The first meeting of the Alfred group was held October 15, under the chairmanship of Rev. Harley Sutton of Little Geneseee. Rev. Ralph L. Williamson led a discussion of the needs, problems, and interests of the rural churches and communities of Steuben and Allegany counties in which the pastors present revealed many significant points. Plans for the future work of the committee were then laid. Rev. Harley Sutton was elected chairman, and Fred C. Bland of the Theological Seminary, Alfred University, is acting as adviser to the group. Others present at the first meeting were: Harold E. Blish, Whiteville; Glenn S. Brewster, Savona; Don I. Phillips, Hartsville; Walter L. Chauncey, Allentown; Elmo F. Randolph, Alfred Station; W. L. Green, Andover; H. K. Boal, Canaseraga; Edgar D. Van Horn, Alfred; and Alton Wheeler, Chas. H. Bond, and Victor Skaggs, students at Alfred University.


CAN WE TITHE IN HARD TIMES?

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OBITUARY

Clarke.—In Westerly, R. I., October 9, 1940, Mrs. Mabel Lanphear Clarke, wife of J. Perry Clarke.

Mrs. Clarke was born at Ashaway, R. I., on February 27, 1863, and was the daughter of Henry Clinton and Catherine Edwards Lanphear. She was united in marriage with J. Perry Clarke in 1882. She is survived by her husband; by two granddaughters, Virginia Clarke Tucker and Patricia Clarke Tucker. She also leaves a brother, Fred O. Lanphere of Westerly.

She was a member of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church, the Woman's Aid society of her church, and other organizations.

Farewell services were held at the Avery Funeral Home on Friday afternoon, her pastor, Rev. Harold F. Crandall, officiating. Interment was in River Bend Cemetery.

H. R. C.

Crandall.—In Westerly, R. I., October 19, 1940, Charles Clarke Crandall.

He was born at Rockville, R. I., on October 24, 1861, and was the son of John E. S. and Lucy Pendleton Crandall. Early in life he was baptized and joined the Rockville Seventh Day Baptist Church, February 7, 1883, he was united in marriage with Hattie M. Edwards, who died April 24, 1893. To this union two sons were born, Harold B. and Carl F. Crandall. March 3, 1894, he was united in marriage with Mabel E. Taylor; she and his two sons survive him. He also leaves two granddaughters: H. Elizabeth, daughter of Rev. Harold R. Crandall; and Beverly B., daughter of Carl F. Crandall. The surviving family are all residents of Westerly. He was a good husband and father, a man of good cheer, and one who had a host of friends.

Farewell services were held at the Avery Funeral Home on Monday afternoon and interment was in First Hopkinton Cemetery. Rev. B. U. Hatfield, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Westerly and a friend of many years, officiated, assisted by Rev. E. T. Harris, pastor of the First Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist Church. Vars.—At her home in Bradford, R. I., October 27, 1940, Mrs. Ruth Crandall Vars.

Ruth A. Crandall was born in Hopkinton, R. I., October 15, 1862, and was the daughter of Alanson and Ruby Whaley Crandall. She joined the First Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist Church when a young woman, later transferring her membership to the Second Westerly Church, and upon its disbanding, united with the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church. On October 15, 1889, she was united in marriage with Enoch W. Vars. Three children blessed this union: Mary C., wife of Harry J. Nichols of Bradford; and twin sons, Raymond C. and Clarence A. Vars, both of Westerly. Mrs. Vars is survived by these three also by her step-daughter, Effie H. Vars, and by four grandchildren. She was a member of the Woman’s Aid Society of the First Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist Church, and was a Charter member of the latter.

Farewell services were held at her late home Wednesday afternoon and interment was in First Hopkinton Cemetery. Rev. Harold R. Crandall, was assisted in the services by Rev. B. U. Hatfield, pastor emeritus of the First Baptist Church of Westerly.

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OCTOBER

Clarke.—In Cranston, R. I., October 9, 1940, Mrs. G. W. White Clarke, wife of G. W. White Clarke.

Mrs. Clarke was born at Cranston, R. I., on October 31, 1827, and was the daughter of Henry Clinton and Catherine Edwards Lanphear. She was united in marriage with G. W. White Clarke in 1882. She is survived by her husband; a daughter, Catherine, Mr. Albert W. Tucker of New Haven, Conn.; two granddaughters, Virginia Elizabeth Barrett Browning.

Let us be content, in work to do the thing we can, and not presume to fret because it’s little.—Elizabeth Barrett Browning.
"WHEN HE SAW THE WAGONS"

We recall the story of Joseph in Egypt and the service he rendered that country, and to his own people. After the revelation of his identity to his brothers, he sent them a retinue to assist in the moving. We cannot believe the good news that his favorite, well beloved son was still alive. For him had the father mourned through many years. Jacob could not believe such good news, and his heart fainted, for he believed them not. Again his sons repeated their story and the words of Joseph, "and when he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob revived; and Israel said, It is enough; Joseph my son is yet alive." Human beings seem to be like that. They have their islands lift, know not where his islands lift, the spirit of Jacob revived; and Israel said, It is enough; Joseph my son is yet alive. Human beings seem to be like that. They have their islands lift, know not where his islands lift, the spirit of Jacob revived; and Israel said, It is enough; Joseph my son is yet alive.

GOOD VERSUS FAULTS

It is not a difficult matter to arouse feelings of anger and resentment by reminding one another of our faults. Of course we all have them, and doubtless at times it might be well for us to be reminded of them. We have had a recent experience with our recently married in the matter of mutual fault finding. It turned bad. Temporarily eclipsed equanimity, however, was restored when the trial was made of naming each other's good qualities, turn about. This would seem to be a much more desirable plan than calling up one another's faults. How much happier one would be if we could remember to name the good qualities of our neighbors and fellow church members. Even better—why not remember to name the good qualities of the ones who have work to do in office or shop?

We feel sure that a spirit of harmony will thus be promoted and good will and higher classed fellowship will follow.

NEITHER MUST THESE BE FORGOTTEN

Of "these" there are two and a half million in Germany alone, according to Dr. Francis C. Stiller of the American Bible Society, who praises the work of mission among war prisoners before the American public. To these needy, grief-stricken, wandering people the Bible Society must not forget, is seeking to minister its encouragement and good will.

It is hard for us in our comfortable home to picture the miseries of these prisoners of cold, hunger, and disease. Besides such miseries there is that of their idleness—long cold, hunger, and disease. Besides such miseries there is that of their idleness—long days and nights with nothing to do but brood over their empty lives, and wonder about their wives and children, mothers and sweethearts.

It is difficult to do anything for these men, to get supplies to them. They are completely in the hands of their masters. One way of helping is to furnish good reading. What better than the Bible?

However, the Bible Society of France, glad as it would be to furnish Scriptures, is able to function only feebly. The British Bible Society is prevented by the blockade. Only the American Bible Society is in a position to give these prisoners the books of the Bible. The American Bible Society has placed its services at the disposition of the Ecumenical Committee for chaplaincy aid to war prisoners, operating under the auspices of the International Red Cross at Geneva. Two thousand dollars has already been given toward the expenses of the committee, and already twenty thousand French Gospels have been printed, with five thousand Bibles and Testaments already on the press. Besides this help, twenty-three hundred English New Testaments have been sent by the American Bible Society. Six thousand New Testaments and Bibles are being called for.

It is readily seen that this is only a mere beginning, and it is the last that the worst needs. Besides the millions of prisoners mentioned, there are the refugees, interned persons, the needy in France, in Holland, and other countries whose own Bible Societies are at present at a standstill.
CAST Secretary of the Tract Society.

It was no dead church group, therefore, that the secretary addressed on the four occasions of his week-end mission. A fine audience faced him on Sabbath evening, as he spoke on the Spirit and Power of God in the work and in the men. The house, not "packed" but full, greeted him on Sabbath morning as he spoke on the need of new experience, vision, and dedication for a larger future of Seventh Day Baptists.

Following the Sabbath school dinner, dinner was served to fifty or more, and around the table the afternoon meeting was held with all diners present, when the work of the denomination was presented, with especial attention to the activities and problems of the Tract Board. Many were surprised to see the wide influence of our work when pointed out on United States and world maps.

The closing session, Sunday night, was given to a gospel message on Christ's supreme mission—"The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

Emphasis was laid on the responsibility of the church to do, in a fine lying district of the country and the situations in some foreign lands, what the churches of fifteen or twenty nations in Europe are not able to send funds to their missions in foreign countries. This has placed hundreds of foreign missions and missionaries without the support of the home boards and is nothing less than a major calamity to the kingdom of Christ. The term orphaned missions strikingly describes the missions thus deprived of the support of the home boards.

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Among the most serious obstacles missions are meeting the indifference and the chocking of missions for other things. The priceless blessings we enjoy in this fair land are the result of Christian missions, and having received them we should be the high trust committed to us unless we do what we can to establish Christ's kingdom in our day.

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Miss. Sec.

EXPECTING CONVERSIONS

The first work of the Church is to win converts to Christ, and the second is to nurture in Christ's way of living those who have been won to him. It is folly to dispute over how either one of these objects shall be accomplished. What the Master wants is results—results such as the Church was intended by its Founder and Head to produce.

It is expected that all churches should make the winning of converts their chief effort. This is incumbent upon the larger churches as well as the smaller ones. Nevertheless it sometimes appears that we are demanding that the mission churches win converts, and are not looking for much of this work from the local churches. But the local churches have the best opportunity. They have the means, the numbers, the able pastors and other workers, and the equipment. Missionaries are needed to equip them in converts constantly; and all others should also.

One cannot help wondering, however, whether some churches and pastors are expecting superficial results. We know that Dorothy has been saved, and shall she be so described if her work for Christ is no more than what is expected of her? In the missionary enterprise it is the Christian movement makes an indispensable contribution to the international order.

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DOCTOR PALMBORG RETURNS FROM CHINA

It was announced in the Missions Department last week that Miss Throntege, David, Stephen, and Philip Throntege, and Marcia Davis were on their way home from China. Two days after sending this information to the Recorder, a letter was received from Doctor Palmborg in which she stated that she was to sail for home on the S. S. Washington. This vessel was due to arrive in San Francisco December 7.

Doctor Palmborg's sister, Miss Elin V. Palmborg of New York City, writes, that she plans to go to San Francisco to meet Doctor Palmborg when she arrives.

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channels for communism, various forms of militarism, and secularized attitudes toward life, the Christian Church is steadily evidencing in many ways the powerful change for which Christ brings into the life that accepts him?

5. That in India, American and German missionaries have worked side by side with British Christians to demonstrate that the Christian message has power in transforming the degrading conditions of poverty and outcaste existence, which not only mitigates the bitterness many Indians have for imperialism but is teaching them how to take hold of their problems themselves?

6. That by its healing ministry the Christian missionary has shown that the disruption which modern commercial exploitation has caused in the life of primitive Africa?

And that today the chief agencies working for a fuller development of African personality, so that he may benefit by the riches of his home land, are the Christian churches?

That the Christian missionary has been responsible for a writing form of language for large numbers of the human race? He has made available the Scriptures while teaching these people how to read and also to write. Today it is a missionary who is doing more than any other person to stir an interest in literacy among the hundreds of millions of illiterates in the world.

And missionaries in many lands are joining afresh in this crusade against ignorance with new energy.

8. What an astonishing place of leadership Christians have taken in many countries of the Orient, before training under Christian auspices they have discovered a purpose to serve their fellow men in the manner of the Christ?

9. How much God wanted his children to know and love him so much that he sent his only Son that they might have life—and he has been seeking men every day who would continue to carry the Good News?

More than half of the human family still await release from the concentration camps of despair.—Leslie B. Moss, Secretary Foreign Missions Conference.

"Praying is no substitute for paying."

DAILY MEDITATIONS

(Prepared by Alice Annette Larkin, Ashway, R. I.)

Sunday, December 15

Philippians 4: 14-16—But let God supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. (Read Psalm 34: 7-10.)

An Eastern king once showed a chest containing his writings and those of another king. Reaching his hands down to the bottom of the chest, the ambassador remarked, "I can reach the bottom of your treasures, but there is no bottom, no end to the treasures of my Master." Surely there is no end to the riches of our heavenly King. Earthly treasures last an hour. Earthly kingdoms fall with breathing, taking speed, but the riches and the power of our King are everlasting, and he loves us with an everlasting love.

Prayer—Our dear Father, we thank thee that thou dost own us as thy children. Forgive us if we have ever doubted thee and help us to trust thee fully this day. Amen.

Monday, December 16

2 Corinthians 3: 2—Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men. (Read Acts 1: 7, 8.)

All along our highways are signs pointing the way somewhere. They are found in little country towns and on the busiest city streets. There is a plant, too, that points north and south. We are told, so a trapper or an Indian is able to tell the direction, even after dark. Young leaves always point north and south. There is a plant, too, that points streets. There is a plant, too, that points north and south.

Prayer—Father, we do want to be compass plants, pointing the way to Jesus. May we never fail anywhere in the wrong direction. Amen.

Tuesday, December 17

Lamentations 3: 22—It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not every morning. (Read Psalm 145: 8-21.)

"Every day is a fresh beginning. Listen, my soul, to the glad refrain, Africa begins this morning with its older sinning, Take heart with the day and begin again."

How thankful we are that it is possible for us to begin again. Several years ago a great singer, when about to render a selection from the musical drama, "Oh, Susanna," the queen of comedy operas, was delayed. She had been wanting to say. A small girl, whom she was very fond, but, being busy, she had planned to make, or say the words he had to say for not doing them today. Sometimes the excuses are very real, and the deed may be changed. Perhaps, at this time, someone may be saying to Christ who is pleading, "Follow me"—"Wait until tomorrow, or maybe next month." We forget that this present time is the only time we are sure of.

Prayer—Forgive us, our Father, for the things we have put off and help us to be ready to act in the living present. Amen.

Wednesday, December 18

Job 38: 22—Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow? (Read Isaiah 55: 10, 11.)

One of the loveliest scenes we are privileged to enjoy is that following a snowstorm. The earth may have looked frozen and brown, the trees stark, the roofs on old houses shabby and patched only a few hours before, but with the change of the millions of tiny snowflakes have made snow. Snow covers imperfections, and Solomon says, "Love covers a multitude of sins." We are never too late, too soft, or too cold for God to reach us. Let us get together, join hands.

Prayer—For everything we fail to do, and for the Christ Child on his birthday. Amen.

Thursday, December 19

Isaiah 58: 11—And the Lord shall guide thee continually. (Read Psalm 121.)

She was an elderly lady, and for some time she had been working one a week in a sewing room to earn money for her rent. On cold, winter days, when the ice made walking treacherous, she had to pick her way carefully to this room. Then, especially, did she appreciate the message of the chimes on the church she attended. It is a great promise, given through the lips of the singer apostolized, saying she had had a touch of stage fright. Then she told her accommodation to start over, and she sang back a few measures, but the singer insisted on commencing at the beginning. She wasn't too proud to go back. However closely we try to follow our directions, there are times when we are tempted to give up, but God will give strength and courage for the new start.

Prayer—We thank thee, our Father, for this new morning, this opportunity to begin again. Forgive all our mistakes and grant us thy strength for our day. Amen.
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flowery. Gently the angel touched her, say-
ing, "Behold! These are thy Christmas roses, and as thy gift of love he will count them more than all the frankincense or myrrh." And there on the snow where the girl's tears had fallen, were lovely white flowers. In a few days we are to observe Christmas. Will we be sending gifts to our loved ones and friends? Have we planned a gift for Jesus? Are we sad because we haven't found one? Why not select a better gift could we give him, who is God's won-
derful gift to a world torn with tragedy, a world that needs the Sabbath God in-stituted—than to reconsecrate our lives to him? "A gift without the giver is bare.

Prayer—"Take my love, my God, I pour At thy feet its treasure store, Take myself and I will be Ever, only, all for thee." Amen.

WHO'S WHO

Rev. Walter L. Greene
Andover, N. Y.

Walter L. Greene, born at Little Rock, Nobles County, Minn., December 19, 1875, son of deacon John T. Greene of Alfred, N. Y., and Sophronia B. Lackey of Little Genese, N. Y. Educated in the public schools of Massachusetts, of Alfred, Alfred Academy; graduated from Alfred University with the A.B. degree in 1902 and the B.D. degree in 1904, received the honorary degree of D.D. from Alfred University in 1933. Did graduate work in Church History and Religious Education at the University of Chicago in 1908 and 1933. Was field secretary of the Sabbath School Board 1903-7, pastor of the Second Brook-
field Church 1892-7, professor of Church History and Religious Education in Alfred Theological Seminary 1909-14, pastor of the Independence Church 1914- and the An-
dover Church 1934-39. At the present time Was general secretary of the Allegheny County Bible School Association from 1923 for about ten years, professor of Church History and Religious Education in Alfred School of Theology since 1926. Married August 21, 1904, Miss Miriam Sherburne of Chicago, III., and have two children, Dr. E. Claire Greene of Bridgeport, N. J., and Mrs. Eleanor M. Clement of Wells ville, N. Y.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

PRE-CAMP CONVENTION CAMP MEETINGS

By Marjorie Greene

"The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein." What a wonderful thought! All of this beautiful world and all of us mortals belonging to God. To belong to the earth, to the lofty trees arching the heavens; our brightly clothed feathered friends filling the tree tops with their carols; the crystal clear lakes, dotted here and there with a pure white water lily; the gorgeous colors of the sunset; the full moon and the myriad of stars stud-
ding the evening sky and reflected in the mirror of water—these are a few of God's handiworks bearing testimony to the wise planning of the universe.

"The world and they that dwell therein." On this beautiful earth God placed man. He must have seen how perfect and how beautiful his world was. He wished to have someone to enjoy and reap a benefit from his earth, so he made man in his own image, to have dominion over the things he found, but I think God also intended that these other wonders of nature should have someone to enjoy and reap a benefit from them. "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof." "Blessed be the name of the Lord." Albion, W. S.

CHRIST IN EVERYDAY LIFE

(Previously written for "Pre-Conference Camp Meetings")

We are faced today with the problem of making Christ a vital factor in our every-
day lives. I say we are faced with a problem—and it is a problem to many of us—because of what we choose to call "lack of time." It is true that our time seems to be filled to overflowing these days—working hours, parties, social engagements, home duties—all of these and more too.

It is for this reason that I say, the only way to make Christ a vital factor in our everyday life, is to put him there. He is ready and waiting—and yes, anxious, to be come a part of our everyday lives if only we will let him.

It is my desire in the few minutes I have to stress daily devotion as a solution to our so-called problem of making Christ a vital factor in our everyday lives.

You will not find a single tennis champion who spends only an hour or two a week in the study and practice of tennis. To be an accomplished player, one spends hours every day studying and practicing in the art which he wishes to master.

The same is not trying to become an expert at the game spends some time each day in practice in order that he will not lose that which he has gained.

By the same token, we who are striving for Christianity for Today, as is the general theme of our yearly meetings, should spend some time in meditation and prayer with our heavenly Father. Meditation, prayer, and study—these three— are the fac-
sors which go to make up devotion.

First—Meditation

The exercise of meditation, especially for Christian growth, is very well known in these busy matter-of-fact times. We today are losing more than we realize in the seemingly neglect of giving up the exercise of medita-
tion.

Is it not evident that many are out of the kingdom or are losing their hold on heavenly things because, in the rush in which we all live, men do not pause to think—or medi-
tate?

Because men grow spiritually by medita-
tion, it becomes a Christian duty. Men can-
ot love God rightly until they know him well. They cannot know him well unless, in addition to hearing the word of God, they take time to meditate with him and of him.

Thus, through true meditation, we have contact with our heavenly Father — and through this contact he becomes more and more a part of our daily lives.

The second factor which we mentioned as going to make up devotion, is prayer.

The importance of prayer, I think, cannot be stressed enough. Through prayer we ar-
brought more closely in touch with God as a personal factor in our lives than in any other way. As a Christian, I think you will find that when you pray your heart is more open to the presence of God, and that you feel the presence of God to a greater degree.

Meditation when it is blended with prayer often makes the approach to God—which has for many a mysterious and foreign looking to the world—seem a wonderful privile-
gle and pleasure.

The third factor in devotion we mentioned is study. And by this I mean Bible or religious study. Today, if we take time to sit down to read, it is usually the daily paper or The Reader's Digest. Am I wrong in believing that in the majority of American homes today daily Bible study has become a thing of the past? How can children and youth be expected to put Christ first in their lives when so little time is given to home and family study of the Bible?

Perhaps I am a bit old-fashioned in my no-
tions, but I think the Bible and its teachings —when put into practice—are, as it is some-
times expressed, "the way to salvation".

In one of our well known hymns is, I think, a line that is near and dear to the heart of every one of us which lead to true devotion and Christian character.

You should each have access to a mimeo-
graphed copy of this hymn—"Take Time to Be Holy.

We will meditate on it with me for a moment—keeping in mind the fact that it lists ways which, if we carry them out, will most surely lead to a closer relationship with God and bring him into our everyday lives.

TAKE TIME TO BE HOLY

(1) Take time to be holy,
(2) Speak oft with thine own Lord;
(3) Abide in Him always;
(4) And love Him on every hand;
(5) Make friends of God's children;
(6) Help those who are weak;
(7) Spend much time in secret study;
(8) By looking to Jesus,
(9) Let Him be thy Guide;
(10) And run not before Him,
(11) Whatever be the tide.

In joy or in sorrow,
Albion of our churches. your sincere devotion. Will you not sages. Seventh Day Baptists The Recorder needs your papers and whoever he is, needs your loyal support.

"Will to fountains of love, Beneath His Control; thy Lord, thy soul; His love.,. and are willing to work for it and to my other work to know that young men and women whom I have never know many of the happy memories. I feel that I have come to the editor of the Young Recorder, and now as I pass this service

To our friends of love. Thou soon shall be fitted for service above.

Dear S. D. B. Young People: For a little over two years I have been the editor of the Young People’s Page of the Sabbath Recorder, and now as I pass this work on to someone else, I find I have many happy memories. I feel that I have come to know many of our young Seventh Day Baptists young men and women whom I have never seen. I know you by the papers and materials you have sent me for the page and through the letters and short messages I have received. Through the two years I have been inspired and encouraged by the support you have given to the page. Often it has been a source of vision and uplift in my other work to know that young Seventh Day Baptists are loyal to the cause we all love, and are willing to work for it and to make sacrifices for its interests.

I know that you will all be loyal to the new Young People’s editor. I am sure you are glad to know that you have best friend, Pastor Greene’s sub, Maxson; you had a very happy Thanksgiving. I, too, would like to meet Gipsy Smith personally, and attend one of his evangelistic services. I was in Schenectady for two weeks. We had Gipsy Smith here for a visit and enjoyed him very much. I met him personally.

This morning we attended the ordination services at Berlin. Mr. Paul Maxson was ordained. I met Doctor Bond, Dean of the School of Theology of Alfred University, and many others. I wish you could have been here.

We had our Thanksgiving on the twenty-first, because we got out of school and the factories closed. Little Paul was quite busy but I thought I would write. We are just starting algebra and will start languages, such as German, Spanish, Latin, and others. I might take French and German because I will need them when I start working for the Lord.

Your friend in Christ,

Sincerely yours,

Joseph was not put to prison, but was set before the king. He was dressed in rich apparel and was given a ring on his hand, which was made of pure gold, and was given a chain of gold about his neck, making him a ruler above all the others in the kingdom. We read that Joseph was the wisest man and the one above all others best fitted for him, for had he not shown that God had suggested, and chose Joseph as the best fitted man for the great position. He was given the care of the corn in the seven good years, so that there would be corn enough to last through seven long years. The king was willing to do as Joseph had suggested, and chose Joseph as the wisest man and the one above all others best fitted to attend to saving up the corn for him, for had he not shown that God was with him? Joseph did not have to go to prison or to the scaffold, but was given the highest position in the kingdom. Because we live in America, the “Land of the Free”? Sincerely your friend,

Mizpa S. Greene.
OUR PULPIT

THE SUPREME ALLEGIANCE

(Sermon by Rev. Orvil W. Bakker, preached at the Eastern Association, 1940)

Text: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength, and thy neighbor as thyself. Mark 12: 30

One does not have to possess a master mind to sense in these times in which we live that the world is not as it should be. If we but pause a few short moments and feel the pulse of the moral and spiritual life, our pronouncement could be nothing else but that it is a sick old world. The ageless desire for peace and happiness in the human heart, seems remote if not impossible. It is a time when swords are contending against plowshares, and all indications are that they are winning for the present in the struggle. Hunger, sorrow, and suffering lie ahead for the people of the world, that can scarcely be imagined. And the present reality among us in this country and abroad where war already is in progress makes it far too vivid even now.

And it is well, so far as we are able with our human limitations, to consider the way in which some cure may be discovered and administered.

Allegiances and Loyalties Divided

Now, along with all the good things that scientific research and progress have brought us, there are many things that present great problems. Where life was once simple and society was small we today see an ever increasing complexity of life. Homes once a unit in themselves are beseeched on every hand with interests that date back to the ancient world. The changed society upon the various members of the family tend to break up the common interest. The great truth is, indeed, that the need for a true allegiance in supplying the means of keeping body and soul together in many cases separates family members and destroys the unity. And as a result a situation arises in the common family today when the head of the house leaves early in the morning and doesn’t return until late at night. The other people to be able to complete her tasks through the use of many labor saving devices and find her afternoon amusement among her friends in a social way. As the children grow older they are drawn more and more into the fabric of the life of the public school, and night after night more and more interest in some function that may in itself be fine. The final result is that homes, by the forces that are already at work, are losing their nature because of lack of a suitable common loyalty to bind them together.

Similarly the Church also has suffered. Once the center of the community, it now has given way to a host of other interests. In spite of the figures in regard to church membership that are a sign of increased interest and activity, we seem to sense that there are vast numbers who ignore the appeal of the Christian Church for the true allegiance in supplying the means of keeping body and soul together in the struggle. Hunger, sorrow, and suffering lie ahead for the people of the world, that can scarcely be imagined. And the present reality among us in this country and abroad where war already is in progress makes it far too vivid even now.

That there is little recognition of religion as a vital force in society and individuals may be noted by scarcity of reference to religious matters in contemporary literature. With few exceptions the same may also be true with respect to the works of modern historians. It is true that religion is not playing an important part in influencing the life of our times—that is, the organized religion. But it raises men from the ordinary and incomplete life to one of service to God and to fellow men.

The kind of religion that seems to be prevalent is allegiance to other gods than the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. The fruits of many of those that are reaping is reaped, as always happens when the way of God is disregarded.

Serve God Only

Indeed the very atmosphere in which we live is that of the motto, Serve God Only. Now the doctrine of the Church over against all other gods the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. The fruits of that choice are being reaped, as always happens when the way of God is disregarded.

The Way of Jesus

And what is the challenge, to the human aspiration for better ways of life, that is adequate? The Church holds that the way and the sustenance for the future of Christianity and humanity will take its place. To easily it can be recalled that civilization has given away again and again to ferocities that surpass the savagery of the life which aspire to greater things have been called by Dr. G. G. Atkins in one of his books, "Europe rising from among the people with unusual insight. They have called to the people to rise again and again to ferocities that can be recalled that civilization has given way to a host of other interests. In spite of the figures in regard to church membership that are a sign of increased interest and activity, we seem to sense that there are vast numbers who ignore the appeal of the Christian Church for the true allegiance in supplying the means of keeping body and soul together in the struggle. Hunger, sorrow, and suffering lie ahead for the people of the world, that can scarcely be imagined. And the present reality among us in this country and abroad where war already is in progress makes it far too vivid even now.

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Adams Center, N. Y.

The Adams Center Church wishes to report a genuine Thanksgiving supper, sponsored by the Loyal Class, was celebrated in the church parlors the evening of November 17. The cost of the turkey was apportioned among the members who attended, and each supplied a dish or two of other suitable food. The room reflected a true spirit of Thanksgiving, and a few stunts provided entertainment.

A thank offering was taken for Rev. A. T. Bottoms' project at Gurley, Ala., the sum collected amounting to $9; to this sum has been added $1 from the Torch Bearers Class, and Mr. Bottoms made his making $15 in all, besides two barrels of clothing to be sent soon. This seems to be a very worthwhile project, and the answer will be next to help Mr. Bottoms in his grand work, among those needy people?

Sadie K. Whitford, Correspondent.

North Loop, Neb.

Mrs. J. A. Barber received a note Sunday to the effect that Mrs. Geo. Thorngate and three sons, David, Stephen, and Philip, and Marcia Davis were sailing for Shanghai, China, leaving November 5. Their first stop would be Dodge Center, Minn., the home of Pastor and Mrs. C. W. Thorngate.

Rev. and Mrs. T. W. Whitford, of the First Windom, Minn., plan to come home at this time, but will wait until further developments on the front.

The boat on which the Thorngates and Marcia Davis arrived, the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. H. Eugene Davis, was to sail to come by way of Australia and New Zealand. It is possible that they are already in the United States.

North Loop Loyalist.

THE MILL YARD CHURCH OF LONDON IN WAR TIME

(The following is from a personal letter written to an American friend by the pastor of the Mill Yard Church in London, England, dated December 10, 1940.)

I am still in London, but am planning to go to Darlington on Sunday, November 17, and intend to remain in the north for six weeks. Just before Christmas I should be able to do well with our books up there. It will be more like Christmas there than it will be here. All the windows were shattered and the block was damaged. The bolt at the bottom of the door was wrenched off and thrown to the other end of the hall. The furniture, doors, walls, and ceiling in its mad course; any one in its path might have been killed. I was in our Anderson steel shelter in the garden at the time, but it was a nice mess to clear up on the Sabbath morning! In fact I spent all the day in getting felt and nailing it up over the windows in the front and back rooms in the morning or afternoon service, but just phonc explaining my absence.

Sister Weeks, mother of Sister Gelfe, has had her house area damaged. All the windows in the building are out and her door blown. She is living with her daughter at Ieworth. They do not come up to the service on the Sabbath afternoon because of the air raids and possible dislocation of traffic; so I went down there and had a very pleasant prayer meeting. I try to keep in touch with them all. Very
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few came to the afternoon service. We even got down to a congregation consisting of Brother Vane and the organist. Since then we have had a few more. This afternoon I took the service at the Westerfield Road Baptist Mission. There were only eight or nine there, and that was an improvement on the last time I took their service.

Tonight, owing to the bad weather, the Germans seem to be giving us a rest. It is now 10.30 p.m. Usually they are here before 7 p.m., but every moment we expect to hear the warning.

We are all deeply grateful for the help and sympathy coming to Britain from America.

Sincerely yours,
James McGeechy.

OBITUARY

Davis.—Myrtle Leona Greene, daughter of Par- don and Caroline (Rogers) Greene, was born near Independence, N. Y., August 15, 1867, and died in Hornell, N. Y., November 23, 1940. She was married to Charles S. Davis, of Andover, August 15, 1886. Mr. Davis died in 1920. In early life she united with the Seventh Day Baptist Church, in charge of Rev. Walter L. Greene. Except for a few years, learning and working at the machinists' trade in Westerly, R. I., her life was spent in and near Shiloh.

On December 22, 1883, she was married to Amanda Harris, who died in 1919. To this union were born two children: Mrs. Irene Ayars, who died in 1919; and Miss Francell Davis, who survives. Also surviving her are a brother, Eber Davis, of Marlboro, N. Y.; two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

She joined the Shiloh Church in February, 1895, by profession of faith, having been baptized years previously.

Funeral services were conducted at the home on October 24, by Pastor Lester G. Osborn. Interment was in the Shiloh Cemetery.

Goff.—Mary V. Brissiey, daughter of George W. and Pamela Van Horn Brissiey, was born near Berea, W. Va., in 1883, and died at her home on Spruce Creek, near Hazelgreen, W. Va., September 13, 1940.

She was united in marriage to Joseph H. Goff, who survives her, together with the following children: Delva, Ethel, Ruby, Willa Mae, and Earl, at home; William of Marion, Ohio; Mrs. Iris Hinsman of Harrisville; and Mrs. Ruby Emery of Clarksburg; also six brothers: Albert G. Beatrice, W. Va.; Amos and Reuben of Berea; Thurman and Grover of Salem; John of Long Beach, Calif.; and one sister, Mrs. H. F. Robinson of Lima, W. Va.

Mrs. Goff had been a member of the Ritchie Seventh Day Baptist Church since girlhood, and was loyal to her church, her family, and her God.

Funeral services were conducted at the home by Pastor J. L. Skaggs of Salem and Pastor C. A. Beebe of Berea.

Summers.—Edna Grace Kelley, daughter of As G. and Charlotte Kelley, was born on Otter- side Creek near Berea, W. Va., on March 3, 1893, and passed away at her home near Berea and Pullman, June 29, 1940.

She was married April 14, 1920, to O. B. Summers. For some time they made their home in Akron, Ohio, but later returned to the old Summers home, where she spent her last years.

A daughter Roena and a son Robert survive, as well as her husband and six brothers and sisters: Lauma and Mrs. Gertrude Kelley of Horner, W. Va.; Mrs. Nellie Collins of Fairmont; Garfield of Weston; Mrs. Orpha Davis of Akron, Ohio; and Jens of Berea.

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WHEN WILT THOU SAVE THE PEOPLE?

When wilt Thou save the people? O God of mercy, when?
Not kings and lords, but nations,
Not thrones and crowns, but men.
Flowers of Thy Heart, O God, are they;
Let them not pass, like weeds, away:
Their heritage a sunless day;
God save the people.

Shall crime bring crime forever,
Strength aiding still the strong?
Is it Thy will, O Father,
That man shall toil for wrong?
"No," say Thy mountains: "No," Thy skie:
Man's clouded sun shall brightly rise
And songs ascend instead of sighs:
God save the people.

When wilt Thou save the people? O God of mercy, when?
The people, Lord, the people,
Not thrones and crowns, but men.
God save the people; Thine they are,
Thy children, as Thine angels fair.
From vice, oppression, and despair,
God save the people.

—Ebenexer Elliott (1781-1849)