

investigation—even scientific study. But let us not forget that the truth about personality cannot be learned in quite the same way as the truth about things. The latter can be learned without feeling—without sympathy—the former cannot. No matter how objective, realistic, scientific an investigator may be, his ability to learn the truth about people is commensurate with his ability to put himself in their place.

If freedom depends on learning the truth about people, and the knowledge of truth about people depends on sympathy, this appears to point to the Golden Rule as a *sine qua non*, an absolute essential, for entire freedom. We cannot be entirely free as long as other men, men made in the image of God, are enslaved anywhere. As Lincoln believed that our nation could not continue half slave and half free, so we may believe that until other peoples of the world become free, our own freedom cannot be perfected.

Jesus also said, "If therefore the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." Let us then seek through him, freedom from all hatred and rancor, from all prejudice and intolerance, from all selfishness and sin.

Brookfield, N. Y.

DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

Racine, Wis.

Brother Frank Jeffers, who has distributed thousands of Sabbath Recorders during the past twenty years, wishes to thank all who have helped him by sending him their used papers. He would like the publication of a rather lengthy paper setting forth his position as a Pentecostal Sabbath keeper. It has not seemed expedient to do this, but we are glad to let our readers know of his interest in distributing Recorders and religious literature of other denominations. He reports having covered Racine, a city of seven thousand people, one and a half times. Being now nearly seventy-three years old, he expects to keep at it as long as the Lord gives him strength. Editor.

Waterford, Conn.

A Deputation Committee from Connecticut College, New London, conducted the Friday evening prayer meeting on January twenty-fourth. The services were conducted

by Adele Rosebrock and Beth Tobias and a very interesting talk was given by Lucy Roura. In spite of a very stormy night, we had a good attendance.

On Sabbath night we had a church night, at which time Miss Rosebrock and Miss Tobias, accompanied by Miss Alice Adams, had charge. They had a variety of games planned and all had an enjoyable evening.

We enjoyed such games as "Going to Jerusalem," a "Potato Race," "Charades." We had to guess products using certain slogans for advertising and, to top it all off, we had to show our artistic skill by drawing in the dark a picture of a hill with a house on it. In front of the house were a man and a woman. We had to place a hat on the man and an apron on the woman. Refreshments of cake and cocoa were served by the women of the church. E. C.

Auckland, New Zealand

Brother Barrar of Christ Church, the largest city in the South Island, is a talented young worker and we have appointed him our missionary representative for that part of New Zealand; he has written and had printed several tracts, and proposes to hold a small mission on our behalf.

Our church here held a Christmas tree for the junior members. We live by the sea in a very beautiful spot, and amid the flowering Christmas trees and tree ferns we held our little function. There assembled thirty adults and children, and after the singing of Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow, the deacons and I handed out the gifts—the children receiving toys and the adults Text Cards. Then most of them enjoyed a swim in the warm waters of the Manukau, after which afternoon tea was served on the lawn, bringing a very enjoyable afternoon to a close.

You will be pleased to learn our church attendance has been increased; certainly God has blessed us.—From a letter by Francis S. Johnson, Pastor.

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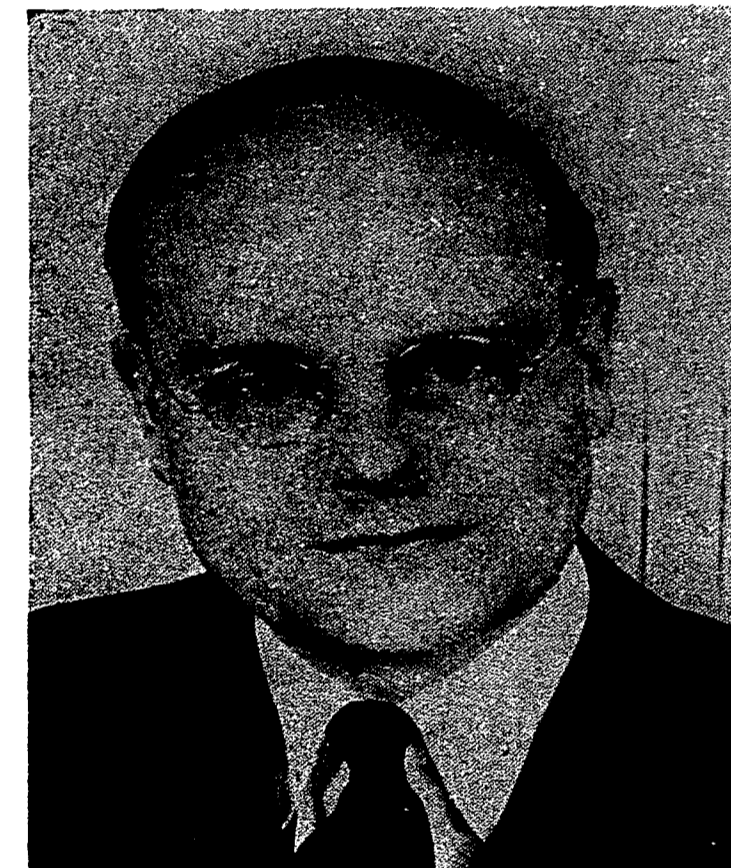
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THE "FIVE-YEAR PLAN"

A five-year plan for church and denominational work was approved by the last General Conference. It has already been published, and will also be found in the 1940 Year Book, which will, we trust, soon be ready for distribution.

It is now being presented to the pastors, various boards and agencies concerned, by Dr. Ben R. Crandall as representative of the Conference Commission.

The following assignments are suggested:

I. Religious Life Committee.

This committee has the opportunity and responsibility for developing and encouraging a more "vital religious experience and growth through personal commitment to Christ" on the part of all our churches and church members. It is the prerogative of this committee to use the Worldwide Communion, the Universal Week of Prayer, Preaching Missions, lists for desirable home reading, and any and all devices which this vital committee may conceive to accomplish this, the most necessary of all our denominational functions.

II. Woman's Board.

The Woman's Board should plan and suggest procedure for the local Aid societies and Evangelical groups, that they may render religious information and help develop a family spirit of worship, as well as give material aid to the families in the community. With their present undertakings, they are a key to the heart life of the community—the home.

By means of their promoter of evangelism they should become a greater means of spiritual, as well as material, growth to the denomination.

III. The Tract Society.

Since the primary purpose of the Tract Society is "to promote the observance of the Bible Sabbath," this society must naturally play an especially important part in accomplishing the aims of the Five-Year Plan. In many cases the introduction of the Sabbath truth to strangers must be through the material published and circulated by the Tract Society.

As a denomination we should be making far greater use of the information and inspiration that is available through these various publications and the service of the executive secretary, both in the office and the field.

The Sabbath Recorder, as our denominational periodical, is a most vital factor as a medium for disseminating news and informing our membership. This family paper should be placed in every Seventh Day Baptist home.

(To be continued)

"If you complain of opportunities, you will miss what you have."

MISSIONS

ARE WE CONSCIOUS THAT WE HAVE A MISSION?

A sense of having a mission is needed. By this we mean that there should be a consciousness that our Creator has given us something to accomplish for others and that we ought to do the thing he has set before us. This gives definiteness to life, and without it one's activities are more or less aimless and ineffective. It makes one feel not only that he is doing something worth while, but also that he is working with God.

Churches sometimes fail because they lack consciousness that they have a mission to perform for others. They carry on the work of the church in a perfunctory manner, taking pride in keeping the machinery going in a smooth way; but they forget that the great purpose of the church is to bring men to Christ, encourage the faltering, and instruct all in the ways of life.

Denominations should remember that they have a divine mission and work for its accomplishment. Otherwise, they spend their energies studying up something new and polishing the machinery. Sec. W. L. B.

A NEW RELIGIOUS PERIODICAL

A new religious periodical has appeared this month. It is entitled, Christianity and Crisis. It is sponsored by more than thirty church leaders in the United States, among whom are William Adams Brown, Henry Sloane Coffin, Ivan Lee Holt, John R. Mott, Robert E. Speer, and Charles P. Taft. It has an editorial board of seven on which are Reinhold Niebuhr and Henry P. Van Dusen.

It is significant in this day when religious periodicals are dying that a new one should be launched by leaders in the church. It indicates that there must be something very urgent, and attention is called to the new journal, not for the sake of advertising it, but to emphasize the conditions which prompted it. The title, Christianity and Crisis, indicates what these conditions are.

The first article states that "for the past thirty years the world has lived through a continuous series of recurring crises; so much so that the existence of some kind of a crisis has become normal for our generation." "We mean that as Protestant Christians we stand

confronted with the ultimate crisis of the whole civilization of which we are a part and whose existence has made possible the survival of our type of faith and our type of church." "The inconceivable has happened. We are witnessing the first effective revolution against Christian civilization since the days of Constantine."

To say that there now exists in the world the first effective revolution against Christianity since Constantine, who lived in the fourth century, is a startling statement, and yet facts seem to support the assertion. This fact should not discourage us, it should nerve us to increase our consecration and endeavor. Instead of letting churches die, we should strengthen them and establish new ones. Instead of choking missions, we should give them first place. The spirit of evangelism should permeate every activity.

Sec. W. L. B.

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Whenever we receive good news that really interests us, we all like to tell it to others; how about the very best news that ever has come to us or to this world? Are we all telling it? A flashlight is not of value until put to use; neither are we.

Who, just now, are paying the expense to carry tracts, and the fare to take the missionary with this gospel to ones who must have it? Our Lord knows and the Recorder has continuously and clearly informed us of the urgent needs of our missions. Or, don't we all take the Sabbath Recorder? And why? A. S. B.

AN ADVENTURE IN PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY

(Taken from November China Mission Bulletin)

Dear Friends:

A blessed and peaceful New Year to you! Though all the world seems against the blessing of peace, one must still have faith and hope that it is just around the corner and that the year may usher in peace both for you and us.

In a canvass of the neighborhood to get children for a Sabbath school the request came over and over for regular school work. "The high cost of living makes it impossible for us to send our children to school. Can't you help us?" Our high school girls re-

sponded, some forty-eight strong, when the appeal was made to them for a teaching force. They chose one of their number as principal and then divided into two groups of twenty-four each. There were six girls for each of the four grades, two for each of the three subjects taught daily—Chinese, arithmetic, and general knowledge or singing. Why two for each period? One to teach and one to take the roll and be the disciplinarian!

Sometimes in our projects interest lags after a few weeks, but not so with this as far as the "teachers" go. The teacher who advises them says they are all most enthusiastic and enjoy their work. When their turn comes they are right on hand. One of the girls told me her pupils were all very bright and no one needed discipline! The children have not done quite as well, for only about sixty of the one hundred twenty first enrolled come regularly at four-twenty for this hour and a half of precious instruction. Such an orderly group are they that we hardly know they are here except as we go into the classrooms. On Sabbath morning they come at ten-thirty for Sabbath school. The attendance is less than on week days, because some have to help their mothers that morning.

Don't you agree with me that it is a project of which we may be proud? In a second way we are serving the neighborhood. And we say, "Ring out the old need and ring in new opportunities."

Yours in His name,

Anna M. West.

FROM THE PRESS

Yours Is the Power

It is a strange and exciting power which you hold in your hand. "What is that in thy hand?" In these words the Bible record challenges our recognition of the glory of commonplace instruments. With Moses it was the staff that kept him daily company. With us it may be any common commodity of our daily life.

Do you ever stop to look at a coin as you take it out to make some purchase? It is your life you hold in your hand. You have worked and given of your energy in return for these coins. Look beyond the coins in your hand—realize that through them you

can go to the ends of the earth. Through their use you can help Christ transform those burdens on men's backs all across the world into new opportunity for life.

Take those ordinary pieces of metal you handle every day, put them in the hands of your missionary society, and follow them with interest and prayer. As you discover their possibilities to bring about changed life, you will have such a thrill as millions crave. You will have thrown your weight into the scales for a new world of tomorrow. Yours is the power — power beyond the dreams of men! — Taken from Christian World Facts.

Implementing the Church for Missions

(Excerpts from the address by Dr. Frederick A. Agar)

The local churches are the base of supplies. Every problem of missionary support is primarily a local church problem. Every missionary need and opportunity is practically dependent upon the available resources of personnel and money in those churches.

Our missionary difficulties seem to rest upon our faulty processes of receiving and training church members for church and kingdom ends. We have made it cheap and easy to join the church until we have destroyed basic values and obligations. We may produce temporary impressions, but we are not producing adequate expression.

Local churches need to restudy the condition of membership therein. If it is found that there is a clear mandate for missions and giving, these commands need to be reaffirmed in the disciplinary life of the church, and then lovingly but firmly integrated into the policy and practice of every church member. A great majority of church members, having made no investment, are indifferent or cynically critical on account of the demands for money made by harassed missionary administrators.

We need to find out and then cure what is behind all the failure to produce the needed resources. Local work will never really prosper as long as it is maintained at the expense of the wider task.—Taken from Layman's Missionary Movement.

The Source of Courage

By Madame Chiang Kai-shek

We are now suffering as no nation on earth has ever suffered; and yet we have peace of mind, peace of heart, the peace that

overcomes all obstacles, that is mightier than death itself. Surely we can exult, "O death, where is thy sting?" The finding of our soul has removed that sting and there has followed a resurrection of that greatest of all gifts, most precious in personal or national life, courage! With courage we can fulfill our rightful destiny. When the thunder of war is over, we can contribute the full weight of our immense resources and industrious population to world peace and to the rehabilitation and reorganization of a world economy. — Taken from Christian World Facts.

DAILY MEDITATIONS

(Prepared by Miss Margaret Lowther, Ashaway, R. I., finishing for Rev. E. T. Harris)

Sunday, February 23

Matthew 13: 16—Blessed are your eyes, for they see; and your ears, for they hear.

Did you ever suddenly discover that there was real beauty in something which you had seen as a common, everyday object? Perhaps you have passed an elm tree daily for many years, when one day you think, what a graceful branch it sends out over the sidewalk. Lifting your eyes you look at it as a whole and find that it is truly a beautiful tree, spreading its branches skyward. Not only beauty but opportunities are everywhere about us if only we have eyes to see and ears to hear.

Prayer—Dear Father, open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me. Amen.

Monday, February 24

2 Corinthians 3: 18—But we all, with unveiled face reflecting as a mirror the glory of the Lord, are transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord the Spirit.

The story is told of a crippled child who lived in a dingy room in a slum district. When asked what she could see in the room in which she was confined that was beautiful, her eyes filled with light and she pointed to a patch of sunshine on the bare floor, which stole through a tiny window in the room. This story is simple, but it has a lesson. Isn't it the simple things which really have beauty and meaning—the simple address by President Lincoln at Gettysburg; the simple one-syllable words—God, love, home, truth; a smile; a ray of sunshine?

Prayer—Dear Father, we pray that the beauty of Jesus may be seen in us. Amen.

Tuesday, February 25

John 3: 15—That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

We have offered to us the gift of eternal life, not only the white race or the well-to-do, but it is a universal opportunity to all who have heard the word of God and believe. Each week we take a few hours to remember our God together. Our faith in the Eternal is deepened. Some find business engagements and cares too pressing to step out from under them for a short time. Christ found time to put aside his concern for the lost, to rest and pray.

Prayer—Father, may our faith in thee be strengthened. Help us to put thee before all else. Amen.

Wednesday, February 26

Isaiah 41: 10—Fear not, for I am with thee.

There are places in this world for both leaders and followers. Some of us are suited to be one and some the other. Too many of us who find ourselves followers feel as though we are lowering ourselves. Everyone cannot be a leader, but everyone can have a place in the world. Some one of God's people must do every chore. Do your best in whatever falls to you and brighten that corner.

"However humble the place I hold
Or lonely the path I have trod,
There's a child that rests his faith on me,
There's a dog that thinks I am God."

Prayer—Father, help me to find my place in life and to brighten the corner where I am. Amen.

Thursday, February 27

Isaiah 7: 15—Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evils and choose the good.

"To every man there openeth
A way, and ways, and a way,
And the high soul climbs the high way,
And the low soul gropes the low;
And in between, on the misty flats,
The rest drift to and fro.
But to every man there openeth
A high way and a low,
And every man decideth
The way his soul shall go."

Probably all of us want the best in life, but soon we become careless and find ourselves drifting along. Christianity is not something we can work at and then coast along on for awhile as we would a bicycle. It is a steady pull.

Prayer—Lord, help us to choose the best and to pull steadily toward it. Amen.

Friday, February 28

Matthew 11: 28—Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Did you ever feel that you were so full of troubles that you must tell them to someone? You went to one in whom you had confidence and poured out your heart-aches. But afterwards if you stopped to think about the story, wasn't it pretty one-sided, didn't it favor your side? Take your troubles to God. Is your story one-sided then? God knows and understands. We are more apt to look at both sides when we talk to One in whom we have unexcelled confidence. Somehow, our hearts lighten and we are singing.

Prayer—Almighty Father, we thank thee for thy Son, Jesus Christ, whom thou sent to teach us to pray. Give us his spirit to pray as he taught us. Amen.

W O M A N ' S W O R K FROM THE NATIONAL PREACHING MISSION

Stewardship

(Reported by Mrs. Marion C. Van Horn)

Mrs. Ora Leigh Shepherd of Canton, Ohio, former vice-president of the United Christian Missionary Society of the Disciples of Christ, and a well known missionary leader and speaker, gave an address before a different group of women each morning at the National Christian Mission held in Pittsburgh, Pa. I heard Mrs. Shepherd at one of these meetings and the following are gleanings from her address:

The use of material blessings may be considered the first step in Christian stewardship. Jesus had much to say about the use of our material possessions. Recall the story of Jesus and the rich young ruler.

We used to say a nursery rhyme—"Sing a Song of Sixpence." You remember the lines:

The King is in the counting house
Counting out his money.
The Queen is in the dining room,
Eating bread and honey.

Today, however, that does not hold true in the majority of American homes, for the women now do much of the "counting" and spending. It is stated that women now possess 41 per cent of the money. Besides,

women controll most of the family spending—some say as high as 85 per cent of it. Think of the responsibility that we have for the way our money is spent!

Probably one third of the population have incomes less than their needs. Most of us, then, are in the luxury class. You may say, "I am not"; but remember what our grandmothers considered luxury we count as necessity. How much of it is actually necessity? In this luxury class, two thirds of our money goes for food, clothing, and shelter. Do we keep things in proportion—for instance, personal care? To be sure it is important to look well—but let's not go to extremes.

Women think they are good managers, but they are not as careful as possible. How much do you spend for education of the family? How much for good books? And how much goes for the church and other benefits? Statistics show that less than one per cent goes for education; less than one per cent for books; about two per cent for gifts to family, relatives, and individuals, and less than two per cent to the church and all other benefits. Then is it any wonder that we have to scheme and plan and worry about how to meet the church budget?

Women have come to be the "king" as spenders, but are still in the "dining room" level of living. We should bring ourselves into the "living room" level of living. Too many are still on the dining room level in the church. We cheapen Christianity in the eyes of the community by staying in the dining room — making up for what we should give.

Every woman should be present spiritually as well as physically in the worship of the church and in the educational and evangelistic program of the church. That is, she should not be on the "dining room" level, worrying about that Ladies' Aid bazaar or supper and whether it will bring in the desired sum. Where are you?

A short discussion followed this address and the main thought expressed by the women was that we could so easily solve most of our problems by tithing. All who spoke were convinced that it is the best and most soul-satisfying way. Mrs. Shepherd's final statement was this: "The only danger of tithing is that too many stop with a tenth when they could and should give more."

JACKSON CENTER, OHIO

From the Ladies' Benevolent Society of the Jackson Center Seventh Day Baptist Church:

The Ladies' Benevolent Society held their annual sale and turkey dinner in their hall on November 20, the day before Thanksgiving. The sale began at one p.m.; the merchandise consisted of dresses, aprons, rugs, and many other useful articles. Dinner was served from five to eight p.m. The attendance was large, and a nice sum of money was realized.

On the first Wednesday in December, afternoon, the society met at the home of Mrs. Elva Lawhead, president. The meeting was called to order and the following program was rendered: Hymn, by the society, "I Came to the Garden Alone." Scripture lesson, Psalm seventy, Mrs. Bernice Doby. The society prayed the Lord's Prayer in unison. Bible drill was led by Mrs. Nora Cavender, subject, "The Law and the Gospel." Duet, Mrs. Clella Snyder and Mrs. Elva Lawhead, title, "Who Can It Be?" A contest was conducted by Mrs. Bernice Doby. Roll call, to which eighteen members responded. The following officers were elected for the year 1941: president, Mrs. Elva Lawhead; vice-president, Mrs. Dorothy Jane Helminger; secretary, Mrs. Mary K. Stiffel; treasurer, Mrs. Clella Snyder.

To add to the pleasure of the occasion a well-lighted and decorated Christmas tree graced one corner of the room. After exchange of Christmas presents, the hostess and her assistant, Mrs. Emily Cammomile, served a tempting supper.

The annual New Year's dinner of the Jackson Center Seventh Day Baptist Church has always been observed as a joyous social occasion. It was held on New Year's day, under the supervision of the Ladies' Benevolent Society, in their hall. A bountiful feast was enjoyed by members of the church and by many other friends.

A REQUEST

Dear Readers of our Sabbath Recorder:

You who have them—please to send me copies May 12, 19, and 26—1919. Those good old numbers should be used by the hundreds. I'm a lone Sabbath keeper.

Andrew J. Williams.

616 E. Berta St.,
Tyler, Tex.

WHO'S WHO

Rev. Neal D. Mills
De Ruyter, N. Y.

Neal Dow Mills, born October 2, 1897 (the day that General Neal Dow died), in the town of Lincklaen, N. Y.; father, Rev. O. S. Mills; mother, Josephine Coon Mills, daughter of Rev. Amos W. Coon. Education: Milton Junction High School 1917; A.B. in chemistry and physics, Milton College 1921; M.A. in education, Alfred University 1925; B.D. Alfred University 1931. Member of high school and college debating teams, orchestras (flute), choruses, and church choirs. Baptized 1909, at Milton Junction by Rev. A. J. C. Bond.

Taught high school physics and mathematics in Wisconsin for three years after college, then, after year of graduate study at Alfred, was high school principal three years in New York State.

During seminary course directed Daily Vacation Schools in Alfred 1929-31, in Shiloh 1931; was executive secretary of Allegany County Council of Religious Education two years; pastor Hartsville Church two years; and conducted courses in the seminary.

Pastor Piscataway Seventh Day Baptist Church 1932-36; ordained 1933; member Tract Board 1932-36, serving as recording secretary and secretary of Committee on Distribution of Literature.

Pastor De Ruyter Seventh Day Baptist Church 1936, to date. Secretary of Conference Committee on Religious Life.

Married July 3, 1937, to Martha Gates of Lincklaen, N. Y., teacher in the De Ruyter centralized school system. Daughter: Miriam Josephine, born July 29, 1939.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINUTES

The Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education met Sunday, January 12, with the following members present: B. B. Crandall, W. L. Greene, Dora K. Degen, H. O. Burdick, L. R. Polan, B. R. Crandall, E. T. Harris, H. H. Sutton, Victor Skaggs, E. F. Randolph, B. L. Willard, and D. S. Clarke.

Victor Skaggs was appointed editor of the Young People's Page of the Sabbath Recorder.

A survey report of the Committee on Young People's Work by the chairman, Elmo Randolph, was given; a more detailed report on a comprehensive camp program will be submitted at an early date.

E. T. Harris was appointed chairman of the Committee on Church Schools.

Voted that E. E. Sutton and E. F. Randolph be sent as delegates to the Chicago convention of the International Council of Religious Education.

W. L. Greene was appointed official representative to sign all credit cards for the International Council.

The report of the treasurer for the quarter ending December 31, 1940, showed a balance of \$812.49 on hand as compared with a balance of \$468.46 on October 1, 1940.

David S. Clarke,
Recording Secretary.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

PRE-CONFERENCE CAMP MEDITATION

"It is safer to live higher." That was an arresting thought to me. It kept running through my mind. It presented an angle in determining right and wrong which I had never considered before.

It is frequently very difficult to distinguish clearly between good and evil. There may be nothing especially helpful or beneficial in a certain act, while on the other hand there is nothing particularly harmful in it either. Often a thing does not seem wrong in itself; but if we could see the results and influence it may have on future acts, it would quite likely change our decisions in some cases. If, however, we refused to consider such questionable acts, we would be much surer of our decisions. By making a definite dividing line we will find that temptation will not be so strong. People will know that we will not compromise and will not try to dissuade us from our convictions. By living higher, we will drown out many of the dangers that would threaten us.

Wilna Crandall.

Battle Creek, Mich.

WE ARE STEWARDS

(Talk given by Don Phillips at the semi-annual meeting of the Western Association)

If Paul, the great apostle and missionary, were here today, what would his message be to young people on this question of stewardship? Would it not be similar to the message he once gave to a young man of his day, namely, Timothy? The life and work of the young man Timothy had been on the heart of the great apostle for some time and we see him, in our imagination, with pen in hand addressing two letters of admonition and counsel to this young Christian. We read the last few verses of the first letter and our hearts are challenged with the plea that Paul makes to Timothy when he says, "O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust."

What a challenge this verse must have contained for this young Christian! We can hear Paul saying, "Timothy, certain things are entrusted to you; what type of steward are you going to be? You are a steward, Timothy, of the Word. It is yours—keep it, study it, meditate upon it. You are a steward of your faith—it is precious, hold onto it. You are a steward of your life, give it to him who gave his life for you. O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust."

Yes, if Paul were here today his message to young people would no doubt be very similar to that given to Timothy. We might hear him saying, "O young people, keep that which is committed to thy trust."

First, if Paul were here today I think he would say to some of us the words that he said to Timothy, "From a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation." Many of us have been raised in Christian homes, from childhood we have known the Holy Scriptures. This alone will not save us, yet through study and prayer "they are able to make us wise unto salvation." Would not Paul say, "Study to show thyself approved unto God"? I think that he would. How many of us study—really study God's Word? Would not Paul in addition to his admonitions to study, tell us to "meditate upon these things"? How many of us take time for meditation and prayer? O young people, you are stewards of the Word of God. It is committed to your trust. Read it, study it, meditate upon it, for it is "able to make thee wise unto salvation."

Next, I think that if Paul were here today he would challenge us on the question of our faith. We are stewards of the faith. Paul speaks to Timothy about "holding faith." Would he not warn us to hold onto our faith? What kind of faith do we possess? Is it the type of faith that is "driven by the winds and tossed," that the Apostle Peter speaks about, or is it stable and solid like a rock? We need young people of faith today. What type of faith do you possess? Many there are who would shake your faith. Do not let them. Hold onto your faith. Do you have faith in God's Word? Hold onto it. Do you have faith in the divinity of Christ? Hold onto it. Do you have faith in the sacrifice of Christ on Calvary for your sins? Hold onto that. O young people, you are stewards of this faith, it is committed to your trust. Keep it.

Finally, if Paul were here today what would he say of the life committed to your trust? Would he not challenge you to "present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service"? Would he not call us to genuine surrender? Do you want to do your best for God? Surrender! Do you want to do your best for the world? Surrender! Do you want to do the best for yourself? Surrender! Have we individually yielded our all to him? As stewards of this life entrusted to us we can make it count for the most by entrusting it entirely to him.

Yes, if Paul were here today I believe his message to us on this question of stewardship would be something similar to what I have tried to outline from his teachings. Stewardship does not deal with money alone. In the words of Dr. A. J. Gordon, "God requires our persons before he asks our purses." Too many of us try to give God everything but what he requires. We should be like the Indian chief who sought peace with God. He brought his beads, his head-dress, his blanket, and finally his most cherished possession, his pony. But with the surrender of all these, he still found not peace. Then in desperation he said, "Injun chief give self," and peace was won. God requires not "ours," but "us." Shall we not yield all—not part, but all to him?

Shall we not as young people of today accept this challenge of the great Apostle Paul and keep that which is committed to our trust?

AN INTERESTING CHARACTER

By Lois F. Powell

Word has recently been received at the Union Theological Seminary by cablegram of the death in occupied France of Rev. Dr. Charles P. Fagnani, professor emeritus of Old Testament literature. Born in New York City in 1853, and active as a school teacher in that city, he took theological training and was graduated from Union Seminary in 1883. Afterwards he taught Hebrew there, retiring in 1926. But his life is notable because of his opposition to German propaganda and his expulsion from Bavaria in 1921, because of his activities in the American anti-German crusade, which made many enemies. Though of a naturally witty temperament he stood valiantly for his interpretation of religion, which is described by the New York Times as follows:

The God that can salve the hurt of humanity today must be a God supremely concerned with human brotherhood, with the reign of justice and love on earth, rather than by forms and rituals and arbitrary dogmas of yesterday.

If the world can be brought to acknowledge this God and relegate the forms of worship to the category of nonessentials, the great barrier would at last be removed which for ages has prevented the union of mankind into one fraternal group consecrated to the establishment of the kingdom of God.

To him religion was a force to destroy bitterness among people, a force that would destroy wars forever. He felt too much stress was placed on ritual and too little upon the teachings of Christ. Behind the news of his death cabled to the Department of State at Washington and sent to Union Theological Seminary, there are hidden unknown details of his last days in occupied France.

THANKS FOR SUNSHINE

To the many friends, old and young, from the North, South, East, and West, who during the six weeks I have been confined to my room and most of the time in bed, to whom I cannot write, I wish to express my appreciation of the many cards of cheer and notes of personal friendship and personal esteem which have been like shining gems in the sands of time.

While I cannot write you all, God bless and reward you for those gems of thought.

Let me close this little message with a thought expressed by another:

"To all upon my way
Day after day,
Let me joy, be hopeful;
Let my life sing"—
Of Hope and Courage.

E. A. Witter.

CHILDREN'S PAGE**OUR LETTER EXCHANGE**

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I am in the second grade. We made a 1941 poster at school.

I have a sister Beverly who is in high school, and a sister Marjorie in sixth grade.

We study about Eskimos in school. We made a pretty Christmas poster in our Sabbath school class.

With love from your little friend,

Milton, Wis.

Joan Burdick.

(Daughter of Russell and Dora Whitford Burdick.)

Dear Joan:

No doubt your daddy has told you that I knew him when he was much younger than you. I was very much pleased to receive your letter and to know just who you are.

This is surely a good time to study about Eskimos; that is if you are having the cold, snowy, blustery weather we are having here in New York State. I was glad, when I went down town to do my marketing last night, to wear a hood just as you children do. I guess I looked some like an Eskimo myself. What do you think?

Are you having fun coasting now? The snow around here is just right for coasting, but I wish the children did not use the sidewalks so much for their sliding, because it makes them slippery for those of us who are walking.

Your sincere friend,

Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I am in the second grade and I like to read.

I have a little sister Wanda, a big sister Barbara, and a brother Earl Dean. Wanda has had a birthday. Your little friend,

Milton, Wis.

Paula Young.

(Granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hal Todd.)

Dear Paula:

I am also glad to know who you are, and to get your letter. I know your Grandma and Grandpa Todd and wish I knew your Daddy and Mother, too, as well as the rest of your family.

I'm wondering how old Wanda was on her birthday. Was she old enough to have presents and perhaps a birthday party? Our little Joyce had great fun on her fourth birthday party, with eleven other children just about her own age.

Since you like to read I'm pretty sure you enjoy going to school. I like to read myself, and did when I was your age. In fact my playmates used to sputter because I had rather go off in a corner and read instead of going out to play. That was a mistake, wasn't it, for boys and girls need their time for play and exercise, as well as for work and study, if they are to become strong, healthy, and wise men and women.

Your sincere friend,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I am in the second grade. It is snowy and cold here today. I have new ice skates and I can stand up on them. I have a brother Gordon and a sister Janet. They are younger than I.

Your little friend,
Milton, Wis. Donald Drake.
(Grandson of Doctor Hulett.)

Dear Donald:

It is cold here, too, so that I am glad to stay close to the fire; a good wood fire it is, too. I don't forget to put wood in the stove these days. Our kitty, Skeezi, runs and hides when he sees me bringing in a stick of wood, because one night I accidentally dropped a stick on his toe and he has never forgotten it.

Your letter, too, is one I am glad to get, and I am pleased to know whose little son you are. Of course you know that I first knew your mother when she was a little girl. That doesn't seem long ago to me, but here I am writing to her oldest child.

I'll have to tell you about my first pair of skates. I must have been about eight or nine years old, and they were a Christmas present from my father. There was quite

a hill back of my house and behind it was a small pond. Christmas morning I took my skates out to this pond, put them on, and tried to skate. Could I stand up on them at first? Indeed, I could not, but I kept trying, and trying, and after many tumbles I really could stand up on them. Before I went into the house to get warm I was sliding gleefully all over the pond; but do you know, I had so many black and blue spots I could hardly count them all.

Sincerely your friend,
Mizpah S. Greene.

OUR PULPIT

A NEW VISION FOR A NEW DAY

By Rev. Alva L. Davis

(Third article in the series on Evangelism)

"A New Vision for a New Day" was the theme of our recent General Conference. Twenty-one years ago (1919), the writer of this article preached the sermon when the Forward Movement was launched at Battle Creek. His theme was, "The Call of the New Day." In that sermon I said:

The critical hour is upon us. The hour has struck when Seventh Day Baptists must change their program of defense to one of aggression. In this hour of great opportunity and duty, when heaven and earth are calling to us, when God has flung wide open the doors—if we fail to measure up to the demands of the hour—if in this General Conference we commit ourselves to a continued policy of "holding our own," then the handwriting is written large on the wall, "Weighed . . . and found wanting."

We didn't hear the call twenty-one years ago, but it is always a **new day**. I pray God we may get a **new vision of the new day**.

If that new day has come, then evangelism is to undergo a new evaluation. We must turn our attention from organizations to origins. From the New Testament point of view every redeemed soul is called to be a witness to his Redeemer. The evangel of his own redemption is to be told with glad enthusiasm.

There is need for a restudy of evangelism. We speak of it in such a variety of terms, in such all-inclusive terms, that there is danger of confusion. We talk about social evangelism, educational and industrial evangelism, as if there were many kinds of evangelism. Then, too, there is a disposition to label all

kinds of good works as evangelism. A prominent speaker recently said, "A policeman who politely escorts a woman across a crowded thoroughfare is an evangelist." Just what do we mean?

There are not varieties of evangelism though there are varieties of adaptation. The evangel of Jesus is as wide in its application as the expressions of human life; but it is as primary and specific as birth. Christian philanthropies are the **fruitage** of evangelism, but the **root** of the matter is in personal relation to Jesus Christ—the soul's voluntary acceptance of him as absolute Lord and Master. Clear and ringing as a bell we must proclaim this great truth. Men are to be won to Christ by the intelligent telling of the good news—that which we ourselves have experienced. It is the evangel of life that is the need of this hour. Men care little for our theories, but they are interested in our convictions, in the things which we have felt and experienced in our own souls.

A stranger heard Phillips Brooks in one of his chapel talks. As he passed out with the student body, he heard one young man say to another, "What a man! What a man!" Not a word about the message, or the delivery, but, "What a man!" Phillips Brooks was the charming incarnation of the truth he spoke, and the men saw the truth and were attracted to it.

And this is the power irresistible of which Christ spoke when he said, "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me." We fail often to reach men because we lack the passion of a flaming conviction. Probably there never was a day when so many men were asking for a positive utterance in the things of religion. It is not a day for ease or profession, but for passion. If there is one thing we need more than anything else just now, it is an overmastering concern for people who are out of Christ.

When the revival of '57 swept through New York, it was traced to one man who spent days on his knees alone, with nobody to pray with him. Then another came, and another, until there was a whole company of praying people. New York was stirred. Philadelphia was shaken. Chicago was moved. The whole American continent was stirred. The revival swept across the sea to Great Britain.

Evangelism is a unique enterprise, unlike any other in which men are called to participate. Is it not reasonable to believe that an enterprise, involving such issues, should have been left to succeeding generations with some measure of divine control? It is our conviction that this is so. Until that day when "he shall see the travail of his soul and be satisfied," he is the Captain of the plan and process of salvation. Let us never lose sight of this fact that when Jesus called men to the task of winning men to Christ, he summoned them to follow a **divine** leadership, "Follow me." With superlative daring he said, "I am the way." There is no other way. We must follow him, for the interpretation of this divine enterprise is in the terms of the life of Jesus.

The coming of the kingdom is not yet. Multitudes want to see it come, and as never before they want to understand Jesus. We who are his disciples are to interpret him to the people. We shall never do it by argument. It is not logic that wins in this realm. It is the power of a surrendered personality—the kind of personality Paul meant when he said, "I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me."

In the last interview with his disciples on the mountain, Jesus seemed to say, "You will go with eagerness to tell the story we have learned together, but mere telling it will not win men. Wait for the power that shall come upon you, then your telling will be irresistible." We need to come back to that admonition again in these days when historic treasures are heaped upon us; when scholarship has come like refined silver from the furnace; and when our confidence in methods so abounds. What we need above all else is an unflinching conviction and a flaming passion that will arrest the attention of men, and turn them from their selfishness and sin, and bring them under the sway of the Infinite God.

The fundamental trouble with this old world is that it is away from and out of harmony with God. It has wandered into a far country. Betterment of social conditions will not suffice. The wanderer must be brought back. Our evangel has not succeeded until it creates a new determination, until the wayward soul will say, "I will arise and go," and then goes.

The hope for our denomination is first of all to get a Christ-centered program of evangelism. We need to take our eyes away from the mechanics of our denominational machinery; to cease placing so much emphasis upon boards, commissions, committees, and programs, to get our ears away from the rattle of the machinery, and put the emphasis where Jesus put it:

"Ye are my witnesses." "Go . . . make disciples."

I want to close this article with the closing paragraph of my sermon twenty-one years ago:

Enthusiasm may carry us far in our work. Fear may tide us over many hard and trying places. But to meet the challenge of this hour, to be true to the largest and best interests of the kingdom of God we must yield our lives to the leadership of Jesus Christ, cost what it may.

DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

Hammond, La.

We are very thankful to our heavenly Father for our many blessings. We are now feeling encouraged because our numbers have been increased. W. L. Coalwell and family and Gerald Coalwell and family have moved from Milton Junction to New Orleans; and Wendell Stephan of Nortonville, brother of Mrs. Gerald Coalwell, is in New Orleans also. These faithful Christians drive the sixty-eight miles to Hammond to attend church.

Pastor Severance is better and is again able to attend to his duties. In November he was advised by his physician to stay in bed a few weeks to rest his heart.

We had a Christmas program at the church on the night of December 23.

A shower was recently given at the parsonage for Mrs. Pauline Davis Vance, who was married on Christmas day. After a program consisting of readings, music, and games, light refreshments were served and many gifts were presented to the bride.

On Sunday, January 26, the annual church dinner and business meeting were held at the church. This meeting had been postponed three weeks on account of sickness. Officers were elected for both the church and the Sabbath school. Dinner was served to about fifty. R. J. Mills, who has served the church as trustee for thirty years, was re-elected to that office.

We are enjoying the southern sunshine, the roses, the violets, and many other flowers. Our winter weather here is like spring and fall in the North.

Correspondent.

Denver, Colo.

Rev. Erlo E. Sutton has had several calls to other churches but at our last regular business meeting the vote was unanimous for no change for us and a small advance in salary. Pastor Sutton was away for three Sabbaths last month, the pulpit being filled by Rev. A. J. Meiklejohn, Rev. Mr. Murray of the Valverde Church, and the Christian endeavorers of our own church.

Our annual dinner was held January 1, in the social room, and a very enjoyable time was had. About sixty-five attended. The general committee was Mr. and Mrs. Elno Davis and Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Davis.

Another event that made our hearts glad was the joining the church of Robert R. White, husband of Grace (Burdick) White.

The men of the church have been doing an appreciable job of cleaning and painting our church.

We are extending our thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Dee Green of Delta, Utah, and Mrs. Blanche Sutton's Sabbath school class for the hymnals that we are now using and which were used for the first time when the Denver-Boulder churches met for their quarterly meeting, February 1, Rev. Ralph H. Coon preaching the sermon, and the Denver Choir taking charge of the music. The young people of both churches had charge of the afternoon services. There were about one hundred that ate dinner in the social room at noon. We had a lovely Sabbath day in which to enjoy our two churches in communion with God.

We are looking forward with great pleasure to welcoming the Conference in August, and we hope every one who can will come.

Correspondent.

Milton, Wis.

The quarterly meeting of the southern Wisconsin and Chicago churches was held with the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church, January 24 and 25. As it was the Week of Prayer, the programs were built upon the theme, Christian Unity and Prayer.

On Friday evening at 7.30 the vesper service, consisting of anthems by the Milton choir, and hymns, between the choral numbers, played softly on the organ by Mrs. Gladys Randolph, was deeply inspiring. During the meeting which followed, three young men who are preparing for religious work spoke very earnestly on the following subjects: Worship — Carl Maxson; Prayer — Owen Regal; Bridges of Brotherhood—John Easterly.

Although icy roads prevented some from attending, the church was nearly filled for the Sabbath morning sermon by Rev. W. D. Burdick. His subject was Christian Unity, emphasizing the Church as the greatest force in the world and through which is the only hope for peace.

Following the dinner social hour the business meeting was held, after which a Historical Review of the churches that have been and are in the quarterly meeting was conducted by present and previous pastors of the churches. The young people's hour was under the direction of the young people's representative, Ivan Randolph. And the evening program was in the semblance of a Sabbath school "clinic," for the purpose of discussing Sabbath school problems. Dr. Edwin Shaw discussed the question, Is the Sabbath School Filling Its Mission? Then nearly everyone took an active part in the open discourse. The interest expressed in this meeting gave promise for more of its nature.

R. G., Secretary-Treasurer.

Little Genesee, N. Y.

On Sunday night prior to Christmas, about seventy members of the combined choirs of Bolivar M. E. Church, Ceres, and little Genesee joined in the presentation of the cantata, "Song of Bethlehem," before a large and appreciative audience at the Bolivar Methodist church. The robed singers came down the aisles of the dimly-lighted church, carrying long white lighted tapers and singing "Oh, come, all ye faithful." The church was lighted by these same candles, afterwards placed in a long rack back of the choir. Various colored lights were thrown upon the nativity scene centered below the platform where the choir was singing.

A well planned and effective "White Christmas" service was held at the time of our morning church service. Two very lovely

six-foot spruce trees, gifts of a friend, stood on either side of the entrance to the platform amid white surroundings, and have been greatly enjoyed during the weeks following. During the service, gifts given for various worthy causes were placed around the lighted cross in the center, followed by a service of consecration.

The Week of Prayer was observed by union services with the Methodist Church of Bolivar, one meeting being held at each place of worship.

A very helpful Friday night service was recently conducted by the young people of the C. E. society, who presented a skit in the form of a radio program. This interesting group is active in church work, and also enjoy many good times together, the most recent of which have been a New Year's social, and a sleighing party followed by "eats" at the parsonage. The Friendly Class or young married group has recently revived its social times, and many pleasant evenings of fun have been reported.

A large group of women attended the annual business meeting of the Sunshine Society held during an afternoon tea at the home of one of its members. The sewing of rags for our industrious weaver to make into pretty rugs is still keeping the women busy, for the sale of them continues to grow. Red Cross work was also much in evidence.

Four of our Bible school teachers have recently taken a course in "Worship for Children," given at Allentown by Mrs. Scurrah, a state Bible school instructor.

Rev. Dumont Clark of North Carolina visited Little Genesee and spoke one night on the subject of "The Lord's Acre." The tithers' group met for the January meeting and supper around the cheerful fireplace at the home of Mrs. Leta De Groff.

For those interested, we might add that the parsonage barn has been moved back a few feet and remodeled into a one-story garage with a new roof. This affords a much more pleasant view of the hills from the enclosed back porch.

Correspondent.

Ashaway, R. I.

During the morning service of the First Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist Church on Sabbath day it was announced by Frank Hill, president of the church, that Rev. Ralph H. Coon of Boulder, Colo., has accepted the

call to become pastor of the local church, and will assume his duties June 1.

Rev. Mr. Coon has been pastor of the Seventh Day Church in Boulder for the past ten years, where he was ordained after having previously become interested in religious work in Riverside, Calif. He was engaged in teaching at one time.

Mr. Coon succeeds Rev. Everett T. Harris, who is now pastor of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church in Alfred, N. Y.

—Westerly Sun.

MARRIAGES

Lupton - Bonham. — Charles Lupton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lupton, of Shiloh, took as his bride Miss Charlotte Bonham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bonham, on January 23, 1941. The bride's pastor, Rev. John W. Hutchinson, of Bridgeton, officiated. The couple will reside in Shiloh, where Mr. Lupton is in business.

Wheeler - Main. — On Sunday, December 22, 1940, at 8 p.m., in the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist church, Miss Ethel Main, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Main, of Daytona Beach, Fla., became the bride of Mr. Alton L. Wheeler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Wheeler of Nortonville, Kan. Rev. Lester G. Osborn, pastor of the Shiloh Church, and a former pastor of Mr. Wheeler, officiated.

OBITUARY

Crandall. — Mrs. Amelia Kenyon Crandall was born August 3, 1859 and died January 3, 1941.

Mrs. Crandall was the daughter of Aaron and Delilah Bishop Kenyon and was born in Ashaway, R. I. Her home had always been in Ashaway and she lived and died in the house in which she was born. After studying in Hopkinton Academy, Ashaway, R. I., and Teachers College, Providence, R. I., she taught school in Providence and Ashaway. July 13, 1889, she and Herbert H. Crandall were united in marriage. Mr. Crandall passed away November 13, 1940.

At the age of fourteen, upon baptism, she joined the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Hopkinton, and of that church she remained a devoted member till her death. Mrs. Crandall was active and efficient in the church, its auxiliaries, in the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and other work of the community.

To Mr. and Mrs. Crandall were born three children, one of whom died several years past. Mrs. Crandall is survived by a son, Clarence E.; a daughter, Tacy A. Saretzki; and six grandchildren, all of Ashaway. Funeral services were conducted at the home January 6, 1941, by a former pastor, Rev. William L. Burdick, and interment took place in the First Hopkinton Cemetery.

W. L. B.

Davis. — Charlotte Louise, youngest daughter of Carelton W. and Mary Jane Dowse Crumb, was born near Walworth, Wis., on January 17, 1876, and passed away at her late home in Milton on Wednesday, January 22, 1941.

She attended the public schools and Milton College. She lived with her sister, Dr. Gertrude Crumb, at Berlin, Wis., for nine years. On April 25, 1908, she was married to Grant W. Davis, Adams Center, N. Y., where they made their home until coming to Milton in 1914. Her husband preceded her in death, April 28, 1933.

She has been a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Milton since she was twelve years old, with the exception of the years spent in Adams Center. She is survived by a daughter, Gertrude; a brother, Oscar; and a sister, Mrs. L. M. Babcock—all of Milton; a sister-in-law, Mrs. Viola Williams, of Milton Junction; three nieces and several cousins.

Funeral services were held in her late home on Sabbath afternoon, January 25, conducted by Pastor Carroll L. Hill, assisted by Rev. Edwin Shaw. Burial was in the Milton Cemetery.

C. L. H.

Davis. — William W., son of the late Caleb and Keziah Davis, was born October 22, 1858, and was killed when struck by a car near Shiloh on January 19, 1941.

He was married on December 24, 1878, to Miss Nellie Marsh. Eight children were born to them, seven of whom survive: Carl and Herbert Davis, Mrs. Grace Acton, Jerome and Harold Davis, Mrs. Ethel Schaible, and Mrs. Hazel Flanagan.

Later he was married to Miss Addie Robinson, of Virginia, who survives him, with three children: Mrs. Harry Sheppard, of Salem, N. J., and Misses Evelyn and Edith at home.

He was a member of the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church, having joined early in boyhood, and continued a faithful member until his death.

Funeral services, on January 23, were in charge of Pastor Lester G. Osborn, with interment in the Shiloh cemetery.

L. G. O.

TIMES OF REFRESHING

By Mrs. Irene Hulett

Blessed times of soul refreshing
Sent to bring the spirit blessing
From the Presence of the Lord;
Meet him, face to face.
How they give the needed clearness
How they give a sense of nearness
To the Person of our Lord!

Times refreshing, wondrous blessing,
Sent when we our sins confessing,
Lift our hearts to him;
Flowers of grace within, reviving,
Flowers of faith, and love, and striving,
Light, where all was dim.

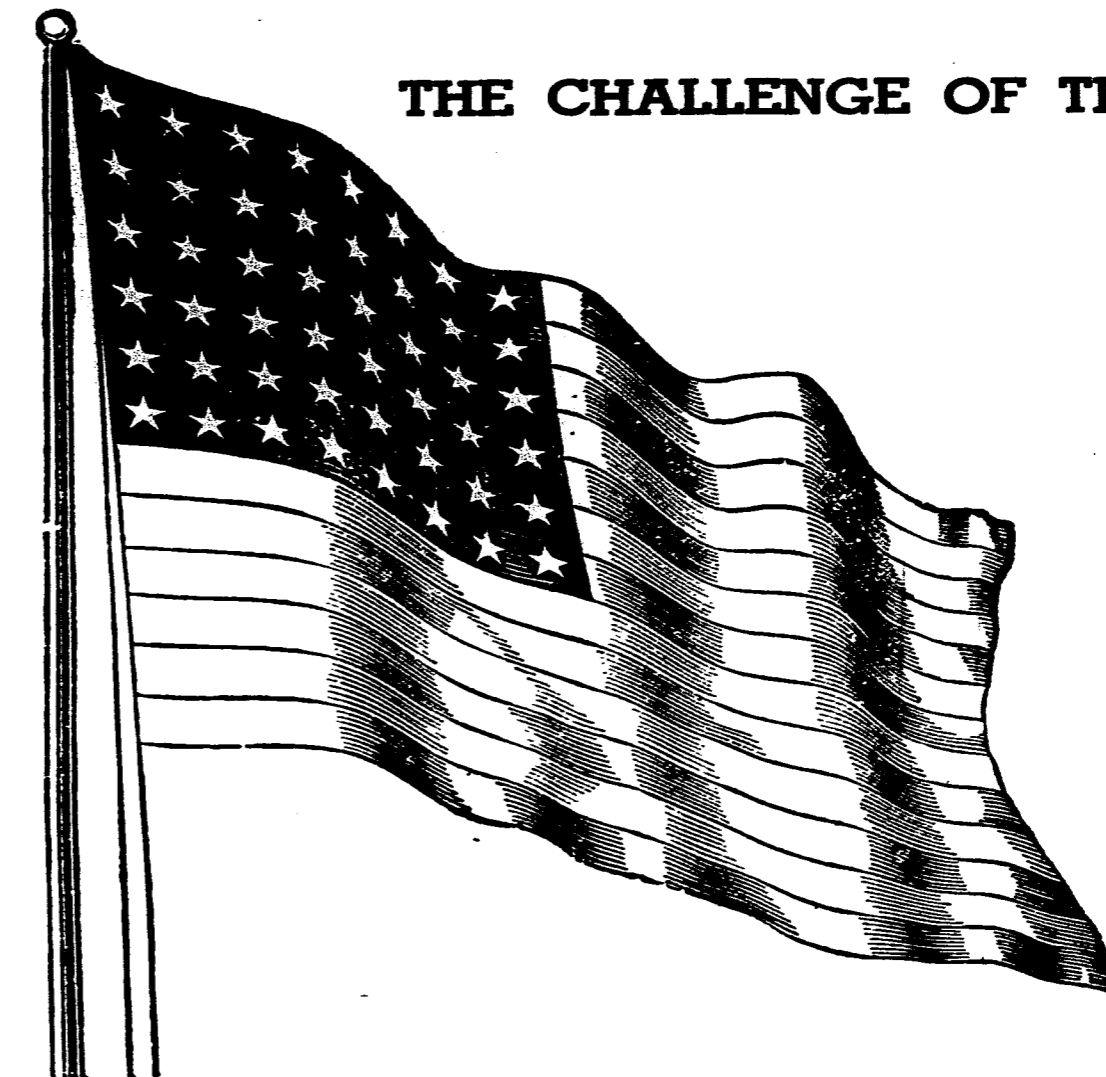
From the Presence; What a wonder!
Cleaving sin—wrought bands asunder
By his matchless Grace—
Foretaste of that time bestowing,
When we, no more dimness knowing,

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THE CHALLENGE OF THE STARS

"The reason why our Forefathers placed stars in our National Emblem is given in the Congressional Act of June 14, 1777, which adopted the Flag and which prescribed, 'that the Union be thirteen stars in a blue field representing a new constellation' . . . symbolizing as previously stated, stars in the heavens . . . signaling to mankind the birth of the first nation on earth dedicated to personal and religious liberty; a sanctuary to which men and women the world over, oppressed because of religious and other beliefs, might take refuge and enjoy Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness."

All other nations had been formed for power, for aggrandizement. This one was for Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.

—From "This Week."