

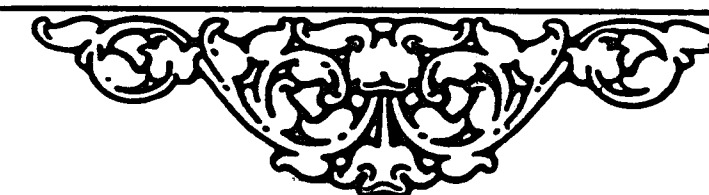
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Sharon's Rose

A Persian fable says: "One day
A wanderer found a lump of clay
So redolent of sweet perfume
Its odors scented all the room.
'What art thou?' was his quick demand
'Art thou some gem from Samarkand,
Or spikenard in this rude disguise,
Or other costly merchandise?'
'Nay: I am but a lump of clay.'

"Then whence this wondrous perfume — say!
'Friend, if the secret I disclose,
I have been dwelling with the rose.'"
Sweet parable! and will not those
Who love to dwell with Sharon's Rose,
Distil sweet odors all around,
Though low and mean themselves are found?
Dear Lord, abide with us that we
May draw our perfume fresh from Thee.

— Author Unknown.



tivities have necessarily been suspended there has been a spirit of co-operation and attendance has been good with a few exceptions.

We have been enjoying special music by Mrs. Anne Post Bergh. Miss Constance Coon of Ashaway, R. I., a student at the Baptist Missionary Training School, has been a regular attendant and has assumed leadership of the Junior class in Sabbath school. — Correspondent.

ALFRED STATION, N. Y. — Going out two by two as the apostles of old, fourteen men canvassed the membership of the Second Alfred Church and residents of the Alfred Station community February 20 to March 2. They were dedicated to the task in the service February 19 after making their own pledges.

Mrs. Harley Sutton, chairman of the Church Stewardship Committee, conducted a series of training sessions for the canvassers. At the final meeting it was announced that pledges of the canvassers and members of the stewardship committee, with those of the youth group, amounted to over 40 per cent of the goal which is \$5,864.

A special piece of equipment being used consists of turn-over charts prepared in co-operation with the New York State Baptist Convention and A. Burdet Crofoot, executive secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference. Rev. Don A. Sanford of Independence, whose church is also engaged in a similar campaign, was another consultant. The charts carry pictures and descriptions of the church activities during the past year and plans for future work.

The Stewardship Committee has sent letters to the nonresident members enclosing personal messages written by women of the congregation. A tureen dinner was served Sabbath noon at the church under the direction of Mrs. Ralph Colegrove following which a play, entitled "Thanksgiving Ann," was read by the youth group. — Alfred Sun.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON for March 26, 1955

The Christian and the Social Order
Lesson Scripture: Matthew 5: 13-16;
Romans 13: 8-10; 1 Peter 4: 12-16.

Marriages

Monroe - Mick. — Nathan O. Monroe of Fouke, Ark., and Mrs. Emerald Mae Mick of Bridgeton, N. J., were united in marriage at Texarkana, Ark., March 2, 1955, with Rev. T. R. Sutton performing the ceremony.

Ylvisaker - Bowers. — Ronald Keith Ylvisaker and Mary Rachel Bowers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Bowers, of Milton, Wis., were united in marriage in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church on Friday evening, Feb. 25, with the bride's pastor, Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph, officiating.

Obituaries

Whitford. — Clinton S., the son of Schuyler S. and Mae Sherman Whitford, was born Feb. 25, 1910, and died unexpectedly in his home at Alfred Station, N. Y., Jan. 21, 1955.

He joined the Second Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church in August, 1924. He was also a member of the Alfred Station Volunteer Fire Co., and his skill with motors was well known in the area. For some time he operated the Valley Garage.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Hurley S. Warren and Rev. Albert N. Rogers and burial was in the Alfred Rural Cemetery. Survivors include his mother, two sisters, Mrs. Clair Bennett and Mrs. Richard Stimson of Hornell, N. Y., and an aunt, Mrs. Ellen S. Raisch of Alfred Station. A. N. R.

Branch. — Erastus G., son of Erastus G., Sr., and Emily Stoughton Branch was born near Hartford in Van Buren County, Mich., on June 15, 1864, and died Feb. 9, 1955, in White Cloud, Mich.

Funeral services were conducted from the church by his pastor, Rev. Orville W. Babcock, on Sabbath, February 12, and burial was in Prospect Hill Cemetery. (See story of his life on another page.) O. W. B.

Randolph. — Cora Elizabeth, daughter of Booth and Rebecca Bond, was born at Berlin, W. Va., Sept. 5, 1877, and died in the Union Protestant Hospital, Clarksburg, W. Va., Feb. 22, 1955.

On Aug. 20, 1901, she was wed to Deacon Roy Fitz Randolph who preceded her in death by one month. She was an active worker in the Middle Island Church although she was a member of the Lost Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church for 65 years.

Surviving are two daughters, Greta, and Mrs. Kenneth (Mary) Hulin, both of Salem; one brother, Otto R. Bond of Rancho-Mirage, Calif.; and one sister, Mrs. S. Erlow (Antha) Davis of Jane Lew, W. Va.

Farewell services were held in the Middle Island Seventh Day Baptist Church, conducted by her pastor, Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel and Dr. James L. Skaggs. Burial was in the Brick Church Cemetery at Lost Creek, W. Va.

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Sober Reflection Needed

Special attention is called to the Secretary's Column and to the Denominational Budget figures on the back page. Do not read one without the other. We would like to understand why so many churches let down in February after giving well in January. But, as Secretary Crofoot points out, improvement this month is more important than investigation of the failure of last month. We hope that Seventh Day Baptists are sufficiently devoted so that if bad weather keeps them from church it doesn't diminish their support of our missionary cause.

MAN OF THE HOUR

The secular and the religious press appear to be unanimous in designating Evangelist Billy Graham as the "Man of the Hour." He is the most effective, the most talked-about, and most listened-to evangelist of the current generation. To deny it is to go counter to the judgment of the world's best news analysts. The daily press, the editors of secular and religious weeklies marvel at his power to move men. He has won the admiration of an openly hostile British press and an indifferent American press. His principal opposition appears to stem now from religious liberals who are reluctant to accept his straightforward preaching of "Thus saith the Lord."

The national stature of this man of God is well illustrated by the American Legion "Back to God" TV program seen a few weeks ago. The American Legion picked Billy Graham to appear on the same program with President Eisenhower, giving him equal time with the President. But why seek illustrations? There are too many of them. Millions no doubt saw Dr. Graham Sunday, March 6, on one of TV's most prominent spots, "Meet the Press." None can deny he conducted himself admirably through a maze of questions, many of which seemed designed to discredit his ministry. In every answer he modestly and convincingly presented Christ and the Word of God to the listening and viewing audience.

Billy Graham is big news. He appeared in New York's Madison Square Garden Thursday night, March 3. The papers, of course, were full of it. The next issue of Newsweek, coming to our desk Wednesday, March 9, devoted practically all of its religious section to stories of that great meeting.

Your editor and his 12-year-old son were among those who emerged from the subway in front of Madison Square Garden half an hour ahead of the scheduled time of meeting only to be told that the doors were already closed. We were among the first 2,000 to gather in the barricaded street near the loud-speakers and the sound truck where the evangelist conducted a brief street meeting an hour later for over 8,000 listeners.

Evangelists are frequently charged with fostering emotionalism — often by critics

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who were not present. Certainly there was none of it there. People who stand unseeing in the cold night wind for more than an hour in clothes selected for an indoor meeting are not in an emotionally prepared atmosphere. But in that street crowd there were hundreds of hands raised instantly when the clear-cut invitation was given. They were all around us. People were moved as by the Spirit of God. Of course the follow-up could not be as well organized as on the inside where there were personal workers. To the best of our knowledge most of those who raised their hands continued to stand in the street for another hour to listen to the sermon.

When the popularity of Billy Graham began to climb with the notable conversions of the first Los Angeles tent meetings about 5 years ago, some of us were in the audience. We have rejoiced to see the beginnings of national and international revival under his preaching through the years. When he is asked how he explains his success, he frankly answers that he does not know except that the Holy Spirit has been pleased to work through him. We would say the same thing. We cannot explain it by any human standards.

Near the beginning of the Passion Week the high priest Caiaphas, seeing the popularity of Jesus, counseled the expediency of cutting Him down, as we have mentioned in a previous article. Not long afterwards the priests and the Pharisee Gamaliel were greatly disturbed by the influence of Peter and John who preached with such power. It was again a question as to whether it would be best to try to cut down the preacher. Gamaliel summed up the case thus: "But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found to fight against God." Acts 5: 39.

All generations have called that sound advice. It was given by one who was certainly not approving all of the preaching of Peter. The evidence seems to be mounting that the critics of Billy Graham in both the British and American press are found "fighting against God." If there is hesitancy on the part of Sabbath-keepers about giving full support to this mightily-used evangelist because he keeps

not the Sabbath, that may be justifiable, but his Gospel is the same as ours and his methods are above reproach. How much better to surround the man with our prayers that his ministry may continue to bring sinners, repentant, to the foot of the cross. He goes now to Scotland where 600,000 reservations have been taken and 6,000 personal workers are prepared to help lead souls to Christ.

Ashamed of Biblical Theology?

Further comment on the World Council in the very liberal Universalist Leader may not help us much in evaluating the Evanston Assembly but it is quite an aid in understanding the liberal attitude. We quote Robert B. Trapp: "While few World Council members are what Americans would describe as fundamentalists, there is a strong inclination to make a 'Biblical theology' normative. . . . Liberals would argue that the Bible is an ancient and dated book, not only in trivial matters such as geology, but often in more central matters."

After quoting a couple of instances in which delegates voiced difficulty in accommodating their actions to the Bible the writer sums it up thus:

"These instances should remind ecumenical Christians that they must transcend the Bible at a number of points. . . . A more radical selectivity will be necessary and this will require the help of philosophy and the social sciences. The goal of a thoroughgoing Biblical theology must surely be abandoned."

The selectivity suggested here could be applied in many directions. For instance, if your idea of an up-to-date quasi-biblical theology does not leave room for the Sabbath, just be a little selective and tell the Lord that you see the Sabbath in the Bible all right but that you are at liberty to discard it. Let's think it over.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON for April 2, 1955

The Cross and Christian Discipleship

Lesson Scripture:

John 12: 20-26; 2 Corinthians 5: 14-19.

sense of "desire." The seventeenth century reader understood the clause to mean "when they lacked wine" just as naturally as the reader of today understands it to mean "when they desired wine." But even so the King James rendering of this clause is an inaccurate paraphrase of the Greek text, and is apt to mislead the English reader.

NEW SABBATH SCHOOL QUARTERLY

With the current quarter there is a change in the editorial preparation of the *Helping Hand*. The first two lessons are a continuation of the series of doctrinal studies entitled "Christian Teaching" and are written by several ministers in the denomination. The remaining eleven lessons are the product of an editorial staff which has collaborated in the writing of each lesson.

At the suggestion of the former editor, the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education through a special committee selected four persons to write the lessons. While the work of previous editors has been of high quality and varied approaches, it is the hope of the Board of Christian Education that the varied backgrounds and experiences of the editors will bring an approach which will create even more interest and stimulation to the students and teachers of the Sabbath schools.

It has seemed best to the staff that for this quarter, little change be made in the general form of the lessons. However, one change should be noted. Instead of the usual listing of Scriptural passages for the Daily Devotions, an attempt has been made to make this section more useable as daily devotions, including with the Scriptures a short prayer, a thought-provoking question, and a quotation to carry with you through the day. A consistent use of these devotions by the family or individual will do much to prepare one for the Sabbath school class each week.

It is hoped that as time goes by, other changes might be made which will make the *Helping Hand* more useable in the home and the church. Suggestions from the users of these quarterlies have been of great value to the editors in the past

and the present editors welcome your constructive criticisms and suggestions.

The Board of Christian Education now introduces the Editorial Staff whose collaborated writings begin after the first two lessons of this quarter:

Rev. Melvin G. Nida, assistant professor of New Testament and Christian Ethics, Alfred School of Theology.

Rev. Don A. Sanford, pastor, Independence, N. Y., Seventh Day Baptist Church and president of the Board of Christian Education.

Mrs. Dora Degen Norwood, formerly professor of English Bible and Religious Education, and dean of women, Alfred University.

Miss Miriam Shaw, R.N., former missionary and now on editorial board of the Sabbath Visitor.

War hero comes to ignominious death.
An American Indian, Ira Hayes, was one of the two Marines remaining from the six who attained fame by planting the American flag on Mt. Suribachi on Iwo Jima in one of the bloodiest battles of World War II. His name has again been in all the papers of the land upon the occasion of his death. Before our eyes is the two-column picture of his grief-stricken mother being comforted by the one surviving Marine, Rene Gagnon. We wonder what solace can be found when all the world knows that her son died of exposure after drinking too much alcohol. A victorious military leader long ago penned the immortal words, "The paths of glory lead but to the grave." He didn't mean the drunkard's grave. The Indian achieved glory by his strength on Iwo Jima 9 years ago only to die in his weakness in Arizona. Let us remember that as citizens we have it within our power to rid the nation of the curse of drink which makes strong men weak and brings heroes to ignominious death. — Ed.

"Totalitarianism both abroad and here is an attack on God, His Son, Jesus Christ, and His Gospel. If these enemies succeed, the Church of God dies, and freedom is no more." — Rev. Jesse Kellems in *Christian Economics*.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

ADAMS CENTER, N. Y. — Last summer the church parlor and the kitchen were remodeled to permit occupancy, as an emergency measure, by the first grade from the public school. An automatic oil burner heating system and modern toilets were installed; water was piped in, and a bottled-gas range was installed. The desks and chairs are movable, which permits our use of the rooms for the customary activities of the church.

Seven members attended the Christian Workers' school at Watertown last fall. Pastor Cruzan served as treasurer of the school.

Church Night is held regularly each month. Games, music, and movies, with a light lunch at the close, make for fellowship. At the January meeting, David Moore showed color movies of the South, taken by him while visiting his parents in Tennessee.

Junior C. E. is held each Sabbath at 3 p.m. Pastor and Mrs. Cruzan each teach a class.

In observance of Youth Week, four members of the intermediate department gave papers concerning different fields of missionary work at the Sabbath morning service. On February 12, Boy Scout Troop No. 35 attended the Sabbath worship service in observance of Boy Scout Week.

The Ladies' Aid Society holds monthly meetings during the entire year. In December a Christmas party with a tree for the children was the center of the program. In January, February, and March tureen dinners are held on a Sunday when the families attend.

Our Sabbath services are enriched by special music by the choir. The robed junior choir furnishes special music the last Sabbath of each month.

The World Day of Prayer service was held at our church February 25 with Mrs. Clara Ehret as leader. Four churches participated.

We rejoice in the ordination of Oscar Burdick at Daytona Beach, Fla. He served our church as student pastor in the summer of 1951. — Mrs. Paul D. Greene, Correspondent.

ALFRED, N. Y. — Two church services at Alfred were of special interest during February. On the 5th, Chi Rho members — the college-age group — had charge of the service in observance of the United Christian Youth Movement Week. David Beebe, Paul Beebe, and Don Richards spoke on various aspects of stewardship. Mrs. Mynor Soper was organist, and all the group joined in reading the Scripture in a litany.

Laymen of the church conducted the service February 26 with "Brotherhood" as the theme. The president of the church, Dr. Willard Sutton, was in charge, with the following men taking part: Richard West, LeRoy Darling, A. Burdet Crofoot, L. Howard Jacob, L. Ray Polan, L. Eugene Reynolds, Robert M. Glover and Winfield F. Randolph. Mr. Polan, Lynn Langworthy, Eugene T. Van Horn and Mr. Crofoot also provided special music with a male quartet.

Two social events, which also raised money, were the spaghetti supper sponsored by the S. D. Fellowship and the annual George Washington tea and bake sale held the 22nd by the Evangelical Society. Both events were at the Parish House. The \$70.14 proceeds from the supper went toward the Camp Harley fireplace fund. — Correspondent.

DERUYTER, N. Y. — Did you know that next year, 1956, will mark the 150th anniversary of the DeRuyter Seventh Day Baptist Church? It was constituted in 1806. It is not too early for us to be starting plans for a celebration of the occasion. May God make us a vital power for His Kingdom work here! — Church bulletin.

Births

Smith. — A son, Donald Scott, to Pastor and Mrs. Kenneth E. Smith of Albion, Wis., on Feb. 24, 1955.

Catlin. — A son, Stephen Michael, to Herbert A. and Dorothy Williams Catlin on Dec. 7, 1954.

Crandall. — A son, Stephen Sherman, to Burton B. and Carol Davis Crandall on Dec. 11, 1954.

Pinder. — A daughter, Carol Lee, to Clayton E. and Leora Sholtz Pinder on March 6, 1955.

DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET
Statement of the Treasurer, February 28, 1955

	Receipts	
	February	5 months
Balance, February 1	\$ 40.21	
Adams Center	167.50*	269.00
Albion	52.42	197.77
Alfred, First	552.90*	1,486.80
Alfred, Second		242.50
Associations and groups		105.66
Battle Creek	20.00	1,885.04
Berlin	18.00	204.00
Boulder	18.86	159.73
Brookfield, First		63.00
Brookfield, Second		43.35
Buffalo	50.00	75.00
Chicago	140.00	585.00
Daytona Beach	54.10	268.70*
Denver	102.79	251.54
De Ruyter	24.00	763.13*
Dodge Center		246.65
Edinburg	14.00	41.36
Farina	15.00	95.00
Fouke		5.00
Friendship		17.00
Hebron, First		50.09
Hopkinton, First	67.40	397.50
Hopkinton, Second		50.00
Independence	61.00*	297.00*
Indianapolis	11.70	54.95
Individuals	5.00	2,088.11
Irvington		200.00*
Little Genesee		241.73
Los Angeles	348.30*	524.80
Los Angeles, Christ's		35.00*
Lost Creek	128.00*	501.87*
Marlboro	140.40	961.84*
Middle Island	12.25	62.38
Milton	328.45	2,005.14
Milton Junction	119.89	605.79
New Auburn		61.37
New York		35.00
North Loup		122.52
Nortonville	20.50	226.50
Pawcatuck		1,498.60
Philadelphia		63.00
Piscataway	6.00	81.50
Plainfield	142.35	2,133.57*
Putnam County		41.00*
Richburg		78.50
Ritchie		30.00
Riverside	386.39*	1,114.83
Roanoke	26.00*	56.00
Rockville	30.10	81.90
Salem	125.00	510.00
Salemville		245.63*
Schenectady	25.00*	340.00*
Shiloh		833.14*
Syracuse	50.00*	50.00*
Twin Cities		11.00
Verona	114.52	285.42
Walworth		45.00
Washington		75.00
Waterford	24.44	171.29*
White Cloud		237.50
Totals	\$3,442.47	\$23,509.70

The asterisks are for those churches which are currently ahead of their suggested targets.

Disbursements

	Budget	Specials
Missionary Society	\$1,293.28	\$ 31.45
Tract Society	244.35	
Board of		
Christian Education	227.88	
School of Theology	249.75	33.51
Women's Society	163.53	
Historical Society	43.47	
Ministerial Retirement	336.42	246.69
S. D. B. Building	46.71	
General Conference	378.81	
World Fellowship and Service	9.45	50.00
Balance, February 28	87.17	
Totals	\$3,080.82	\$ 361.65

Comparative Figures

	1955	1954
Receipts in February:		
Budget	\$3,040.61	\$2,760.61
Specials	361.65	721.91
Receipts in 5 months:		
Budget	21,673.61	15,907.94
Specials	1,836.09	4,414.82
Current Budget	70,750.00	63,121.22
Percentage of budget raised to date	30.6%	25.2%

L. M. Van Horn,
Milton, Wis. Treasurer.

A dignified old lady, a pillar of the congregation, shook hands with the pastor after the services.

"Wonderful sermon, wonderful sermon!" she exclaimed. "Everything you said applied to somebody or other I know." — Selected.

Obituaries

Davis. — Ross O., was born in North Loup, Neb., Sept. 9, 1893, and passed away in the Battle Creek Sanitarium Hospital Mar. 3, 1955. He was one of seven children born to Harrison and Eliza Davis.

He was married to Bertha Van Horn at North Loup, Oct. 28, 1911. He spent his youth and early life in Nebraska, later moving to Battle Creek where he made his home the past 30 years. He retained his membership in the North Loup Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife Bertha and three brothers: Rev. H. Eugene of Alfred, N. Y.; Orsen of Wheat Ridge, Colo.; George of Brookfield, N. Y.; seven children: Harold, Van Nuys, Calif.; Laddie, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Dale and Mrs. Dorothy Parrott of Battle Creek; Mrs. Mildred McGee, Mrs. Shirley Mann, and Roger of Hickory Corners, Mich.; 22 grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Farewell services were held from the Farley Funeral Home in Battle Creek with Rev. Leland E. Davis and Rev. Herbert L. Polan officiating. Final resting place was in the Hickory Corners Cemetery.
L. E. D.

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Secretary E. T. Harris



Rev. and Mrs. Benjamin Berry



Rev. Joseph A. Tyrrell

Missionary Secretary Everett T. Harris of Westerly, R. I., and Superintendent Wardner Fitz-Randolph of Jamaica, B. W. I., have been spending the month of March with these and other native leaders of Seventh Day Baptist work in British Guiana, South America.

See story on Missions Page.