

The Sabbath Recorder

I Need Not Stand Alone

Elizabeth Fisher Davis

I need not stand alone
 Before the judgment seat,
 For Jesus will be there
 Oh — what a comfort sweet!
 For o'er my sins He'll throw
 His robe of righteousness:
 And I can go with Him
 To the home of light and bliss.

The spotless Lamb of God
 Was offered up for me.
 He lived and suffered, bled and died
 From sin to set me free.
 Oh what a joy is mine!
 Oh — how I praise His name!
 His merits, not my own,
 Save me from death and shame.

I need not stand alone.
 Oh may this life of mine
 Show forth my deepest gratitude
 For all His love divine.
 Accept and trust His grace;
 Then flees the fear of hell.
 None who accept need stand alone;
 He's there — and all is well.

those in the area who might be interested in attending the services.

The pressing need for such a gathering has become more and more evident since the Los Angeles Church moved into its new building in the northern part of the county over two years ago. This made it more difficult for some of the members to attend with regularity, made it difficult for the church to serve its members at that distance, and, during the ensuing two and one-half years, others have moved into the southern area. Also new contacts have been made with other Sabbathkeepers who were seeking a church home and place of service.

The meetings will be known by the name, "Sabbath Christian Fellowship," and will be nondenominational in nature. Any Sabbathkeepers residing in the area are cordially invited to these services. — An Observer.

Marriages

Viscosi-Sholtz. — John Viscosi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Viscosi of Oneida, N. Y., and Twila V. Sholtz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Sholtz of Oneida, were united in marriage on Oct. 3, 1954, in the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Verona, N. Y., by Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, pastor. The couple will reside at Oneida Castle, N. Y.

Obituaries

Randolph. — Corliss Fitz, son of Franklin and Elizabeth (Fox) Fitz Randolph, was born at New Milton, W. Va., July 24, 1863, and died at his home in Maplewood, N. J., Nov. 6, 1954.

Dr. Randolph was educated in the public schools of West Virginia and at Alfred University, being graduated in 1888. For more than a half century he was an eminently successful educator. For thirty-one years he was principal of the Fifteenth Avenue School of Newark, N. J., retiring in 1933.

An ardent Seventh Day Baptist and active in his church and denomination, his major activity, a service of love, was in the Historical Society, of which he was the president and founder. He gave much time in research in the history of Seventh Day Baptists in America and in Europe. For thirty years he was president of the American Sabbath Tract Society. For more than forty years Dr. Randolph served as clerk of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of New York City.

Corliss Fitz Randolph and Marion Melissa Howard were married in 1890. To them was born a daughter, Mildred. Some years after the death of Mrs. Randolph, he was united in marriage with Mrs. Grace Dawson Bell, who, with his daughter, Mildred, survives him. He

also leaves three brothers: Iseus Fitz Randolph of Plainfield, N. J., Esle Fitz Randolph of Fairmont, W. Va., and Roy Fitz Randolph of New Milton, W. Va.

The funeral service was held at his late home in Maplewood with Rev. Harold R. Crandall, former pastor of the New York City Church, officiating, assisted by Rev. Carl R. Maxson, present supply of that church, and Dr. Ralph E. Davis, pastor of Morrow Memorial Methodist Church in Maplewood. Rev. John G. Schmid shared in the service at the place of interment in Hillside Cemetery, Plainfield.
 H. R. C.

Whipple. — Eola Luella, daughter of Freeborn and Amanda Potter Hamilton, was born at Alfred Station, N. Y., Feb. 27, 1866, and died in Fanwood, N. J., Nov. 2, 1954.

A graduate of Alfred University, she taught school for a number of years. She was united in marriage with Herbert G. Whipple of Ashaway, R. I. Their home was in New York City and later in Yonkers. For about fifteen years after Mr. Whipple's death, Mrs. Whipple made her home in Westerly, R. I. In failing health the past five years, she has been with her son, F. Hamilton Whipple, of Dobbs Ferry, N. Y., and with her daughter, Georgeola (Mrs. Robert Adams) of Fanwood, N. J. She is survived by her children and by four granddaughters. Mrs. Whipple was a member of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church of Westerly.

The funeral service was held at the Schilke Funeral Home in Westerly on Nov. 5, Rev. Harold R. Crandall and Rev. Charles H. Bond officiating. Interment was in Oak Grove Cemetery, Ashaway.
 H. R. C.

Kenyon. — Minnie G. Crandall, daughter of George and Miranda Irish Crandall, was born at Rockville, R. I., May 27, 1875, and died in Westerly, R. I., Nov. 12, 1954.

Fifty-seven years ago Minnie became the wife of Charles N. Kenyon of Hopkinton. Besides her husband she leaves four sons: Howard C., Ralph S., Grant V., and Gillette C., all of Ashaway. There are six grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. She also leaves a brother, George V. Crandall, of Wakefield, R. I. Early in life Mrs. Kenyon united with the Rockville Seventh Day Baptist Church, transferring her membership to the Second Hopkinton Church after her marriage.

The funeral service was held at the Buckler Funeral Home in Westerly, Rev. Harold R. Crandall officiating. Interment was in Oak Grove Cemetery, Ashaway.
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Baptist Principles

Ecclesiastical churches assume that defini-
tions of right and wrong must be handed
down to the populace by authority of
those who know. Our Baptist polity looks
to the individual, his local associations
with believers, and to his study of the
Bible for these definitions. This, of course,
does not deny the importance of conven-
tion resolutions and statements which call
our attention to areas of life which need
study and prayerful analysis.

THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH

As we enter again what we have come to
call the Advent season we are again
brought face to face with the wonder of
the beginning of the Gospel story. Al-
though John's Gospel omits the details of
the birth of Christ, the story that is told
in his first chapter is in some respects
more tender and more wonderful than
the more earth-centered records of Mat-
thew and Luke. However, the three ac-
counts are as complementary as the angles
of a circle; we need them all.

John's Gospel begins with the preincar-
nate Word. He affirms that the origin of
the world was by the Word at creation.
Since no one was present at creation but
the triune Creator all knowledge of the
event had to be by revelation. When the
fulness of time came for the Redeemer of
the world to enter the life stream of hu-
manity, the significance of that event could
only be known to the witnesses of it by
revelation. It is not so with us who have
been able to view the life of Christ as a
whole and to experience the redemptive
miracle in our lives.

Mary was the first and only woman in
all history who gave birth to a child with-
out having known a man. The conception
was announced by an angel. A heavenly
visitant also came to Joseph who was to
be the foster father. These and the na-
tivity angels brought the revelation from
God that this was the birth of the Son
of the Highest. Similar revelation came
to far-off wise men and through the Holy
Spirit to the godly Simeon and the pro-
phetess Anna. At this stage there was noth-
ing unique about the child himself, but all
knowledge of his destiny had to be by
revelation. This knowledge was recorded
by trustworthy writers who had access to
the persons receiving the heavenly visit-
ations.

Revelation from God was blended in the
beginning of John's Gospel with his own
personal experience with Christ. He could
not say from personal experience, "In
the beginning was the Word, and the
Word was with God, and the Word was
God," or that all things were made by
this one who was the preincarnate Word.
But personal experience does enter the
picture at the fourteenth verse where he
records, "The Word was made flesh, and
dwelt among us." It is further emphasized

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when he adds, "and we beheld his glory,
the glory as of the only begotten of the
Father."

"The Word was made flesh." John, the
most intimate in his relationship to Jesus,
the one who felt most wonderfully the
love which Jesus bestowed upon His dis-
ciples — John was much closer historically
to the incarnation of God than we are.
Yet his experience is something that some-
how bridges the gap for us much better
than the historical descriptions of the
other evangelists. They tell the story of
the experiences of shepherds and wise
men; John tells his own experience, taking
the others into the compass of that same
experience when he says so glowingly,
wonderingly, "We beheld his glory, the
glory as of the only begotten of the
Father."

Because of the experience on the Mount
of Transfiguration (to which Peter also
refers), and all the other glorious exper-
iences of God in Christ Jesus, John is
able to open heaven's gates for all subse-
quent believers. We who were not privi-
leged to hear the angels at His birth or
see them at the empty tomb — we can have
the transforming joy of knowing that the
Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

That same Word, though now absent in
the flesh is present in the Spirit. At this
season we remind ourselves again that
we can walk with Him and talk with Him
and trust in His redeeming love.

SEASONAL RADIO AND TV PROGRAMS

Many are the radio and TV programs at
this time of year that ought to have the
hearty support of Christian people. It
is a matter of information and choice, a
question of whose hand is on the dial.
First of all, we ought to hear and view as
many of the Gospel programs as we can
— those that are sponsored by individual
churches or recognized evangelists. Then
there are many put on by interdenomi-
national organizations through free-time
grants. We could mention a number that
are sponsored by the National Council of
Churches. Much publicity has come across
our desk concerning the radio program,
"Thy Kingdom Come," which began on

MEMORY TEXT

And the Word was made flesh, and
dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory,
the glory as of the only begotten of the
Father,) full of grace and truth. John
1: 14.

November 20 and will continue for 22
weeks, sponsored by the Broadcasting and
Film Commission. It is called an "off-beat"
religious program but it undoubtedly has
strong popular appeal.

On the ABC network on December 19
at 5:30 p.m., EST, there will be a dramatic
program, "No Room at the Inn." "The
Greatest Story Ever Told," of which this
is a part, is one of the outstanding pro-
grams on the air. It has won more honors
than any other program, and the fact that
it carries no commercial announcement
whatever, though sponsored by one of our
country's leading companies, makes it even
more unusual.

There are quite a number of TV pro-
grams which have a definite Christian
emphasis and some commercial programs
that occasionally bring out Christian con-
victions in a clear-cut way. We trust that
many of our readers were privileged to
see the "Cavalcade of America" on Novem-
ber 30 when it featured the great mission-
aries Ann and Adoniram Judson in
"Ordeal in Burma."

Our use of radio and TV ought to be
on the same basis as our use of literature
and entertainment in general. We have
no reason to be proud of our established
habits of giving if we do not also budget
carefully our entertainment. It should be
"shame, thrice shame upon us" if we be
found habitually choosing entertainment
programs when solid Christian programs
are available. Let us choose the best.

Sabbath Thought

Note that it was the day which God
blessed and sanctified, not the institution.
The sanctifying of the seventh day made
the institution of the Sabbath. The impor-
tance of the day lies in this action of God.
Its significance cannot be transferred to
another day. — L. G. O., in Ashaway
Messenger.

Secretary's Column

"Across the Executive Secretary's Desk"

What does a denominational executive secretary do? In the thinking of this particular executive secretary, two basic factors control. One is that an executive secretary works with people and so far as possible assists them in doing their jobs by tapping their thinking, discussion with them, and supplying a certain amount of information and material. In this phase of the job the secretary, of necessity, tries to keep himself in the background as much as possible. The second factor of such a task is that it is extremely varied and the secretary must guard against "mounting his horse and riding off in every direction."

A few of the items which have occupied the time of this executive secretary since Conference are listed below.

(a) Correspondence arising out of Conference itself — courtesy letters, transmittal of resolutions, notifications of elections and appointments.

(b) Visitation to a newly recognized church, delivering the morning message, and informal reports to agencies which can most readily assist this church to get on its feet.

(c) Notification to association officers of matters referred to them by Conference.

(d) Attendance at annual meetings and board meetings of our major denominational agencies — active participation in discussion of Conference references to these agencies.

(e) Arrangement for our participation in the Biennial Assembly of the National Council of Churches.

(f) "Dream up" promotional angles on Denominational Budget and presentation of them through the Secretary's Column of the Sabbath Recorder and by direct appeal.

(g) Participation in a workshop committee of the Western Association with a view to development of a program for recommendation throughout the denomination.

(h) Supply of material and information for Conference-appointed Committee on Publications.

(i) Arranging of agenda for December meetings of Co-ordinating Council and Commission.

(j) Collection of data for work on Ministerial Relations and replying to church letters asking such data.

(k) Preparation and distribution of bulletin to ministers on Federal Social Security.

(l) Answering inquiries from groups outside the denomination.

(m) Keeping Commission informed of problems arising and actions taken.

An Ideal Christmas Gift

It would be hard to find a religious or secular magazine that did not claim to be an ideal Christmas gift. The Sabbath Recorder also makes that claim. The Women's Board in its current newsletter to the women in all of our churches has encouraged such gift subscriptions. We believe that for Seventh Day Baptists no gift could be more appropriate, more appreciated, or bring more pleasure to the giver than one or more prepaid subscriptions sent to those of our loved ones or acquaintances who would not otherwise enjoy the weekly visits of our denominational paper. It pulls at our heartstrings to note that some of our underpaid pastors and foreign missionaries are foremost in this matter of gift subscriptions.

The time is short; we would like to make it easy for you. Why not include a note with some of your Christmas greeting cards saying, "We are sending you the Sabbath Recorder for 1955"? At the same time you can send the money to our office or ask the office to bill you. If there is a Recorder agent in your church she (or he) will be glad to handle the subscription for you. By special arrangement new subscribers may receive also a year's subscription to "The Upper Room" as a bonus gift at the regular price (\$3.00 per year).

We believe that a gift like the Sabbath Recorder should not be sent to new friends unannounced. You should tell them about it and should continue through the year to call to their attention articles which have helped you.

CORLISS FITZ RANDOLPH 1863 - 1954

An Appreciation

J. Nelson Norwood

The passing from earth of Dr. Corliss F. Randolph, November 6, at the advanced age of 91 years, removed from our midst the Nestor among our denominational leaders. For seventy years of adult life he has been at the forefront in promoting the name and tenets of Seventh Day Baptists. Few in our membership but have listened to or read his ripe wisdom. Most of us have seen and heard him at our denominational meetings. Many knew him personally, valued his friendship, and had felt the warmth of his handshake and smile.

Loyalty to our cause deeply colored his busy life. For many years he was president of the American Sabbath Tract Society, and guided its sacred activities. His related service as chairman of the old "Committee on Denominational Literature," was outstanding. For many years the output of that committee in tracts, leaflets, and booklets bore the marks of his devoted care. His most ambitious publication was the well-known "History of Seventh Day Baptists in West Virginia," of which the present writer has a prized, autographed copy.

A happy hobby with him was the collecting, classifying, and preserving of the denominational records of every sort. He was a prime mover in the formation of the "Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society"; and the library which it has sponsored and built up. There, within its richly packed walls, with his loyal associate, Miss Evalois St. John, Dr. Randolph has labored among his beloved collections.

A few years ago that urge to discovery sent him, at an age when most men would prefer slippers and a bathrobe, to hunting among historical collections in England for Seventh Day Baptist records and relics. He well knew the value of the past in understanding the present, and labored intelligently to make that rich heritage available.

An 1888 graduate of Alfred University, which he long served as a trustee, our friend went on to more advanced study.

Professionally he became widely known and honored as principal of a public school in Newark, N. J., where he served fruitfully for many years.

Collectively the denomination has lost a devoted and dedicated volunteer servant. We all individually mourn a stimulating, sincere, warm-hearted friend. Also we extend our sympathy to the widow and daughter in their sorrow and loneliness.

Midyear Commission Meeting

The Commission of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference will hold its midyear meeting in Salem, W. Va., the week following Christmas. Members of the Commission are: Rev. Elmo F. Randolph, Milton, Wis.; Dr. Lloyd D. Seager, Little Rock, Ark.; Clarence M. Rogers, Salem, W. Va.; Albyn Mackintosh, Los Angeles, Calif.; Rev. Charles H. Bond, Westerly, R. I.; and Rev. Earl Cruzan, Adams Center, N. Y. The executive secretary of the denomination, A. Burdet Crofoot, Alfred, N. Y., is also secretary to the Commission and prepares the agenda for the meetings. The midyear meeting will probably seek to further implement the decisions of the last General Conference, will review the president's program plans for the next Conference session, will make such interim decisions as are necessary, and will discuss problems and long-range plans.

Correction Please

On pages 259 of the December 6 issue the editor stated that the Sabbath school lessons in the Helping Hand for the first quarter of 1955 will not follow the International Lesson topics. He would like to correct that. The topics are similar, but the treatment will be different in those points of doctrine where Seventh Day Baptists differ from some other Protestants. The International Lessons are entitled "Christian Teaching" and deal with the Bible, the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit, man, grace, new life, the church, prayer, Christian living, etc. We still maintain that every adult class should study what our own pastors have written on these subjects in the Helping Hand. An extra supply will be available this time for late orders.

1954 YEAR BOOKS NOW AVAILABLE

Few people realize the painstaking care with which items are checked and double checked before they appear in printed form in our Year Book. The matter of correctness of names alone is a big responsibility — names which are submitted by so many different people and groups intending to be careful and consistent but frequently failing. The editing of such a volume is far more difficult and exacting than of almost any other type of book of similar size.

The point of this notice is that the new Year Book has now been edited, printed, bound, and mailed to the churches in the usual quantities, which is roughly 10 copies for each 100 members. More copies may be ordered by the churches if needed. The sale price of the book is \$1.50.

Unlike other books, in which the author or editor is featured on the title page, it is hard to find the name of the editor. On page 60, in the list of nominations, one will find that the editor is Miss Hazel V. Gamble, Box 708, Plainfield, N. J. For many years she was the proofreader at the Recorder Press. None of the many others who have been working hard on this publication receive credit within the volume.

Although the Year Book material supposedly does not go beyond the minutes of the General Conference held in August there has been an attempt made to bring the addresses of ministers and other leaders up to date. The editor regrets that the name of the new recording secretary of the Women's Board, Mrs. Leland E. Davis, 619 North Ave., Battle Creek, Mich., was received too late to be included. One of the latest items included is the date of the next General Conference at Fayetteville, Ark., August 15-20, 1955. It is found on the back cover.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for December 25, 1954

The Coming of God's Son

Lesson Scripture:

Isaiah 9: 6-7; John 1: 1-4, 10-14;
1 John 4: 9-11.

STIRRING THE HEART

H. N. Wheeler

The editorial, "Emotionalism in Meetings," in the September 13 number of the Sabbath Recorder hit the nail right on the head. If Christians really believe what they profess they will testify for Christ by word and deed and will sometimes show enthusiasm in so doing.

A salesman of any product or idea must be enthusiastic about what he is selling or he gets no buyers. The pitch lady must convince her listeners they need hair tonic, or lotion or what have you, or none will buy. In this political year how many men were elected to offices unless the voters were inspired to believe the bidders for popular approval had the energy, strength, and Christian fortitude to fill the offices they sought. Public addresses, TV, and radio did more than recount the virtues of the aspirants, in mild discussions.

A football coach will get nowhere in his pep talk if he doesn't get really enthusiastic in his appeal. We have all bought books, stocks, or magazine subscriptions that we didn't need or want, because a high-pressure salesman induced us to buy. A conservation lecturer must give his listeners the urge to plant trees, stop soil erosion, and prevent forest fires or his address is a failure.

If a preacher cannot inspire his listeners with a desire to live better lives, and to wish to see others accept Christ he is in the wrong job. He cannot do it unless he himself is inspired and able to inspire others. Perhaps, years ago there was a bit too much emotionalism aroused by high-pressure evangelists, but can we be sure? (I never saw any such thing.) It is well to draw the line between emotionalism and inspiration. So far as the writer knows no Seventh Day Baptist pastor or evangelist overdid the emotional appeal.

Religion is fully 90% a matter of the heart so the heart must be stirred, and if a few tears are shed, that, too, is good for the soul. A person may be convinced by intellectual study and teachings that Christ is real and that he needs Him; but if the Holy Spirit doesn't enter his soul he is not a full Christian.

We have no doubt all read "Mrs. Billy Graham Tells the Story," in November

Reader's Digest. We laymen are, or should be, salesmen of the greatest thing in the world, and the minister should be a high-pressure salesman and use every method at his command with enthusiasm.

CALIFORNIA CALLS

Rev. Leon R. Lawton

Seventh Day Baptists are scattered the length of the State of California. At present there are only three active pastored churches, all in Southern California, but there have been active churches in the central and northern part of the state. These were known as the Reedley-Dinuba and the Healdsburg-Ukiah Churches, and have now become inactive because members have moved away and they lack active pastors.

In seeking to keep in touch with the families of Seventh Day Baptists in California, the Pacific Coast Association has authorized visitation trips to be made each year by the pastors. The aim of these trips is to keep contact, to hold services and/or Bible studies, to encourage and counsel with lone Sabbathkeepers, and to seek for enlargement of the work of witness to the Gospel and the Sabbath made by Seventh Day Baptists on the Pacific Coast.

Pastor Leon R. Lawton of the Los Angeles Church recently made a 10-day trip of over 2,000 miles. Over 100 contacts were to be made, but slightly less than 50% were completed. Forty-two calls were completed, 29 families or individuals were not at home, seven had moved and left no address, eight were contacted by phone, and over 25 were by-passed because of their being too far from the route traveled or because of time.

Many of these Sabbathkeepers are members of our churches in the East. Others have made contact with the association or Seventh Day Baptists and are seeking a church home where they can worship and serve the Lord. Some new contacts were made through those who are active in their witness for the Lord, though not having the privilege of a local church home. Four meetings were held and several personal Bible studies conducted.

This area holds many opportunities for work for Seventh Day Baptists. The Macedonian cry sounded from many lips — the cry for a leader, a home missionary to come and lead, inspire, and teach the things of God. Here is a call to adventure — spiritual adventure just as thrilling and challenging as any our forefathers knew in crossing the western plains. Here are hungry hearts. Would that God might raise up a circuit rider with vision for the challenging task, with consecration to overcome mountainous difficulties, with devotion to inspire all whom he meets! The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few! Can we not find our place as Christ commands: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest?"

The Gospel on Quemoy Island

Tiny Nationlist-held Quemoy Island, off the Red China mainland, has been front-page news because of recent Communist shellings and the imminent threat of a Communist invasion. When the Red Chinese decide to invade Nationlist Formosa, it is very likely that Quemoy will be the first battleground.

In the light of Quemoy Island's present world significance, Christians will rejoice to know that the Pocket Testament League in 1951 distributed 45,000 Gospel portions on the tiny island. The total population of Quemoy is 49,485.

Pocket Testament League Evangelists Andrew Lu and Harry Liu, who headed the campaign, obtained the help of Madam Chiang Kai-shek and a Christian general in the Nationalist Army to secure military transportation and permission to distribute Scripture portions on the Nationalist outpost island. The Scriptures were doubly appreciated by the Nationalist soldiers because it was the first literature they had been allowed to read since the Communists had attempted to smuggle in propaganda from Hong Kong.

Following the three-week campaign, 13,000 signed decision slips and many enrolled in a correspondence course for the study of the Gospel of John. No matter what the future holds for Quemoy, the seed has been sown and will continue to bear fruit.

Southwestern News Letter

One of our smallest printed publications is the quarterly Southwestern News Letter published by Elder Clifford Beebe at Pomona Park, Fla., and edited this year by Miss Mary Fisher, Conway, Ark. Though small it is full of life and is cherished by a wide circle of readers who receive it free of charge. The November issue contains news from Nady, Fouke, Gentry, and Little Rock, Ark., as well as from Paint Rock, Ala. It also tells about the association meeting at Edinburg, Tex., the coming General Conference at Mount Sequoyah Camp Grounds at Fayetteville, Ark., and the young people's camp held at Columbus, Tex. Recorder readers should note that two of the 11 campers from the Hammond, La., Church, Louise and Betty Joyce Hutchinson, failed to get mentioned in the good story of Camp M-I-L-E-S which appeared in our November 22 issue.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

WHITE CLOUD, MICH. — The year has brought a number of material and spiritual blessings to the church, some of which have been previously reported.

Completed during the year were the erection of the road signs at each main highway entrance to the town and an illuminated sign in front of the church. The auditorium and Sabbath school room floors have been beautifully refinished. A small house and lot next to the church were purchased for future development of the church property. The Memorial Fund indebtedness incurred at the time the church was built has been reduced almost to the zero mark with \$325 reported as having been paid on it during the year.

Gifts to interdenominational work included \$21.25 to the American Bible Society and \$24.51 to One Great Hour of Sharing. The penny-a-meal boxes, widely used in our group, brought in a total of \$216 which was sent to the Denominational Budget. The Ladies' Aid raised \$540 and disbursed to various causes \$490.

In addition to a full schedule of services on 52 Sabbaths the pastor reported at the annual meeting in October that the church had been blessed through the preaching mission in April, led by Rev. E. H. Bottoms. — Gleaned from News.

Something You Need

In order to properly discuss the Sabbath school lessons for the first quarter of 1955 every member of a class which is using the Helping Hand would do well to have a personal copy of *Seventh Day Baptist Beliefs (A Manual for Study)*. This 100-page paper-bound book is available from the American Sabbath Tract Society now at the absurdly low price of 25 cents per copy. Teachers and class members need this supplementary material to go with the lessons on Christian Teaching as developed by our own writers. It would be well for teachers to compare it with what the various interdenominational writers have prepared on the same subjects.

Obituaries

Larkin. — Ruth Anna, the daughter of Asahel and Ruth Potter Larkin, was born in Bradford, R. I., Aug. 17, 1864, and died in Westerly, R. I., Nov. 25, 1954.

Surviving her are a nephew, Charles S. Larkin, of Westerly; three nieces: Mrs. Anna Henderson, of Westerly, with whom she made her home; Mrs. Gertrude Hoxsie, of Wakefield; and Mrs. Ruth James, of Providence. Miss Larkin was a member of the Second Westerly Seventh Day Baptist Church at Niantic (now Bradford).

The funeral service was held at the Schilke Funeral Home, Rev. Harold R. Crandall officiating. Interment was in River Bend Cemetery.
H. R. C.

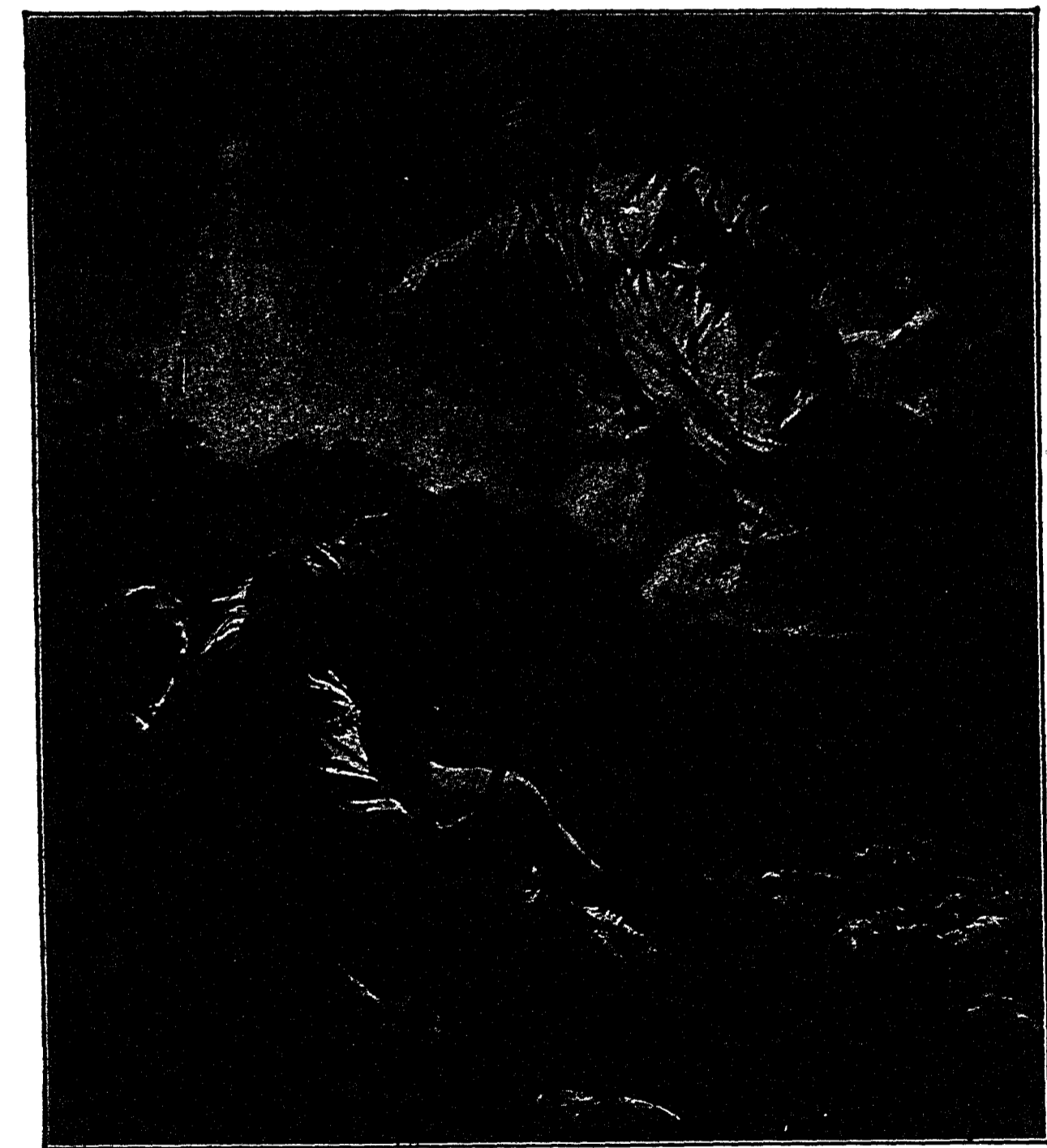
Baxter. — Bertrice Nancy, daughter of Nathan and Clara Baxter, was born in Kasson, Minn., May 18, 1902, and died in Los Angeles, Calif., Oct. 17, 1954.

After the death of her mother in 1912 Bertrice made her home with her sister and husband, Effie and Roy Houston in Riverside, Calif. She was a member of the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church and was at one time president of the County C. E. Union. Graduated with honors from Milton College, she took advanced work in Los Angeles University and devoted her life to teaching, attaining wide recognition as a secondary school principal in the Los Angeles school system.

Farewell services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Alton L. Wheeler, and interment was in Olivewood Cemetery, Riverside. On November 21 a memorial service was held at Palms Junior High School at which time a fund was raised to purchase a memorial electric organ for the auditorium.

Survivors in Riverside are her sister, Mrs. Effie Houston and a brother, Richard; a brother, Glenn, of Alameda, Calif.; and two other sisters, Gertrude Felton of Buena Park, and Mrs. Grace Dunlap of Everett, Wash.
E. H.

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While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down,
And glory shone around.