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One consolation all may have is that in stead of spending this time, "praying it away," they can enjoy.

MAKING FOR FAMILY SOLIDARITY

Is it true that the church and the nation are to be what they ought to be? If so, and there is much to substantiate such claim, careful attention should be given to make the home the best kind possible.

There are many things that tend to break down home influence and solidarity. If the nation is to be what it ought to be, careful consideration and planning must be given the home.

The Christian Endeavor World gives a good picture of a famous family. The story is that

"The Livingstone family had it as their custom every Saturday night to gather around the fireside, exchange tales of events during the week, and the family evening always closed with the singing of many hymns, the Bible, and the Christian spirit are catching, and one may have an erroneous concept as to the nature of answered prayer. It may be that we expect to have all of our petitions granted and answered for supernatural, natural, and spiritual. We must remember that the stained glass block of "selfishness" does not fit into the great mosaic of Christian living.

Let us pray with open and contrite hearts. Let us make our requests known to God in prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, ever remembering that our heavenly Father knoweth what things we have need of before we ask him.

Thursday, May 28

And the disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost. Acts 13: 52.

On Paul's first missionary journey, he and his company frequently expressed their joy even though they met stern opposition. At Antioch of Pisidia where Paul preached, he and his company suffered persecution and expulsion from the city; their plans were broken and scorn and denunciation were heaped upon them. They were "filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost." Even on the apostle's second missionary journey, when he and his company had to flee for their lives, they stood firm in their faith and joy.

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DAILY MEDITATIONS

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Sunday, May 24

But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ:

Monday, May 25

And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. Colossians 3: 17.

No doubt there are many who have lost faith in prayer because they feel that in the past "any hand feeling for it" had been "prayed for" while their prayers were not answered. If we have had such an experience, then one of several channels might have led to disappointment. We may not have truly prayed from the depths of our hearts; perhaps we merely uttered empty words. We may have an erroneous concept as to the nature of answered prayer. It may be that we expect that we will have all of our petitions granted and answered for supernatural, natural, and spiritual.

Let us pray, our Father, for a steadfastness of purpose and conviction such as Paul and Silas had, that we may not become stunted by the path which follows thy footsteps.

May your day be one of joy and happiness. It is interesting to note that this passage is followed by the apostle's advice to the Christian Advocate. It is there that we first learn what Jesus taught and how he lived; and it is there that we first learn how to apply those life principles in our work, in our play, and in our attitude to those who are most dear to us.

As we pray let us remember that Christ said, "for without me ye can do nothing."

Let us pray, "not my will, but thine be done."}

Tuesday, May 26

Unlimited Blessings

Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. Mark 9: 23.

Thee were the words that Jesus spake unto the Christian man who brought his demoniac son to be healed. Then with tears in his eyes, the father fell to his knees, crying, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelieving heart. Luke 17: 19.

When his disciples questioned him as to who then could be saved, he replied, "With many sighs and tears, God."

We may rely upon Christ's promises, for he was not one to speak empty words or promises, for he was not one to speak empty words or promises without a sure foundation. If we suffer bitter disappointments in our Christian experience, then let us ask our Father if we are depending too much upon our own strength and accomplishments.

Let us pray: "Increase our faith," O Lord.

Wednesday, May 27

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Test yourselves, to see if you are in the faith. Do you not understand that Christ Jesus is within you, and that ye must be failures. (Moffatt.)

2 Corinthians 13: 5.
Faith is not tested merely when we "stand fast" during crises or storms of life experience. Faith is really tested by our consistency in us, regardless of whether our days are bright or cloudy. In fact, it may be that our faith is tried more in times of peace and plenty, for it is then that we may tend to lose our faith is tried more in times of peace and plenty, for it is then that we may tend to lose our faith.

Let us pray:

Into my heart, into my heart,
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus.
Come into my heart, come to stay.
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Sabbath, May 30

What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me? Psalm 116: 12.

The 116th Psalm is a love and praise song. The Psalmist begins by saying, "I love the Lord, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications." Then he thinks back over his life experience and recalls that even when death seemed near, he felt God's close- ness to him, and finally he breaks forth with the declaration, "I will render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me." And then he reconsecrates his life, "O Lord, truly I am thy servant." If we were to attempt to evaluate and actually to pay for all the blessings in life that we enjoy, then we would be hopelessly in debt. But as a teacher expects only love, expression of appreciation and gratitude, and obedience from her children in return, so the Christian who turns to his heavenly Father desires those things from us.

The greatest consideration that we can make in return for what we enjoy, today, and our security in life Eternal, is our acceptance, conflagrating or reconsecrating ourselves, saying "O Lord, truly we are thy servants."

Let us in our prayer lives ever seek to love and trust our heavenly Father for all things, and never be afraid to render unto him that which is his.

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WITNESSES

Leading men to eternal life and extending the kingdom of heaven rests upon Christ's followers. All who witness unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. These words were spoken to the disciples because they had known Christ, and they apply to his followers in all ages. We are his witnesses today.

There are different ways of witnessing. We are not all required to go into the pulpit to speak in public, but are we not called to witness to others who testify. The prayer and conference meeting, commonly called the prayer meeting, has been one of the most effective ways of witnessing for Christ. Churches and organizations professing to be Christian are neglecting this means of grace, and they and the whole world are suffering on account thereof. One must question whether or not people, the leader, the teacher, asked all who had made the decision to lead a Christian life in a prayer meeting to stand, and a large number arose. This indicates that the department of Evangelism has been a source of leading multitudes to accept Christ.

The Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council held its second Christian Mission in army camps at Fort Bragg, April 9-10. Eight speakers were present for the week, Monday through Friday.

The United States Government has never been more concerned about the physical, moral, and spiritual welfare of its enlisted men than in this present war. No army has ever had so much to do for its welfare and education as this one. The men are comfortably housed, well fed, and well entertained. Provision for their moral and spiritual welfare has never been done for so much at such a time. For example, there are 46 chaplains at Fort Bragg. Of this number 33 are Protestant, 12 are Roman Catholic, and 1 is Jewish. These chaplains have 22 chapels in and through which they do their work. These beautiful white buildings are located in the different areas on the reservation, set down in the midst of the different army units.

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show. The soldiers liked this arrangement and appreciated the messages as indicated not only in the conclusion of the message, but also by the fact that many came early in order to hear the message.

There were several simultaneous evening services and so theuddle was in many areas, over the post. Most of the services were held from eight to nine o’clock and seldom were there more than a hundred Soldiers like to sing. They enjoy singing the hymns of the Church; hence in every service considerable time was given to the music. In almost every one of the evening services the speakers sought to secure decisions for Christ and a reedication of life. Following each service a New Testament was given out to all the men who had none and who wanted one.

The speakers during the week met scores of the army officers at Fort Bragg in their offices, which gave missionaries an opportunity to interpret the Mission and indicate something of its objectives. In every instance the ultimate issue was received by the speakers and interest was shown in the Mission. Most of the officers are church members and are definitely interested in the moral and spiritual welfare of their men. These Protestant chaplains at Fort Bragg gave the utmost co-operation during the Mission. They understood that a military reservation has a finer group of men than these with whom it was our privilege to work.

It is not our purpose to single out any one missionary for special mention, but perhaps this report would not be complete without a statement concerning the work at the reception center. At this place, the new members in the army come daily on trains and buses in civilian clothes. Everything is new and strange to them. It is important for them to have contact with these men as soon as possible. At the reception center chapel, two splendid chaplains, who are essentially interested in the men, minister to them. These men are evangelists. They have many decisions for Christ at every service.

During the week (Monday to Friday) the speakers held 123 meetings, having a total attendance of 3,953. The personal interviews and hospital visits were not tabulated, yet there were well over 500 of these held with the soldiers by the guest speakers.

The chaplains held many others during the week, the meetings held during the week that were most significant were those with the chaplains (conducted daily), meetings in the theaters, and the services each evening at the theater. Out of one and all, were most appreciative of the daily morning meetings held for them. They were frank in saying that they felt often times that they themselves crave fellowship with the leaders of the Church. In talking with the chaplains individually, any number indicated that they felt often times that their denominations had forgotten them. They receive few and sometimes no letters from their denominational officials. There is no question but that the chaplain does not have it easy, if and when he takes this task seriously. He has many problems. On the other hand, he has the greatest opportunity to serve Christ and men of any minister within the Church today. One chaplain said of the Mission, “This week has meant so much to me personally. It has given me a new lift. Last week I was so discouraged, felt like quitting my job and going home.” The chaplain is the key to the religious life of the soldier and the navy. The whole religious life among the men in the armed services depends on the chaplains. Therefore everything the Church can do to strengthen his hand and encourage his heart is tremendously worth while.

THE MINISTERS’ CONFERENCE
After ascertaining by correspondence the prevailing sentiment of those ministers who would normally attend, the Conference here at Alfred, it has been decided to hold the conference again this year. This decision was made not without some misgivings. However, a program has been prepared, and at the six sessions which are to attend a place on the program a majority has responded, and only one has felt that he could not take the place assigned.

All of this is pleasing to those who have been responsible for setting-up this conference, and who for five years now have prepared and arranged it. It is the fact that very few were willing to give it up this year and that so many have expressed a willingness to have a part

on the program would indicate that the conference has made a place for itself in the program of the Church. For the fifth successive year, therefore, the School of Theology invites all ministers of the denomination to the Ministers’ Conference to be held at Alfred, Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, June 8, 9, and 10, beginning Monday evening and closing Wednesday evening.

There will be a worship service and an inspirational address each evening in the Gothic Chapel. There will be no discussion at ease evening meeting.

Tuesday morning and afternoon will be devoted to the discussion of The Church and a Just and Durable Peace. There will be one formal address in the morning and one in the afternoon, followed in each case by discussion. Wednesday will be devoted to the subject of Evangelism. There will be two addresses in the morning and two in the afternoon, followed again by discussion.

The accommodations for lodging provided for our guests are the same as those which have been appreciated so much in past years. The university has offered us the use of the Board of Directors, for twenty-five cents per day. We feel quite sure the lawn bowling set—bowls and rackets—will be a welcome sight to those who feel the need of exercise, or who enjoy the social fellowship which comes from playing together.

A. J. C. Bond, Dean.
THE SABBATH RECORDER

We give to thee our persons, and we give to thee our privilege. Distribute them, lest they rot upon our hands.

When we consult our inmost desires we do not want to see our nation defeated—and yet we cannot pray victoriously. Neither can we have our hearts, as Jesus did in Gethsemane, and say, "If it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not my will, but thine be done." Perhaps thou wilt have to save us by hard refusals. But whether it be through victory, or through the husks of God's Word, save us. In Jesus' name. Amen—Christian Century. March 4, 1942.

CRYING STONES

By Rev. Lester G. Osborn

When Jesus Christ made his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, the Pharisees criticized him for allowing his followers to extol him as they were doing. His answer was, "If these should preserve silence, the stones would cry out.


Doctor Rimmer writes not for the technical scholar, but for the layman. The book is very readable and entertaining in its presentation of the subject. Archaeology, for long thought to be a dry and musty subject, is made interesting and fresh. The author presents the evidence for the inspiration of the New Testament which this science has discovered.

He says, "Every objection which infidelity and skepticism have directed against the credibility of our present text of the New Testament is refuted by the evidences of archaeology. A Christian who has accepted this revelation purely on the grounds of faith, is now shown to have been actuated by well-grounded motives. When he asserts the fact that much of this evidence has been known to scholars for a long time, and says, "Solemnly rehearsed in turn can charge the learned leaders of the modern theology with deliberate deceit and willful treachery in giving them away," the husk of modernism instead of the milk and meat of God's Word. They know that these evidences exist, but rather than abandon their false idea and confess themselves to have been mistaken, they seek to save face' by concealing the vast mass of positive evidence which results from research, and do not even try upon the unlearned and credulous.

Doctor Rimmer states that his purpose is threefold: First, to make the reader form a correct judgment of the subject. Archaeology, for long thought to be a dry and musty subject, is made interesting and fresh. The author presents the evidence for the inspiration of the New Testament which this science has discovered.

The voices of stone witnesses have become such an overwhelming chorus, they have completely drowned out the feeble bleat of critical infidelity. The crying stones have in our day established the faith of the faithful, increased the joy and knowledge of the believing, and have provided the 'good soldier of Christ Jesus' with ammunitions.

Then Doctor Rimmer goes on to present the findings of archaeology which establish the integrity of the New Testament records. For example, the fact that there was a census as Luke records. In fact, that there were several such over a period of some two hundred fifty years. And that there were 'polo-tarchs' over certain cities in Asia Minor, as Luke says there were.

It is hard to over-estimate the importance of ancient records in establishing the antiquity and credibility of the New Testament, especially the Didache. In the next chapter he takes up the oldest New Testament text, particularly the Chester Beatty Biblical Papyri, discovered in 1933 and 1936. These papyri, estimated by scholars at coming from somewhere between A.D. 135 and 195, are at least one hundred years older than any previously known manuscript of the Epistles of Paul, of which they are an almost complete copy. The balance of the book deals with words and their meaning, especially the words peculiar to the koine or common dialect of the Greek, which archaeology has shown to be the well of universal Christianity. The last chapter treats several of these words, and shows how their original meaning has been changed by the passage of time and the lapse of centuries.

It is a book to strengthen the faith and to instruct. To show that the 'Crying Stones' confirm the accuracy, historical perfection and antiquity of the New Testament; that they present a background out of the times when God inspired the writers, which make these days live again; and that they give us the original meaning of New Testament language, the 'koine,' so that we can know what men 'of old saw in the words of Jesus.'

The pillars of the church are the words of Jesus. He closes his foreword thus, "I trust that these pages may bring comfort and aid to all who have trusted in Jesus Christ and the Word of his grace, and that some, who have not known that Jesus, who is the Son of God, and Lord, may be attracted to a study of the New Testament, as to words which bring life and immortality; even the gospel which saves from sin.'

He says that in times past Christians could give a 'reason' for the faith they possessed, but that today we take our instruction in the Bible from preachers and teachers, human authorit"es, instead of from the Word of God. As a result, our faith in the Bible has become weak and our message has been lost. "The Church of Jesus Christ stands before the world pleading that it may be reconciled to God. We offer to sin-cursed humanity the only known cure for this dread disease, this sickness which affects every nation, and this mission is found in a Book. Our therapy is in a Book. Our assurance, our hope, our faith, and our alacrity is in that same Book. Take the Bible away from the Church of Jesus Christ, and she is as helpless against the malady which afflicts it as was the Church of the Ephesians, Apostrophe, Markurd, or any other false deity of the bitter past... It is difficult to understand why teachers and preachers would desire to extinguish the only beacon which keeps mankind off the shoals and reefs of eternal outer darkness, unless such men fear that we may lead many who love darkness rather than the light."

False teachers have dammed him with faint praise, hushing the fact of his deity. They have called him Master, Teacher, and Leader; but have denied the fact that he is Lord and God. Ethics replaced the gospel as a pulpit theme, and book reviews were offered to lost men in place of evangelism.

... They could not say, "We have seen and heard witness that the Father hath sent the Son to be the Savior of the world." To them, the world was not lost, therefore it need not be saved. They could not save lost souls who do not believe in the inspiration and authority of the entire Word of God. Not one. There is no exception to that rule.

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We give to thee our persons, and we give to thee our privilege. Distribute them, lest they rot upon our hands.

When we consult our inmost desires we do not want to see our nation defeated—and yet we cannot pray victoriously. Neither can we have our hearts, as Jesus did in Gethsemane, and say, "If it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not my will, but thine be done." Perhaps thou wilt have to save us by hard refusals. But whether it be through victory, or through the husks of God's Word, save us. In Jesus' name. Amen—Christian Century.

MAN'S GIFT TO MAN

(Taken from The Sunshine Magazine)

I stood on a hilltop overlooking the world about my feet. Quiet beauty surrounded me like the benediction of a friend. After weeks of homes, men, with snow upon their slanting roofs, and wisps of purple smoke writing their stories of warmth and comfort against the steel blue of the winter sky.

All this, thought I, is God's gift to man—the earth beneath my feet, the beauty of its hills, the gleam of its silver water, the snow, the slanting roofs, the wisps of purple smoke—patience for the awakening spring. How generously and carefully, as though planning every step, has nature worked! There was no need for a man himself, I asked, served his own kind with thoughtful generosity of the cold earth? My heart suddenly remembered the city man's frequent inhumanity to man, his greed, his cruelty, his bloody wars.

But the sun broke through the dark clouds over the land and the hills, the woods, the meadows, the spring flowers, the the trees and the hills, the slanting roofs of the winter's sky. Strange, beautiful world!

Where creatures with faces shining like the sun are toiling and playing, where calloused hands are not too hard for gentleness, nor weary hearts too tired for smiling kindness at the day's end.

"Do what you can with what you have. Buy U. S. Defense Bonds and Stamps."

THE SABBATH RECORDER

Victor W. Stegge, Altred, N. Y.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

GOD'S GIFTS

(Copied from the Child's Church Bulletin)

God gave us the sun, the moon, and the stars; He gave us the sea, the mountains, and all beautiful things. God gave us the flowers with their fragrance so sweet. All the birds with their beautiful song; He gave us the woodland, the meadow, and hills. The brooklet that runs all the day long. God gave us friends that are kind and true. And he gave us the love of His Son. He gave us the Bible with his holy Word—These are the gifts of the Father to every one.

—Francis Richmond.
PRAYER

(Written by Miss Esther Budick)

Prayer is the basis of our Christian living, and yet it is for some of us the hardest part. Because it is such an individual thing, and is so concerned with the innermost depths of our feeling, we find it difficult even to discuss its problems with one another.

We often feel when we pray how weakly we express ourselves. In public prayer, the right words just won't seem to come unless we prepare and memorize them and then they sound insincere. When we are deeply moved we have no words at all, subduced by the realization of our own unworthiness before God. In private prayer our efforts still seem halting and sometimes unsatisfactory.

Perhaps the trouble lies in our attitude toward prayer. We can think of it as talking to God, the One who is ever present. Someone has said, "Every honest man may be sure of God's love." If we are true to ourselves, the recognition of this love should take away our sense of insignificance and fill us with the desire to talk with him. Then if we pray enough and in doing so try to formulate our thoughts into words, expression will become much easier, and indeed the most necessary also for us to have a sincere, abiding faith.

Prayer must be personal. Others can't do our praying for us. It would lose its value and its meaning if we depended always on someone else to intercede and ask forgiveness for our shortcomings. The repenting is up to us.

Oral expression in public prayer worship should be to a degree reserved to those who have learned to pray to God directly, and not to be done to or by anyone who is not really desiring to be talking to God personally. If a child is taught to pray in this manner, the thought of prayer will be fresh in his mind. For it is the power of personal communication with the divine Presence. In this fellowship we find peace and strength.

Children's Page

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

OUR LETTER EXCHANGE

Dear Mrs. Greene:

Last week my sister Anna Marie wrote to you and so I am writing to you today.

Yesterday Pastor and I could not come to Schenectady to preach to us because circumstances prevented him from coming. But we carried on with our services because we had a brother in the faith to preach to us.

We had a fairly good attendance and our brother who preached to us brought a very helpful testimony in regard to the Sabbath.

I wish that you could be with us sometime. We are having very lovely weather. I am so glad that spring weather has finally come around.

I think this will be all for now. I trust that this letter will find you and all your loved ones in the best of health.

Yours for Jesus,

Ralph John Fatato.

530 Manhattan St.,
Schenectady, N. Y.
April 26, 1942.

Dear Ralph:

I am always pleased to receive letters from the faithful boys and girls in Schenectady and hope I may be able to see you all some day. Eugene is the only one I have the pleasure of meeting so far. He has probably grown so tall by this time that I'll have to look twice before recognizing him, but I hope he isn't beginning to think he is too old to write to me. Will you tell him not to think that for many a day.

A friend of mine who is a faithful Sabbath keeper gave me a fine testimony the other day in regard to the Sabbath. A lady who keeps the first day of the week remarked, "I don't believe Seventh Day Baptists have existed more than a few hundred years. Who was the first Seventh Day Baptist, I'd like to know."

Quickly my friend answered, "Why, Jesus was the first Seventh Day Baptist. They are the only girls but I most certainly leave out your word 'only.' Girls are as good as boys any time. Ha! Ha!"

Sincerely yours,

Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Ralph:

I think the 4-H Club is a fine organization for boys and girls and I am glad to hear that you are a member. Here in Andover the Exchange Club sponsors the boys' 4-H Club, and the girls' club has a fine leader, a dear friend of mine, Mrs. Orlin Beach. I am helping her by teaching the 4-H girls the first dances. I tell them it would be very interesting to have a group of young people doing their own dancing.

Peek-a-boo is a cute name for your dog.

It would fit Joyce's little dog, Blackie, too, for he peeks most of the time, and he is in such constant motion that I should think he would wear himself out. However he is a good sleeper at night. He's Big Ben.

Surely make my mouth water when you talk about peanuts for I've very fond of them, but I'm afraid I'll not be able to help you eat Fouke peanuts next fall, much as I should like to.

Your sincere friend,

Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

In your answer to a letter I sent you March 17, about the passing of Skeezick, you in the Recorder of March thirty-tell of you and a brother starting an animal cemetery. At the last of your letter you tell of a friend who has an even dozen grandchildren. This friend has two dozen. (You had ask me to tell you the number of grandchildren I had.) Fourteen of them are boys and the rest are only girls and none of them grandmothers.

Yours,

E. D. Comstock.

201 South Maple Ave.,
Oak Park, Ill.

Dear Mr. Comstock:

You surely are blessed with grandchildren. If you are as proud of them as I am of my two, you must be very proud. They are the army. If she needed servants, there was a host of slaves. If she desired clothes, the wardrobe was filled only for her. If she would play then the court adjourned to play with her. She could promise lavishly and with far greater freedom than she had the resources to make good any promise.

That is, almost any promise. Here in our text she is making a promise that she cannot keep. She is promising to pay wages to a mother for the care of her own child! Oh, yes, she will hand the mother some coin of the realm to an amount seemingly commensurate with the service rendered. But no money will ever pay the wages of a mother for the care she gives her own child.

The Wages Paid to Mother

One interesting thing developed in my study of literature in connection with our text. A few, yes, a very few, made any commentary on the wages offered by the princess. Recompensing a mother for the care of her own child seems a subject into which devout commentators do not meddle. After all, can wages for the loving care of her own child be paid to a mother? And if so, of what kind will they be? And who will pay them?

Now, let us consider the incident of our text. We must ask that all male children of the children of the Israelites must be destroyed. This mother refuses to obey that decree. When secretely, she snitches a lad' s. And Pharaoh's daughter said unto him, "Why, she had asked me "Why, was the army. If she needed servants, there was a host of slaves. If she desired clothes, the wardrobe was filled only for her. If she would play then the court adjourned to play with her. She could promise lavishly and with far greater freedom than she had the resources to make good any promise.

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Perhaps Mother's Day may appeal too much to the sentimental in us. Already some make their protest at the abuse of the day. The mere fact of physical motherhood does not exalt every woman into an angel. I have seen a mother hen fly into the face of a dog to defend her young. I beheld a mother bear her cubs across the furnaces, and goad their little ones to God was damming them to hell. I have heard men plead in courts of law that they might not be separated from their children, when they knew, and those who heard them knew, that if the children were to have their chance they must be taken from under the baneful influence of the woman who gave them birth.

"The noblest thought my soul can claim, The holiest words my tongue can frame, Unworthy are to praise the name, More sacred, Mother."  

Reverently, I breathe her name.  

The Character and Payment of the Wages

If Jochebed, mother of Moses, ever did or paid wages they were paid by Moses, and no other human being. There is only one person in all the world who can square the account with a mother, and that child is himself. When he pays in love and gratitude, mother is satisfied—more than satisfied. And when he does not pay she is satisfied to go on in silence, to watch and to wait. . . . A mother has often given all that she had, and then been forgotten by the boy who has grown into successful manhood and whose public affairs fully occupy his time and heart. Let us have hope that Moses properly repaid his mother, and that she was able to rejoice without sorrow in the prominent place that came to the self that you own. Sometimes what do you say? What wages do you require?

"Though meager fed and sorely tasked, One only wage love asked: A child's white face, to kiss at night And love's sweet smile by candlelight."

Then, all we can do, we must give these mothers of ours ourselves. No other wage courts the mother, or we must do the same.

"I have seen a mother hen fly into the face of a dog to defend her baby chicks, and kneel beside our crib and pray, And so he sent us mother."

The days of youth slipped quickly by,
Life's sun rose higher in the sky:
Full grown are we, yet ever nigh To love us still, was mother.

If God could not in every place, With loving hands to help us
Our youth would not pass away,
And send us mother.

And when our childhood days began,
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Rev. Ralph H.

Mr. Maine was the guest speaker;

First Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist church.

sabbath school was held

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Rev. A.

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book~marks.}

Flowers given by Mrs. Donald Bertch in

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and Muriel Jane

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“Work overtime; save overtime. Buy U. S. Defense Bonds every pay day.”

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A SOBERING PARADE

Names are being added daily to the list to be remembered in future years.

IN HONOR

MARRIAGES

Cox - Bartz. — At the parsonage in North Loup, Neb., March 27, 1942, George Harvey Cox and Muriel Jane Bartz were united in marriage. Pastor A. Clyde Ehret officiated.

Potter - Ehret. — At the church in Alfred, N. Y., April 4, 1942, George Edward Porter and Oparea Lucile Ehret were united in marriage. Rev. A. Clyde Ehret, of North Loup, Neb., father of the bride, officiated.

Arp. — J. M. Arp was born near Sweetgum, Ga.,

July 15, 1881, and died at his son's home

near Postell, N. C., March 19, 1942.

He was married to Mary Eldrid, January 21, 1909, near Mineral Bluff, Ga., and to them were born three daughters and three sons one of whom has passed away. Two daughters and two sons live in North Carolina, and one daughter lives near Cleveland, Ga. He and others of his family are members of the Young Mountain Seventh Day Baptist Church, of which he was the pastor.

Funeral services were held in the Shada Grove church, near Calherson, N. C., March 21. Burial was in the Shada Grove Cemetery.

C. S.

Burkard. — Nora Perry Burkard was born Novem-

ber 11, 1867, and died at Peoria, Ill., March 6, 1942.

She was baptized in April, 1881, and joined the

Verona Seventh Day Baptist Church, changing her membership on February 24, 1894, to the West Halleck Seventh Day Baptist Church.

She was married on July 4, 1891, to Frank Burk-

dard, and to them were born six children: Floyd, Effie, Perry, Gladys, Merle, and LaKoy—all now of Peoria, Ill. The husband and father died Decem-

ber 15, 1921.

One of the daughters said of her mother, "Now we have the beautiful memories of her dear, patient, Christian life to think upon, and we hope to live as she would have us—in love, peace, and harmony. We bow our heads in great respect to her desire for us to live in harmony with God and all mankind."

H. L. P.

Walter. — Jennie Frederick, daughter of William

and Mariah Hartle Frederick, was born June 12, 1859, at Potter Creek, Pa., and died in Altoona, Pa., March 16, 1942.

She was united in marriage to Wilson S.

Kagarise, June 12, 1879. To them were born eight children: Mrs. Chauncey Imler, Harry, Will-

liam F., Arthur, Lee F., Mrs. Daisy Plack, Preston, and Mrs. Birdie Dimond Kaufman, deceased. Mr. Kagarise died in 1895.

In 1897, she married Fred W. Walter, and to them were born four children of whom Mrs. Allen Hensch and Robert are now living. Mr. Walter died in 1929.

Mrs. Walter was a faithful charter member of the

Salemville (English) Seventh Day Baptist Church. She is survived by numerous grand-

children, great-grandchildren and a host of friends.

Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Orville W. Babcock, assisted by Rev. Frank

King. Burial was in the Salemville cemetery.

O. W. B.