

## **Dr. William Meade Jones**

**Dr. William Meade Jones (1818-1895), was successively pastor of the Seventh-day Baptist,** he found The seventh day of the week would generally be called the "rest day" ("Sabbath"). Jones decided that, since Scripture clearly shows that the Bible Sabbath was first given to mankind at the end of the Creation Week, (Genesis 2:1-3) then two important facts would have had to be known throughout the ancient world: First, a fixing of the seven-day weekly cycle on a world-wide basis, and second, an ancient world-wide knowledge of the Seventh-day Sabbath. The True Sabbath in The many Languages that shows that the universal nature of the concept of a seventh day of Sabbath.

For over ten years Dr. Jones was engaged at the British Museum upon a work which he published under the title of "A Chart of the Week." This consisted of a table comprising the names of the days of the week in 160 languages. In every one of these languages the days of the week appear in the same order, and in 108 of them the Saturday was called "Seventh Day," "Sabbath," or "Rest Day." Dr. Jones was himself responsible for the terms collected from all the Asiatic and African languages, his lengthy residence in the East having made him a master of Hebrew and Arabic, and he was well acquainted with Syriac, Greek, Latin, French and Dutch. He was assisted in his work by H.I.H. the late Prince Louis Lucien Bonaparte, who prepared for him the days of the week in all the European languages.