O B I T U A R Y
Cheesebro, Frank Cheesebro, son of Orrin and Mary Cheesebro, was born May 1, 1861, near Sangerfield, N. Y., and died at Brookfield, March 8, 1941.

On August 18, 1905, he was married to Ada Leora Stevenson, who passed away March 23, 1937. She was a loyal worker in the Aid society of Brookfield, and both Frank and Ada are missed for their thoughtful, kind and honest, devoted lives. Everyone was a friend, richer because Frank Cheesebro lived. He remained in the Cheesebro home where he was tenderly cared for by Mr. and Mrs. Claude Camarena, who made a home for him.

The funeral service, like that of his wife, was conducted by Rev. H. L. Polan, and in his case Pastor Jay W. Crofoot assisted. Burial was made in the Brookfield cemetery.

R. H. C.

L I F E ' S S T A N D A R D S
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It matters not much about birth:
For one who is honest is noble,
It matters not much what he's worth.
One cannot yield hatred and malice
To scatter broadcast through the world.
And feel that we'll do unto others
But we should keep doing and doing
For that which we do unto others
As we wish them to do, if they would.
One cannot feel right in wrong doing,
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Plainfield, N. J.

On Friday evening, January 31, a basket supper was held at the church, after which a discussion was conducted on what our part should be in the present world crisis.

February was observed as Bible Month by our church, joining with other churches of the city. "The Acts of the Apostles" was selected as the Scripture for the month. This book of the Bible was read in the homes and was also used for the prayer meeting topics for the month.

A splendid address was given Sabbath morning, February 22, by Mr. Rome A. Betts, associate secretary of the American Bible Society, New York City. A good offering was received for the work.

On Friday evening, February 28, a union service was held in the church, sponsored by the Plainfield Federation of Women's Missionary Societies, Mrs. Herbert C. Van Horn in charge. Dr. Paul G. Dennis gave a very fine address. It was unfortunate that a blizzard took this day and evening to visit Plainfield, so the attendance was small.

A union Preaching Mission of the Piscataway and Plainfield Seventh Day Baptist churches was held two weeks ends—March 14-16 in Plainfield, with Rev. H. C. Van Horn as speaker; and March 21-23 at New Market, with Rev. Wayne Rood of Rockville, R. I., as speaker. These meetings were well attended and much good was received.

The annual church meeting, held April 6, beginning at 4 o'clock and extending into the evening, was well attended. Reports showed the church in a healthy condition. Supper was enjoyed by about seventy-five.

Correspondent.
We join with the Churchman in its "Prayer for Those in Training":

O God, our Father, we beseech thee to send the Spirit into the hearts of the young men in our land who, in these days are separated from family and friends for military or naval training. Preserve them from temptation, keep their minds clean, and turn their thoughts to thee for daily help. Give the army chaplains the help and activity over them, and to the chaplains and welfare workers who minister to their needs. Restore them in thy good time again to their homes and bring to our troubled world the peace which thou alone canst give, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

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CARRYING ON

In revival times, or times of the Preaching Mission, hearts are warmed and spirits stirred. People really want to do something. That is quite right. It is important that these stirred feelings be carried on, else they will be crystallized, or the heart soon will find itself cold and lifeless. The last state may be worse than the former. So it is well that programs be shaped and work be directed in wise follow-up effort.

In the closing forum of the two-week Preaching Mission held at Plainfield and New Market, this problem was discussed in helpful ways, many taking part, thereby showing the deep interest that had been aroused. The following is a brief summary of the discussion that follows. It was presented by Mrs. Ethel Main Wheeler on the question, "What Can the Minister Do to Carry on the Preaching Mission?"

What can the minister do to carry the spirit of the Preaching Mission into the future so that he and the congregation alike can avoid falling into a "slump" as it is called in the modern expression puts it? "Building yourself up for an awful week-end and then being let down"? What can the minister do to counteract that "let down" which so often follows a Preaching Mission?

If we were able completely to solve that question I'd no doubt hold some position as "Advisor to Ministers," so I don't attack the question with the hope of completely solving it. It is a problem which faces all ministers and congregations and though we can't lay down hard-and-fast rules for its solution, we may think together of some practical suggestions which might help in carrying the Preaching Mission spirit through the year instead of merely through two or three weeks during which meetings of the Preaching Mission may be held.

It has been pointed out by some that the height of the Preaching Mission spirit cannot be maintained continuously, that is, there had to be somewhat of a relaxation period following any climax which would help us to see that we are seeking to avoid is complete relaxation!

The minister has at least two methods of approach:

1. Through the church, its meetings and various organizations.

2. Through personal contact with the individual members.

Theodore is through these two channels that he can keep alive within the people the "Preaching Mission zeal" or "Preaching Mission spirit," if we may call it that.

Concerning the church and its meetings—the minister can have the church and its members to keep the Preaching Mission spirit alive and dynamic. Or he might have a special series of Friday evening meetings along evangelistic lines. It was suggested in our forum at Plainfield last week that the minister might conduct a series of classes for those interested in learning how to present matters of Christ and of salvation in a more exciting and dynamic way.

If my faith is true, I ought to propagate it.
We mentioned the second method of approach that a minister has to his people as that of personal contact. He feels that his duty and opportunity in this field are little different from ours as laymen—that of individual appeal. When Christ gave his command to "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel," he did not mean that it should be limited to ordained ministers. We must remember that the responsibilities of the unordained are not limited to us, but that we must help him to "carry on." And perhaps after all, the minister's main job is to make us conscious of our responsibility.

NOTES OF INTEREST

Manhattan Island weighs 400,000 tons less since Rockefeller Center was erected. The buildings are that much lighter than the material excavated.

The Bureau of the Census has issued a summary statement on the number of farms, the acreage and the value of farm property, in the last census, taken as of April 1, 1940.

The number of farms also decreased in 1940, since 1939, compared with 6,288,648 farms in 1930, a decrease of 3.1 per cent. Drastic declines took place in the number of farms in the "Dust-bowl," the Great Plains area. Land in farms was 1,060,507,353 acres, compared with 886,771,013 acres in 1930, an increase of 7.5 per cent. The value of farm property was in 1940, $33,644,263,247.00, about 7.5 per cent. The value of land and buildings in 1940 was in 1940, $33,644,263,247.00, about 7.5 per cent.

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How a New Testament in your own language may help lay foundations for a happy marriage is illustrated by this item recently received from the American Bible Society from Guatemala. At a wedding the groom made sure that, during the service, the Mam prayer service, the duties of a wife toward her husband and of a husband toward a wife from the Mam New Testament, so that his wife would clearly understand. The first complete Mam New Testament, used in a Presbyterian mission in Guatemala, was printed by the American Bible Society.

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DAILY MEDITATIONS


SUNDAY, APRIL 27

Isaiah 21: 1. O Lord, thou art my God; I will wait for thee, for thou wilt do good; thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithful and true. Read Isaiah 21: 1-5.

Many times a month perhaps a paragraph of Scriptures and we sing hymns to the glorification of God, but do we stop to realize and to meditate upon the promises that he has given us? Isaiah says, "O Lord, thou art my God." In life do we make God our personal God? Do we praise his name or are we prone to think only of him when a way is before us, to think, "Do we seek his counsel and guiding Spirit? I am sure that if we do this we would live a better life."

Prayer—Father, may we praise thee and give thanks for all the wonderful things thou hast done for us. Amen.

TUESDAY, APRIL 28


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In this Scripture we have a wonderful story of a young woman who was ready to give her life for her people. Mordecai said unto her, "And who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" After consideration she made up her mind that she would go before the king, which was against the law, she went without wavering of faith, and who knows but that in this dark world of ours each one of us as individuals is brought forth for a time like this? Are we willing and have we faith enough in God and trust in him that we can go forth and do his bidding?

Prayer—Grant us faith, our Father, that we may carry out thy will, whatever it may be. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

Romans 4: 13. For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. Read Romans 4: 13-17.

When we ask a friend or a neighbor to do something for us, we have faith in him that he can do this task for us or else we would not have asked him to do it. Do we have faith that God will answer our prayers? He will give it unto us. Thus we may receive salvation through faith.

Prayer—Our Father, we thank thee for the grace that we have and we would ask that thou wouldst give us a greater faith in thee. Amen.

The following meditations were prepared by Rev. Marion Van Horn, W. Va.

THURSDAY, MAY 1

Father, the hour is come; glorify thy son. Read John 17: 1-4.

To be in the deepest yearning of every heart to be accounted worthy? Then, that is what we all strive for—to be worthy of the goal that has been set for us. Is there doubt? Do some of you, perchance, believe that if we accept a man strive lawfully he shall not attain; and to strive selfishly is not in accord with the love of Christ? Is it possible that the qualifying phrase is, "As thou hast given him power." Can you stand before your instructor, your employer, your family, your neighbor, your God, and lift up your eyes to heaven and say, "As thou hast given me opportunity I have finished the work set before me?"

Prayer—O patient Father, I know that thou hast given me sufficient strength for the work that is mine. Help me to use that strength that I may truthfully say, "I have glorified thee on the earth." Amen.

FRIDAY, MAY 2

I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me. Read John 17: 6-10.

Have you received the Words of Life?

Have you given them to those whom opportunity has sent your way? There was a good woman who felt that her duty as a Christian because she was kept in by the responsibilities of home. One evening after the children were put to bed, she arose an hour earlier to talk with the milk man. With him she was unsuccessful but she did not give up. She found that others who came to her door; the ice man, the newspaper reader, the grocer, the bread man. To each she gave the Words of Life and the invitation to take a definite stand for the Christian life. She was surprised at the success of her experiment—"as how readily men accept the simple un-adorning gospel. Can you bring one soul to Christ?"

Prayer—Lord Jesus, have I walked with you this day? O give greater courage. In thy words of life and truth and way, That I may bring a soul to thee today. Amen.

SABBATH, May 3

I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. Read John 17: 15. Read Psalm 1.

If the kingdom of God was to be made a reality in the world, it is in the world that its messengers must work. This does not mean they can wander or lose their garb of unseemly places. It means this: they must live and work in the presence of evil, but always above it and accountable unto God. Living apart in solitude does not equal the life of St. Anthony. Found his solitude filled with vicious temptations and decided the relationships of the world were needed to the heart. Therefore the followers of Jesus must work in the midst of these relationships, not shunning them, but as trees by the streams of life bearing the fruit of the Spirit of Jesus. What greater witness can there be than a life of righteousness lived in the midst of temptations? A holy life issues from the inner experiences of a pure heart, finding expression in righteous human relationships.

Prayer—O gracious God, grant unto us a life of grace and strength that we may ever rise above the evil in the world and yet give the service where we may. Amen.

Better to fail in a cause that in the end will triumph than to be made a failure. Are we ready in a cause that in the end will be a failure.

—A. L. Byron-Curtis.
THE SABBATH RECORDER

MISSIONS

A CALL TO PRAYER

In the issue of the Sabbath Recorder for March 21 Editor Van Horn tells us in a forceful way that the Executive Committee of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America and the Japan Mission Conference have united in a Call to Prayer "for peace about the Pacific." It is well that we keep this call constantly before all Christians. There is no doubt but vast multitudes of Christians have been imploring the Throne of Grace in behalf of the helpless women and children being murdered, the prisoners of war, the soldiers facing death, the homeless refugees, and the starving millions. When the winter first fell, he said to himself, "All Christians are praying earnestly that the carnage may stop and that righteousness and peace may be established. Are we not already doing that which the call requests?"

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In some South American countries, the growth in North America, where substantial gains are recorded by both the Northern and the Southern Conventions and the recovery in Jamaica of over 10,000 scholars, are heartening features. The most disturbing figures are those for Europe and Australasia. The British Union reports a reduction of slightly over 10,000, and Sweden, through the secessionist movement already mentioned, has lost about 2,700. The Austrian decline is too unfortunate. A net loss of 3,452 in Asia is perhaps largely due to political conditions.

MUSINGS OF A COMMITTEE MEMBER AT CONFERENCE

The Committee on Missions was confronted with the question of the importance to every member of the membership in the various councils of churches. From the discussions held by the committee, several questions rose in the mind of the writer.

In response to the fact that we have been a nation of individuals from which is a vita importance to every member of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination in all nations. The question was, "What are the values of membership in the various councils of churches?"

The National Committee of Church Women reports spreading interest on the part of our members, pastors, or church women. In my own experience as a former member of a Sunday church, I find that those whose business is to propagate Sunday worship are very well versed in the art of twisting pound of gold.

In conclusion, can and will these federations explain our stand as Sabbath keepers as against Sunday worship? Are they sufficiently informed and interested in our cause to refer questioning persons to some of our members, pastors, or church women? In my own experience as a former member of a Sunday church, I find that those whose business it is to propagate Sunday worship are very well versed in the art of twisting pound of gold.

A booklet containing program helps, price ten cents, may be obtained from The National Committee of Church Women, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York.

REDEMPTION THROUGH REGENERATION

By Mrs. E. Rae Stillman

Paul said, "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things have passed away; behold! all things are become new." Christ said, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

It is the great purpose of God that through regeneration men should be redeemed from sin and bondage and walk in newness of life. Spreading the gospel message must ever be in the hands of the redeemed, regenerated children of the living God, for that is the plan of salvation. How necessary, then, that each one share a part.

The work can be done only as individuals yield complete obedience to God and consecrate themselves to his service. "For the Holy Spirit," says Peter, "is a gift to all; even as many as the Lord shall call." In other words, "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who worketh in you both to will and to do his good pleasure." Again Jesus says, "Without me you can do nothing." Therefore, we should each seek in the quiet hours of meditation a renewal of Divine Presence and more complete understanding of what he would have us do to help lost ones.

Teaching has a great part in this work of redemption and is as important in the past to fulfil our obligations to God and to man by teaching the gospel of redemption through regeneration, we still have a chance to do so if we are sincere. God, who never changes, still seeks those who worship him "in spirit and in truth," for "he is not a respecter of persons... it is not enough to be faithful; we must be filled with the Holy Spirit and go forth preaching and teaching in Jesus' name. This evangelizing power alone can help the world in its hour of great need.

The power which changed Peter into a rock and made him a stone in the spiritual house of God, can change us from timid, fearful, unfruitful individuals into spiritual creatures who "no more walk after the flesh, but seek the things which are above... to follow our God, whithersoever he calls us." It makes us bold to declare his mercy and love toward a lost world, and it enables us to do his will in all things.

Such consecration, with its unfolding of the spiritual mind brings us into harmony with the revealed will of God through the Scriptures; it enables us to find in the Bible the food and drink necessary for our spiritual growth—the sustaining meat which makes us strong to obey his commands to do the work of evangelizing the world, the work he left in our hands.

I believe the hour is here, or near, when every child of God is called upon to offer up his testimony to God and men of all the wonderful things that God has wrought. May we be true and steadfast, never doubting that he who receiveth Christ will, through the Holy Spirit, give us both words and deeds that shall testify to his Presence with us and his Power within us.

Such witness, such testimony alone can reach men and women who are lost and groping for light. Such love and devotion alone can send us to carry out the Great Commission. As we allow this power be released through us, we can help save souls from eternal death. It is not enough to be a channel to carry this blessing to mankind. If so, and you feel the need of power from on high, tarry in meditation and prayer until you receive it. Jesus said, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you and ye shall be witnesses unto me.

The plan of salvation which Jesus committed to his disciples in the way of life Peter referred to when he said, "Brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure. For as ye have received Christ, so walk in him" He said, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you and ye shall be witnesses unto me."

May we pray steadfastly for power to accomplish our task.

"The first thing necessary to make a dream come true is to wake up."
YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK
DRAWING ON INFINITE RESOURCES—PRAYER
(Talk given by Alberta Siems of Fremont, Mich., at Young People's Day in the White Cloud Church)

Prayer is the opening of the heart to God. It is necessary to pray to receive him, not to make known what we are. Prayer brings us up to God.

Jesus himself often prayed when on earth. He prayed to his Father that he might gain fresh strength and be better prepared for the duties that faced him. Jesus also taught his disciples how to pray. He told them to precede the great work of the world by casting all their cares upon him, with the assurance that their petitions would be heard. This assurance is also given to us.

God is reasonable and he trembles at the sincere prayer of even the humblest of his children, and yet we are so reluctant to come to him for guidance, through prayer. We, who need his aid so greatly, seem to be satisfied to walk alone, without his presence.

Those who neglect to pray are playing directly against the wishes of our heavenly Father. There is no power of earth that God fears more than the power of prayer. He attempts to press upon us the necessity of our daily duties, and to persuade us to do all we can to help us in our efforts. He has promised, through prayer. We, who need his aid so much, are so often unwilling to give him our care and thoughts. We must remember that God is ever within call: he will not hear us.

If we do not receive the things we ask for immediately, are we to give up and believe God does not hear us? Perhaps what we asked for would not be a blessing to us. Sometimes our desires are so great that we fail to see them as God does. Our heavenly Father in love answers our prayers by giving us those things that are good for us and can be used in furthering his work upon earth. To claim things that are always heard, is always answered for the particular thing we desire or presume. God is too good to withhold anything that is good for us. He cannot fail to direct and to wise to give bad things to his children. I know not by what methods rare, but this I know, God answers prayer. I know that he has given his word, which tells me prayer is always heard, soon or late, and so I pray, and calmly wait. I know not if the blessing sought will come just the way I thought, but I leave my prayers with him alone, whose will is wiser than my own, assured that he will grant my quest, or send some answer far more blessed.

We so often try to solve our own fears, doubts, and perplexities, and as a result find ourselves in a state of confusion. If we will only trust God and to him cast the burden of our cares, he will guide us to the right path. He is ever the only hope of the humble and helpless as we really are, he will attend to our cry and will let his light shine into our hearts. God is ever within call, he is watching and calling to the careless hearts to repent and turn to him. He is ever at our side through hardships, eager to have us call upon him for aid.

When we come to ask mercy from God we must be filled with a forgiveness for others. We pray, "Forgive us our debts," but do we really think about what this means? Is it hard to forgive those who have wronged us, yet how often have we wronged God, and yet he is so willing to forgive us. Ought we not be willing to forgive others, if he is willing to forgive our many mistakes?

God has given us many precious promises if we will but take him at his word and claim them. An occasional prayer is not enough; we should have our hearts in tune with him all the time, ready to call upon him for aid. It is in the silent prayer, when alone with God, that one can really pour out his soul to him and find his strength renewed.

I know of no better way for the youth of today to strengthen their faith than to become a "damper fitter": and the job I have today, that of an apprentice draftsman at the McCormick Works in Chicago. I have been working for the International Harvester Company since January 6, and I hope it lasts indefinitely.

My folks are on a farm northwest of Elgin, Ill., right now. It's a nice big farm, 375 acres, and has two factories, a big truck, and all the necessary machinery that helps make a big farm "percolate." My oldest sister, Byrnia, is directing the Treble Clef at Milton College, Milton, Wis. Last Friday, my younger brother and I drove to Milton and brought Byrnia home for the Easter holidays.

The last few days have been quite nice here in Chicago. The grass is beginning to grow, the weather is quite comfortable. There are some who look for the collapse of Christianity, but others look for its great and final triumph. This is a day of anticipation, People anticipate different things. Some look for war; some for peace. Some see a triumph of democracy; some, for its downfall. There are some who look for the collapse of Christianity, but others look for its great and final triumph.

One of the many causes for which we work is our Recorder. A pressing need right now is more material to fill the Young People's Page. We want original thoughts and meditations; we want to see the page filled with the ideas contributed from the young people of each church. Each week we anticipate the coming of a loving letter from the Recorder. I have before me a letter from Miss Thelma Pierce of our Milton group. She says, "Let's keep this page regular in the Recorder." We can do that if you will each send in your own work. I would like to see my desk piled high with sufficient material for the entire summer. Remember, we have a cause, a need, and an anticipation of success.

THE VOCATIONAL COMMITTEE
By Ben R. Crandall

May we remind the readers of the Recorder when that in need of clerical help, secretarial service, teachers of commercial subjects, or other types of general and professional help, to address box 843, Alfred, Neb. We have some fine young people ready for employment.

Address Box 843, Alfred, N. Y.
Dear Dean:

It surely has been all of ten years since I have heard from you directly, but I often think of you since your grandfather has kept me somewhat informed about your family from time to time. I am so glad to know that you have not forgotten me entirely, even though we had a brief acquaintance and I am only one of the many who have been taking upon myself a man's work. It is indeed a pleasure to hear from my Recorder boys and girls who are "older grizzlies." While you have been living in six different towns during the ten years, I have remained right here in Andover, in fact am on my sixteenth year here, and both Pastor Greene and I feel that our "home, sweet home," is in Andover, though I will always have pleasant memories of Braintree and Chicago though my childhood and youth were spent.

I am glad you were able to finish high school before you really became a "working man." You are preparing yourself for a very worth while position in the years to come, for a good draftsman is pretty sure of steady advancement. Our son-in-law is a draftsman for the Pennsylvania Company in Wellsville, N. Y., where he has worked since he was a lad of sixteen. In less than six years his salary has more than doubled, and "the end is not yet," by any means.

We, too, have been having lovely spring weather for at least a week, so warm and sunny, and peaches and cherries are wearing the Eastern garments today to their heart's content. I could not help but notice how green the grass was growing, and in Alfred this afternoon I saw daffodils in bloom, and in our own garden they are budding and will soon be in full blossom, while many of our other perennials are already showing their heads bravely above the ground. Yes, every indication is that spring is really here, and it should certainly make us feel more than ever that our days of snowbanks which even yet have not entirely vanished from the woody hills and other shady places.

It was a good thing that you did send me a "manuscript," as you call it, since yours is the only letter I have received, and I hope you'll favor me with more such "manuscripts."

Remember me to your grandfather; I always enjoy meeting him and receiving his letters.

Your sincere friend,

Mizpah S. Greene.
In Nehemiah's mind, the task of building up the city walls was so great that he could not be stopped. No matter how great the threats, or how involving the compromises, he would not leave his work. The message which he sent in reply to the invitation to leave is an evidence of his determination when he said, "Am I doing a great work, so that I cannot come down?"

In much the same way each one of us is engaged in a great work. The tasks of some are on a larger scale than others, but the work of each of us is important. Irrespective of our occupation, we are engaged to build a life which grows ever increasing into nobility of character patterned after Christ.

Now most people in a sense have access to the same materials and plans to do the work. We are all involved through associations, through success and failure, and through joys and sorrows, with stones to be laid one upon another. And the sum total of our experiences and deeds, guided by our ideals, go to make up the good work we are trying to visualize this morning.

But materials alone will not insulate a great structure. Plans also are necessary, that shape and utility and beauty may grow from the worker's hands. We too need plans, and vision to guide our work to a completed structure, worthy of our Master. In it we must needs have faith in the meaning of life and of God who made it.

In addition to our tasks to build up individual lives worthy of Christ, our labors must carry us into the community. Some of you find yourselves engaged as homemakers, a task which at times becomes monotonous drudgery. But since the need is great for the welfare of the family, you are urged on with renewed effort and determination. You may say with Nehemiah, "I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down."

Many of you listening this morning are members of the church fulfilling the responsibility with faith and labor. And it is well, for there is great need in these days that here also we sense the importance of the church and that we build for its preservation and future. With regard to the church we also should be able to say, "I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down."

We are faced with yet another task from which we cannot escape. In the various communities in which we live there are duties for each of us to assume. Comparatively few are called upon to act in any official capacity. But the fact that we are citizens requires that we be law abiding, industrious, civic minded, and compassionate toward those in need. So it might be said of every realm of living, "I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down."

Now some of you listening this morning are probably tired from this day's work, or because of ill health are unable to employ your strength in some of the things we associate with labor. Even here the task of carrying out God's plan is not complete. As in the building where only the exterior is complete, there is much finishing work to be done. Some of you may have need of increased meditation and cultivation of the finest things the spirit of God has to offer you, to the end that you may reach your task.

Like Nehemiah, as Christians we all have a great work to do. And with God's help and inspiration we shall not cease until the task is complete.

"Be strong!' We are not here to play, to dream, to drift; We have hard work to do, and lives to lift."

Prayer

Our Father in heaven, return to thee in expectancy for the needs of this day. With grateful hearts we greet the morning light and each new day in which we may labor for thy kingdom.

Help us that we may not too much depend upon our own strength, but may we wait for the aid which cometh from thee. Look mercifully upon each of us and upon all who are heavy laden with error, labor, and sorrow. Fill our hearts with deep compassion for those who suffer, and hasten the day of the kingdom of justice and truth.

May we find new joys in the tasks that are to be done today. Aid us that they may skillfully and lovingly be done to the honor and glory of thy Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Benediction

May the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and give you peace. Amen.

DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

Ashaway, R. I.

An audience of two hundred or more practically filled the auditorium of the First Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist Church in Ashaway last evening to hear the second rendition of the cantata, "The Crucifixion," by the Community Chorus directed by Rev. Wayne Rood of the Rockville Church.

The platform, enlarged for the occasion, was made attractive by palms and floral arrangements through the generosity of our community, and through the courtesy of Elwood Avery, an electric organ was installed in the church and was played by Miss Elizabeth Crandall of Westerly, Mrs. Clinton Armstrong of Rockville being pianist of the evening.

The service was opened with invocation by Rev. Everett P. Mathewson of Ashaway, pastor of the Pendleton Hill Baptist Church, and during the intermission a silver offering was taken. The cantata, especially appropriate for the Easter season, was sung impressively by the choir under the direction of Mr. Rood, who has a thorough knowledge and understanding of music.

The committee which was appointed to look after the business details included Fred Bailey, treasurer; Harold Rogers, secretary; and Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, publicity.

Westerly Sun (April 10).

New Market, N. J.

Charles E. Rogers, 530 Prospect Ave., who has taught a Bible class in the Seventh Day Baptist Church for forty-eight years, was given a surprise party by members of the congregation Sunday night.

The party, planned by Mrs. Lavern C. Bassett of New Market Rd., was held during a church supper served by the men at the close of annual business meeting of the church.

Among those present was Mrs. J. Alfred Wilson of 384 Whittier Ave., who was a member of the class taught by Mr. Rogers for over forty years, and who is still a member of the class. She is the only one who started in the original class who is still a member.

The surprise party was in charge of Frank Kellogg, superintendent of the Sabbath school. Following a talk by Mrs. Wilson, letters from members of the class who have since moved away were read by Mrs. Herbert Dunham. Charles E. Eldred Kellogg sang, accompanised by the piano by his brother, Clarence Kellogg.

Frank Kellogg, on behalf of the congregation, presented Mr. Rogers a reading lamp. Mr. Rogers moved here shortly before he took charge of the Bible class. He resides with his wife and daughter, Miss Ethel Rogers, who is a teacher in the Plainfield public school system.

Mr. Rogers was born in central New York State where he was fully engaged in the Spender Company in South Plainfield. He has been retired for about ten years and now derives his greatest pleasure from gardening and—needless to say—his weekly Bible class. The class is composed of sixteen women and meets every Sabbath at 11:45 a.m. in the church. Mr. Rogers seldom has missed a session of his class.

Plainfield Courier-News (April 8).

Alfred, N. Y.

We have had a very splendid and profitable Easter time. Five young women were baptized Friday night after a very helpful and enjoyable conference meeting held at the church, with one other by transfer, Easter Sabbath. Pastor Harris is doing a fine job among us and is greatly needed.

May I impose upon your good nature to run an item for the Vocational Committee.

We are just back from a church night supper and the regular quarterly business meeting. The church adopted and adapted the Five Year Plan and elected the chairman of the different departments.

Extracts, personal letter from Ben Crandall.

Battles Creek, Mich.

The Seventh Day Baptist Chapter of the Loyal Temperance Legion supplied the entertainment at an all-church social meeting in the social hall of the church at the New Market Rd. Sunday night, February 22. The program included...
songs, readings, choirs, and a temperance play entitled "The Labor Day Parade," and closed with a humorous skit entitled "Our Gang at School." Mrs. W. D. Millar is in charge of the group, Mrs. R. T. Fetherston assisted at the piano, and several mothers of members served light refreshments. During the program the Legion presented to the church library through the pastor, Rev. E. M. Holston, a copy of "Pilgrim's Progress," by John Bunyan. Those taking part in the program were Mary Crandall, Alan Crandall, Tommy Woods, Pauline Woods, Dennie Woods, Marylin Moulton, Bernard Moulton, Bob Fetherston, Dick Beadie, Georgia Spells, Ralph Spells, and Errol Spells.

Contributed.

OBITUARY

Gadd, — Albert J. Gadd was born March 14, 1868, at Whitchurch, Herefordshire, England, and passed away in the Presbyterian Hospital in Philadelphia, Pa., on February 27, 1941.

He came to this country when about three years of age. In 1902, he was united in marriage to Mame L. Fisher, oldest daughter of Charles T. and Elizabeth Fisher of Shiloh, N. J. As a boy, he was brought up in the Methodist Church, but on March 6, 1900, he joined the West Hope Church in Philadelphia, of which he was a faithful member for thirty-one years. Mr. Gadd was a fine Christian gentleman, highly esteemed and respected by all those who knew him.

After the farewell services in the Marlboro Seventh Day Baptist church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Herbert L. Cottrell, the body was laid to rest in the Marlboro cemetery.

H. L. C.

Plemmons, — James Anderson Plemmons, born March 25, 1868, died January 16, 1941.

He was united in marriage with Georgia Easter Jackson, May 21, 1905. He accepted Christ early in life and was a loyal member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church. He was faithful in prayer and testimony. His godly example will be an inspiration and blessed memory.

He is survived by the widow: five children, Amanda Froman, Walton, Harry, Mamie, and Carl, and six grandchildren.

The funeral services were conducted by the pastor of the Nady Friends' Church, and burial was made in Hackenberry cemetery. M. P.

Staples, — Mrs. Emma, oldest daughter of Rev. Andrew J. Williams, died at the city hospital of Tyler, Tex., April 2. She was the mother of five children, who lived to adulthood. She was a devoted wife and mother. She died in sweet assurance of a glorious resurrection.

She leaves to mourn her loss, besides her aged father, her husband, Arthur Staples; sons, William and William, and their seven grandchildren, Mrs. Pearl Cox, Mrs. Lillie Thornton, and Mrs. Ruth McClothin; also one sister.

A. J. W.

IT'S UP TO YOU

You are the fellow that has to decide Whether you'll do it or toss it aside.

You are the fellow who makes up your mind Whether you'll lead or will linger behind.

Whether you'll try for the goal that's afar Or be contented to stay where you are,

Take it or leave it, here's something to do! Just think it over. It's all up to you.

Nobody here will compel you to rise. No one will force you to open your eyes; No one will answer for you yes or no, Whether to stay there or whether to go.

Life is a game, but it's you who must say, Whether as cheat or as sportsman you'll play.

Fate may betray you, but you settle first Whether to live to your best or your worst.

So whatever it is you are wanting to be, Remember, to fashion the choice you are free.

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