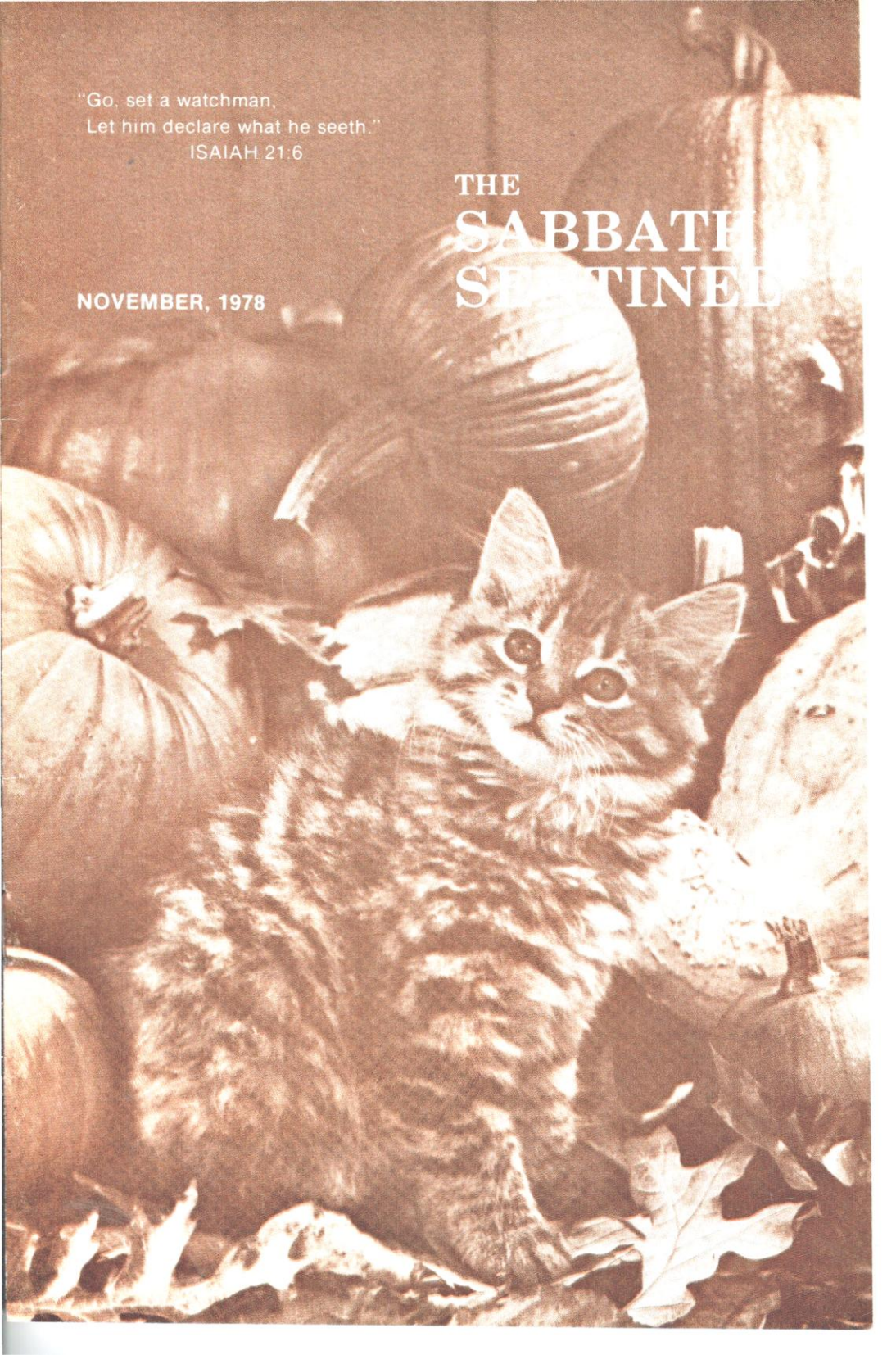


"Go, set a watchman,
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ISAIAH 21:6

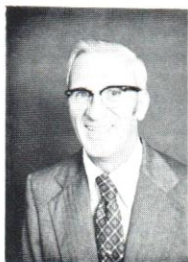
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From the Editor . . .

“Be Thankful . . . and Bless His Name”



Eugene Lincoln

RECENTLY I had the privilege (did I say *privilege*?) of talking with a Sabbath keeper whom I had known only slightly. Until this conversation I had thought highly of him.

Perhaps his wife had burned breakfast that morning—but his conversation would have made a green persimmon sweet by comparison. The world was going to the canines—and fast—he opined.

I often wonder if he has found anything to be thankful for since that day.

Much in the world can sadden us—but also much around us should make us thankful and cause us to “bless his name.”

Last week I saw a hiker in a

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national park picking up other people's litter along the path to deposit later in a trash barrel. I'm thankful for folks like him who seek to make the world better rather than grumbling about the state it's in.

We can be thankful for myriads of things. If our faces and our words show our joy, we will win more people to the Savior and His truths than by our setting out to prove that “we're all right, and they're all wrong.”

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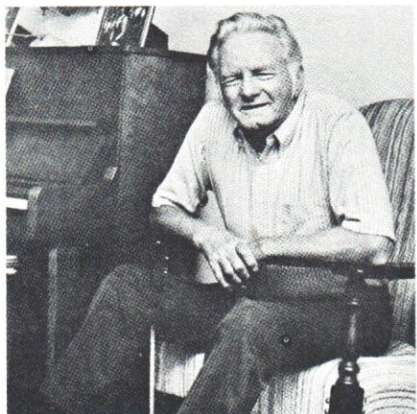
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The experience and testimony of John Kuna, a blind man with no feet who works full-time for God.

“Life is Wonderful!”



JOHAN KUNA walks across the workshop and reaches for two small boards on a shelf. There is a light in the room, but it is for visitors only. He has been in total darkness since 1972.

“This is oak,” he says, displaying one of the boards.

Ask him how he knows it is oak, and he says it was oak when he put it there. Then he smiles. His sense of humor remains intact. His spirit is unbending.

The feet he stands on are his only because he bought them.

Before the darkness came, he had worked at designing and fabricating fixtures and machinery for automation. It was precise work, with metal. But failing eyesight, brought on by diabetes, forced him to retire.

“I’ve always enjoyed work,” he says. “I like to keep busy. I don’t enjoy sitting around doing nothing.”

When he became blind, Kuna

was troubled that he could no longer contribute adequately to the work of his church, the Madison Campus Seventh-day Adventist church in Tennessee. There was a building program and missionary work he wishes to help support.

Because of the diabetes, there was little feeling in the feet and lower part of his legs. His wife, Ruth, had gone to work in the X-ray department at Madison Hospital. She would examine his feet and legs to make sure they were well. But even with this care, there was an infection.

In February, 1975, the foot and a part of the leg was amputated.

“In physical therapy, they gave me a walker and told me to walk over to the parallel bars. I did. I got in the bars and walked back and forth for 15 minutes.”

He had been told that he might not be able to walk. Since he was blind, his balance might not be good enough.

"There was never any doubt that I could do it. I was never alone. I never doubted that the good Lord would give me the strength. No doubt about that."

John Kuna is an uncommon man. In spite of what some might have considered insurmountable obstacles, he never relinquished his goal of being productive and of supporting his church.

He had been doing work around the house, things like putting in shelves, so he had a few basic tools.

Eventually, a project evolved in his mind. He would take scraps of wood nobody else wanted and turn them into useful items people would buy.

The project has been highly successful. He makes items like breadboards, picture frames, footstools, and lamps.

"I also make 50 different types of candleholders," he says.

His list of tools has grown. There are sanders, saws, planers, a drill press, and a lathe. Most of the tools were bought secondhand. They were purchased with his pension money, not with money from the project. All that goes to the church. In addition, the electric bills, varnish, stain, repairs, and other expenses are also met from his pension check.

Then, last November, there was another infection in the remaining foot, and it had to be amputated.

"The doctor said I probably wouldn't be able to walk, because of balance," he says. "I was sure the Lord would allow me to walk. He did. The doctor said it was a miracle. It was just determination and the help of the Lord.

"While I was in the hospital I planned how I would increase my productivity for God."

Kuna works perhaps two or three hours in the morning, stops to cook his own lunch, and works another two or three hours in the

afternoon.

"Cooking might not be the right word," he says. "Warming over might be more accurate. I guess I get it cooked. I eat it anyway."

Since television doesn't interest him, he usually works another hour or two at night.

Kuna finds it satisfying to be able to do work that others can enjoy.

Not long ago, the electrical motor on his bench saw started acting up. Kuna knew it was the bearing in the motor. That could run into money. "They said they would sell me another motor for \$60 or they would repair the old one for \$30. I decided to do it myself. I do electrical work. It takes a while, but I do it."

He bought the bearings, remembered a friend he had worked with who had tools to put the

"I planned how I could increase my productivity for God."

bearings in place. He cleaned the motor, reassembled it, and it worked like new. The cost was less than \$6.

He replaces the spark plugs and tunes the family car. He does the brake work, too. "I'm careful," he says. "I make sure there are no hazards. I just don't enjoy wasting money."

Kuna insists that his family go about its daily business as if he were not handicapped. Anything he can do for himself, he does, and there aren't many things he can't do.

"I dress myself," he says. "There are codes on my clothes. There are buttons on a shirt at certain places that tell me the color. The same for trousers. A knot in the lace of a shoe tells me the color. Of course, I have to remember all this. So far I have."

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Breaking the Rules

DR. JAMES T. JEREMIAH of Cedarville College

THE CHICAGO BEARS were battling the San Francisco Forty-niners in a close professional football game. Suddenly the Bears' coach spotted a San Francisco player coming out of the game—walking off on the Chicago side of the gridiron. The alert coach grabbed the player by the arm and signaled the referee. The referee agreed that a rule had been broken. He called back the last play of the game, in which San Francisco had scored a three-point field goal. When the game ended, Chicago was ahead 23-21. The San Francisco player who broke the rule lost the game for his team!

Richard Welsh was rated "master rigger" by the Federal Aviation Agency—the highest rating a sky-diver could receive. He took his last jump from 3,000 feet. Other sky-divers remember that he held the ripcord handle in his mouth and over his shoulder. His fellow sky-divers watched in horror as he groped frantically for the handle that would open the 'chute. He didn't find it. A broken rule cost him his life.

To follow the rules may sound "square" or "chicken" to some teens. But rules are made for good purposes. A violation could cost you your life. God's rules, especially, are made to benefit man and glorify God. Wise people obey them.

"For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; how shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation; which at

the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him" (Hebrews 2:2, 3).

"He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?" (Hebrews 10:28, 29).

"O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?" "Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?" (Galatians 3:1; 5:7).

"And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed" (I Peter 2:8).

"For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?" (I Peter 4:17).

"Behold, the righteous shall be recompensed in the earth: much more the wicker and the sinner" (Proverbs 11:31).

One's soul is not saved by keeping rules. Salvation becomes a personal possession when one accepts the promise of eternal life in Christ. When He is finally ignored and rejected, eternal separation from God is the terrible result.

How God's Sabbath Was Revealed to Me

ELEANOR GAMBLIN

"The secret things belong unto Jehovah our God; but the things that are revealed belong unto us" (Deuteronomy 29:29, ARV).

ALTHOUGH I have observed the seventh-day Sabbath for 54 years, only recently did I become a member of the Bible Sabbath Association. I was first introduced to the BSA by Samuel and Marie Jensen, old-time missionary friends. I was surprised to learn there are so many groups in this belief, even some Pentecostals, of which I am one. In this area I am alone in worshiping God on that special day, so I join with pleasure in fellowship with other Sabbath keepers and share my testimony.

I and my late husband, Garland Leonard, were missionaries in North China, where he was martyred in 1937 during the Japanese invasion, and I miraculously escaped. Ten years later I was married to Sanford Johnston. We labored in Colombia, South America, where he died in 1949. I tell this story in my forthcoming book, *I Call to Remembrance*.

I was born on December 10, 1902, of Scotch, English, and French Huguenot descent, and the third in the Cummings family of three boys and three girls. Our early home was on the outskirts of Woburn, Mass. Mother dedicated us all to God, in hopes at least one would be a preacher of the gospel.

Our Sundays were spent in quietness, for Mother insisted on having one peaceful day a week. And she knew how to keep us quietly occupied. For some reason my parents seldom attended church until we reached teenage, but they always sent us six to the Methodist Sunday School and guided us in

right ways. I joined church at the age of thirteen without having a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. I gradually became ensnared in Spiritism.

Mother had two uncles who were itinerant preachers of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Vermont. They often visited her parents' home, and always talked religion—too much, she thought—and kept Saturday. We were taught to keep Sunday because that was the Resurrection Day. There was always a question in my mind which day was right, for both seemed to be in the Bible.

In 1920 our family moved to Fresno, Calif. There at a Pentecostal Church altar I accepted Jesus Christ as my Savior for the first time and was gloriously baptized with the Holy Spirit. In deep gratitude I consecrated my life to follow Him wherever He would lead me. My conversion and call is another story which I also relate in the above-mentioned book.

Then in 1924 we moved again—this time to Oakland—and attended a certain church. One day my brother Lester said to me, "Let's go to Ninth Street Mission tonight. I like it better there."

On the way he warned me, "They baptize in the name of Jesus and *keep Saturday*."

"I'd like to go anyway," I replied. "I don't have to believe it."

We all liked it so well there we made it our church home. Pastor Morse announced meetings for every night but Monday, also Saturday and Sunday afternoons,

and Bible classes in his school at the parsonage. I attended them all.

As I studied under Brother Morse's clear teaching, I could find no reason in them for keeping Sunday. How could the disciples keep that first day of the week as the resurrection day when they didn't believe that Jesus had risen? They were hiding in fear behind closed doors.

On the other hand, I found many Sabbaths mentioned in the life of Jesus, Paul, and others. Another eye-opener: The Lord's Supper was observed on the true Passover Day, the 14th of Nisan, not on Easter Sunday, which commemorates the spring goddess.

Not until sometime later did the fourth chapter of Hebrews become clear to me. "This refers to the Sabbath as a type of our spiritual rest in Christ," I was told.

But how does one labor to enter into a spiritual rest? I did some more searching and this is what I found in verses 9-11:

"There remaineth therefore a rest [*sabbatismos*: a keeping of a Sabbath,] to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as *God did* from his. Let us labour therefore [six days] to enter into that rest [on the seventh day], lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief."

The Greek uses several words to express the one English word translated "rest." In this chapter *katapauo* means to lay down something, to cease or rest from physical labor. Thus the above verses express the Fourth Commandment of the Decalogue under the New Covenant. All our days are involved, but the seventh is the only day we can enter into "that rest."

In Matthew 11:28 *anapauo* means a rest to lift up (from sin), to refresh the soul, which we get, not

by laboring or giving diligence, but by coming in faith to Jesus for all our days. Without this spiritual rest in Christ one can never truly enter into "that rest" spoken of in Hebrews. We are admonished to do as *God did*. He rested and was refreshed on the Sabbath day.

On our boat to China a Catholic priest asked Garland, "Why do you Protestants keep Sunday? We Catholics changed the Sabbath." That only verified what we already knew.

After returning home from China, I taught that same Sabbath Bible class where God revealed His day to me. To me the Sabbath is a delight and a blessing in a way Sunday never was—a day for imparting fresh vigor to body, mind, and spirit. It is God's gift of love to man.

Sabbath observance depends on a spiritual rest in Christ.

Scholars of ancient Hebrew tell us that the word *holy* in the commandment literally means "different," and also it derives from the same Hebrew root as "healthy." Thus the commandment could be read: "Remember the Sabbath day to make it different and keep it healthy." I intend to keep it so.

My parents also accepted the true Sabbath. One of Mother's favorite Bible verses was Psalm 119:165: "Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them." I was the only one who fulfilled her hopes.

Praise and thanksgiving be unto my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for delivering me from the pagan holidays, also other errors, and for leading me in the paths of truth and righteousness. I continue to revel in the unfolding of God's Word in its many aspects.

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THANKSGIVING

"Oh, that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! And let them sacrifice the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing" (Psalm 107:21,22).

HERE we are again, another year is almost past, and we are preparing for our Thanksgiving Day on November 23—the day of dedication by our forefathers as a harvest festival in gratitude to God for His many gifts to us.

Realistically speaking, we have much for which to be thankful. Every American should bow his head in gratitude for the privilege of living in the "land of the free." The United States of America has passed more social legislation and enacted more laws providing individual liberty than any other nation in world history. How often we take our liberties for granted and forget that they could end—suddenly and violently!

Could it be an omen that our Liberty Bell has a crack in it . . . a sort of warning that if we don't protect the casting of our rights with utmost intelligence and care, our proclamation of freedom will toll with resounding silence?

Looking at the past, we see that America has been a nation that has honored God. When the *Mayflower* landed at Plymouth in November, 1620, those first

Pilgrims made an agreement called the Mayflower Compact. In this official pact God was acknowledged and given His rightful place. A look at the present, however, finds America quite removed from her religious foundations.

Professor Richard Hofstadter of Columbia University has said, "We are living in a culture that is secular. Religion does not play the role it used to play. This is particularly true for people under 40 years of age in this society. When a strong religious bond is missing, there are few things that can hold the culture together."

It has been said that the key to a nation's greatness is the combined character of all its people. Unfortunately, our collective character is not too good. We desperately need a spiritual awakening.

Yes, we love America. We love her rocks and rills, her woods and templed hills—her rock-ribbed shores, her booming cities. We love her people. We are aware of her failures, and we do not wish to sweep them under the rug. When

America is wrong, we still love her—and do our best to correct her.

Despite the immense problems which plague our land, we do have much for which for which to be thankful. God has blessed America! During this Thanksgiving season, may we resolve anew as believers to be the "salt of the earth," for America . .

"LIFE IS WONDERFUL!" . . .

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Kuna would have to rate as one of the more active members of his church. He is chairman of the telephone and vesper committees. But perhaps his most challenging post is that of Investment leader. This involves raising money to support church work in Appalachia and in Canada's Yukon.

"God blesses any project, whatever it is and wherever you

live," he says. "Be creative. Think of a special project. Put yourself and your project in God's hand and watch it grow!"

There was a time when John Kuna searched for new discoveries that might restore his sight. Now he knows that is not possible. Too much has been lost.

"It didn't take physical blindness and the loss of my feet for me to love the Lord," he says, "but it certainly improved my spiritual insight, faith, and trust in God. I'm not bitter. I'm just thankful I can be useful. Life is wonderful!"

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Changes Commencement for Sabbatarian

Kellogg Community College of Battle Creek changed the time of its graduation exercises to allow a Seventh-day Adventist to attend.

Mrs. Gordon Evans expressed her gratitude that "those in charge of a public college really bent over backwards" to help her.

Mrs. Evans who had been attending K.C.C. for the past two years, was looking forward to graduating. For the past few years the commencement exercises had been held on a Thursday evening, so she anticipated no Sabbath problems. To her dismay she heard the announcement that the exercises would be Friday evening.

Although Mrs. Evans felt the exercises are "more a luxury than a necessity," yet it was a psychological plus to be able to participate in the traditional march and to receive the diploma.

She made a telephone call to the college president to see if anything could be done, and he told her that the date could not be changed, but the time of the exercises might be

moved ahead so the program would be finished before sunset. She thanked God for this concession on the part of the administration.

However, when Mrs. Evans went to pick up her graduation announcements she noticed that commencement was to start at 8 o'clock Friday evening.

Again she called the president, this time to see if she had misunderstood his earlier statement. When he discovered who was on the phone, he said, "I know why you are calling, but don't worry, the services will be at seven o'clock."

At the expense of the school, a separate card was printed announcing the change in the time of the graduation exercises.

Mrs. Evans felt that Dr. Whitmore, the school's president, "really went beyond the call of duty" in making it possible for her to attend the special services. "He could easily have had a 'that's too bad' attitude," she says, but instead he was gracious and helpful.

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Looks at Books

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Frederick R. Coulter, "A Harmony of the Gospels in Modern English—The Life of Jesus Christ." Monterey, California: York Publishing Company, 1976. 272 pp. \$9.95.

The very first book of its kind in 140 years, this volume emphasizes and harmonizes the procession of all the gospel events. It has been prepared by Frederick R. Coulter, an ordained minister who has also been featured on *Religion on the Line* on KBAC, Los Angeles. He has done a new translation himself (and a very recommendable one, at that) which "has been structured to make full use of the need for an amplification when appropriate, an idiomatic expression when most suited, and an historical and calendar interpretation when imperative to clarify the movement and flow of events and days" (p. 3).

The God-ordained annual holy days and feasts (as given in Leviticus 23) have provided the main basis for the overall chronology. That alone makes this book unique, but additionally it carries a wealth of useful features, e.g. thoroughly researched commentaries and footnotes, maps of Jesus' travels, and a list of all feasts during His life, charts synchronizing the Hebrew and the Julian calendars, Scriptural and topical indices, and a short but concise bibliography. Last, but not least, a unique combination of more than 100 photos, as well as original etchings, aptly capture the flavor of the Holy Land and the life and times of Jesus Christ.

Now and then one gets across a book that he just wishes everyone could have. Mr. Coulter's Harmony belongs in this category. Textbook, commentary, teaching and study aid all under one cover, it is

recommended to lay Christians, students, teachers, and researchers alike. Though it does not deal directly with the weekly Sabbath, the very nature of this book does that it will necessarily strongly be upholding that position as well.

A compelling and inspiring first rate work. In the public interest it ought to be made available in paperback form as soon as possible.

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SDA Soldiers in Spain Are Granted Sabbaths Off

The vice-president and minister of defense in Spain has given an order to the armed forces that all Seventh-day Adventist soldiers should be given time free from service on the Sabbath.

THE LOR

George

God rested on the seventh day, so it is God's rest or Sabbath.

God blessed and sanctified (made holy) the Sabbath.

God commanded: "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy" (Exodus 20:8).

The Sabbath was made before sin; hence it is not a type, and hence not in force only until the cross.

The Sabbath was made for man—all mankind (Mark 2:27).

It was made 2500 years before there was a Jew, hence it is not for the Jews only.

The Bible never calls it the Jewish Sabbath.

God placed it in the center of His Ten Commandments, the moral law.

The Sabbath was commanded by the voice of the living God.

God wrote the commandment on stone with His own finger.

God pronounced a special blessing on the Gentiles who kept the Sabbath (Isaiah 56:3, 5, 6).

I
Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

II
Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself to them nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.

III
Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

IV
Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor

If ye love me, keep

D'S DAY

Burnside

thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and hallowed it.

v

Honor thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

vi

Thou shalt not kill.

vii

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

viii

Thou shalt not steal.

ix

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

x

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

God promises to bless any man who will keep the Sabbath.

After the holy Sabbath has been trodden down for "many generations," it is to be restored in the last days (Isaiah 58:13; Exodus 20:10).

Jesus kept the Sabbath (Luke 4:16).

The Sabbath is the "Lord's day" (Mark 2:28; Isaiah 58:13; Exodus 20:10).

Gentile converts called it the Sabbath fourteen years after the cross (Acts 13:42).

Three decades after the cross the Bible says the Sabbath "remaineth" (Hebrews 4:9).

Christians are to enter the Sabbath rest as God did (Hebrews 4:10).

God did rest on the seventh day (Hebrews 4:4).

Everyone in the new earth will keep the Sabbath (Isaiah 66:22, 23).

THE SEVENTH DAY IS THE SABBATH OF THE LORD THY GOD."

my commandments

Blue Law Conviction Is Upheld

South Carolina's blue laws do not unfairly discriminate against large food stores by restricting the number of persons working in them on Sunday, the state Supreme Court has ruled.

In a 4-1 opinion last August, the justices upheld the conviction of Dennis Smith, manager of Ingles Grocery Store in Easley, who was charged with using six employees on Sunday—three inside the store and three in the delicatessen.

The grocery store and delicatessen are located in the same building, but the delicatessen has its own separate business license.

Besides prohibiting the sale of certain nonessential items on Sunday, the blue laws restrict to three the number of persons working in a store on Sunday, including the manager.

Smith argued the laws are unconstitutional because they discriminate against large grocery stores in favor of small convenience markets. Large stores, he said, cannot be operated effectively with three or fewer employees.

But the majority opinion held that the 14th Amendment, which encompasses the due process clause, permits the state a wide scope of discretion in enacting laws which affect some citizens differently from others.

The four justices noted that the laws are a means of limiting commercial activity on Sunday, which is intended as a day of rest.

"By limiting the workers to three, the law ensures that the day

of rest is extended to the maximum number of citizens, while at the same time making the necessary food items available. . . .

"The law ensures that the grocery business will not take in a regular weekday full-scale volume, with accompanying traffic, noise, and activity," the justices said.

The one dissenting court member, Associate Justice Julius B. Ness, agreed with Smith's contention. "The law blatantly discriminates against large grocery stores in favor of small ones," he said.

"It is obvious the small grocery or convenience store can operate adequately with three or less employees," Ness said.

"It is equally clear," he said, "that a large supermarket cannot efficiently serve its customers and guard against shoplifting with only three employees. The law, therefore, has the effect of treating persons engaged in the same business differently."

Carried to the extreme, the laws could mean no golf, movies, or ballet on Sunday.

Charleston Police Chief J. F. Conroy said the laws must be made understandable and consistent before they can be properly enforced.

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Closed on Account of Success

JOHN D. BEVIS

CLOSED on account of success." This unusual notice appears on an old three-story building located at 19 Barteljorisstraat in Haarlem, Holland. This is the "Beje" (pronounced bay-yay), home for many years to the Ten Boom family. It is also where, during World War II, a hiding place was prepared for persecuted Jews.

Thousands of Americans have read *The Hiding Place*, written by Corrie Ten Boom and have seen the motion picture by the same title released by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. The Lord has certainly led in the ministry of Miss Ten Boom as she shares across cultures and languages a message of love and forgiveness. Her former home, the Beje, was opened to the public shortly after the success of her book.

However, the house is today closed to the public, not because of lack of interest, but rather, because of success! It seems that too many visitors came to visit this small ancient structure. In 1962 the clockshop and building were sold to Mr. Van der Noll, who today



Corrie Ten Boom



The "Beje" is located in the center of Haarlem. Once a refuge for the persecuted, the clock shop is still open for business today. It is located a few blocks from the S.D.B. church.

operates the business. Because of the business and the age of the building it was not possible to continue to keep it open to the public. We appreciate the hospitality of Corrie Van Der Noll in showing us the entire house while we were in Holland in October.

Brother Nieuwstraten said: "I was the one who broke down the



Elder and Mrs. Jaap Nieuwstraten of the Haarlem S.D.B. church. Brother Jaap, a carpenter, restored the secret room in the Beje on the request of Miss Corrie Ten Boom.

wall after the war so you can't find a better man to rebuild it." Commenting later on this episode Corrie Ten Boom writes: "We saw the kind leading hand of the Lord in this experience."

When making plans to be in Haarlem for the centennial of the Dutch Seventh Day Baptist work, we hoped that we might be able to visit the Beje. Imagine our surprise when we discovered that our host had not only restored the hiding place but was also a personal friend of the current owners of the shop.

"Thou art my hiding place and my shield: I hope in thy word" (Psalm 119:114).

On a sunny October afternoon we walked the several blocks with Jaap and Corrie Nieuwstraten to the Ten Boom clock shop. Yes, the shop still contains hundreds of marvelous clocks in all sizes and descriptions, each chiming a welcome as we entered the door. The owners were most happy to give us a private tour of the building. Our

daughter, Laura, was able to stand inside that special "hiding place" and we were reminded of the text that is a favorite of Miss Ten Boom: "Whatever we may have to go through now is less than nothing compared with the magnificent future God has in store for us" (Romans 8:18, Phillips).

During our week in Haarlem we were drawn back to that little shop several times, never being able, it seemed, to see and "feel" enough of its strength and courage. Certainly the promises of God are true: "In times of trouble he will shelter me: he will keep me safe in his temple and make me secure on a high rock . . . Trust in the Lord. Have faith, do not despair. Trust in the Lord" (Psalm 27:5, 14).

Most everyone knows the story of how the Ten Boom family, under the direction of Corrie, protected many Jews from persecution by hiding them in the Beje until they could be removed to a safer place. The actual closet-size "hiding place" was located in Corrie's room



Sister Marie Graafstal, retired S.D.B. missionary to Java, made her home for many years in the former Ten Boom house, the Beje, in Haarlem.

above the third floor of the home. A false wall was put in with a linen cabinet with shelves in front of the room. The bottom panel of this cabinet slipped out and refugees would crawl through the small opening into the tiny room where they found temporary security.

After the war this hiding place was torn down. All underground workers in Holland did that in case of another war, the enemy would not know before hand where the secret rooms were. Corrie Ten Boom writes: "We realized later, however, that they would know its location from my book, so we rebuilt the secret room. The architect did not know quite how it had been done, but the carpenter he sent for smiled when he saw the room."

That carpenter was none other than Jaap Nieuwstraten, elder of the Haarlem Seventh Day Baptist Church, which is located only a few blocks from the Beje.

We discovered that the Beje also had another connection with Seventh Day Baptists. After the second world war the house was rented for some years to Sister Marie Graafstal. Sister Graafstal had gone to Java (then a Dutch colony) to assist her brother, Jan Van der Steur, in the development of a Seventh Day Baptist work there.

The Java mission was a project of Dutch Seventh Day Baptists until ended by the Japanese occupation of Java in 1942. Marie Graafstal gave of her life for fifth-three years in a heroic, unselfish ministry to the mission, devoting much of her time to the children.

Corie Nieuwstraten remembers that each week for many years she and friends would go to the Beje to visit and have tea with Sister Graafstal in her home above the Ten Boom watch shop. Mrs. Graafstal was always ready to praise the Lord for His many blessings to her. (A more complete

story of the Dutch work in Java is found in volume three of *Seventh Day Baptists in Europe and America*).

The story of Corrie Ten Boom has greater meaning to us after having the opportunity of visiting in Haarlem, of standing in the Beje, and of becoming acquainted with our brothers and sisters in Holland.

The world today is in need of the special ministry of Corrie Ten Boom and others like her who share the real message of Christ—a message of love, forgiveness and redemption.

This message is for each of us today. We too, can have this power, the power to love our enemies, the power to forgive and forget, the power to share the good news of Jesus Christ and what He has done for us. "Thou are my hiding place and my shield: I hope in thy word" (Psalm 119:114).

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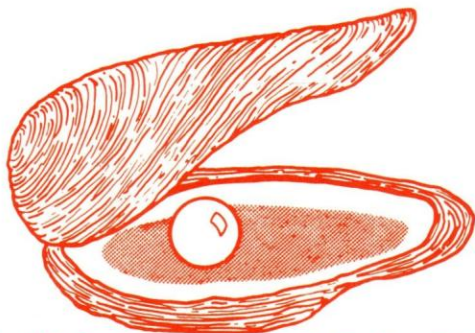
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I appreciate the invitation to join your association, but I cannot be a member of an organization that associates with — people.

—E.L., Washington

The Sabbath Question in Early Mormonism

GEORGE DELLINGER

MORMONS are very strong advocates of Sunday keeping. The reason for this lies in their belief in the inspiration of revelations received by Joseph Smith and others—revelations believed by them to be from God. Their Sunday keeping is based upon these revelations. But we might fairly ask, was there no discussion of the matter in the early days of Mormonism? Did no one ever raise the question, Should we observe Saturday as the Sabbath?

In our previous article, "Mormon Revelations and the Sabbath," we say that a fair and honest study of these revelations lead one to the seventh-day Sabbath of God, not to Sunday. But the question still arises, Was there not even one voice raised in defense of the seventh day? Of course there was James J. Strang, whose group observed Saturday. (See my article, "J. J. Strange—Prophet, King, Apostle of the Sabbath," in the June SABBATH SENTINEL). But was he the only one? No, he was not. Let us look at a bit of history.

Wilford Woodruff, converted to Mormonism in 1832, later fourth president of the church, who issued the manifesto forbidding polygamy in 1890, stated in his journal that, before becoming a Mormon, he had kept the Sabbath. He wrote: "In our zeal, my brother Aaron and I adopted the worship of the Lord on Saturday instead of Sunday. I felt that a change in the seventh to the first day of the week was likely a perversion made by man without authority from heaven." He later said that he was keeping the Sabbath when he was baptized into the Mormon faith.

Orson Pratt, one of the twelve apostles of the Mormon Church

wrote in 1850: "Again, must the seventh day or the first day of the week be kept holy unto the Lord? . . . There is rather more evidence . . . [in the New Testament] for keeping holy the Sabbath day or Saturday than there is for keeping the first day or Sunday."

President H. C. Kimball said in 1861: "Has there been any change in the first principles of the doctrine of Christ as revealed by Jesus Himself? No: that doctrine stands good, and will forever remain so. Some suppose that the Ten Commandments . . . have been done away; but I can inform you that they are still in force." He then recited the Commandments, including the fourth, which he had just stated was yet in force. Whatever his personal belief about the day of worship may have been, he could not deny what he said.

There was also some support of the Sabbath among the many splinter groups that formed after Joseph Smith was killed in 1844. J. J. Strang is one example. Another interesting example is found in an obscure magazine published on behalf of the Church of Christ, the followers of David Whitmer.

This magazine, *The Return*, was published at Davis City, Iowa. In the issue for June, 1896, in an article entitled "Should We Observe the Sabbath, or Sunday?" the editor, C. A. Wickes, wrote: ". . . did God establish one day of the week for man to observe as a day of rest and worship, and . . . did He ever change that day? . . . there can be but one answer. . . . We know God gave the 4th commandment, and that it means Saturday. We also know that nowhere in the Bible or Nephite Records (the Book of Mormon) is there any account of a command-

ment of God or Christ, to change that day, or institute any other in place of it.

"It is hardly necessary to state the fact, that the various attempts to show that 'on some other day of the week Christ or the Apostles, or the Church in different places, did this thing or that,' amounts merely to . . . rubbish. . . ."

He then continues with several excellent arguments in favor of the Sabbath. One of these is to point to Matthew 24:20 as proof that Christ's followers would be observing the Sabbath long after He Himself was visibly no longer present.

In the July issue Wickes continued with several Biblical texts and facts of history to prove the Sabbath is perpetual. His final sentence is: "As for me and my house, we will keep the commandments of God."

So we can see that, despite some honest thinking on the part of various early Mormon leaders and writers, Sunday overwhelmed the Sabbath. Joseph Smith simply adopted the tradition of the society that surrounded him. How sad to see how close the Mormons came!

Sabbath Thoughts

FROM time to time someone inquires, "How do we know that the seventh day (Saturday) of our week is the same seventh day that was hallowed following creation?" Here is the evidence: (1) *Suppose* that the weekly cycle had somehow been lost (there is no evidence to suggest this, however). *Before* the giving of the Ten Commandments at Mt. Sinai, Israel knew which day was the seventh, if by no other means, through the giving of the manna. Ordinarily, the manna would spoil if kept longer than a day, but when

the sixth day arrived they were to gather a double portion in order that it would not be necessary to work on Sabbath, the seventh day. There was no question as to which day was the Sabbath. Miraculously, no manna appeared on the seventh day (see Exodus 16:4-31, especially verses 22-30).

(2) The commandment at Sinai was to "*remember* the sabbath." This indicates that it was clearly known prior to that time. It was not instituted then. It is imbedded in God's *eternal* moral law.

(3) Jesus' example in Sabbath observance is a further indication that the seventh day had not somehow been lost. The Sabbath had been so corrupted by Jesus' day that it was necessary for Him, as God the Son, to restore a proper balance to Sabbath keeping. Surely if the people were observing the wrong day, on top of all their other faulty Sabbath observance, Jesus would have told them. Furthermore, He did no sin, and therefore must have kept the seventh day according to the commandment (see Luke 4:14-16 and 31).

(4) Jewish practice since Jesus' time to this day has kept very strict calendar records. Jews today observe the seventh-day Sabbath on Saturday. Likewise, the majority of Christians keep Sunday, not because they believe it to be the seventh-day Sabbath, but because they say they thus honor Christ's resurrection on the first day, even though there is no commandment to do so, it being purely a matter of tradition (Mark 7:13).

(5) Whatever God commands, He enables us to perform. Surely He would not command us to "keep the Sabbath holy" if we could not tell which day of the week it was. "*Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.*"

—Rev. Russell Havens
from *The Sabbath Recorder*

Elder Pierson Resigns Seventh-day Adventist Presidency



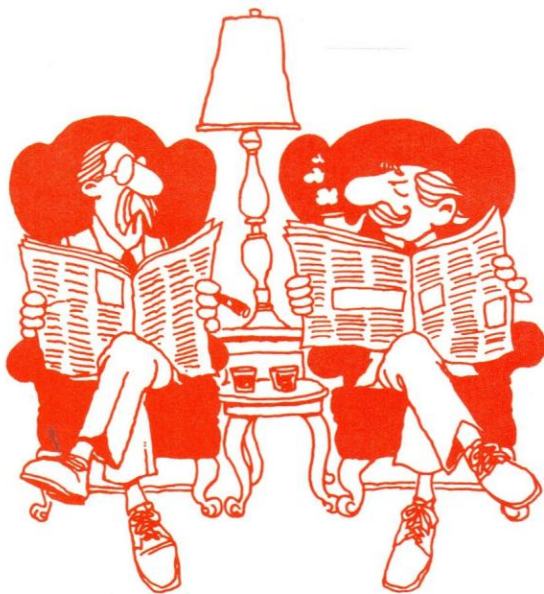
In a dramatic announcement, Robert H. Pierson, with his wife standing by his side, told a hushed audience that for health

reasons he is resigning as President of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Elder Robert H. Pierson, on the advice of physicians, has resigned his position as president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventist. This came as a very great shock to delegates at the Annual Council at Washington, D.C., last October.

The Annual Council appointed a nominating committee, which brought to the floor of the session the name of Elder Neal C. Wilson for General Conference president. This report was unanimously received, and Elder Wilson now is president-elect. His remarks following the election indicated a deep sense of responsibility and divine direction and an urgent appeal for our prayers.





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In the Scriptures the seventh day of the week (Saturday) is the only day of the week ever called "the Sabbath of the Lord" (Exodus 20:10) or Lord's Day (Isaiah 58:13, Mark 2:28, Revelation 1:10)

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