse for you now. You know the standard is wrong, and the only safe and right thing for you to do is to correct that standard and make that yardstick right.

The Bible says, "The times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent" (Acts 17:30). Suppose Peter had said, "What was good enough for my father is good enough for me." His father was a leader in the Hebrew church. "What was good enough for him is good enough for me. I don't need this gospel. I do not need Jesus. I'm going to do just as my father did."

Suppose Martin Luther had said, "My parents were good Catholics. I am not going to come out of the church. If it was good enough for them, it is good enough for me." What would have happened to Martin Luther? Would he be justified clinging to error after God showed him the truth? We may think that error is truth, but nothing should be so strongly entrenched in our minds that we will not follow the word of God.

What would you think if you went into a grocery store and said to the clerk, "Give me a pound of sugar please." And the man opened up a barrel and put the sugar in a bag, and did not even weigh it. You would say to the clerk, "Why don't you weigh that?" And suppose he says, "I don't believe in using scales and weighing things." How long would you do business with a man like that?

There have to be standards of everything, and God has provided a per-

fect rule of conduct, a standard of right and wrong in the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:3-17). I would hate to live in a city that had no laws. I would move out of this city tomorrow, if they threw out the laws and left everything wide open. No, God has not abolished His laws. He has not canceled the Ten Commandments.

In Psalm 119:172 we read: "My tongue shall speak of thy word; for all thy commandments are righteousness." And in Psalm 19:7: "*The law of the Lord is perfect*, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple."

If you had a perfect child, would you take that child to the doctor and say, "Doctor, would you please cut off my child's ear"? He would say, "What do you want me to do that for?" And you would say, "Because he is perfect."

You know that would be unreasonable, senseless, tragic. But is it not just as unreasonable to think that the perfect law of God has been changed, that parts of it have been taken out?

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil" (Eccl. 12:13, 14).

This text tells us that everyone will be brought before the judgment, and will have to give an account for everything he has done. The law of God – the Ten Commandments – is the standard of God's judgment. We are going to be judged by the Ten Commandments. They are God's standard!

God gave His law from Mount

Sinai, but the law was in existence from the very beginning, and at Mount Sinai God made His people the custodians of His law. It is written in Genesis 26:5: "Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, *my commandments, my statutes and my laws.*"

Yes, before the Jews ever existed as a nation, God's law was in existence. We read in Romans 5:13 that sin is not imputed when there is no law. And so there had to be a law at the time Adam sinned, because "by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin;" and "death reigned from Adam to Moses" (Romans 5:12, 14). Before Adam and Eve could sin, there had to be a law. "Sin is the transgression of the law," and without the law there is no transgression. Without the law there is no sin, so the law of God has always been.

When the children of Israel had been in captivity in Egypt, and had lost sight of the law of God, God considered it important enough to come down to Mount Sinai and with a great display of power, amid fire and thunder, and the mountain smoking with a great smoke, He spoke His Ten Commandments to the people in thunderous tones. If God were to come down to the world today to some high mountain, and would speak in thunderous tones His Ten Commandments as He did back there in the days when the children of Israel were coming out of Egypt and were on their way to the promised land, I tell you it would be a very awe-inspiring sight. We would realize how important God's standards are.

God did not entrust the Ten Commandments to a man to speak. No, He spoke them Himself. And then He

wrote them with His own finger on two tables of stone. That is how important God considered His commandments to be.

The first commandment teaches us to worship God only and supremely, not have any other gods before Him. The second tells us we should not make any graven image, that we worship God directly and spiritually. Some people today still believe in worshiping God by bowing down to images. But God says, "Thou shalt not make any graven image." The third commandment teaches us to be reverent. The fourth teaches us to keep the Sabbath day holy.

The fifth commandment teaches respect for lawful authority. The sixth commandment teaches us to be kind; it says, "Thou shalt not kill." We should not hate others. The seventh commandment teaches purity; it says, "Thou shalt not commit adultery." The eighth commandment says, "Thou shalt not steal." The ninth commandment teaches truthfulness; it says, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor." The tenth commandment teaches us to be content; it says, "Thou shalt not covet."

Is there anything in these Ten Commandments that is wrong — that should be abolished? Is there anything about this law of God that is imperfect — anything that ought to be abolished or thrown out? If there is, I would like to have it pointed out to me. Which one of these is no longer needed? Which one could be properly abolished? It is evident that the Ten Commandments deal with moral and spiritual duties which can never be abridged, revised, modified, superseded, discarded, abolished, or become obsolete. The ten precepts deal with matters which are naturally bind-

ing upon every person as long as God is God and man is man.

The Bible tells us that the commandments of God will stand forever and ever (Psalm 11:7, 8). Yet there are some who will say, "The commandments have been abolished." Then when you point out to them that the principles of the Ten Commandments are enlarged upon and emphasized in the New Testament, they get around that by saying that nine of the commandments have been brought back. But a little listening to the truth, a little careful study, will convince anyone that the entire Ten Commandments are in the New Testament as well as in the Old. There is a studied attempt to get rid of the fourth commandment, which is a thorn in the flesh of man. But we cannot abolish the perfect law of God nor any part of it.

What about the Christian and the Decalogue? The Bible tells us in 1 John 3:4: "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law."

If there is no law, there is no sin. If you do not have any sin, you do not have any need of a Saviour. So why pray? And some of these "no law" preachers will get up and preach to the people that the law of God has been abolished, that all you have to do is just to *believe* in the Lord and be saved. You do not have to *obey* Him. The Bible says even "the devils also believe, and tremble," but that will not save them (James 2:19). When a man believes in Christ, it means more than just to believe in Jesus and stop there. Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15). And if we really believe Him and love Him, it will be our intention and purpose to honor

Him with all our hearts.

I cannot conceive of a human being saying, "I love Christ," and yet refusing to obey Him, refusing to live the Christian life and to uphold the standard of God. I cannot imagine a man saying, "I am a Christian," and stealing or being an immoral man. Or saying, "I love Jesus," and holding hatred in his heart. The commandment says, "Thou shalt not kill." Jesus magnified the law and made it honorable (Isa. 42:21); He said that if a man holds hatred in his heart he is a murderer (Matt. 5:21, 22). Jesus magnified the law; He said that if a man looks on a woman to lust after her, he has committed adultery (Matt. 5:27, 28).

Yes, Jesus Christ magnified the law and made it honorable. And sin is the transgression of the law. When a man gets up and says that you do not have to obey the law any more, that the Ten Commandments are abolished, he is not preaching the truth. It was the law of ceremonies and ordinances which was abolished at the cross. It was the ceremonial law, the law of circumcision and the sacrifices of animals, that ceased at the cross, and not the Ten Commandments.

Preachers will say, "You have to repent and be saved of your sins. But the Bible says, "Sin is the transgression of the law." See what a contradiction that is. I have difficulty believing a man who says that you do not have to keep the commandments of God, that they are abolished, but you need to repent of your sins and accept Jesus Christ as your Saviour. Saviour from what? Saviour from sin. Well, what is sin? "Sin is the transgression of the law." The law will never save anybody, but it reveals sin.

It is God's standard; and we see in the law that we are sinners, that we are committing sin. Then we have to come to Christ to be saved. The law cannot save us, but Jesus Christ can.

The Bible says, The law is like a mirror, and a man must look in the mirror and see his defects, and then come to Christ for cleansing (James 1:23-25). If you have a mirror and you have a dirty spot on your face, and you look in the mirror and see that dirty spot, you do not use the mirror to try to rub it off. No, you have to have some other cleansing agent. Just so, the law of God can never cleanse you. But the law shows you your defects. But some people, when they see their defects, want to smash the law. Some people when they see their dirty faces want to break the mirror. "Get rid of the old mirror," they say. "I do not like the way I look." That is just the way people do who say, "Get rid of the law because it condemns the things we are doing."

In the Fiji Islands a trader gave some mirrors to the natives. The queen on that island had never seen herself before, and she was shocked when she got one of the mirrors, and saw how ugly she was. She immediately made a decree that all the mirrors should be destroyed.

People want to get rid of the Ten Commandments because they point out sin. The commandments will never save anybody, but they are the standard of God which shows us what sin is; and when we see what sin is, we are led to seek the Saviour. The law of God points out such sins as lying, stealing, adultery, image worship, cursing, swearing, and breaking the Sabbath. And when we see we are

sinner, we come to Christ for salvation and forgiveness.

“What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet” (Rom. 7:7). What law is Paul talking about? What law says, “Thou shalt not covet”? Why, the Ten Commandments. He says: “What shall we say then? Is the law sin? *God forbid*. . . . For I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.” *God forbid*. That is the strongest term he could use. “Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law.” That law will be the standard of God’s judgment; and if we keep almost the whole law, as we are told in James 2:10, but break one of the commandments, we are guilty of all. If we break one link in the chain, the chain is broken. If you have a light held by a chain, and you break one link in the chain, the light will come down. You need break only one commandment to be living in sin.

Many people say, “I am saved by grace, therefore I do not have to keep the commandments.” That is just about as sensible as for that man who had committed murder to go out and say, “I’ve been saved by grace; I am free; I can steal; I can kill; I can do anything I please.” Is that right? No, indeed. That man is under greater responsibility than ever to be a law-abiding citizen. The responsibility rests on him more than ever before.

If you were pardoned, would you feel that you were free to go out and kill and steal and commit any other crime? But people who are saved by the grace of Christ say, “I can do anything I want to. I do not have

to keep the commandments of God. I am saved by grace.” That is the fatal mistake that is going to send millions of people to hell! Millions of people say, “I am saved by grace, and so I do not have to obey the commandments of God.”

We are all condemned to die under the law unless we come to Jesus and ask Him to mark our bill paid. We are all condemned to die because the penalty for sin is death. And we will all have to die unless somebody pays for us. And there is only One who can pay the price for us, and that is Jesus Christ the Righteous. And unless He has receipted your bill, and saved you by grace, you are under the condemnation of the law of God, and condemned to die.

Under the law we are condemned to die, but under the gospel we are saved through Jesus Christ. Jesus lived a perfect life. If you steal, you can confess it in the name of Jesus and God will impute the life of Jesus Christ to you. Instead of seeing a thief, God will see Jesus Christ, when He looks at you. There is only one thing you cannot have Jesus Christ cover, and that is the supposed sin of Sunday breaking. The Bible does not say it is a sin to break the first day of the week. The Bible does not say the first day of the week is the Sabbath. Jesus Christ did not keep the first day of the week. If you come on your knees and say, “I broke the first day of the week, and I want you to forgive me, when God looks at Jesus, He cannot see a perfect first-day-of-the-week-keeper, because Jesus Christ never did keep it. But when it comes to stealing or lying or committing adultery or any of those other sins,

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Sabbath History:

Seventh Century to the Reformation

JOHN KIESZ

WE HAVE previously pointed out that much Sabbath history has been lost, or destroyed by the enemies of the Commandment keepers, especially during the darkest part of the Dark Ages. What little history we have of those times was sometimes written by Catholic authors who considered the dissenters who kept the Sabbath as heretics, and often gave us a distorted view of them.

Rome never succeeded in driving the Sabbath wholly from its dominions. We have reasons to believe that there have been Sabbath keepers functioning in every century, some in the wilderness, and in and around the Alps. In their time they were known by such designations as Nazarenes, Cerinthians, Hysistarii, and later as Vaudois, Cathari, Tolousians, Albigenses, Petrobrusians, Passagii, and Waldenses.

In speaking of the Waldenses generally, they believed that the Roman Catholic Church was the Anti-Christ spoken of in the Bible. Many of them were able to say a great part of both the Old and the New Scriptures by heart. Although considered dangerous heretics, Rainer Sacho, a Dominican, says of the Waldenses that they are one of the most ancient sects, and that there was no country where they did not gain a footing. He admit-

ted that they lived morally good lives, and believed nothing concerning God which is not good (Dean Waddington's *Church History*, chap. 22, sec. 1).

Jones, describing in his church history their confession of faith, says that one of the members of the Waldenses stated that they "proffered the doctrine contained in the Old and New Testaments and comprehended in the Apostles' Creed, and admitted the sacraments instituted by Christ, and the ten commandments, etc. . . . They said they had received this doctrine from their ancestors, and that if they were in any error they were ready to receive instruction from the word of God." (*Church History*, p. 355, 1837 ed.).

That the Cathari of the twelfth century observed the ancient Sabbath is certified by a Roman Catholic writer, as quoted by Dr. Allix:

"He lays it down also as one of their opinions, that the law of Moses is to be kept according to the letter, and that the keeping of the Sabbath, circumcision, and other legal observations, ought to take place. They hold also that Christ the Son of God is not equal with the Father, and that the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, these three persons, are not one God and one substance; and as a surplus

to these their errors, they judge and condemn all the doctors of the Church, and universally the whole Roman church" (*Ecclesiastical History of the Ancient Churches of Piedmont*, pp. 168, 169).

Another group during the twelfth century was known in some parts of France and Italy as *Passaginians*. Of these Mosheim has written:

"Like the other sects already mentioned, they had the utmost aversion to the dominion and discipline of the church of Rome; but they were, at the same time, distinguished by two religious tenets, which were peculiar to themselves. The first was a notion that the observation of the law of Moses, in everything except the offering of sacrifices, was obligatory upon Christians, in consequence of which they circumcised their followers, abstained from those meats, the use of which was prohibited under the Mosaic economy, and celebrated the Jewish Sabbath" (Vol. 2, p. 273, 1860 ed.).

As to the charge of their circumcising, Benedict thought that this may not have been true but was said because they observed the Jewish Sabbath.

There are at least three groups of Eastern Christians that need to be considered in reference to this matter of Sabbath observance. Several historians indicate that for a long time the Abyssinian Church was almost entirely shut out from the church of Europe. During the seventeenth century repeated and violent attempts were unsuccessfully made by the Jesuits, under the patronage of Portugal, to convert or subdue it. It is claimed by some, and by the Ethiopians themselves, that the gospel was brought to them by the

Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8), together with the teaching of the observance of the seventh-day Sabbath.

A. H. Newman says:

"Fasting periods are very numerous and about half of the days of the year, including the Jewish Sabbath and Sunday, are religiously observed. Indications of Jewish influence, besides Sabbath observance, are the practice of circumcision, and distinction between clean and unclean animals, etc." (*A Manual of Church History*, Vol. 1, p. 646, 1933 edition).

Claudius Buchanan, D.D., speaks of the Armenians in the following manner:

"Of all the Christians in Central Asia, they have preserved themselves most free from Mohammedan and Papal corruptions. . . ."

"The Armenians in Hindoostan are our own subjects. They acknowledge our government in India, as they do that of Sophi in Persia, and they are entitled to our regard. They have preserved the Bible in its purity, and their doctrines are, as far as the author knows, the doctrines of the Bible. Besides, they maintain the solemn observance of Christian worship throughout our empire on the seventh day; and they have as many spires pointing to heaven among the Hindoos [sic] as ourselves. Are such a people then entitled to no acknowledgement on our part, as fellow Christians? Are they forever to be ranked by us with Jews, Mohammedans, and Hindoos?" (*Researches in Asia*, pp. 206, et seq.).

Arthur P. Stanley stated that: "The Chaldean Christians called by their opponents, Nestorians, are the most remote of these old 'Separatists.' . . . They trace their descent from the earliest of all Christian missions, — the mission of Thaddaeus to Abgarsu"

(*History of the Eastern Church*, p. 91).

As to their beliefs about Sabbath-keeping, Coleman speaks:

"These eight festivals of our Lord they observe, and we have many holy days and the Sabbath-day, on which we do not labor. . . . The Sabbath day we reckon far — far above the others . . . Incense is burned on the Sabbath and feast-days" (*Ancient Christianity Exemplified*, p. 573).

Early tradition attributes the founding of Christian communities in the southwestern part of India (Malabar) to the Apostle Thomas. The first notice of this ancient people is to be found in Portuguese histories, according to Claudius Buchannon, D.D. When the Portuguese arrived they found upwards of a hundred Christian churches, whom they tried to win to the Romish faith by the power of the Inquisition. Dellon, who escaped the bloody tribunal, wrote an account of the workings thereof. His arrest occurred in 1673. Witness the following from Dellon's *Account of the Inquisition at Goa*, 1684:

"But when the period of the Auto da Fe approaches, the Proctor waits upon him and declares, that he is charged by a great number of witnesses, of having Judaized: which means, having conformed to the ceremonies of the Mosaic law, such as not eating pork, hare, fish without scales, etc., of having attended the solemnization of the Sabbath, having eaten the Pascal Lamb, etc."

Sabbath keeping in China is of ancient origin. Some historians maintain that Christianity was implanted in China not long after Apostolic days. We have previously noted the Nestorian Christians, considered by many as heretics, were observers of the sev-

enth-day Sabbath. Gieseler says of them:

"The Nestorians not only maintained themselves in Persia, where they enjoyed the exclusive favor of the king, but spread doctrines on all sides, carrying them into Arabia and India, and it is said, in the year 636, even as far as China" (*Church History*, Second Period, chapter 6).

Speaking of the Chinese Puritan Reformation, in modern times, under the Ti-Pings, one missionary in Shanghai wrote:

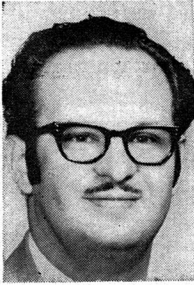
"But the question naturally arises: How came they to adopt the seventh day of the week instead of the first, as their Sabbath, since all their instruction from Christians was by those who taught that the first day is the Sabbath? This was a mystery to all who learned of the fact. But when they took Nan-King, the Europeans had opportunity to visit them, they were told that it was first, because the Bible taught it, and second, because their ancestors observed it as a day of worship."

Pastor L. A. Welch Dies

Pastor Leslie A. Welch, died suddenly at his home in Paint Rock, Ala., on January 23.

Farewell services were held at the Paint Rock Seventh Day Baptist Church on Sabbath afternoon, January 25, with funeral and burial at Leonardsville, N.Y., his old home, on January 29. A memorial service at the Berea, W. Va., church was planned for February 1.

The family will continue to live at the parsonage for the present. Church services, until more permanent arrangements can be made, will be by Pastor Emeritus Beebe.



THE
PRESIDENT'S
MESSAGE

Communication

DID YOU ever stop to think that perhaps the reason why there are so many different sectarian divisions among believers in that there exists a communication problem?

Of course all of us have a right to our honest and sincere opinions, and we should, after we have examined these opinions with unbiased judgments, avow them and defend them with boldness. But our opinions should not be so obstinate as to exclude the other person from this same right.

Communication is often difficult business at best without clear and communicable goals. It is a give and take proposition. It is based on a willingness to listen attentively, to observe, to express opinions in a friendly, courteous manner, and to extend the same privilege to others; to weigh these opinions over our own, in the balance of God's Word, without fear, prejudice, or sarcasm, holding fast to what seems best; thus exercising an open mind. This is communication and a policy that will be helpful to all concerned.

Perhaps the foremost factor relating to one's inability to communicate well with others is the tendency to display selfish and personal feelings.

I offer these suggestions to help break down this barrier and help keep lines of communication open:

(1) Accept people at face value; don't always be reserved in your opinions.

(2) Keep an open mind; avoid the tendency to be prejudiced.

(3) Don't be suspicious that the other person is not square with you.

(4) Don't forget to love. Someone has said, "The love you give away is the love you keep."

The Bible Sabbath Association is dedicated primarily to offering believers a greater variety of experiences and viewpoints through the pages of THE SABBATH SENTINEL. This concept helps to introduce new and unknown groups and people to each other. Basically this concept works exactly as a telephone; it is a pivotal point, or vehicle, to transmit information between two or more persons at different locations. If the BSA can become a working communications link between persons (and people) with new and/or different ideas, then it will be successful.

Our basis for existence is found in the golden rule: "Love your neighbor as yourself." To love one's neighbor, we must respect his beliefs, though they be different from our own. To try to impose our opinions on others is not only a denial of their rights, but also a form of arrogance, which in itself is irreligious. An ancient Hebrew prayer put it very well:

"From the cowardice that shrinks
from new truth,

From the laziness that is content
with half-truths,

From the arrogance that thinks it
knows all truth,

Oh, God of Truth, deliver us."



Conducted by Ruth Thomas

I'm glad to see the progress made in Birmingham. Brother McGuire seems to be promoting BSA there exceptionally well. I hope that one day in the next few months I can visit their chapter.

—R. D. B., North Carolina

We were overjoyed at President Littrell's visit to Birmingham, Ala. It is so wonderful to fellowship with spirit-filled children of God.

I praise the Lord we are keeping the seventh-day Sabbath. I thank God for BSA and the work it is doing in Birmingham. Pray for the work here that we may have a greater outreach for souls who are searching for a deeper insight in God's Word.

—Mrs. Betty J. Cook

Because of the glorious experience and blessings of God that we are now enjoying, we wouldn't change our lives as Sabbath day observers for the world. From one Sabbath to another we are looking forward and preparing for that blessed day to enter our lives.

Our prayers and sincere wishes are that all people everywhere would give themselves a chance to know the joy and blessings in keeping our Lord's holy and beautiful Sabbath

day. Experience has taught us that there is joy unspeakable in keeping God's holy Sabbath.

—Elder William Payton, Sr.
Alpha and Omega 7th Day
Mission Church,
1821 Esther Street,
Harvey, La. 70058

Please accept \$10 for family membership and subscription to THE SABBATH SENTINEL. Also please accept \$3.50 for a copy of the new *Sabbath Keepers Directory*. May God be with you in your efforts to support the Sabbath.

—Keith and Carolyn Howard,
French Lick, Ind.

Yes, I believe in the observance of the seventh day of the week as the Sabbath and wish to become a member of your association. I learned of your work through a member of the Assembly of Yahweh. Could you please send me THE SABBATH SENTINEL in Spanish?

—Elder Jose A. Alvarez
Puerto Rico.

I love the good news in the SENTINEL. It is about all I have in the way of communing with the Sabbath keepers. I look forward to its coming each month.

—Mrs. L. W., Oklahoma

Having read in the last issue of October SABBATH SENTINEL, that the cost of publishing this paper will be \$3.50, beginning October 1, 1974, I am enclosing my subscription; I also want the new calendar for 1975. I enjoy this little magazine and think it is another agency for proclaiming the Sabbath, as God's holy day of

rest, and showing that His law is just as binding upon people today as it was in the beginning. He has not changed, nor can He change.

I am happy to see any organization go forward with this wonderful "heaven born" message. I am a Seventh-day Adventist.

—Mrs. D. H., New York

I would like to find out about your organization. I have never heard of it before, so to me it is really something new.

I know that besides the Seventh-day Adventist there exist other Christian churches that believe and sincerely observe the Biblical weekly Sabbath.

Please send me all the information you have about your organization.

—Mr. E. W., New York

I received the *Directory of Sabbath-Observing Groups*, and was very glad to receive it and to get the address of each group or church. It looks as though you have put forth quite an effort to locate all of these churches and I thank you very much for sending mine.

—M. H., Iowa

I must say I enjoy reading THE SABBATH SENTINEL and feel as one of a large family of Sabbath keepers.

—J. S., New Jersey

Enclosed is my personal check. I wish to participate, as a "sustaining member" of the Bible Sabbath Association. My wife and I enjoy THE SABBATH SENTINEL very much. It is an excellent publication and becoming increasingly more interesting and helpful. Thank you very much. We

wish you continued growing success in your effort to serve the Lord.

—M.J.R., Alabama

Your pamphlet, *Let's Go Back to the Sabbath*, recently fell into my hands and was read with intense interest. You folk are doing very excellent work and are basing your conclusions upon Biblical evidence.

—Ralph F. Waddell, M. D.,
Secretary, Department of
Health,
General Conference of Sev-
enth-day Adventists

Thank you for your recent note and for including our fundamental beliefs in your forthcoming directory. We really appreciate your efforts and hard work in this special project. We are particularly honored that you included such a complete presentation of our belief by reprinting our fundamental beliefs.

Enclosed please find a check for \$14 for four copies of the directory. These will be for our office copies and we will gladly share the information about the directory with others.

Thanks again for your concern and dedication.

—Kenneth Westby,
Director of the Ministry,
Associated Churches of God

What a wonderful day to celebrate creation, recreation, and redemption! Praise God for a time when we can forget our secular work and work for His cause. The Sabbath means much to me.

—O. M., Pennsylvania

I believe in the observance of the seventh day of the week as the Sabbath and hereby express my desire to become a member of the Bible Sabbath Association, by signing this request for membership card.

I learned of your organization from a tract presented to me by a Seventh-day Adventist layman.

As an artist I like your post card illustration. Much can be done to get truth over to people through it.

—H. D. S., Oregon

The year 1974 has been a good year for me. For five years I have been praying that God would cause me to meet some Seventh Day Baptists, for I feel I would like very much to join that church, but there are none close here.

The Lord sent two Seventh Day Baptists my way. Pastor Harold Day and his group came all the way from Homestead, Ohio, just to visit me! We had a sermon here in my home. . . .

Then Pastor Goodson and his son from Fouke, Ark., visited here and we discussed the beliefs of the Seventh Day Baptists, because that was what I wanted to talk about.

I have been wondering if there are other Seventh Day Baptists who would like to write to me and help me in this way. I get so lonely with no one to talk to of my faith.

Thank God He answered my prayers, and some Seventh Day Baptists came. He still answers prayer today.

Enclosed is a check for renewal of my membership in the Bible Sabbath Association. I learned about the Seventh Day Baptists through your wonderful organization. Thank you.

—Mrs. Lola White

R. 2, Keota, Okla. 74941

I found a copy of one of your tracts, *The Universal Seventh Day Sabbath*, in my doctor's office last week. I am interested in learning more about what you teach. Do you have a church near me?

—J. M., Texas

Editor's Note: We have no churches since we are not a denomination. We invite you to find a Sabbath-keeping group near your home.

Chapter Chatter

The New Orleans chapter of the Bible Sabbath Association is leading the way in membership growth with 14 new members being added at the first of the year. Chapter meetings are being conducted monthly at various places with visitors usually in attendance. Ministers and lay people from five different Sabbath-observing groups participate in the lively chapter meetings which consist of a guest speaker, testimonies, special music and refreshments.

"We must obey God rather than the interpretations and traditions of men," was the resounding unanimous note as the New Orleans chapter brought to a close the meeting observing the first year anniversary as a chapter. The theme for the new year is "Obedience."

Chapter President Pastor Jesse Lee Andrus, Sr., welcomes all Sabbath keepers in the New Orleans area to become a part of this lively spirit-filled chapter. You may write him at 1125 Cadiz St., New Orleans, La. 70115.

Congressman Jerry L. Pettis Is Killed in Crash



A single-engine plane, piloted by Congressman Jerry L. Pettis, crashed near San Bernardino, Calif., February 14, killing him.

Pettis' Beechcraft Bonanza was spotted by a sheriff's helicopter in a rayne at the 6,500-foot level of a 9,000-foot mountain peak about 20 miles east of San Bernardino.

The Congressman had left Palm

Springs at 8:15 a.m. on a flight to San Bernardino, where he was to attend a meeting of the state Public Utilities Commission. His wife, Shirley, was waiting for him at Tri-City Airport and notified authorities when he failed to arrive.

Pettis left the airport in clear weather but was met by clouds and fog in Banning Pass, with visibility of one mile, federal officials said. Pettis, a pilot for 35 years was flying by visual flight rules. Officials said no radio contact was made with the plane after takeoff.

President Gerald Ford paid tribute to Pettis, saying that he "excelled as a rancher, teacher, aviator, religious leader and businessman. Jerry brought the insights he gained in these vari-

B.S.A. President Writes Letter to Mrs. Pettis

Dear Mrs. Pettis:

Every member and friend of the Bible Sabbath Association wishes to extend our deepest sympathy to you upon the tragic and untimely death of your beloved husband, the honorable Jerry L. Pettis.

Words fail us in revealing the sense of shock we experienced when we read the news in the newspaper of his plane crash. We are aware of your husband's deep religious convictions, especially so concerning the observance of the seventh-day Sabbath.

As your friends, we stand with you in prayer. May the grace, peace, and love from our Heavenly Father be with you at this time of great human loss.

I remain yours in the love of the Saviour,

Terril D. Littrell
President

ous fields to Congress and his position of leadership among house Republicans.”

The California congressman was the third-ranking Republican member of the House Ways and Means Committee and deputy Republican whip.

“The plane crash cut off a brilliant career in a tragic and untimely way,” said Los Angeles County Supervisor James Hayes, a close friend of the 58-year-old Pettis. “We in California and this nation have lost one of the ablest members of Congress.”

Pettis frequently used his plane to visit constituents in his far-flung 33rd Congressional District, which covers most of San Bernardino and Riverside counties.

Pettis, once a pilot for United Airlines, helped organize the nation’s first pilots’ union and served as its first president. He later was a special assistant to the president of United Air Lines.

In the late 1930s he was known as “the flying minister” when, as a Seventh Day Adventist minister, he used a plane to tend his scattered congregation in western Arizona and southeastern California.

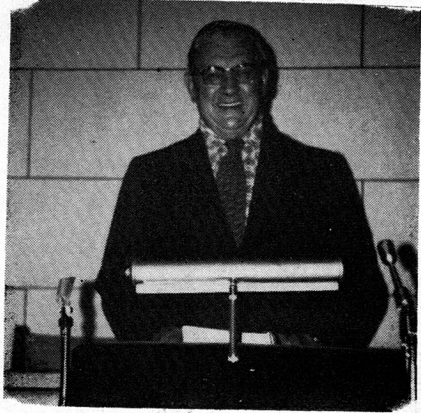
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BY PRESIDENT LITRELL



*Peter, Deborah and I thank you sincerely
for your thoughtful expression of sympathy
in the loss of our beloved Jerry.*

Shirley Pettis

Sabbath Keepers in the News



Pastor Kenneth H. Freeman

Bible Sabbath Association director and field representative Pastor Kenneth H. Freeman and wife attended the National Religious Broadcasters Convention in Washington, D. C., recently.

The Freemans had the honor of attending the Congresssional Breakfast and sitting within a few feet of President Ford. Mr. Ford emphasized the need of putting into practice the Christian principles which we believe.

The Freemans were received in the Senate Reception Room by Senator Robert Byrd and Senator Jennings Randolph. They were presented copies of a book of prayers by the Seventh Day Baptist Senator Jennings Randolph.

Pastor Freeman’s “The World Today” broadcast is heard in Israel, Cyprus, India and South Africa as well as the United States, and is gaining popularity annually.

A Note
From
the Editor



"The Landing"

WHEN WE LIVED in Fort Wayne, Ind., we enjoyed going occasionally to a part of the downtown area called "The Landing." It was a one-block-long section which brought back many scenes of yesteryear. At The Landing one could go to an old-fashioned candy shop, buy an oil lamp or a churn, or have a tintype picture taken. It boasted a hotel furnished as it was a century ago, when The Landing was an important part of downtown Fort Wayne. I understand the ancient hotel burned down recently.

Why was it called The Landing? I used to wonder until a longtime resident of the town told me. In the old days, just before railroads made their appearance in Indiana, canals were the big thing. In fact, the state went bankrupt from building too many canals in the early 1800s. The Wabash and Erie Canal — the termini are indicated by the name — ran through the town. The Landing, then part of the canal rather than the street it now is, was the block or so where the boats loaded and unloaded cargo.

After hearing the story, I went back to The Landing. Standing on the sidewalk, I could almost see

canal boats stopping, the horses that pulled them unhitched to rest and eat, and people gathered around to see what produce had come in from New Orleans or the East. The old gas lights, still in operation, added authenticity to my dream. All dreams must end, though, and walking around the corner onto Calhoun Street, I was again transported suddenly back into the twentieth century, with its neon lights, bustling traffic, and modern store fronts. But it was good to have gone back for a few moments into another era.

At the end of each week, I find another historical landmark — another "Landing." On the seventh day it is good occasionally to dream. What was it like on that first seventh day when the Lord, seeing that what He had created was "good," sat back to enjoy His handiwork? How did Adam and Eve spend their first Sabbath? Later, what would it have been like to be in Abraham's caravan as it rested every Sabbath on its journey from Ur? What would it have been like to be in the synagogue on the Sabbath when the Saviour stood up to read from the scroll of Isaiah, or to listen to Paul as he preached in Antioch of Pisidia to both Jews and Gentiles on Sabbath days? And what was it like to John on the Lord's day (the Sabbath — see Isaiah 58:13 and Mark 2:28) to see the visions from heaven of "things which must shortly come to pass"? All of these would have been glorious.

And then I enter into a new week. But it was good to have gone back for one day.

Eugene Lincoln

News From Sabbath-keeping Groups

Conducted by R. D. Bradshaw

Assembly of Yahvah (Independents)

Elder Abie Wilds of the Assembly of Yahvah at Luxora, Ark., announced that the assembly will observe Pentecost on May 18. An all-day Pentecost meeting is scheduled that day at the Assembly of Yahvah building in Winfield, Ala. Visitors are welcome. For more information, write to Elder Abie Wilds, Box 83; Luxora, Ark. 72358.

Assembly of Yahvah (Winfield, Ala.)

The Assembly of Yahvah (Winfield, Ala.) will conduct a ten-night series of Pentecost meetings commencing May 8 at their New Bethel Assembly near Jackson's Gap, Ala. This series of services will be climaxed with a special two-day meeting May 17 and 18. For more information on these meetings, contact Elder L. C. Taylor, Rt. 1, Box 37, Jackson's Gap, Ala. 36861.

Church of God (Jerusalem Acres)

The Church of God (Jerusalem Acres) will observe Pentecost this year at their Assembly building in Cleveland, Tenn., on May 16. The church will conduct their council of apostles and elders May 15-17 at Cleveland during this period. For more information on these meetings, write to the Church of God, Box 1207, Jerusalem Acres, Cleveland, Tenn. 37311.

The Associated Church of God and the Church of God (7th Day)

A meeting between committees of the Church of God (Seventh Day, Denver) and the Associated Churches of God was conducted Nov. 12-13, 1974 in Denver, Colo.

Present from the Church of God (Seventh Day) were Elders Robert Coulter, Ray Straub, and Melvin Sweet. Representing the Associated Churches of God were Elders Kenneth Westby, George Kemnitz, and Al Carrozzo.

The purpose of this meeting was to establish open lines of communication between the two church organizations. A second meeting is scheduled next month.

Robert Darnell Dies

Sister Marjorie Collie of Louisville, Ky., advises us that Elder Robert Darnell, editor of the **Discussion Magazine** (Box 925, Millen, Ga. 30442) died on Jan. 10.

Brother Darnell was the editor of **THE SABBATH SENTINEL** back in the 1950's.

BSA is saddened by the loss, but in hope we believe that in the resurrection we shall meet him again.

BSA expresses condolences to Brother Darnell's loved ones and close friends.

House of Yahweh

Elder Jacob Hawkins announced recently that the headquarters for the House of Yahweh had moved from Nazareth Illit, Israel, to Odessa, Texas, in January. The *Prophetic Watchman* will now be mailed from Odessa.

The House of Yahweh will observe Pentecost this year on May 16. Pentecost services are planned that day in Odessa. Visitors are welcome.

For more information on the move of this group to Odessa or information on their Pentecost meeting in May, contact Elder Jacob Hawkins, Box 4938, Odessa, Tex. 79763.

Seventh-day Adventists

The Seventh-day Adventist Church held its 1974 Annual Council in Loma Linda, Calif. There the delegates voted a record budget of \$76.5 million for the denomination's worldwide work. It is understood that more than half of these funds have been allocated for overseas work.

An interesting development was the vote against ordaining women in the ministry, a subject which has caused controversy in several denominations.

Seventh Day Baptists

The Seventh Day Baptists will conduct a ministers' conference at Dodge Center, Minn., April 23-30. For more information, write to Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, Box 868, Plainfield, N. J. 07061.

Worldwide Church of God

Format of *Plain Truth* magazine was changed in February to a biweek-

ly tabloid to be published 22 times yearly.

The new *Plain Truth* publication will be printed in black and white with an option of printing an additional color for newsstand copies. In Europe many copies of the *Plain Truth* are distributed free at newsstands.

This change in printing format is expected to save money, to present more timely stories, and to allow for increased circulation.

Church of The Living God, The Pillar and Ground of The Truth

The Church of The Living God, The Pillar and Ground of The Truth will conduct Pentecost meetings on May 15. For more information, write to Elder Robert L. Smith, Box 464, Logansport, La. 71049.

THE FATAL MISTAKE

(Continued from page 8)

when you confess that to God in Jesus' name, the life of Jesus Christ is imputed to you, and when God looks at you, He does not see a thief or a murderer or an adulterer, or a liar. He sees Jesus Christ. But God cannot do that with the keeping of the first day of the week.

Christians are not under the condemnation of the law, but under grace. But this in no wise releases them from obedience to the Ten Commandments. "For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. What then? Shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid" (Rom. 6:14, 15).

(To be continued)

Sabbath Renewal Day

Seventh Day Baptists set aside a Sabbath during May called Sabbath Renewal Day. This Sabbath originally was called Sabbath Rally Day, but was changed to Sabbath Renewal Day a few years ago.

When the name was first changed, I wasn't for it, but thought I would look up the word *renewal* in Webster's Dictionary. I was happy to see what the word means: "1. Make new again 2. To cause to exist again 3. Re-establish 4. MAKE A NEW PROMISE." I like this last one very much; it did bring on a new meaning to me and then I was convinced that this was a good change.

I believe another change would be good. If all Sabbath keepers around the world would adopt this day, we could work in closer unity to proclaim this wonderful truth.

I believe if we put the Bible first and keep the words of our Savior, we can bring about a unity that would shake the religious world. We then could really bring this blessed truth of a long-lost Sabbath to a lost world.

Remember, brother and sister, that even a married couple who love each other and been united in marriage for 30 years still have their little differences.

Let us pray and act quickly so that we can all observe our Sabbath Renewal Day together in May. Remember, before the Savior comes the group waiting for Him will be the ones who keep the Commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

Let us say with David, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell in unity!" (Psa. 133:1).

-C. T. White

A Testimony

M. O. FLANERY

I WAS REARED in a Missionary Baptist Church. My grandfather was the founder of the church in the days of the Civil War. Most of my life I was active in some Baptist Church, either Primitive or Missionary.

In 1936 I was operating a general store. A man and wife often came into my store to buy needed things and we talked of the Sabbath. They invited me out to their farm home and I heard H.M.S. Richards talking on the radio. They supplied me with literature, including a large book, *Daniel and the Revelation*, which I studied continuously.

From that time on I have been a believer in the seventh-day Sabbath. I have tried hard to keep the Sabbath, together with my employees or the strangers within my gates. I have for years been a believer in the Church of God or Seventh Day Baptist. There is not a church of either near where I live, so I drive about 30 miles to church. My wife is also a seventh-day believer, so we spend most of the Sabbath in some seventh-day church.

In the late thirties I read of an organization being formed known as the Bible Sabbath Association. I wrote and received a folder, later more literature, and then *THE SABBATH SENTINEL*. I have been a member and have studied all of their literature to date. I am now representative for the state and hand out literature wherever I may be.

It is my desire to get a church nearer, which I know I will be able to do with the help of the Lord.

Praise the Lord, God loves those who obey His word.

BSA Literature Is Advertised On Television

Pastor Richard L. Chatfield and the Remnant Seventh Day Church of God at St. Louis, Mo., signed a contract with KDUL-TV, Channel 30, St. Louis, for four half-hour Sunday programs: December 15, January 19, February 16, and March 16, from 12:30 to 1:00 p.m.

This production, in color, offered the Echoes From Eden Home Study book and all available BSA tracts to those who wrote in for information concerning the Sabbath truth.

The Bible Sabbath Association wishes to congratulate Pastor Chatfield and his congregation for their splendid means of outreach and to thank them for using literature from the Bible Sabbath Association.

The following literature is available to other groups who might wish to use it as an outreach for their church:

SABBATH TRACTS AND LEAFLETS

TRACTS (Stapled)

Title (Single Copies Free)	Price
The Law of God	\$.40 doz.
Let's Go Back to the Sabbath	.40 doz.
Sabbath Truths and Their Propagation	1.65 doz.
The Universal Seventh Day Sabbath	.50 doz.
Sabbath Truths and Sunday Fallacies Briefly Summarized	.40 doz.
Why Law? (20 pages) by Don W. Higbee	50. doz.
Christianity—What Is It?—The Christian Sabbath—What Is It? by Ithamar Quigley	.50 doz.

God's Law from Adam to Moses by Frank M. Walker	.50 doz
The Bible Truth About Salvation By Grace	.50 doz.
Questions for Seventh Dayists Answered by Terril D. Littrell	.50 doz.

LEAFLETS (Folded or single sheet)	
What Every Christian Should Know About The Weekly Rest Day	.15 doz.
Why I Keep the Seventh Day As the Sabbath	.20 doz.
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Bumper Stickers, Reading: "The Seventh Day Is the Sabbath" Ex. 20:8	.50
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Directory of Sabbath-Observing Groups	3.50

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MORE CHAPTER CHATTER

The Birmingham, Ala., chapter of the Bible Sabbath Association had as its guest speaker, director and field representative, Major Robert D. Bradshaw (ret.) CPA, on February 8. He spoke on "The Sabbath."

The chapter ran an ad in a Birmingham paper with the following words: "If you believe Christ expects His followers to keep ALL the commandments of God – including the seventh-day Sabbath of the Fourth Commandment. . . . COME!"

We welcome Mr. Bradshaw back with us again soon.

Noticia

El Centinela del Sabado está ahora obtenible en español.

Misioneros y pastores que están en contacto con los que hablan español están solicitando a ordenar copias para distribución. Una contribución voluntaria para asistir en las expensas está apreciado.

El Centinela del Sabado es publicado trimestramente.

WANTED – Busy Men

God never calls the lazy or idle person when He needs men for His service. When God needs a worker, He calls a worker; when God wants a good servant, He calls a busy man.

Scripture and history prove this. Moses was busy with his flocks at Horeb. Gideon was busy searching for his father's lost beast. Elisha was busy plowing with 12 yoke of oxen. David was busy caring for his father's sheep. Nehemiah was busy serving the king. Peter and Andrew were busy fishing. James and John were busy mending their nets. Matthew was busy collecting taxes. Priscilla and Aquilla were busy making tents.

God has need for only busy men who can be counted on to carry through a task.

So if you are a busy man, join the rest of us who work for the Bible Sabbath Association. We need volunteers to help with typing, photographing, writing articles, and selling subscriptions to *The Sabbath Sentinel*.

If you are interested, write.

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