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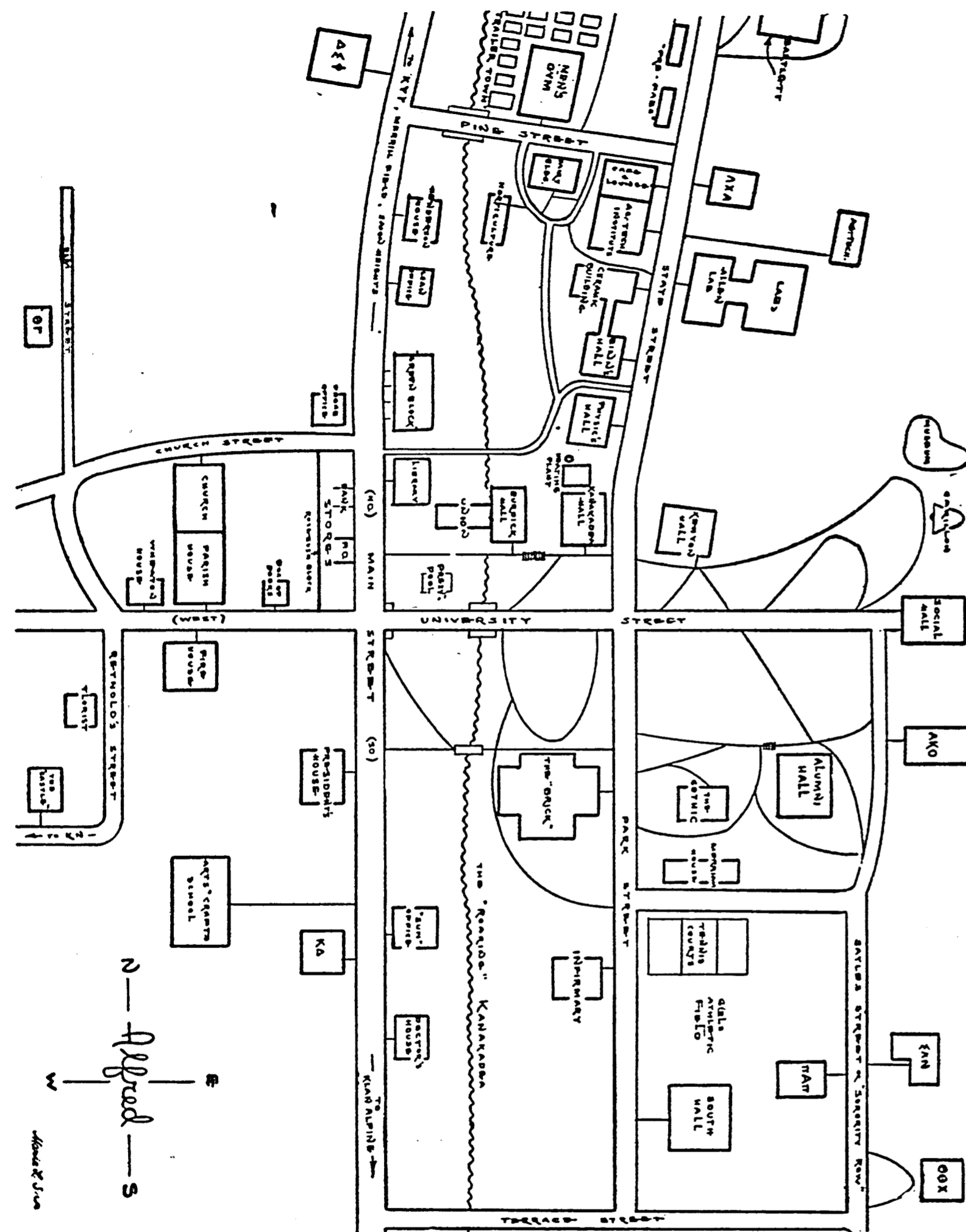
Prayer

I asked for bread; God gave a stone instead.
 Yet, while I pillowed there my weary head,
 The angels made a ladder of my dreams,
 Which upward to celestial mountains led.
 And when I woke beneath the morning's beams,
 Around my resting place fresh manna lay;
 And, praising God, I went upon my way,
 For I was fed.

God answers prayer; sometimes, when hearts are weak,
 He gives the very gifts believers seek.
 But often faith must learn a deeper rest,
 And trust God's silence when He does not speak;
 For He whose name is Love will send the best.
 Stars may burn out, nor mountain walls endure,
 But God is true, His promises are sure
 For those who seek.

—Author unknown.

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MAP OF ALFRED, N. Y.

Changes have taken place in Alfred even since this rather recent map was drawn. For example, the "Box of Books" is now across the street from where it is shown, the telephone office has moved to the back of the store building in which the post office is located, Binns Hall is now the site of an impressive building operation, and several of the Greek-letter houses have moved. However the major points of interest to Conference delegates are clearly indicated. The Church, with the parish house in the rear, and the community house alongside the Church, will be the center of Conference activities. Incoming delegates will register in the Greek Building on Main Street. The Student Union, where Conference meals will be served, is shown behind the University Library. "The Brick," "The Gothic," and Alumni Hall will also be important places on the Conference program. — Publicity Committee.

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CONFERENCE REGISTRATIONS SOUGHT

The Hospitality Committee, charged with the responsibility of housing guests at the General Conference in Alfred, August 14-19, is currently requesting all pastors and leaders of Churches to submit lists of delegates expected to be in attendance. Mrs. M. Elwood Kenyon and Mrs. Dana Peck, co-chairmen of the committee, urge that individuals planning to come to Alfred for Conference inform their pastors so that the information may be quickly passed on to the Conference hosts. Pastors have been asked to indicate also the method of travel (train or auto) planned and the anticipated date and time of arrival. Lone Sabbathkeepers may write directly to either of the chairmen. If any of the delegates have a preference as to where they wish to stay or have accepted an invitation, that information will be appreciated by the committee. — Publicity Committee.

THE CONFERENCE NURSERY

The nursery to be provided by the Churches entertaining the General Conference in August will be prepared to serve all children who have not yet attended school, according to an announcement made by Mrs. Gordon Ogden, chairman of the Nursery Committee. The Junior Conference, supervised by Rev. and Mrs. Ronald I. Hargis, will include all school children.

According to present plans, the nursery will be under the direction of Mrs. Lois Reid of Alfred, who will be assisted by local mothers and junior high school girls. "The nursery will be open during all sessions of the Conference," Mrs. Ogden reported, "and equipment will be provided for the babies, as well as games and entertainment for the toddlers." The nursery is to be located on the upper floor of the parish house, the building immediately behind the Church in Alfred, where sessions will be held. — Publicity Committee.

CORRECTION

Conference delegates will register in the Greene Building on Main Street, Alfred, N. Y., instead of "in the Greek Building" as was stated on the back cover of the Sabbath Recorder for July 9, 1951.

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NOT I; BUT WE

By Mrs. Anna Holmes

Thou canst not pray the Lord's Prayer
And make one selfish plea;
Thou canst not pray the Lord's Prayer
And even once say ME.

For it's OUR, OUR, OUR,
And it's US, US, US;
And the fourth time it is OUR,
And the fourth time it is US.

Thou canst not pray the Lord's Prayer—
And even once say I;
Thou canst not pray the Lord's Prayer
And even once say MY.

Nor canst thou pray the Lord's Prayer
And pray not for another,
For when thou asketh DAILY BREAD
Thou must include thy brother.

And it's US, US, US;
And it's OUR, OUR, OUR;
As free from selfish motive
As the fragrance of a flower.

For others are included
In each and every plea,
For from beginning through the end
It does not once say ME.

—The Union Signal.

LET THERE BE NO LACK

For some time the Publicity Committee of the First and Second Alfred Churches, with the co-operation of Alfred University and the Alfred Sun, has been keeping us informed concerning local plans for the entertainment of General Conference. Everything possible is being done for the comfort and welfare of the expected delegates and guests and the effectiveness of the annual gathering.

Throughout the Conference year our Churches have been conscious of the plans and programs of our societies and agencies which are organized to carry out the co-operative work of our denomination. In so far as the Churches have had an enlarging vision and means of support, they have shared in the extension of the Gospel

of Jesus Christ and the glorious experience of Sabbath observance.

The means of support are not limited to money. Everyone can support by prayer the larger work of the Church through denominational channels. Just how much prayer support there has been during the year would be difficult to measure. A lack of strong financial support might well indicate a weak prayer support. If our prayer support is strong enough, our financial support will be adequate.

As we go up to Conference this year let there be no lack of prayer support — prayer support for the Pre-Conference Commission meeting wherever and whenever it may be held; prayer support for the Pre-Conference Retreat to be held at Cuba Lake, N. Y., August 9-13; prayer support for the entertaining Churches and all who are so willingly and capably serving in various capacities; prayer support for the president and other officers of General Conference; and prayer support for the General Conference with its business, recreation, instruction, inspiration, communion with God, and fellowship in Christ one with another.

Great things can happen at the coming Conference. Let there be no lack of prayer support.

FROM THE EDITOR'S MAILBOX

Dear Friends:

Enclosed is post office money order for 75 cents to complete my subscription to the special number.

The special Sabbath Recorders have been beautiful and inspiring. Am sorry that I am not employed nor able to finance their continuation.

Sincerely,
Golda Gerat.

2603 E. William,
Route 5, Decatur, Ill.,
June 5, 1951.

Dear Sirs:

I receive your paper and enjoy it very much. I do enjoy reading your articles and testimonies on the Bible Sabbath. I am a minister of the Church of God and

find good material in your paper to help me prepare sermon material. . . . May God bless you in your work of Sabbath promotion.

Sincerely,
W. H. McCann.

1289 Swansea Ct.,
Willow Run, Mich.,
June 12, 1951.

Brother Warren:

Regardless of when Christ was crucified He was "up and out of the tomb" in the end of the Sabbath. Matthew 28: 1. Israel only knew one Sabbath.

Paul Mahoney.
South Pasadena, Calif.

RURAL CHURCH NOTES

With no funds going to China from America now there is a natural concern for the welfare of the Chinese Churches and their pastors.

Samuel Chu, pastor of a village Church thirteen miles southeast of Nanking, persuaded his laymen to buy four acres of land on which they planted a thousand peach trees which are now bearing. The women can and sell the peaches to help the Church budget. The men also have three small rice fields, between two and three acres, which they cultivate with voluntary labor. This rural Church of 113 members, which has become self-supporting, is carrying on a very constructive program of Christian education, health, and home improvement during these difficult war years.

The program of this Chinese Church, also a Church in Japan that is supported by its own farm, a rural Church in Mexico, and thirteen other successful rural Churches are described in a bulletin, entitled "One Foot on the Land," which is being distributed by the Rural Department, Drew Seminary, Madison, N. J., (for 30 cents).

One interesting phase of American influence on the work of Mr. Chu is his 4-H Club program. He has nine 4-H Clubs in his parish. He also has a co-operative loan association similar to our American Farm Loan Association. — Release.

Additional Eastern Association Notes

Officers

President—Charles F. Harris, Shiloh, N. J.; vice-president — William Parry, Philadelphia, Pa.; recording secretary—Miss Katherine Davis, Shiloh, N. J.; assistant recording secretary—Mrs. Alvin Bunting, Marlboro, N. J.; corresponding secretary—Mrs. Percy Davis, Shiloh, N. J.; treasurer—Charles H. North, Plainfield, N. J.; engrossing clerk—Miss Evalois St. John, Plainfield, N. J.

The Executive Committee of the association consists of the officers and the pastor of the entertaining Church, Pastor Robert W. Lippincott.

Delegates for 1952

Central—Rev. C. Rex Burdick; alternate—Rev. Lester G. Osborn.

Southeastern—Pastor Robert W. Lippincott; alternate—Rev. Paul L. Maxson.

Southwestern—Frank R. Kellogg; alternate—Rev. Carl R. Maxson.

Southwestern for 1951, appointee of Central Association, Rev. Marion C. Van Horn.

Sabbath Morning Offering

The offering for the Denominational Budget on Sabbath morning, June 9, of Eastern Association at Rockville, R. I., amounted to \$108.25.

OUR SERVICEMEN Where They Are

(The Church should keep in touch with those who have entered the armed services and alternate services of our country. As an aid in carrying out this privilege, the Sabbath Recorder will publish from time to time the names and most recent addresses of our servicemen. Please keep us informed. Correct information is most essential.)

Riverside, Calif.

S/F/C Donald Kolvoord, 28125171
H2 Co., 2nd Bn., 224th Inf., 40th Div.
APO 6, San Francisco, Calif.

MILTON COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT

Commencement week, 1951, at Milton College found the little old village freshly showered and gaily flowered, ready for her sons and daughters, who were coming "home." Neat gardens, clipped lawns, out-of-state cars at the curb by the old post office, glad greetings on the street, lent an air of expectancy.

The baccalaureate sermon was given Friday evening by President Carroll L. Hill, on the theme, "Dedicated Question Marks." A large audience responded to the carillon call to worship Sabbath morning. A string quartet, composed of the Misses Alberta Crandall, Marjorie Burdick, Georgia Green, and Professor Herbert Crouch, played the prelude, "Sheep May Safely Graze," by Bach. Besides the regular order of service, the program included an anthem by the junior choir, under the direction of Kenneth Babcock; an appreciation service and Godspeed for Socrates Thompson, by Rev. David S. Clarke, representing the Missionary Society; and a majestic anthem, written sixty years ago by Dr. Jarius M. Stillman, "I Will Praise Thee, O God," sung by the adult choir, with Professor L. H. Stringer directing. The beautiful "Andante Cantabile" as an offertory selection, the fine sermon, "Can Education Return to the Quest for God?", and the postlude, "Toccata from fifth symphony," with Elizabeth Daland at the organ, closed the service.

Sabbath evening, many drove to the new camp site for a "hymn sing," with Don Gray leading. Ten Seventh Day Baptist Churches were represented. Later Paul Green took over, with Judy Burdick of Alfred pitching the hymns, while a group of men disappeared in the ravine below to make the hills and woodland resound with their selections, "On the Rock of Ages Founded" and "Abide with Me."

The hour closed with the group reverently singing "Day Is Dying in the West," as they stood facing the West on a hilltop above the swift little stream, which wound its way beneath giant willows.

The forty-seventh annual Shakespearean play, "The Taming of the Shrew," was

given two nights. The luncheon for alumni and friends was held on Sunday. The social rooms of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church basement were decorated with pink peonies from the late Dr. George Post gardens. Professor Edward Rood was toastmaster, and representatives of the five-year periods for the past half century responded briefly. Friends from sixteen states and countries were present. Three members of the graduating class of sixty years ago, represented by J. Dwight Clarke, Mrs. Lena Hull Coon, and Mrs. Nettie West Burdick, all of Milton, were present. They presented a sum of money to the college. Words written by Mrs. (Willard) Burdick, and sung at their "exercises" sixty years ago, were sung by a quartet from the 1951 graduating class. Their lips formed the words, and their eyes were suffused by tender memories. These are not OLD people; each one is active, and still "going strong" — pillars of Milton College.

Other "old grads" won the proud score of 6-3, as former athletes including "J. Fred" and "Coach Crandall" in their old uniforms, as they won the annual baseball game vs. the young fry, in the village park.

Monday morning a long procession, the choir in purple velvet, the trustees, the faculty in traditional regalia, the class, numbering seventy-two, in caps and gowns, marched across the campus, to the singing of "St. Anne's" tune.

The gymnasium-auditorium was packed to capacity. Later, friends were loathe to leave, and the beautiful green hillside from Goodrich Hall to the Music Studio was the scene of many clicking cameras, many reunions, while under the big elms Mrs. Carroll L. Hill and her helpers served punch and wafers to all.

Rally "round," alumni and friends, come back to our beloved Milton next June. — Contributed.

CAMP HOLSTON
Battle Creek, Mich.
Junior Camp — July 22-27

Seventh Day Baptist General Conference
ALFRED, N. Y., AUGUST 14-19, 1951

OUR SHARE IN GOD'S KINGDOM

By Olin C. Davis

(Meditation given at the Central Association, Leonardsville, N. Y., Sabbath afternoon, June 2, 1951.)

Throughout His ministry Jesus was constantly seeking to describe the kingdom of God so that men might understand it and realize their share in the kingdom. Comparing the kingdom to the sower, Jesus gives us a clear illustration of our personal responsibilities.

We know that after carefully preparing the soil, the sower plants the seed with full faith that in each there is the embryo of life which will bud, bloom, and bear fruit. A good gardener never digs up his seeds to watch them grow. With expectancy he toils. The Lord offers the same hope to gardeners of the soul who toil in the kingdom of God. If we prepare the soil and sow the seed, God will bring about the harvest. "Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness." 2 Corinthians 9: 10.

Jesus also pointed out that the kingdom of God is within us. As we work and pray for its coming, we must be conscious that the kingdom must come first of all in our individual lives. For until God dwells in us and until His will and His purpose dominate and direct our lives — ours, and those of God's children everywhere

— our prayers for causes, or even our efforts in behalf of such causes are as nothing.

We do not have to wait to begin the kingdom of God! Jesus Himself taught and lived it, and it exists in our midst today in the lives of all men and women of faith. So we must pledge ourselves to follow Christ in our own lives and be willing to plant the seed of the ideal by our teaching, by our example, as Christ has revealed it to us.

Christian, rise and act thy creed,
Let thy prayer be in thy deed;
Seek the right, perform the true,
Raise thy work and life anew.
Hearts around thee sink with care;
Thou canst help their load to bear,
Thou canst bring inspiring light,
Arm their faltering wills to fight . . .
Freest faith assailed in vain,
Perfect love bereft of fear,
Born in Heaven and radiant here.

—F. A. Rollo Russell.

If we will follow the leading of that beautiful poem, we will be helping to bring in God's kingdom. For the kingdom of God is not merely in a personal feeling of happiness, just something for ourselves. There can be a kingdom of God only as we live it out in helpfulness and kindness and justice. Only when the laws of God rule in the social order of the world will we have the kingdom of God.

SPECIAL OFFER

Public Relations Manual for Churches by Dr. Stanley I. Stuber, and published early this year by Doubleday & Company, Inc., Garden City, L. I., is one of the best, if not the best, in this field. It is a comprehensive, at-your-elbow book. Some endorsers maintain that a single section is well worth the price of the book.

The Sabbath Recorder will send prepaid to any person, society, group, or Church a free copy of Public Relations Manual for Churches for three new yearly subscriptions to the Sabbath Recorder at \$3 each per year.

The three subscriptions under this offer should be sent at the same time and specified as PRMC subscriptions.

BUFFALO FELLOWSHIP

The Buffalo Fellowship wishes to give an invitation to anyone interested in Sabbathkeeping and in seeking better financial opportunities in a metropolitan area to consider Buffalo. We are a small group meeting every third Sabbath of the month but very interested in growth. Visitors are always welcome. Our secretary and treasurer is Graydon Monroe at 41 AB Batsford Place, Buffalo 13, N. Y. His phone is Grant 8359. He would be glad to receive any requests for further information.

LEWIS CAMP

Lewis Camp, Ashaway, R. I., will not be held this year due to lack of registrations.

WITNESSING FOR CHRIST**"Ye Are Witnesses"**

The following meditations were given by young people of the Verona, N. Y., Church at the fellowship supper on Sabbath evening, June 2, 1951, at Central Association in Leonardsville.

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THE NEED OF WITNESSING

By Twila Sholtz

Two lawyers were discussing the recent execution of a man who had been convicted of murder. The first lawyer said, "There is still a doubt in my mind that the man was guilty of the charge." The second one replied, "I do not believe that he was guilty. If I could have found one witness — just one — the convicted man could have been saved from death."

Although fixed in an entirely different background and context, the language of the lawyer who spoke last is strikingly applicable to a vastly more important matter. God has provided a way for condemned men to escape spiritual death, but their deliverance depends on the willingness of Christian people to be witnesses. Just one witness may be able to save many people from eternal condemnation. — Southern Baptist Young People's Union Quarterly, first quarter, 1948. Used by permission.

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WILLINGNESS TO WITNESS

By Janice Sholtz

Whose task is it to tell about the grace of God that comes through Jesus Christ? Those who have not experienced that grace could have little to say about it. If Christians do not tell others about Christ, no one else will do it. We quote from the Upper Room:

Two men were in business together. One was a regular attendant at Church; the other professed no religion at all. On a certain Sunday morning they met on the same streetcar; one on his way to Church, the other to play golf. As they separated, the latter said to his companion: "Look here, when are you going to give up all this hypocrisy about religion and churchgoing?"

Much offended, his companion answered:

"What right have you to call my religion hypocrisy?"

"Well," said the other, "we have been partners in business for twenty years. We have met and talked every day. You know that if what you profess is true, it is a hopeless case for me. You never said a word to help me to be anything different."

If the pressure of Christ's touch still lingers in the palm, we do not remain silent concerning His love and His power. — Copyright, 1950, The Upper Room, Nashville, Tenn. Reprinted by permission.

Are we doing all we can to show others Christ's love for them?

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THE RESPONSIBILITY OF WITNESSING

By Maurice Warner

Christians are commissioned to witness. The New Testament records several such commissions, but one of the most striking is found in John 20: 21, "Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." After Jesus had risen from the dead, He appeared to His disciples and said something like this: My task is now yours, and you shall receive power to witness to God's grace. That commission is ours. Christ sends us to tell men everywhere what God has done for us.

Christians may be the agency for bringing life from death. The story is told of a man who had camped far out in the western desert. As he prepared to retire for the night, an old car halted near by and a voice shouted, "Are you lost, mister?" The camper explained that he was familiar with the country and had not lost his way. Before driving away, the occupant of the old car remarked, "It's a terrible thing to be lost in the desert." Christians must echo this cry to lost people, for it is a terrible thing to be lost in the spiritual desert that is outside of Christ.

Our responsibility as faithful witnesses involves also the progress of the kingdom of God. Jesus taught His disciples to pray, "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." The coming of the rule or kingdom of God in the hearts of all men should not only be an object of prayer but should call Christians to earnest and faithful witnessing.

PREPARATION FOR WITNESSING

By Alden Vierow

To witness successfully for Christ our lives must be Christ-patterned. We should have an understanding of God's Word. The Bible is the weapon and the defense of Christian witnesses. We should know its message and its power. We must also make preparation through prayer, praying always for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

We should use every opportunity that comes to spread the joyful message of the gospel, and if we let the Spirit of God lead, we will constantly find ourselves speaking to others about Christ.

Lord, help us to live the Gospel we profess;
May each look, and word, and action, Thee
confess;

May every deed be prompted by Thy love,
Grace to do Thy will, be granted from above.
All the truth which Thou hast taught us, help
us to live;

Freely, then, these truths to others we may give.

O GALILEE!

By Lois Fay Powell

Say, who sent guns to Galilee?
Dear Galilee was good to me.

For though I live so far away
Light from that place brightened my day.

Not I? Not you? It grieves my heart,
That someone played that cruel part.

O why should any soul with life
Make Galilee a place for strife?

There is a mill — is it just for fun,
The folks turn out gun after gun?

But they forget there was a calm
When Jesus stilled disturbing harm.

I think I like His better way;
I'll follow that in work and play.

No guns in Galilee for me!
And may some worthier projects be!

Box 56, Princeton, Mass.

PROGRESS IN JAMAICA

From the June number of the Jamaica Seventh Day Baptist Review received at the office, we would share the following items of interest with the friends of Jamaica. The Bath Church reports having given a concert to raise funds for the vestry. Bowensville is reported as progressing on building their Church, which is nearing completion. At Blue Mountain they are working for a new Church. They say, "We are concerned about our mission fund, so we are having two missionary meetings this year." A ceremony of cornerstone laying was held at Cottage on April 29. It is remarked, "The spot of land is small, but we are expecting to enlarge it."

At Higgintown, evangelistic meetings were held in May, and as a result they report many souls were saved. A baptismal service was planned for the third Sabbath in June. This Church is starting a work in New Ground Land Settlement. The Lemon Hall Church reports ten members added since June, 1950. They are holding services in the district of Mount Effort, and are hoping for many converts. The friends in Hopewell have "bought a quarter of an acre of land near the sea for a Church spot. Although few in number we are determined to go ahead and put a building on it." They are carrying on work at Mount James and Berwick Springs.

The report from Waterford states that they had a Harvest Program at which the speakers were Rev. Neal D. Mills, L. D. Gray, and J. W. Davis. Mr. Davis is headmaster of Guy's Hill Government School. A pageant, "Faith Is the Victory," was given in the evening. The play and harvest helped them to raise £23 toward their building fund. The men are giving free labor and the women cook for them. (This sounds much like some projects in our own land.) At Post Roads they are building a Church. The Kingston Christian Endeavor Society have recently celebrated their nineteenth birthday, and they have been rebuilding the kitchen.

The Review states that all are eagerly looking forward to the return of Socrates Thompson after his graduation from Mil-

ton College, feeling that he is well prepared for preaching and teaching. No doubt Socrates is receiving a cordial and warm welcome to his homeland after five years' absence.

The Jamaica Conference is to be held with the Church at Waterford in September, after the return of Rev. and Mrs. Wardner T. Fitz Randolph and son, Ronald, who have been on furlough in the homeland a little more than a year. We are happy at the progress apparent throughout Jamaica and at the prospects for increasing service. H. R. C.

THE SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST MINISTRY

Seventh Day Baptists need to be concerned regarding their ministry. When we think of home mission fields and many of our smaller Churches where we have no missionaries or pastors, we realize that there is great need for recruits for the most important of all callings. These fields and Churches need the services of our most capable young men. It would seem as though there were reluctance on the part of many of our young men of promise to serve on a mission field in the homeland, or to serve as pastor of one of our smaller Churches. What could be more profitable than for one just out of seminary to serve in some of these places? Experiences gained in this way would be of inestimable value throughout the years of his ministry. Some of our ablest men have made their start in humbler stations. Some even have had disturbing and distressing situations to meet. It could be that these things have contributed to their spiritual growth and strength. We need the best in our larger Churches; but who will deny that the best are needed in smaller Churches as well? Experience is bound to "make the best, better."

Our most capable young men are claimed for the Armed Forces of our country; why should not our most capable be claimed for the service in the forces of our Lord? Parents, have you suggested to the sons with whom your home has been blessed that in considering their capabilities and in planning for preparation for their life-work the ministry be considered, at least

on an equal basis with other callings, or professions? Is making a living more important than making a life?

Without any doubt the niggardly salaries paid to so many of our pastors is a serious deterrent. The families of pastors and missionaries must live, and the cost of living for them is no less than for others. Then, too, believe it or not, (and I speak from experience) the pastor has financial obligations which the average family in a Church does not have. It is so easy for a family to spend more for a few days' pleasure than they would think they could afford to pay to their Church for a year.

The School of Theology at Alfred is an indication that we continually need high standards of scholarship. One entering the medical profession, or law, or science seeks the best education and professional training obtainable. Why should we be satisfied with less than the best preparation for the highest of all callings? It was with something of chagrin that I recently read in a religious publication what seemed to me something of a slur, "The Baptist Church with its system of ordaining men regardless of educational achievement . . ." The minister must meet people of all professions and trades. He is not expected to be expert in all lines, but he should be intelligent and broad-minded enough to have a sympathetic understanding as he converses with people in various walks of life. Consecration and zeal are most desirable requisites, but these alone are not enough.

Friends, won't you think and pray about this matter? H. R. C.

SPECIAL NOTICE

The next special issue of the Sabbath Recorder will be dated July 30, 1951. Thus there will be two regular issues published in August, those of August 13 and 27, instead of one. The issues of August 6 and 20 will be omitted since the Sabbath Recorder is published biweekly during August.

PRE-CONFERENCE RETREAT
Cuba Lake, N. Y.
August 9-13, 1951

THE WORK OF THE WOMEN'S SOCIETY

By Miss A. Mildred Greene

(Given at Eastern Seventh Day Baptist Association, Rockville, R. I., Sabbath afternoon, June 9, 1951.)

It is ironical that woman who was made to be a helpmeet for man was the cause of his downfall. But at least she fell with him, and so they remained together, as God intended. A helpmeet means a helper, and that is just what women have always been — helpers. As time passed, they learned to band together and organize into groups of various sorts, until finally the women of our denomination banded together in what is now called the Women's Society of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference. It was first called the Woman's Board, and was organized in 1884 at a session of General Conference held in Lost Creek, W. Va.

From the start, one of its main interests has been missionary work. Educational and evangelistic work have also had a large share in its labors. Its goals have always been high, and the watchwords for this year — Pray, Encourage, Study, Practice — are typical of the endeavors of our group of women.

The Women's Society now has five committees: Christian Culture, Christian Citizenship, Ways and Means, Histories, Goals; also there is a News Letter editor.

The duties of the Christian Culture Committee are outlined as follows:

1. Christian education and training for leadership.
2. The what, the why, and the how of mission study.
3. Projects promoting desirable public relations.
4. Bible study for children, youth, adults, and families.
5. Ways of promoting interest in, and understanding of, denominational work and people.

It was voted in October to set aside \$98 per semester as tuition for 14 semester hours in Christian Education courses in Salem College for any young people wishing to train and pledge themselves for service as needs arise, as gospel team help-

ers, Vacation Bible School teachers, camp counselors, etc. Upon the recommendation of the Ways and Means Committee, such tuition was later paid for five young people.

Other recommendations made by the Christian Culture Committee were as follows:

1. That various Churches might sponsor scholarships to aid more of our young people attending Church colleges.

2. That each society appoint a worship committee to plan a worship program for each meeting, since the very fine programs prepared for so long by Mrs. Alberta D. Batson have been discontinued.

3. That junior and senior Seventh Day Baptist girls from Salem College be invited to become associate members of the Board of Directors. Several of them joined as such members in April. One of them, Marion Burdick, wrote "A Meditation of Youth" which has been printed on the back cover of the Church Woman for June-July.

4. That each society take some action expressing disapproval of beer advertising on radio and television, and report such disapproval to local stations, the network, and sponsors, and the Federal Communications Commission (see February 26 Recorder).

The committee recommends a list of books for mission study programs touching on China, Islam, and social problems; calls attention to the book, *The Christian Prospect in Eastern Asia*, which may be obtained from the Friendship Press; suggests that a subscription to "Along the Way," edited by Mrs. Vivian Kimball, a Seventh Day Baptist in Walworth, Wis., would be a fine gift for a shut-in. It costs five cents a month, and may be obtained from Mrs. Kimball.

The Christian Citizenship Committee has given careful attention to the United Nations flag and recommends that societies work with other local groups in preparing such flags for use in their communities — in other words, become a modern Betsy Ross Society. Information may be obtained from the National Council on Boys and Girls' Club Work, 59 East Van Buren Street, Chicago 5, Ill.

Mrs. Skaggs, president of the Women's Society, has been appointed to the General Assembly of the Division of Christian Life and Work by the National Council of Churches.

Mrs. L. H. North of Plainfield, N. J., has been appointed co-ordinator for the General Department of United Church Women which is now a part of the National Council of Churches. After attending several meetings of the Church women, she has a feeling that our membership is well worth while in helping to make our denomination known. I attended one of these meetings with her and was impressed with their spirit of co-operation. They were planning an exhibit for their meeting in Buck Hill Falls, Pa., held recently, and repeated mention was made of items for display that might "be of help to other denominations." If our worship programs, children's stories, pageants, plays, etc., prepared by our women, could be put in permanent printed form, it would give us a source of material for exhibits of this kind.

The society has supported Miss Elizabeth F. Randolph as an evangelist, working on the Florida field. It also assisted Pastor Edgar Wheeler and family in evangelistic work in Woodville, Ala. Miss Mary Alice Butler, who is assisting in the work, has given an interesting outline of their community work. The Board of Education there gave them the use of a vacated two-room schoolhouse with two acres of land. Here they conduct socials, singing school, sewing classes, and piano and choral lessons, with the object of raising funds to improve the building and to promote wholesome recreation and a spirit of Christian fellowship. Mrs. Loyal F. Hurley writes with enthusiasm of her visit to these two fields of activity.

In the Sabbath Recorder, January 29, 1951, you will find a very interesting account by Mrs. Ross Seager, of the Fifth National Assembly of the Council of Church Women held in Cincinnati. There were over 2,000 delegates representing every state in the nation. When the assembly closed there were 267,428 ecumenical registrations, 207 of them coming from our women. This 267,000 is far short of the million members which is the goal,

but is not bad for a beginning. Think of the task of administering the \$267,428 obtained. Three ways for spending this money were decided, as follows:

1. For endowment, emergency, and savings for the General Department of the United Church Women.

2. For the expense of setting up the General Department of the United Church Women.

3. For advance work in ecumenical education and fellowship within the state, across the nation, and around the world. This last will aid in attaining the desired membership of one million.

Her quotation from the manager of the headquarters hotel is a compliment to Church women and a sad reflection on other organizations. He said to one of the members, "You women have something. We notice the absence of unnecessary noise, cigarette stubs, and discourteous manners that seem to be prevalent in other delegations. It has been a pleasure to have you." What else could you expect from a group of Church women? Mrs. Seager tells of the inspiring worship services led by Dean Faulkner of Fisk University, of the spiritual messages in song brought to them by Mrs. Rosa Page Welch, of the Fisk Jubilee Singers who sang spirituals as only Negroes can sing them, of the privilege to see and hear Dr. Laubach, that great missionary and teacher of the illiterate, of Mrs. Olive Goldman who flew straight from the United Nations meetings, and of the women from China and Japan who brought encouraging reports from those countries. For further details, we urge you to read the article, if you have not done so, or even read it again if you have read it once.

Here are several questions which the board would like us to answer in preparation for the program at Conference:

What do you want for the women at Conference?

Would you like a fellowship dinner such as we had at Riverside and Salem to get acquainted and discuss our work and our needs as Church women?

Shall we discontinue the tea in favor of a fellowship dinner? Do we need both?

Would you enjoy workshops for society

PRE-CONFERENCE RETREAT

Pre-Conference Retreat will be held at Cuba Lake, N. Y., August 9-13, for campers who have completed their first year of high school, and upward. This year the staff members will include Elmer Willard, business manager; Ken Smith, recreation; Mrs. Clarence (Sonny) Rogers, music; Barbara Hargis, handicrafts; Charles Bond, Victor Skaggs, Don Sanford, Glen Hemminger, and Director Ronald Hargis, discussion leaders.

The fee for the camp will be \$12 for the four days. It is hoped that the Churches will assist in sending their young people to the camp. Campers are expected to bring whatever equipment they would take to any camp held in their own area. Check those lists for equipment needs. Advance registration in so far as possible would be appreciated. Send these registrations to Rev. Ronald Hargis, R. D. 2, Coudersport, Pa.

Junior Conference

Junior Conference will be held as last year in connection with Conference sessions. The meeting place will be South Hall, and will include those from first grade through junior high. Tiny tots will be taken care of in the nursery. — R. H.

officers, keyworkers, associational correspondents, committees, etc.?

Did you find the Woman's Board Display Room at Conference interesting and helpful? What suggestions would you make to improve it?

Mrs. Sibley, honorary president of United Church Women, has given us an encouraging message in a statement she calls,

We Rejoice

O God, we rejoice in Thy promise to make all things new.

We rejoice that old slaveries are becoming new freedoms;

That former enemies are becoming new friends;
And that the women of Thy Church may serve Thee in ever-widening horizons.

We rejoice in Thy new revelation of Thyself in the ecumenical Church;

And dedicate ourselves to its enrichment, through the grace and power of Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

AN INVITATION TO WRITE NEW HYMN TEXTS

Poets, hymn writers, clergymen, and laymen "with the gift of poetry" are being invited by the Hymn Society of America to write new hymn texts "to express the spiritual significance of the Bible and its contribution to the life of the individual and of society."

Suitable new hymn texts — one or more — will be published by the Hymn Society in co-operation with the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches. The hymn or hymns selected by the Hymn Society will be used in 3,000 community gatherings across the nation September 30, 1952, to celebrate the completion of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, which, after 15 years of work, will be published on that date.

The committee that will judge the new hymn texts is jointly chaired by Dr. Earl E. Harper, dean of fine arts, Iowa State University, and Rev. Philip S. Watters, of New York, former president of the Hymn Society.

Other members are: Miss Katherine L. Aller, Mount Vernon, N. Y.; Professor Alvin F. Brightbill, Bethany Biblical Seminary, Chicago; Dr. Lindsay B. Longacre, New York; Dean Robert G. McCutchan, Claremont, Calif.; Miss Clementine Miller, Columbus, Ind.; and Miss Jean W. Steele, Philadelphia.

It is important that hymns be written to well-known meters found in standard hymnals. They should not have been previously published. Manuscripts should be in Mr. Watters' hands (297 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y.) not later than October 1, 1951. — Release.

DAILY BATTLEFIELDS

The world has no room for cowards. We must all be ready somehow to toil, to suffer, to die. And yours is not the less noble because no drum beats before you when you go out into your daily battlefields, and no crowds shout your coming when you return from your daily victory or defeat. — Robert Louis Stevenson. — Clipsheet.

Children's Page

THE TWINS

By Miss R. Marion Carpenter

PART I

"Chilluns, come heah dis minit. You all heah me?" Nelda and Nadine, the two very black, kinky-haired twins were playing dolls under the hedge on the far side from Mammy's cabin. Nelda looked at Nadine, and Nadine at Nelda. They put their fingers on their lips to keep very still, and waited until Mammy went inside the cabin. "Les take our dolls around behind the shed," said Nadine. "Yes," agreed Nelda, "les; then Mammy will think we didn't hear her." The twins picked up their dolls and slipped very quietly from the hedge and ran around behind the shed.

"Youse chilluns, youse come heah dis minit. Mammy wants you." No answer. "Nelda! Nadine! March you little legs right up heah." Still no answer. "Dem chilluns!" grunted Mammy in disgust. "'Spose I's got to go meself." She turned back into the cabin, opened the oven door and took out a pan of steaming hot, soft gingerbread cake, rich and spicy. She cut the cake into big squares, sprinkled some powdered sugar on the tops, laid the pieces in a pretty basket, and spread a clean white napkin over the top.

Next she went to the well back of the cabin and drew from its depths a heavy can of cold, fresh milk. She poured into a smaller bucket about a quart of the milk, then lowered the big can into the well again to keep the milk cool. In the kitchen she took four shiny tin cups from the wall over the table and ran a cord through the four handles. Taking the basket of sweet cakes in one hand, the jingling cups on her wrist and the bucket of cold milk in the other hand, Mammy left the cabin. Walking slowly around to the side, she went down the little path leading to the glen. In the glen it was cool and shady, and she walked even more slowly because she was warm from her hot kitchen. She crossed the rustic footbridge over the brook, then climbed up the path to the

pasture. Under the big oak tree by the fence, Mammy stopped, put down her basket of cakes, the bucket of milk, and the tin cups. Then leaning over the fence she called, "Yoo-hoo, yoo-hoo, come gets youse lunchum."

In the pasture were Pappy and another man haying. They were warm from the hot sun; they turned toward Mammy. They unfastened the horses and led them to the shade of the oak tree to rest. The two men sat down on the grass while Mammy opened her basket and passed the spicy gingerbread cakes to them. She poured out the milk into three of the cups, because she was going to have a piece of cake and milk with the men.

"Mammy," asked Pappy, "why you all bring four cups for three folks?"

"Oh, dem twins! I called dem to bring the things to youse, but they's off a-gallivantin somewheres, so I comed meself."

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Nelda and Nadine, trying to play dolls behind the shed, were not having a good time. Nelda's doll was fretting and fussing, and Nadine's doll was just plain cross. Things were not going smoothly at all.

"Nelda, we's better go back."
"Yes, Nadine, we's bad; we's naughty. Les go." The little girls picked up their dolls and walked slowly back to the cabin. As they went through the door, Nadine's little black nose went "Sniff, sniff." And Nelda's little black nose went "Sniff, sniff!"

"I smell hot gingerbread," said Nelda. "I smell hot gingerbread, too," said Nadine. They looked in the oven; they looked on the table; they looked in the corner cupboard, but there was no gingerbread anywhere, only the sweet, hot, spicy smell. Nadine and Nelda went to the doorstep of the cabin and sat down, thinking very soberly.

"Nadine, I's sorry we's naughty."
"I's sorry, too," said Nelda. "What you 'spose Mammy say?"

In a few minutes the twins saw Mammy slowly coming up the path from the glen with her basket on one arm, the bucket and the jingling cups on the other arm. There was no sweet, spicy gingerbread, hot and sugary in her basket. There was no rich, cool milk in the empty bucket,

CHURCH NEWS.

VERONA, N. Y. — On the evening of May 5 many friends and relatives of Miss Susie B. Stark gathered in the Church parlors to honor her birthday.

Miss Stark wore a beautiful corsage of yellow roses, the gift of lifelong friends who as children she had interested in the Church, and conveyed them there.

The dining room was decorated in yellow and green. The beautiful birthday cake decorated with yellow roses was flanked by tall, lighted green tapers.

Miss Stark was presented with an electric clock and a pearl necklace. The following program was given:

Songs of yesteryear led by Garth and Mayola Warner; piano music, "Memories"; My Memories of Susie's Home, Iva Dillmann.

Portraits

Scene I — Stark's Landing; portrait — Carrie Green Stark (Jean Vierow) and Jabez Stark (Allison Smith) (the gown, the original worn by Susie's mother about the time of her wedding); quartet, "Cruising down the River," Alden Vierow, Garth, Maurice, and Dick Warner.

Scene II — Baby Susie; portrait — Mother Carrie (Jean Vierow) and Baby Susie (Kathy Vierow); solo — Brahm's Lullaby, Mary Emma Williams.

Scene III — Alfred Days; portrait — quartet (same as in scene I); Alfred's "Alma Mater"; Susie (Twila Sholtz) appears as quartet sings, "If You Knew Susie."

Scene IV — portrait — Susie (Zilla Vierow) as president of the Literary Society; (group comes in for meeting of Literary Society, discusses Susie's painting

and the cups were jingling a sad tune. When Mammy reached the doorstep, Nelda looked at Nadine, and Nadine looked at Nelda, and both looked up at Mammy. Mammy looked at the twins and saw tears in their big black eyes.

Now, what do you think Mammy said to Nadine and Nelda, the little girls with the very black faces and the kinky hair? YOU tell!

(To be continued)

of Alfred Steinheim); Susie sings, "The Frog Song"; program given by the society in the 1890's read by Leila Franklin; chronicles adopted by the group about the same time, read by Edith Woodcock; solo, Olin Davis; sermonette — "Old Mother Hubbard" (a popular reading used in the society), Vie Warner; reading, "O Young Lochinvar," Carrie Smith; poem, "The Great Reformation" (written by Rev. Martin Sindall, former Verona pastor), Allison Smith.

Scene V — Teaching Days; portrait — Susie (Ann Davis) as a teacher; Carolyn Davis (in high shoes and black stockings) sings "Skip to My Lou"; schoolroom scene follows.

Scene VI — Nursing Days; portrait — Susie, as a nurse and companion, (Vie Warner).

Scene VII — Happy Birthday; presentation of birthday cake and all sang, "Happy Birthday," to one really grand lady. — Z. T. V., Former Correspondent.

Marriages

Ehret - Greene. — A. Clyde Ehret of De Ruyter, N. Y., and Clara Greene of Adams Center, N. Y., were united in marriage at Alfred, N. Y., July 1, 1951, by Dean Ahva J. C. Bond.

BIRTHS

Jeffrey. — A son, Ernest Hadley, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jeffrey of Troy, N. Y., on April 30, 1951.

Thorngate. — A son, Richard Guy, to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Thorngate of Denver, Colo., on May 24, 1951.

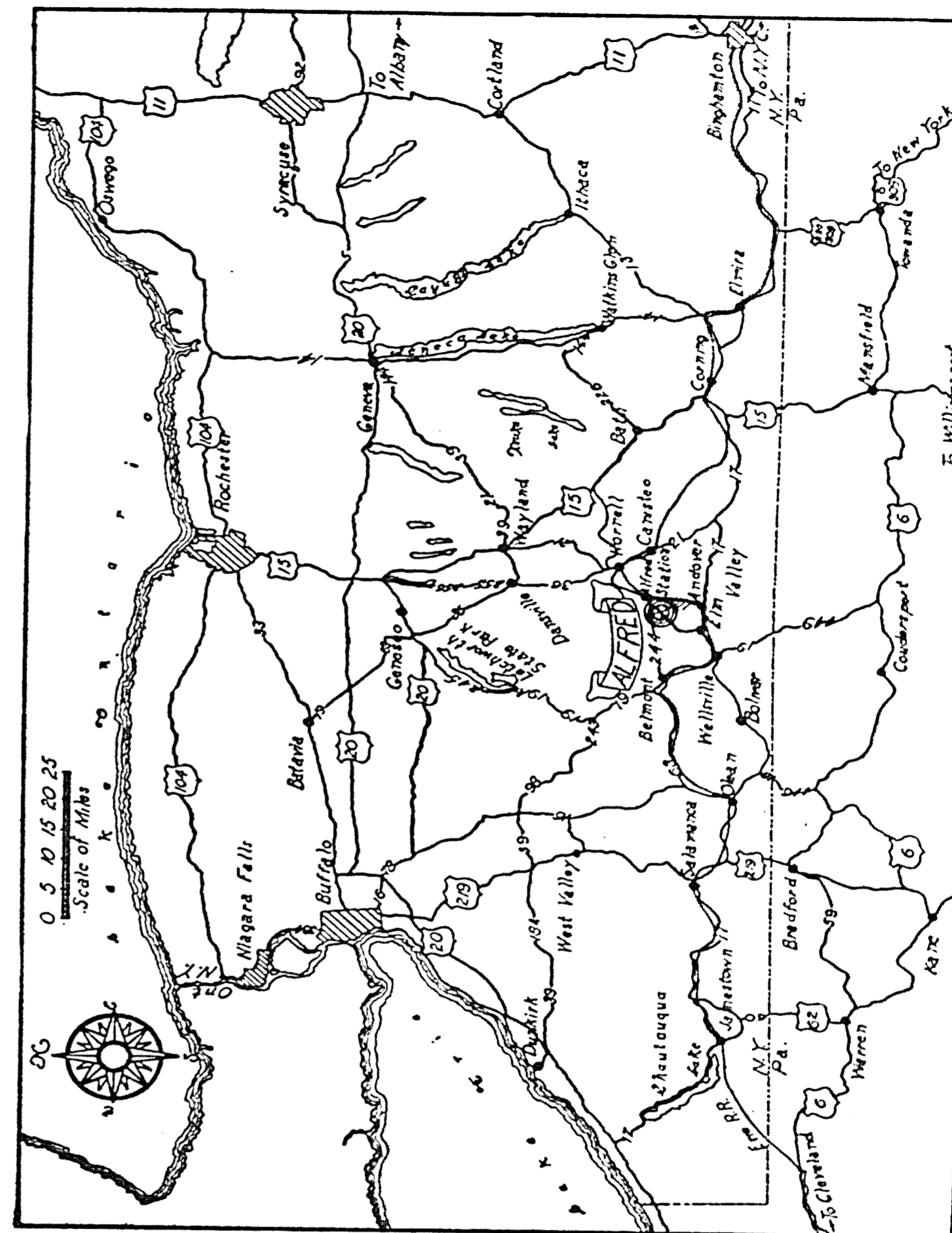
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Courtesy: Alfred University.

MAP OF WESTERN NEW YORK

The location of Alfred, site of the 1951 General Conference, August 14-19, is here pictured in its relation to the major auto highways of western New York and northern Pennsylvania. Hornell is the nearest passenger stop on the Erie Railroad, and the nearest depot of the Greyhound Lines. There is bus service from Hornell to Alfred from the corner of Main and Canisteo Streets, about four blocks from the Erie station and across the street from the Greyhound depot. Busses marked "Olean" leave Hornell for Alfred at 7:45 and 11:25 a.m., and 4:30 p.m., arriving in Alfred about 25 minutes later. Taxi service from Hornell to Alfred is in the neighborhood of \$3.50. Delegates will register at Conference Headquarters in Class Room 2, Greene Hall, on Main Street in Alfred. The phone number at headquarters will be Alfred 5815. — Publicity Committee.

The Sabbath Recorder

DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET Statement of Treasurer, June 30, 1951

Receipts		June	9 months		
Adams Center			\$ 198.35	New Auburn	42.60
Albion			164.00	New York City, First	50.75
Alfred, First	129.80		1,645.00	North Loup	
Alfred, Second			515.70	Nortonville	
Andover			24.00	Pawcatuck	
Associations and groups	163.86		281.66	Piscataway	12.50
Battle Creek			1,361.72	Plainfield	118.15
Berlin			232.04	Philadelphia	20.00
Boulder	23.00		279.64	Richburg	
Brookfield, First	40.00		198.22	Riverside	
Brookfield, Second			178.60	Ritchie	
Chicago	45.50		280.00	Rockville	12.87
Daytona Beach	34.60		329.21	Roanoke	
Denver	49.38		430.98	Salem	163.50
De Ruyter			321.94	Salemville	25.00
Dinuba			5.00	Shiloh	132.20
Dodge Center	65.70		217.39	Verona	
Edinburg			144.72	Walworth	15.00
Farina	154.00		299.00	*Washington, Evangelical	
Fouke			70.25	Waterford	13.47
Friendship			20.00	White Cloud	
Gentry	7.00		32.44	Totals	\$1,850.95 \$25,611.79
Hammond			106.59	Disbursements	
Healdsburg-Ukiah	25.00		83.77	Budget	
Hebron, First	18.22		187.02	Specials	
Hopkinton, First			469.35	Missionary Society	\$ 547.42 \$ 77.00
Hopkinton, Second			5.00	Tract Society	262.97 9.50
Indianapolis			25.00	Board of	
Independence	15.00		228.00	Christian Education	306.92 11.00
Individuals			1,132.58	Women's Society	8.06 14.00
Irvington			100.00	Historical Society	25.82
Little Genesee			384.68	Ministerial Retirement	121.32 239.67
Little Prairie			26.40	S. D. B. Building	48.11
Los Angeles			137.00	General Conference	160.47 4.50
Los Angeles, Christ's			15.00	World Fellowship	
Lost Creek	159.18		456.59	and Service	11.03
Marlboro			648.00	Bank of Milton,	
Middle Island			46.17	service charges	1.16
Milton	332.16		3,125.65	Totals	\$1,493.28 \$ 355.67
Milton Junction			678.55	* By vote of the Evangelical Church, "no part of . . . amount is to go to the National Council."	

Comparative Figures

	Total Budget		Normal	
Total Budget	\$37,000			
Receipts for October	\$1,557.18	4.20%	\$3,083.33	8 1/3%
Receipts for November	1,558.98	4.20%	3,083.33	8 1/3%
Receipts for December	2,386.43	6.45%	3,083.34	8 1/3%
Receipts for January	2,639.98	7.13%	3,083.33	8 1/3%
Receipts for February	2,772.63	7.52%	3,083.33	8 1/3%
Receipts for March	3,004.25	8.12%	3,083.34	8 1/3%
Receipts for April	2,733.45	7.39%	3,083.33	8 1/3%
Receipts for May	2,607.46	7.12%	3,083.33	8 1/3%
Receipts for June	1,495.28	4.00%	3,083.33	8 1/3%
Totals	\$20,755.64	56.13%	\$27,750.00	75%
Special gifts, designated:				
October to April	\$3,748.76			
May	751.72			
June	355.67			
Total	\$4,856.15			

Milton, Wis.

D. Nelson Inglis,
Acting Treasurer.

A Prayer for Our Times

Dear God, may we as children of the world feel the need to be united. Help us to do unto others as we would have them do unto us. Help us not to be so proud of our race that we cannot humble ourselves to help others of another race.

Dear God, we know they need our prayers. May we all over the world learn of Thee, and be happily united. May we live so others can see your marvelous way of life and become Christians.

Wanda Van Horn.

REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY TO KEEP IT HOLY.