

The Sabbath Recorder

services and several of our members attended the services at Ashaway, R. I., in celebration of their 250th anniversary.

We are now getting ready for rehearsals of a Christmas cantata, "Hail Messiah." Many people have been reached by our music, both at Christmas when we invite others in to sing with us and at our hymn sings. — Correspondent.

Accessions

Verona, N. Y.

By Baptism:

Karen Van Dreason
Beverly Drummond
Gary Williams
Jerry Vierow
Douglas Burdick

By Letter:

Marilyn Osborn Davis (Mrs. Olin)

Marlboro, N. J.

By Baptism:

Joan Buckley
Patty Baker
Mary Margaret Sheppard
David Cruzan

Richburg, N. Y.

By Letter:

Mrs. Francis Babcock

Births

Monroe. — A son, Galen Manning, was born October 7, 1958, to Mr. and Mrs. Berwin Monroe of Little Rock, Ark.

Babcock. — A son, Barry James, was born October 6, 1958, to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Babcock of Benton, Ark., and North Loup, Neb.

Obituaries

FitzRandolph. — Rev. Wardner T., son of Rev. and Mrs. Gideon H. FitzRandolph, was born in China June 25, 1892, and died at Daytona Beach, Fla., Oct. 4, 1958.

For many years he was a member of the Fouke Seventh Day Baptist Church, and then of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Texarkana until his death. In 1941 he was ordained as deacon in the Fouke Church. At the time of his taking supervision of mission work in Jamaica in 1945 he was ordained to the Gospel ministry.

Survivors include his wife, Bertha; four daughters: Mrs. C. A. Craw and Mrs. E. J. Smith of Texarkana, Ark., Mrs. E. P. Speck, Palmdale, Calif., Mrs. W. L. Brooks, Naples, Italy; four sons: James of Urbana, Ohio, Ronald, Little Rock, Ark., Wardner E. and William,

of Texarkana, Ark.; two brothers: John of Milton, Wis., and Winfield of Adams Center, N. Y., and Daytona Beach, Fla.; and nineteen grandchildren.

Funeral services were in charge of the Rev. Marion C. Van Horn and burial was in Memorial Gardens, Texarkana, Ark. (See more extended article in November 3 issue.)

— M.C.V.H.

Fitz Randolph. — Dennis, son of William P. and Jenny Mitchell Fitz Randolph, was born October 3, 1950, and died at his home July 18, 1958. Funeral services were in charge of Pastor Marion C. Van Horn. Burial was in Memorial Gardens at Texarkana, Ark. — M.C.V.H.

Hanna. — Lauren, daughter of Robert S. and Ann Stillman Hanna, was born April 8, 1954, and died October 10, 1958, in Houston, Texas. Lauren's grandparents were Mr. and Mrs. James I. Stillman of Houston, and her great-grandparents were Rev. and Mrs. George B. Shaw of Alfred. — M.C.V.H.

Ayers. — Hannah Louise, daughter of Walter G. and Hannah (Bentley) Ayers, was born in Westerly, R. I., April 26, 1878, and died in Westerly October 1, 1958.

Miss Ayers was a devoted member of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church. She was a member of the Phebe Greene Ward Chapter, D.A.R. She also gave much time to the Girl Scout cause and was active in other community and civic organizations.

Miss Ayers is survived by her brother, Hobart B. Ayers, of Hillandale Farm, Haver-sham, and two nieces, Mrs. Doris Ayers Knight of Rochester, N. Y., and Mrs. Jane Ayers Riley of New Canaan, Conn.

Funeral services were held at the Buckler Funeral Home. Interment was in River Bend Cemetery. The Rev. Harold R. Crandall, pastor emeritus of her church, officiated. — H.R.C.

Campbell. — Walter, was born January 18, 1878, in Facklar, Ala., and died October 14, 1958, at Hobbs, N. M.

In the early 1900's he came to Arkansas. He was married on June 2, 1910, to Vida A. Booty, who preceded him in death on September 10, 1955. Since that time he has lived with his son Gerald in Hobbs. He is survived by seven children and twenty-one grandchildren.

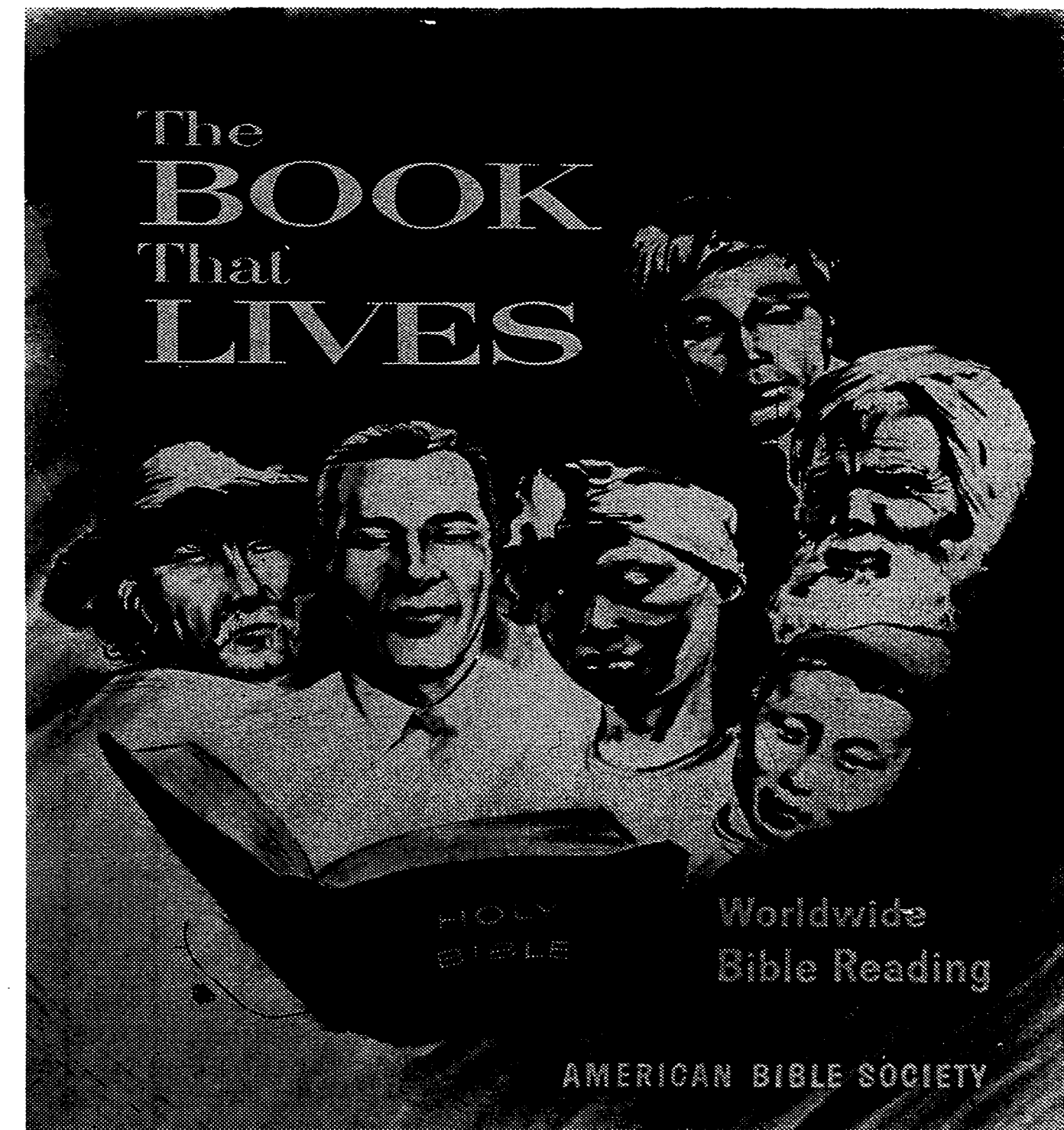
The funeral services, held in the Little Prairie Seventh Day Baptist Church, were conducted by Pastor Marion C. Van Horn, assisted by Pastor Clifford A. Beebe. Burial was in the Booty Cemetery at Nady, Ark. — M.C.V.H.

Bivins. — Albert F., son of James and Sarah Bivins, was born April 11, 1884, and died on June 26, 1958, after several weeks of illness.

He was baptized and joined the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church February 8, 1896. The whole Bivins family joined the Marlboro Church later for the sake of convenience, where Albert was active until the time of his final illness.

Services were held on June 29, with burial in the family plot in the Shiloh Cemetery.

— P.B.O.



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Apostles in Miniature

At this time of year there comes in the editor's mail a flood of catalogs of religious supplies and books, more than we can find room for. One of them catches the eye as we glance through it. A bold-faced heading over a picture advertises "Apostles in Miniature." In glowing terms the description tries to convince us that 12 little white plastic figurines are just what the church needs to teach the lives of the apostles.

Missionaries in African and Oriental lands are much distressed when American churches send them plastic figures as teaching aids. They live too close to idolatry and have too recently tried to uproot the idols from the homes of the people among whom they labor with so much self-sacrifice. In our land we have a tendency to forget the hard-won battles on the mission fields.

Apostles in miniature! That certainly is what we need in our churches. Not plastic figures representing the traditional appearance of the first 12 church leaders but rather living "apostles in miniature." Through the teaching program of the church, through decision-day experiences, through evangelistic challenges we have glorious opportunities to kindle such fires of zeal that our children of 11 and 12 will become little apostles.

The church of a truth has need of apostles in miniature, particularly men who have not attained unto the stature of the first Twelve but who are willing to fulfill such an apostleship as their stature will allow. We refer, of course, to spiritual rather than physical height. Zachaeus could not see Jesus in the throng "because he was of little stature." His experience that day after he came down from the tree to be the host of the Master probably added something to the height of his shoulders but not of his head. But when he was converted his spiritual stature was greatly increased.

Perhaps when we have made great effort to grow in Christ after our initial experience with Him, we will still have to think of ourselves as being far below the goal of Ephesians 4: 12, "... unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ." We will still, in the service rendered to our Lord, be apostles in

miniature. But it is not a limitation that we can hide behind with glib excuses. Our calling may not be to the apostleship in the more technical sense, but Christ calls and sends out all of us as His representatives. Certainly He has reason to expect of us more maturity than we show.

We Pray for Peace

We have at least two reasons to pray earnestly for peace. One is the conviction that war with its carnage is morally wrong. Christians should pray that nations would not resort to this means of settling difficulties; it ought to be as outmoded as personal dueling. Another reason is "like unto the first." War destroys sacred life in the flower of youth. It destroys innocent civilians by the hundred thousand. Such waste of human life is contrary to Christian principles. Let us pray for peace.

If the second reason is valid it leads to another prayer that is far less publicized, a prayer for peace on the highways of our land. When thousands of civilians die in a bombing raid which had a military objective, a large proportion of those fatalities may be said to be accidental or at least incidental and unintentional. They are therefore not so much different from highway fatalities. The correspondence becomes much closer when we take into consideration the high proportion of traffic accidents related to beverage alcohol. It is unintentional highway homicide and suicide but the suffering and death are just as real as if they had been intentional — and the drinking was premeditated.

What about this prayer for highway peace? Is it time for a nation-wide highway code of traffic regulations to reduce this wastage of human life? Robert L. Donigan, an attorney, recently proposed such a code at a regional conference on traffic safety for eleven states and two territories. Another speaker representing the National Safety Council said that 1,081,000 persons lost their lives in traffic accidents between January 1, 1925, and January 1, 1958. He went on to point out that by comparison we lost 1,128,000

citizens in all the wars of our 180-year history. That figure included not only battle deaths but deaths from sickness, accident, and other causes as well, which would be a considerable number.

Highway deaths are taken as a matter of course by too many of us. They are scattered over a vast mileage, though much more common in the areas of concentrated population. The sins that cause so many of them are the personal sins which people cherish rather than the greater public sins. In praying we are tempted to pray vaguely for national and international leadership to keep death by war far away from us. Such prayer is relatively easy. In it we ask God to do something that we ourselves can do little about. Perhaps we cannot do very much about the highway statistics in far-off states but when we pray for highway peace it can be quite personal. We can hardly assume that none who read this editorial are tempted to drink and drive, but the number of such is small. We are, however, surrounded by friends and acquaintances who do drink and drive. How sincere is our prayer if we pray and do nothing? Again, anger and selfishness play a preventable part in the accident toll. Are we potential fender jammers or even killers because we fail to curb our emotions with prayer? Let us pray the harder prayers!

American Red Cross

It is impossible for an editor to commend all the worthy organizations of a Christian or humanitarian nature that are seeking members and support; the list is too large. By the same token it is impossible to call attention to the ones which catch the eye or the ear of the unwary and should be avoided by Christians and loyal citizens. That list also is very large, and many of the names are not only innocent looking but attractive. An unacceptably large number of prominent clergymen have been or still are members of some of these groups whose loyalty is questionable.

The Attorney General's list of some 300 questionable organizations is before the editor as he writes. As a Reserve Officer



WHAT IS SECURITY?

Rom. 8: 28-39

By Melvin G. Nida, Th.D.

In her book, *The Total Depravity of Inanimate Things*, Katherine Kent Child illustrates the perversity of things by writing thus: "the elusiveness of soap, the knottiness of strings, the transitory nature of buttons, the inclination of suspenders to twist, and of hooks to forsake their lawful eyes and cleave only unto the hairs of their hapless owner's head."

However picturesque her words, "the elusiveness of soap" hardly does justice to the way security has eluded us in our generation. Probably we have sought security more than any other quality of life. In so many, many ways we have been taught to believe that security is the ultimate value of life. We must have job security, wage security, social security; freedom from want, strife, and worry.

But the odd thing about this whole business is that we are so insecure while seeking our security. We worry ourselves sick finding security and we work so hard preparing for our old age that we die young.

Jesus once said, "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof," and in our mad search for security we have failed to heed His words to seek first the Kingdom of God. Someone has wisely said that worry is the interest we receive from borrowed trouble. Jesus conquered worry by keeping His eye and mind on life's main business. It should be clear that life's main business is to serve God and to be happy doing it.

In this faith many troubles can be met and mastered. Sickness can be turned to sympathy and sorrow to insight. An English explorer once said: "The doom of Everest is sealed, for the simple reason that man grows in wisdom and stature, but the span of mountains is fixed." But the mastery of our mountains is almost

impossible if we borrow trouble, for by that folly we drain away strength from today to waste it on tomorrow in fears that may never be fulfilled. The most famous insurance company on earth, Lloyd's of London, has made countless millions of dollars out of the tendency of everybody to worry about things that rarely happen. Lloyd's of London bets people that the disasters they are worrying about will never occur.

Clearly it is true that we should take the necessary means at our disposal to prevent disaster. It is right, for instance, that we should check our car to see that it is in safe working order before we start out on a long trip; but on the other hand, it would be foolish for us to drive into every garage along our route to have the car rechecked for safety.

We are more wise about these physical things than we are about the weightier matters of life, however. We will trust the mechanic to check the car carefully and we rely upon his judgment, but we are not very good at trusting God with all the problems of life. The reason, of course, lies in that we have not been putting first things first. We have put our trust in things more than we have in God. Oh yes, it is easy for us to say that we trust in God as we do on our coins and now upon our bills, but it is still true that there are more of us who would rather have the silver and that green paper than the trust in God. We need to reverse this tendency, if we are to find peace of mind, and trust in God — sincerely. We need to come to the place where we can say with Paul: In all things God is working and in the recognition of this, I find peace of soul and peace of mind.

Paul had had ample opportunity to verify that about which he was talking. He had faced every eventuality of life. His outlook explains the casual way in which he occasionally mentioned the hardships he had endured. He spoke of a thorn in the flesh, but no one knows what it was. How different this is from the way in which we are often obsessed with our own misfortunes. The secret of deliverance from this painful general occupa-

tion with our own misfortunes is the discovery that they can be a source of blessing. Paul stated this confidently as a fact.

What Paul affirmed is that God cooperates in all things for good with those who love Him. This leads to the discovery that even the "sufferings of this present time" become a source of blessing. There is no sentimental attempt to persuade ourselves that evil things are actually good. They remain what they are; but though bad in themselves, they have lost the power to defeat us. No matter how bitter circumstances may be, we can learn to discover in them God's cooperation. Actually, it is in the things which seem most to deny His goodness that we often find Him most clearly present.

We need primarily to come to the place where we recognize that God rules, and when we accept this we have "found God," as so many have testified. We must come to the place where we find our ultimate security in that which is greater than the little passing things of the day.

Have you ever noticed that parts have a wholeness in themselves, but yet they cannot give an adequate picture of the whole? Take, for instance, the innumerable parts that make up a new building. The blocks of stone, the boards of lumber, the nails, the bolts, and the screws are entities in themselves; and yet by themselves they cannot begin to give a total picture of the finished building. In something of a similar way, each part of life is a building block for the whole. We need to recognize each part as a part of the whole and not cast it aside as unworthy because it doesn't give a complete picture of the whole. Nor should we cling to each individual part as if it were the sum total.

We should not expect to find security from a permanent job, or a bank account laid aside for our old age. True security comes from being able to put the building blocks of life into their respective places and raising up a personality that is built by God and recognizes it.

ROTTERDAM CHURCH STORY

As told by the 83-year-old elder,
D. van der Kolk

During the month of September, 1956, my daughter, Mrs. Marie v.d. Kolk Kuyper, visited Rotterdam after having been in Shiloh, N. J., from 1920. It was a very nice time for me to see her again because I saw her in 1928 last. She told me many things about the Seventh Day Baptist churches in Shiloh, N. J., and other places and I understood that the churches in America are very interested in hearing something about Holland. My daughter asked me if it was possible for me to write a view of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Rotterdam because I have been elder of this church from 1911 till 1956. As my age is 83 years now, it is not possible to preach weekly and now other brothers of our church do so.

In 1909 my wife and I were baptized by Brother Bakker, who was minister of the Seventh Day Baptist Church at that time. The time before 1909 (about two years) was not without struggle for us, but during that time we found reconciliation in the blood of Christ. After that we were baptized because we also learned that the 7th day is the day of the Lord. Brother Bakker went to Denmark in 1911 and for our weekly sermon we got much help from the church of Haarlem. Brother G. Velthuysen, Sr., asked me to give my all for the church of Rotterdam and to do my work as tailor three days weekly and the other four days to work for the church. The financial state was bad and therefore I would not be paid through the church for these three days and I answered, "I will serve the church as well as possible till the time they have a pastor."

Many times there came brothers from Haarlem to serve the church and during two years Pastor P. Taekema came to Rotterdam. He also went away and then I must do it alone again. In 1914 Brother Lutkie from Selesie (Poland) came to Rotterdam. He was a Jew, who had also found Christ as the Savior of his soul, through His blood given at Golgotha.

Brother Lutkie wanted to go from Poland to the United States, but during the war 1914-1918 he could not go and stayed at Rotterdam. It was a very nice time, but when the war was (1918) he still went to the U.S.A.

After that time a minister of the Seventh-day Adventists came to us and together with him we served the church by turn and we went out on the street to bring the Gospel of Christ. In that time we also had a little choir. But the time came and he died and again I was alone. On Friday evenings we had Bible study, on Sabbath morning worship, on Sabbath afternoon Bible study again. This was a very busy time for me because I had to do my own work as tailor the other six days of the week. During the time 1911-1956 I was privileged to baptize seven persons and when I was already 82 years old I still baptized a sister (Sept. 1956). At the end of 1956 I resigned from serving the church weekly because I get tired. Two brothers and my youngest son keep up the services by turn: one Sabbath morning Bible study and the other time worship. When it is needful they always may ask me to help them.

I am most interested in the coming Kingdom of Christ, who will bring all to harmony, and our Savior shall take the highest place in that Kingdom.

I hope the things that happened during the time 1909-1956 in the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Rotterdam (Holland) will interest you. Because this letter must be translated in English, I wrote it shortly. Many greetings and good wishes to all my brethren who have the same belief in our Savior Christ.

Temperance Thought

A New Jersey temperance speaker at a Sabbath morning service took for his text Romans 12: 2, "Be not conformed to this world. . . ." He alluded to Martha and Mary. "Martha," he said, "was a conformer; Mary was a transformer." Just as Jesus declared that Mary had chosen the good part, so Mr. Lewis, the visiting minister, asserted that we do not have enough transformers in the world today.

An Early Seventh Day Baptist Thanksgiving Proclamation

The following Thanksgiving Proclamation was prepared by Elder John Maxson, Sr., the first pastor of the First Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist Church. It was presented to that church on November 20, 1736. The First Hopkinton Church observed the 250th anniversary of the founding of the church on September 27, 1958. Elder John Maxson was seventy years of age when he prepared and presented this proclamation to the church. It was written of him that he was strong of heart and keen of mind at the age of seventy. (This Thanksgiving Proclamation was copied from the Seventh Day Baptist Memorial, page 57.)

"Whereas, we have been wonderfully indulged by God's providence with many unmerited blessings and we think it but our reasonable service to render unto Him our tribute of praise and not withstanding the infirmities and troubles of many among us; yet, it must be confessed, I think, that God hath dealt with us in much mercy, and in judgment He hath shown Himself to be very gracious, but in general there has been much more cause of thankfulness and joy than of dejection and complaint.

"There are many reasons that occur to us for rendering praise to God, among which I think the following ought not to be forgotten, namely: the favorable state of the distemper with us that hath been so mortal in many parts of New England, yet with us scarcely any have died; also, that the season of the year has been so favorable and plentiful; and most of all, though the harvest is plentiful and the laborers few, yet that the Lord of the harvest has seemed to interpose in a most gracious manner by the increase of many which we hope are sincere professors of the truth of the Gospel.

"Therefore, I have thought proper to appoint the fourth day of the week (Wednesday) being the 24th of November (inst.) to be set apart as a day of thanksgiving to God for all such as are disposed thereto."

John Maxson, Elder,
George Stillman, Clerk,
November 20, 1736.

Nurses Write from Makapwa

Nurses Beth Severe and Joan Clement arrived at the Makapwa Mission Station in Nyasaland on October 10, one month to the day from their date of sailing from New York. They have written concerning the cordial welcome received from mission leaders, pastors, and people.

The arrival was on Friday. Sabbath day was spent as a day of rest, of worship, and of welcome. They write: "We spent Sunday and Monday getting things settled in our house. We certainly are grateful for running water and bathroom facilities. Then Tuesday we began work." The letter, written October 28, states "We cleared our baggage through customs today."

The nurses tell of Dr. Victor Burdick leaving for special evangelistic services which were being held in an area about five miles from the mission. Soon after he left the Mission Center there came an emergency need for a doctor's services and Dr. Burdick was hurriedly summoned to return. He went back, performed his medical work and then went again to take up the evangelistic services. On the next Sabbath day the nurses walked the five miles to the church where the special services were being held. They added, "We arrived back home at 7 p.m. that day, realizing that we had gotten out of the habit of walking."

The letter tells of a car accident occasioned by a cyclist turning directly into the path of the oncoming mission car. We are deeply thankful that only bruises resulted and no one was seriously hurt. Insurance will cover most of the cost of repairing the mission car.

The letter concludes, "May our Heavenly Father continue to bless all of you."

Let Us Give Thanks

Let us give thanks! For the old, sweet fashions of nature, for the ritual of its seasons, for the wonder of seed-time, summer, and autumn harvest, for the stores of material good for our use and blessings, for the spur of necessity which impels industry, for the sky over all, deepening as we gaze, and for that other

heaven within, which widens into strange distances.

Let us give thanks! For the old world road along which we journey, trodden by so many feet before us, for the flowers of divine grace and human kindness along the way, for the thorns that require careful handling, and the disciplines and tasks that train us for strength and honor, for the Kindly Light that leads us, for the love that heals our hurts, and the mercy that lifts us when we fall.

Let us give thanks! For our country and its laws, for home and family and the dear love of comrades, for the sorrows that subdue us to sobs and weld us in love unto our kind . . . for all teachers of art and insight who interpret to us the way and the will of the eternal!

Let us give thanks! For the organization of life in education, art, and character, for the fellowship of man in spiritual faith, moral endeavor, and the quest of truth, for the dream that love will one day everywhere prevail to the confounding of all unkindness, all uncleanness; for God, the Father of all, who is the meaning of life, the home of the soul, and the hope that "love can never lose its own." Amen. — (Joseph Fort Newton, from Altar Stairs.)

High Attendance at Shiloh

The Shiloh, N. J., Church began the month of November (church attendance month) with a large number present on the first Sabbath, 183 at the morning worship and 153 in Sabbath School. This approaches a capacity congregation for the building. On the same day the Marlboro Church which is less than two miles away was holding one of the biggest services of the year, "Harvest Home," with a guest minister and a fellowship dinner. That church building was also well filled. Both churches have a high percentage of children and young people.

The Sabbath Recorder welcomes reports of success in efforts to fill our churches or reports showing an unusually good relation between resident membership and church attendance.

Field Trip of Secretary

The executive secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education in the period of November 2 to November 27 is working in the churches of the Southwestern Association. After an overnight visit in Jackson Center, Ohio, with his mother, brother, and sisters, the secretary started toward Little Rock, Ark.

Everything went so smoothly (except for a disputed right-of-way in Sidney, Ohio, where the station wagon lost quite a little paint, obtained a few dents, a fender reshaped, and a bumper-end uncurled) that the arrival in Little Rock was a day early. In spite of the unexpected arrival, the welcome to the home of Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd Seager was cordial and sincere. Visits were made in the homes of Little Rock Fellowship members and to the large, new Medical Center of the University of Arkansas where Dr. Seager is a department head and where several of our youth have matriculated or hold positions.

The most important visit, however, was to the beautiful church building just purchased by the Little Rock Fellowship at 801 Polk Street. Nicely located in an area of family dwellings, it gives an adequate place for worship and study. Plans are being formed for remodeling for the accommodation of Sabbath School and dining facilities.

It was a genuine thrill to have the privilege of preaching the first two sermons in the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Little Rock, Ark. A period was also spent discussing Christian education affairs with those attending Sabbath School.

From Little Rock we journeyed to Fouke and Texarkana, Ark., where, at the time of this writing, workshops are being held with the youth and other church workers. Six sessions with these good people are planned.

What a privilege it is to work with these staunch Seventh Day Baptists under Shepherding Pastor Marion C. Van Horn. Besides the evangelistic endeavor that is ever present, plans and work are in pro-

gress to rebuild or buy a church for the Texarkana congregation, and to modernize and remodel the Fouke church. Prayers and contributions from our people are needed to bolster the efforts being made down here.

Religion and Christian Education in Salem College

From the registrar's office of Salem College, we are informed that three Bible and Christian Education courses are being taught this semester: "The Life and Teachings of Jesus," "Methods in Christian Education," and "Use of Art in Religion."

In October, youth from the college presented a very unique program at the semiannual meetings of the West Virginia Seventh Day Baptist Churches. Scenes from the life of Jesus Christ were presented, patterned after the television show "This Is Your Life."

The platform of the Lost Creek Church, with the beautiful head of Christ by Sallman on the wall behind, was an ideal spot for the program.

The script was written by Terry Hurley and the production was directed by Dick Horwood. The voices were Frank Thompson, Michael Zwiebel, and Terry Hurley. Solos were sung by Shirley Bottoms and Herbert Saunders. Others participated in tableau scenes.

Seventh Day Baptist Students in Salem College

Seventh Day Baptist students attending Salem College this semester include the following entering students: Gordon D. Batson, Ethel Bee, Paul Beebe, Ann Marie Brady, Beverly J. Davis, Edwin W. Harris, Judith Ann Hoffman, Terry Hurley, Marjorie Lewis, Carolyn Mosen, Charles W. Randolph, Herbert E. Saunders, Shirley Severance, Phyllis Shepard, and Michael W. Zwiebel.

Returning students include: Johnny Bond, Ann Bond, S. Thomas Bond, Sylvia Bond, Nellie Jo Brissey, Russell Clement, Nola Gray, Cora Green, Esther Hansen,

John Harris, Marie Hutson, Della Fern Lippincott, Nina Traver, John Williams, and Fred Zinn.

These students represent 16 Seventh Day Baptist churches.

Junior Hi Conference

During the sessions of General Conference last August a separate program was planned and executed for the Junior Hi age group. This year 29 young people of Junior Hi age participated in the program. They were from 16 churches. Every morning classes were held under the general topic, "Making Wise Choices." Two feature films and flannelgraphs were used.

Mrs. K. Duane Hurley prepared worship periods. Several ministers gave witness to their choices in life during the week.

The youngsters enjoyed three excursions during the week: to Marineland of the Pacific, to Knott's Berry Farm, and to a Dodger baseball game.

Mrs. Lila Saunders was the capable director.

New Books for Serious Students

Alford's Greek Testament, a four-volume commentary for those able to read Greek, has been a classic, almost indispensable, set for over 100 years. It was later followed by *The New Testament for English Readers* by the same author. Dr. Wilbur M. Smith in his listing of the 100 best Bible study books gave this first place among New Testament commentaries in spite of its age. During this last summer Moody Press has published *Alford's Greek Testament*, revised by Dr. Everett F. Harrison, an eminent Greek scholar. The revision brings the latest results of discoveries and scholarship into the highly prized studies of Henry Alford.

Something of the spirit of Dean Alford can be caught from a sentence or two from the introduction to his volumes:

I have now only to commend to my gracious God and Father this feeble attempt to explain the most mysterious and glorious portion of His revealed Scripture: and with it, this my labour of now four-and-twenty years, is herewith completed. I do it with humble thankful-

ness, but with a sense of utter weakness before the power of His Word, and inability to sound the depths even of its simplest sentence. May He spare the hand which has been put forward to touch His Ark: may He, for Christ's sake, forgive all rashness, all perverseness, all uncharitableness, which may be found in this book.

Dr. Gleason L. Archer, Jr., professor of Biblical languages at Fuller Theological Seminary received a citation and \$500 award last summer from the Christian Research Foundation for his translation of Jerome's *Commentary on Daniel*, a fourth century book never before translated into English.

WOMEN'S WORK — Mrs. A. Russell Maxson

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE FOR DECEMBER

By Mrs. John Hudson
Battle Creek, Mich.

Topic: Go Ye! with Love

Song: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Scripture: Luke 2: 1-14

Meditation

Picture if you will the night when Joseph and Mary came to the inn. Many travelers had already arrived. In all the hurry and excitement of getting everyone cared for it could be that the inn keeper felt too busy to arrange another sleeping place and so missed the greatest event in history. We do not know that part of the story but we do know that that is what is happening today. Thousands of people are too busy with earthly things to give Him room in their hearts.

This is the season of the year when we want to give gifts to our loved ones and friends. Most of us give something to help the unfortunate. It is a good custom if we give with love rather than with a sense of duty. The Wise Men brought their gifts to Jesus. Jesus does not value gifts by a dollar-and-cents standard. The poor widow casting her two mites was hailed by Him as a great giver. He knows how much a person's soul goes into his offering.

Rich or poor, you can be a great giver to the Master. How? By giving yourself. And if that self comes to Him with two mites or a thousand dollars, with

one talent or ten, the Master will receive it gladly and use it richly. Let us go with love — using our talents and gifts for Jesus Christ.

"They . . . first gave their own selves to the Lord" (2 Cor. 8: 5).

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these . . ." (Matt. 2: 25-40).

Prayer: Our Heavenly Father, we do praise and thank Thee for the gift of Thy Son, Jesus. Grant that we may celebrate His birthday this year in a worshipful manner, and in our giving reflect His spirit. Grant that Christ may be born again in our hearts. In His Name we pray. Amen.

Hymn: "Joy to the World."

Teen Talk

Conquering the Enemy Within

Do you like stories of the sea — thrilling rescues from danger? There is something strange, unknown, vast, and uncertain about the rolling ocean. It more often suggests danger than pleasure. It is one thing to lie on the sand in the summer sun, occasionally dashing into the refreshing waves, and quite another thing to spend all your time on a boat as a commercial fisherman in fair weather and foul.

Not long ago you may have seen in the papers how the Evelyn C. Brown, one of the biggest ships in the fishing fleet that goes out from Gloucester, Mass., sank in the rough Atlantic. This 107-foot dragger was built to withstand any storm that it might meet. It was safe from the blows of any natural enemy outside. What sank it was an enemy within. For thirty hours the 10 hardy fishermen who had been on board tossed on the waves in open dories after they had to abandon ship. Then they were rescued by another fishing vessel which had no enemy within.

What is the seaman's worst enemy? Is it the gale, the unexpected storm? No, it is fire. To those of us who never go to sea that seems strange. With all the water in the world only inches away and with strong pumps on every ship, what is there to fear? The seaman fears it

because it is deep inside, and hard to fight. It may destroy the power that operates the pumps. The sailor on the open sea cannot get help from outside as we would if our house were on fire. He can neither stand on it nor easily run away from it.

The Evelyn C. Brown, with a capacity of 300,000 pounds of fish, went to the bottom as a result of an explosion and fire. What is the greatest enemy of young people? What wrecks the most lives, the pressures and storms from outside, the environment that is hostile to Christian living? We know it is not. Our worst enemy is within. If we fail it is usually because we have not learned how to conquer the things that are deep within and hard to get at. The inner fires of selfishness that sweep away our controls — these send us to the bottom.

How glorious the thought that in our times of struggle against the enemy within we have an advantage over the seaman. Human help may not avail, but we can call on Jesus for help. He is able and He is willing.

Pacific Coast Pastors

Many are the contacts of the Pacific Coast Association. Lone Sabbathkeepers and church members are scattered in more than 100 communities of California. The pastors of the Los Angeles and Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Churches try to visit them periodically. The Los Angeles pastor, the Rev. Francis Saunders, departed on Monday, November 10, for a ten-day visitation trip to call on people in central and northern California. The Riverside Church bulletin announced that Pastor Wheeler was scheduled to go south on November 16 and 17 to visit families in the Imperial Valley.

Recorder Comment

A lady in central New York State expresses sadness in announcing that her new address makes her a lone Sabbathkeeper. She will be unable to attend a Seventh Day Baptist Church regularly — at least during the winter months. "Now," she adds, "the Sabbath Recorder will mean more than ever to me."

THE BOOK THAT LIVES

Giving to Keep It Living

By C. Harmon Dickinson

"The Book that Lives" is this year's theme for the observance of The Bible's Day coming on December 13 for Seventh Day Baptist churches. Material, including samples of a poster, bookmarks suggesting readings for the Worldwide Bible Reading from Thanksgiving to Christmas, and bulletin inserts or covers with the inside blank, have been mailed by the American Bible Society to the pastors of our churches with an order blank so that our leaders can emphasize the importance of the Bible as "the Book that Lives." Any pastor who does not receive this sample packet should notify the American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, N. Y., or the Seventh Day Baptist representative, the Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson, 511 Central Ave., Plainfield, N. J.

It is hoped that all Seventh Day Baptist churches will participate in the Worldwide Bible Reading program and observe Bible Sabbath on December 13. Such participation brings us close to the Creator, the giver and sustainer of life, through His revelation of truth so that we experience anew that the Bible is "the Book that Lives."

At General Conference last August your representative spoke at the workshop on Ecumenical Relations on the work of the American Bible Society and how we can share in the program of printing and distributing the Word of God. Questions were raised about our financial support and how we can be sure of our gifts being credited to Seventh Day Baptists. A large part of the society's budget comes from churches and individual givers. Most Seventh Day Baptist churches take a special offering on Bible Sabbath. Many people send personal gifts directly to the American Bible Society or through the treasurer of the local church or through Our World Mission treasurer.

Each participating denomination is given a suggested annual goal by the American Bible Society. The goal given to us is \$812. This is based on the relationship of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination to the total of all 55 denominations supporting the society in

three categories — benevolence giving, congregational giving, and membership.

During 1956 and 1957 our people gave to the society \$280.10 and \$186.75, respectively. Some at Conference felt that surely we gave a larger amount than the figures indicate. This reminds us to be careful to identify our gifts as from the Seventh Day Baptist denomination if we are to receive credit. What will we give during 1958? As we plan our giving this year there is an encouraging sign. Through October, the society had received \$283.59, an increase of \$134.84 over last year for the same period of time.

It was suggested at Conference that all donors route their gifts to the American Bible Society through the local church, then on to Our World Mission treasurer. It was pointed out that checks given in this way should be made out to the church or denominational treasurer so they will show up in the total giving of the organization concerned. Checks made out to the American Bible Society cannot be endorsed by our treasurers and must be forwarded directly to the society without being entered on the books.

For many years the American Bible Society has given a subscription to the **Bible Society Record** for any gift of \$1.00 or more. Will this offer still hold if money is given through the church or denomination? The society informs us that all the treasurer of the local church or Our World Mission treasurer needs to do is to send a list of names and addresses with the request that they be added to the **Record** subscription list.

One final point: There was a feeling at Conference time that an item should be included in Our World Mission budget for the American Bible Society. Such an item is not included in the current budget. The Committee on Reference and Counsel suggested that the matter be considered during the year. When the matter comes up for a decision, an important question will be whether such an item will share in the percentage distribution or whether the goal will continue to be raised by designated gifts.

From Thanksgiving to Christmas this year, may the Bible truly be for us "the Book that Lives."

Seventh Day Baptist Senator

One of the two United States senators elected in West Virginia on November 4 was Jennings Randolph. Mr. Randolph has not held public office for the past several years but from 1932 to 1946 he was a member of the House of Representatives. His civilian employment in the intervening years has been in Washington, D.C., where he is a loyal and active member of the local Seventh Day Baptist Church. His friends far and wide congratulate him on his successful candidacy. The voters of his state have expressed confidence in him.

Seventh Day Baptists in the past have had quite a few highly respected public servants. Information about some of them can be found in one of our tracts, "Do You Know," available from the American Sabbath Tract Society. To render uncompromising service to the state and the nation is a noble ideal. Our people may do well to remember that these positions of public responsibility are as open to qualified men and women now as they were in the earlier days. Local, state, and national politics stand in need of high principled candidates such as we believe Mr. Randolph to be.

— Editor.

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Rev. Elizabeth F. Randolph
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WORLDWIDE BIBLE READING

From Thanksgiving to Christmas the American Bible Society invites you to read from your Bible the following passages with your heart open to receive the love of God:

Dec. 1	....	Psalm 121: 1-8
Dec. 2	....	Isaiah 40: 1-31
Dec. 3	....	Isaiah 53: 1-12
Dec. 4	....	Isaiah 55: 1-13
Dec. 5	....	Micah 6: 6-15
Dec. 6	....	Matthew 5: 1-16

Personal Glimpses

Mrs. Corliss F. Randolph, whose late husband served the Seventh Day Baptist denomination so faithfully as historian, tract writer, clerk of the New York City Church, twice president of General Conference, and long-time member of the Commission, now lives at Hotel Alvoord, East Orange, N. J. On Sunday, November 16, a birthday party (She was 90 on Nov. 19.) was given at the hotel by Miss Mildred Fitz-Randolph, a daughter of Dr. Randolph's, and Miss Mary Dawson, a niece of Mrs. Randolph's. A hundred or more invited guests, including several from the Plainfield Church, shared in the celebration.

Dr. S. O. Bond, president emeritus of Salem College, spent some time in a Clarksburg hospital in October but is now home again at Salem. His history of Salem College entitled *Light to the Hills* is now in the hands of the printer.

Three generations of the Daland family who served Milton College in outstanding ways will be honored by having Milton's projected \$500,000 building program named after them. It will be called the Daland Memorial Fine Arts Center. The three-phase, five-year program has recently been announced by Daniel Parker of Janesville, Wis., chairman of the board of trustees.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for December 6, 1958

Jesus' Power in Human Life
Lesson Scripture: Mark 5: 1-13.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

MARLBORO, N. J. — November 1 marked a very special Sabbath at Marlboro. Four young people who had previously been baptized joined the church and received the right hand of fellowship. Pastor Osborn presented three with Bibles and one with a Bible dictionary.

The Rev. Earl Cruzan of Adams Center, N. Y., delivered a forceful sermon, "Called of God," from the text Ephesians 4: 1. It was the ordination sermon for the two deacons David T. Sheppard and Jonathan B. Davis.

Harvest Home dinner was served in the basement by the first section of the Ladies' Aid.

At 2:30 p.m. a singspiration was led by Pastor Osborn, followed by statements of the candidates. After the vote of the council all joined in singing "A Charge to Keep I Have." The Rev. Charles H. Bond of Shiloh gave the charge to the candidates and Deacon Charles Harris, also of Shiloh, gave the charge to the church. The Rev. Earl Cruzan gave the prayer of consecration, followed by the welcome to the church by Deacon Frank Cruzan.

After the laying on of hands by all the deacons and deaconesses of both the Shiloh and Marlboro Churches the congregation sang "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." The service was very impressive.

The background was in keeping with the season. The decorations included a "horn of plenty" among miniature cornstalks, pumpkins, and small vegetables with bouquets and baskets of fall flowers nearby. The decorating was done by Mrs. Margaret Sheppard's class of girls, "Workers for Christ."

Miss Barbara Bivins was present and spoke of the weight on her heart for a place on the missionary field for her. She left her duties at Providence, R. I., to attend.

Among those who visited the new parsonage were the brother of Jonathan Davis and his six sisters.

A box social was held in the evening — an enjoyable evening. — Correspondent.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. — The obstacles of distance and traffic have always pre-

sented great problems for the Los Angeles Church in attendance at the Sabbath School. After much study and investigation by the pastor, the Program and Christian Education Committees, a new order of service, termed a "Unified Worship Service," was put into effect on October 1, with the starting hour for the worship service set one hour later, at 10:30, to be followed without intermission by the study of the lesson, and ending with a short devotional period.

Since its inception, attendance in the Sabbath School classes has more than doubled. We are all rejoicing in the increased attendance and active participation in all classes of the school, especially the young adult group, for whom traveling so far so early with small children presented a peculiar problem.

Pastor Saunders spent November 11-20 traveling through the San Joaquin Valley and along the Coast, visiting lone Sabbathkeepers and our Bay Area Fellowship, under the sponsorship of Pacific Coast Association.

Our young people enjoyed a Halloween party and magic show at the parsonage rumpus room on the night following the Sabbath, October 25. It was the first such gathering to be held since the church bought the property at 4376 York Boulevard. On Sunday night, November 9, the young adults met at the parsonage for a supper, and an evening of fun and fellowship. — Correspondent.

CHICAGO, ILL. — John Conrod, student pastor, has preached recently in the Seventh-Day Christian Church of which the Rev. Benjamin Berry is pastor. Mr. Berry returns the pulpit exchange later in November. Some of the Seventh-Day Christian people (Negro) were guests at the recent semiannual meeting of the Southern Wisconsin and Chicago Churches. The local people hope that it will be possible for the Rev. Duane L. Davis of Lost Creek, W. Va., to speak on December 6 when he is in Chicago for a meeting of the National Council of Churches. The Women's Society of the church plans to present a Christmas program December 20. — From correspondence.

OUR WORLD MISSION
Statement of the Treasurer, October 31, 1958

		Budget Receipts			
	Treas. October	Board's October		Treas. October	Board's October
Balance, October 1	\$.00		Middle Island	12.00	
Albion	52.63		Milton Junction	323.90	
Alfred, 1st	218.65		Nortonville	245.50	20.00
Associations & groups	67.78	25.62	Old Stone Fort	20.00	
Battle Creek	487.61	11.20	Pawcatuck	461.10	
Berlin	86.57		Plainfield	118.65	
Brookfield, 1st	68.00		Richburg	248.50	
Chicago	64.00		Ritchie	20.00	
Daytona Beach	44.50		Riverside	1,166.10	
Dodge Center	127.66		Rockville	17.47	
Hopkinton, 1st	144.40		Shiloh	185.50	
Independence	94.00		Tract Society	1,000.00	
Individuals	2,054.00		Walworth	22.00	
Irvington	300.00		Washington	70.00	
Little Genesee		10.00	Waterford	94.08	
Los Angeles Christ's	33.00		White Cloud	46.76	
Lost Creek	148.36				
Marlboro	217.06				
				\$8,259.78	\$ 66.82

Treasurer's Disbursements

	Budget (Designated & Undesignated)
Missionary Society	\$3,460.38
Board of Christian Education	594.80
Ministerial Training	781.80
Ministerial Retirement	590.25
Historical Society	1,131.10
Women's Society	131.90
General Conference	627.00
Tract Society	812.90
Trustees of General Conference	57.00
World Fellowship & Service	28.50
	\$8,215.63
Balance on hand October 31	44.15

NON-BUDGET GIFTS

October Receipts	\$ 10.00
October Disbursements:	
Missionary Society	\$ 5.00
Salem College	5.00
	\$10.00

SUMMARY

Current annual budget	\$99,735.00
Treas.' budget receipts first month	8,259.78
Boards' budget receipts first month	66.82
	\$ 8,326.60
Remainder required in 11 months	\$91,408.40
Percentage of budget year elapsed	8.33%
Percentage of budget raised	8.35%
1612 Lawrence St., Eldred H. Batson, Parkersburg, W. Va. Treasurer.	

Improvement in Stewardship

Church bulletins in several cases show considerable increase in the sense of stewardship or the earning capacity of the membership — perhaps both. Take, for example, the Adams Center, N. Y., story. According to Year Book figures the membership in 1951 was exactly the same as in 1957; the offerings were not. Receipts for regular church expenses in 1951-52 were \$1,955 and for denominational work \$306. Corresponding figures for 1957-58 were \$3,651 and \$1,088. Quite an increase! — Editor.

Christian Beggars

An Arab beggar used to sit at the gate of a rich man's house, on whose bounty he depended, and from whom he received daily alms. One day his patron wished to send a letter in a hurry, and, seeing the beggar, asked him to deliver it. The beggar drew himself up and said, "I solicit alms; I don't run errands." We have been soliciting alms from God all our lives, and yet how unwilling we are to convey His message of salvation or do any other service for Him.

The Sabbath Recorder



"I know not where His islands lift
 Their froned palms in air;
 I only know I cannot drift
 Beyond His love and care."