My Need
Mrs. Luther A. Wing

I would be seeking, Lord, with all my heart,
So helpless and so needy I, from Thee apart.
Today may Thy great grace with me abide
Hold fast — that I stray not from Thee aside.

The clouds hang heavy and the day is long;
Help fill its hours with cheerful song:
Songs of gladness that Thou art ever near,
Waiting to bear our burdens, quell our fear.

Thine eternal "thereness" may we ne'er forget:
Whatsoe'er our trouble, know Thou'rt near us yet
That clouds may be lifted, and the sun shine through
Filling our hearts with love and joy anew.
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Learning the Lesson of Patience

There are certain Christian qualities more characteristic of maturity than of youth. One of these is patience. Youth is proverbially impatient, probably because whenever a challenge gets through the dreaminess and laziness of the typical young man he has learned that the world is all aflame. He wants action, contest, victory. Once receiving such a challenge he tends to become impatient with all older folk who fail to respond with the same exuberance.

Those who are young in Christian experience carry over this same zest for action into the church. Many of them find the church and praiseworthy if properly channeled and moderately tempered by the more mature minds of trusted leaders. Damage to the cause of Christ sometimes results from the impatience of youth, but probably not too often. One of the problems of coming to maturity is learning to be patient with people. Many who have learned to be patient with circumstances beyond their control, to be patient with mess, are much slower in learning the more difficult lesson of patience with people.

Sometimes the lessons so well learned during the ascending years of life and Christian service seem to be progressively forgotten when one passes the crest of maturity and dipo into the declining years. Perhaps this is a biological probability. The latter part of a sentence is often more difficult to write correctly than the beginning. How thankful all of one’s associates are when the individual, whether he be a youth or an elderly person, refuses to conform to the average but rises far above it in this common grace of patience. We know such people, particularly in the upper bracket of life. Many of them are among our readers. We salute those people who may have lost some of their possessions, may have relinquished much of their prowess, but never have lost their hard-won patience.

A verse of Scripture has been thrusting itself upon our consciousness since we started to think about this subject. In the familiar King James Version, the Bible of quotation and memorization we teach, “In your patience possess ye your souls” (Luke 21: 19). Beautiful, isn’t it? It could be taken out of its context and hung as a motto constantly before our vision. It is a good verse with which to begin the new year. It suggests that we will never have a tempestuous grasp on soul salvation until we learn patience.

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“We have been so busy tracing the tangible aspects of evolution in the forms of animals that our heads, the little globes which hold the midnight sky and the shining invisible universes of thought, have been taken about as much for granted as the growth of a yellow pumpkin in the fall.”

We cannot take the human brain for granted. Science is now forced to admit this. It is the creation of God, even as the Bible has been telling us down through the centuries. The human brain is one of the branches of science related to anthropology has left no room for the concept of sin or salvation. May God hasten the day when a new sense of accountability strikes through the shame of not accepting the truth of social behavior and men are forced to acknowledge the need for one to save them from their sin. Then they will perhaps discover, if who know are faithful in making it known that there is still full of mystery. Present scientific knowledge is without the coarseness of previous generations as to the development of the human brain.

The question of the Psalmist, “What is man?” still rings in the halls of science. We believe it will remain unanswered as long as the remainder of that quotation is neglected, in short, until materialistic science relegates materialism to its rightful lower place and accepts the spiritual concept of things. What the Psalmist said, and what the Master said in the parable He quoted was, “When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; what is man that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man that thou visitest him?”

It is the five-times-repeated divine pronoun in this Scripture that gives it meaning, makes it an affirmation of faith in God rather than a groping question.

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THE REALITY OF FELLOWSHIP WITH CHRISTIANS
By Chaplain David J. Williams

A common complaint among unbelievers is that there is nothing to do for excitement. Orthodox conduct is forgotten and regrettable avenues of sensual and ungodly practices are resorted to. Pornographic literature boasts of mammoth sales. Questionable entertainments attract millions of gullible followers and, in a vain attempt to satisfy man's carnal nature, billions of dollars are spent annually. Worldly friendships fail, promises are broken. Homes founded only on lust crumble. Misery, heartache, doubt, anxiety, disease, all stem from a life that is established on an unstable, Christless, Bibleless foundation.

All who are born again of God's Spirit face trials, testing, and temptations. We are against a world and a system of delights. Sometimes a Christian feels isolated as though he alone carried the standard of God. To avoid such feelings God encourages His followers to one another. Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience, forbearing one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. . . . Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as you teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God (Col. 3:12-16).

True Christians do not live a life of negotiation. As he is in the light, so he is in the fellowship. Contrary, a Christian's life is filled with God, service for Him, and fellowship with those of the household of faith. Prayers rise from the Christian heart; his anxiety and his peace are prevalent; friendships are firm; and every effort is exerted to win the lost to Christ. Christians are the bearers of "Good News". They are not labeled as ones to be rejected in the midst of defeatism.

Jesus Christ instituted the Church Universal and the local church. He has likened the Church Universal to Himself and Himself to the bridegroom. The Church in this age is being adorned for the coming of Christ the second time. Physical organizations are expedient; Christ's strategy for those who receive Him is primarily spiritual. One who affirms that he doesn't need the Church is diametrically opposed to the revealed will of God. We are so constituted that our spiritual selves need encouragement, inspiration, and instruction and the human vehicle to administration such aid is a Bible-believing church fellowship.

A church is not a building with a minister, or a chapel with a chaplain, but a body of saved individuals who have banded together to worship the Lord and lose themselves—seeking first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. The early New Testament church partook of food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. The Lord added to its number day by day those who were being saved. Optimism runs high among victorious, spirit-filled, active believers united in the things of God.

The local church should be as a hub of a wheel, the nucleus from which a variety of activities come forth in the name and for the glory of God and Jesus Christ. A God-fearing family circle melded together in the crucible of love and mutual respect affords a forceful testimony to the reality of Christian fellowship in the home. Lasting benefit and enjoyment can be derived in the singing and learning of Gospel hymns and choruses around the family piano. Such endeavor is contagious, warm, and pleasing.

As Christians mature in the deep things of God fellowship and blessings mount. "If it is so, as he is in the light, so we are in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanses us from all sin" (1 John 1:7). They are labeled as ones to be rejoiced in. A recent survey among Christians shows that 69 per cent did not attend church regularly. The bishop declared: "We must grow as one with the Bible, the whole Bible, and the disciplines that made our fathers strong." With all this emphasis upon fellowship it must be remembered that this fellowship is one wherein Christ is pre-eminent. True fellowship yields compensations as real as anything on earth. The word "fellowship" denotes new and growing experiences, an interchange with Christ and His own.

Christian fellowship is indispensable to a growing Christian!

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON
for January 14, 1956
Jesus Calls for Repentance
The event created an unbelievable revolution in her position. Quite suddenly she had become an important person in his life and affairs.

**Recipients**

One of the very first questions which the testator must decide is that of the church's work. Does this mean that the church will not need anything after its present members have died? Or is it to be supposed that the church will be able to continue its work, as it has always done, and, surprisingly, this is true among substantial givers and faithful supporters of the church's work. Does this mean that the church has served its entire purpose for its members during their lives? Or is it to be supposed that the church will need nothing after its present members have gone?

**Late Decisions**

One of the difficult problems associated with will making arises when a late thinker decides to make his will on the very eve of his approaching death. It may be that his lawyer will be called to his home or to the hospital in the night. Of course, the mere fact that the testator may have to hurry to get it in ahead of the undertaker is not blunted by the overshadowing thought of his expected dissolution.

**Middle Interests**

The balance of property is swinging to the large middle group, under a system of taxation which has supplanted the one characterized by groups of very rich at the top, and more numerous groups of very poor at the bottom. Hundreds of corporations performing the manufacturing, processing, and commercial work of the nation are owned by stockholders in every home and in the land. General Motors has 460,000 and Steel 225,000 stockholders. These are they who now must support and nourish the educational and religious institutions which no longer can look to the captains of industry or the barons of finance for endowments, or for current support.

**Tax Relief**

In recognition of the wealth shifts of the past tended to become permanently enmeshed in an inadequate library. How difficult it has been and how meager the selection (according to our school standards) is hard to imagine. Last winter the school authorities wrote of the great rejoicing in the schools and how the acquisition (by gift) of a good World Atlas, How much greater will be the thrill of having a whole set of the latest edition of the Britannica.

The gift came from close relatives of mission workers on the field. Ready for overseas shipment the books weighed 144 pounds. The box reached Kingston about the middle of December. Transportation costs (no small item) are being provided by others than the donors who made the gift possible. The set was shipped from the Seventh Day Baptist Building at Plainfield, N. J., arrangements being made by Tract Society personnel.

**Endless Blessing**

To whom, or to what, then, shall a Christian leave his estate? . . . A bequest to a church endowment fund is gathered up with others and administered by successive boards of the church; the income poured into the stream of the church's benevolences in perpetuity. On the other hand, those having dependents for its members during their lives? The time is extremely critical and those to whom this stewardship has been given must come quickly to understand the situation and to act with vision and inspired purpose. Communism, as a belief and a social purpose, imposed by ruthless techniques of force and fear must be met and recognized as the greatest challenge to, and at once the greatest opportunity for the religious people of the world since the dawn of Christianity. Christian faith must be defended for itself alone, but to consolidate and keep alive what Lincoln called "the principle it lives by, for man's vast future." The church lifted mankind out of barbarism and into that condition. No more convincing proof of this is needed than the brutality and lethal conspiracies which are the manifest fruits of godless Communism.

**New Books for Crandall High**

When the students at Crandall High School, Kingston, Jamaica, return to their studies after the holidays they will find some new reference books in the library for which they will be very thankful — a nearly new set of the Encyclopedia Britannica.

The mission school is only a few years old, and it has been difficult to provide an adequate library. How difficult it has been and how meager the selection (according to our school standards) is hard to imagine. Last winter the school authorities wrote of the great rejoicing in the schools and how the acquisition (by gift) of a good World Atlas, How much greater will be the thrill of having a whole set of the latest edition of the Britannica.

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**Faith and Order Meeting in 1957**

Already plans are made and speakers secured for the first nation-wide conference on theological and liturgical questions facing the churches in North America and also in the world as a whole, as they try, through the ecumenical movement, to move forward toward a greater degree of unity.

Leaders planning for the conference noted that in American churches as they actually function today, a common expression of faith has developed which is far greater than the traditional statements of faith indicate. But this blessing, the Baptist, Bishop Dunn noted, carries its own cautions.

"There is a unity becoming manifest in the American scene," he said, and must ask ourselves whether this is indeed the kind of unity we seek or whether it is to some extent the kind of unity of which we should beware.

"To what extent is our organizational unity merely pragmatic and not of permanent theological significance? And to what extent have pragmatic agreements in the past tended to become permanently institutionalized, in the long run only emphasizing our differences?"

**More New Filmstrips**

Not previously advertised for free distribution to the churches are nine filmstrips received by the Tract Society from Rev. Paul Osborn on a more or less permanent loan. The following titles will be listed in the forthcoming catalogue where they will be described:

- The Christmas Story
- The Tabernacle in the Wilderness
- The Pilgrim's Progress
- The Runaway Prophet
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Missions

Missionary Evangelist’s Services

Plans are under way for the use of the services of the recently appointed evangelist on the home field. Dr. Loyal Hurley, Mr. Hurley has been called to this work by the Missionary Board and will begin services under their direction in the summer of 1956.

It is expected that Mr. and Mrs. Hurley will remain in the vicinity of Alfred, N. Y., until after Conference has been entertained in the First Alfred Church in August. Soon thereafter the Hurleys will be moving to Boulder, Colo., where they have purchased a home. They will devote their service during these weeks to the Buffalo work to the churches of that area. At the request of the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church the evangelist will assist them in special evangelistic meetings during October and November.

When asked about preliminary suggestions to the local church which would help prepare them for his coming, Dr. Hurley has written: “I would like to see the general plans suggested by Rev. Charles Bond in the Workshop in Evangelism at Fayetteville followed out as a preparation by the church, if not a year ahead, then at least six months in advance.” (See article page 9).

Dr. Hurley continues: “I would like to have us (the local church) try a combination of Visitation Evangelism and a Preaching Crusade in one over-all campaign that would require sixteen or seventeen days to complete.

“We would begin on a Friday night and continue over the weekend until Sunday night with three or four sermons on the responsibilities and need of personal evangelism. Then Monday to Thursday nights would be used in a visitation campaign as that work is usually carried on — supper meetings to instruct teams chosen by the pastor, with three or four calls each night by each team.

“On Friday night a Preaching Crusade would begin and continue for nine or ten days, stressing the great Christian doctrines in the messages. These would be to instruct, confirm, and deepen Christian commitment.”

These plans are for the consideration of the local church and may be adapted to the needs. But they do give an excellent plan to follow. Man proposes and God disposes. Let us always seek to be guided by His Spirit as we make our plans.

Faith is the pencil of the soul that pictures heavenly things. — Burbidge.

JANUARY 2, 1956

Dr. Victor Burdick Accepts Call to Service in Nyasaland

It was voted at the October 23, 1955, meeting of the Missionary Board to extend a call to service to Dr. Victor H. Burdick, of White Memorial Hospital, Los Angeles, Calif. The call voted unanimously by the board was stated in the following terms by the Committee on African Interests: “In view of the action of Conference in approving the plan for a medical mission in Nyasaland, it is recommended that the Missionary Board extend a call to Dr. Victor Burdick to be effective January 1, 1957, for him to head the medical phase of the work of Makapwa Mission, details of this call to be worked out with Dr. Burdick in the meantime.”

Dr. Burdick is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Paul Burdick of Waterford, Conn. He went to college at Alfred and took his medical training at Albany Medical College, Albany, N. Y.

In reply to the call of the board Dr. Burdick has written: “There continues to be no doubt in my mind but that I wish to serve our Lord in foreign medical mission work and that I prefer to do such service within the influence of Seventh Day Baptists. Thus I would humbly and gratefully accept the call extended by the Missionary Society, to serve in Nyasaland. May we ever seek God’s leading in all our planning.”

It is tentatively planned for Dr. Burdick to complete resident training at White Memorial Hospital from January 1 - July 31, 1956, taking a leave of absence for training in Tropical Medicine at Loma Linda during April. (The two nurses now serving in Nyasaland took a similar course of intensive training at this school as a part of their preparation.)

It is hoped that Dr. Burdick may attend Conference at Alfred, N. Y., in August, taking part in a special service on which the president of Conference is being consulted.

It is tentatively planned for Dr. Burdick to attend the Kennedy School of Missions at Hartford, Conn., for at least one semester before leaving this country early in 1957.

Dr. Burdick concludes his letter of acceptance, “I am truly looking forward to this experience as that which the Lord would have me do, and as an opportunity for living in close dependence and communion with Him, as He works through us to bring salvation to the lost. Please continue to pray for His guidance in my life.”

A Proposed Plan for Evangelism

This outline was prepared by Rev. Charles H. Bond and presented at the Missionary Workshop during Conference at Fayetteville, August, 1955.)

Ten Commandments for Successful Meetings

1. Elect a Planning Committee on Evangelism.
2. Set the date and length of meetings (1 or 2 weeks). (Do this at least one year in advance.)
3. Determine the purpose of such meetings — what is to be accomplished?
4. Select and secure the speaker.
5. Make a community survey.
6. Make a responsibility list.
7. Prepare the people (prayer, Sabbath sermons, etc.).
8. Advertise (word of mouth, telephone, radio, local paper, etc.).
9. Begin the campaign.
10. Follow it up. (Did you accomplish your purpose?) Assess the new members — put them to work for Christ.

The Campaign

1. Personal visitation by the church as follows: First week, messages of personal evangelism by the speaker (Friday - Sunday); visitation by teams selected by the pastor; training suggestions by the evangelist (Monday - Thursday).
2. Preaching Crusade (9 or 10 days): Objects: To further the consecration of the visitation workers; to revive the remainder of the church; to stabilize any won by visitation; to bring to full commitment any almost won by visitation; to encourage continuous personal work by the church; to seek the unconverted and untouched.
3. The Over-all Purpose: To help the church do its own evangelism.
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Difficulties Missionaries Face

The missionary from America must realize that "comifications of our Westernism" are apt to arise in the minds of the African and Asian. This may explain in part a seeming resentment toward the missionary. We cannot divest ourselves of the associations that go (in the Eastern mind) with the cultural and geographical origin of our civilization. The same may be entirely gone but the memory lingers on. The day of slavery is not too far distant. Effective communication under such circumstances is always a triumph of patience and grace.

It is tremendously important to learn the language of the people. Failure in communication is serious, sometimes laughable, but basically serious. For years in one area of the Congo, missionaries confused "bini" and "bini," just a difference of tone, but the difference between "poison" and "bless." Every month the missionary said, "This cup of poison do we bless." And the people said, "Ah, every month the missionary makes us drink poison and blesses it. The people who drink it and do not die before the poison brew and bless it. The people next communion are proving their innocence." Every month the missionary failed to make clear his meaning. When the missionary tried to explain the custom of the people in regard to the "poison" and "bless," they understood the missionary is serious, sometimes laughable, but basically serious.

During 1955 Oral Roberts, one of America's most popular healing evangelists, conducted ten great tent campaigns in major cities of the United States and Canada, using a tent with seating capacity about 14,000 and is the largest Gospel tent in the world. It is claimed that more than a million people have come beneath the canvas and heard the Gospel... It is one thing to know (intellectually understand) what is happening to other people, but we must be able to feel how it is. This is part of our duty as Christians. In addition to the ten tent campaigns, six National Convention meetings were held, the latest one, in Denver, Colo., closed November 27 after 50,000 had heard him and 4,500 had professed conversion.

"TOMORROW IS TODAY"

Each session of the Seventh National Assembly of United Church Women, November -7-10 at Cleveland, Ohio, found Mrs. R. T. Fetherston, Mrs. Lloyd Lukens, and Mrs. Lester Nelson (the writer) representing the Women's Board of your denomination and sitting in the first balcony directly to the left of the speakers' stand. What a thrill it was to see our own Seventh Day Baptist denominates in line, first in line, across the auditorium! During this assembly, at least 12 women showed more than a passing interest in Seventh Day Baptists and what they stand for. Hoping to have been able to sit in the group with Mrs. Esther Jawahir Masih from Pakistan. Our group's discussion and resolution naturally centered around her problems, which seemed acute to us. Although our recommendations for action by church and state would help and assure the people, they would be given special consideration and further study in the months to come.

Eight outstanding addresses were heard. Space will not permit my writing of each, but will mention three. Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt spoke on "The Revolutionary World in Which We Live Today and Its Relation to the United Nations." Excerpts from her address were: "We will be close neighbors soon, to people our grandparents etc., of a nation, but in the dedication of its people.

Our Church Women As a force in American Nationalism and Communism in a style... said, "There is no ideology old enough or strong enough to withstand the bonds that bind us to God..."

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It is our earnest desire that all Seventh Day Baptist women will feel the urgency of attending a UCW assembly whenever possible. Not only aware of the fact that there will be close neighbors soon, but also the fact that the UN is preparing us for the UN is only machinery to make it possible to work together... the UN is not a tourist's report but a spiritual leader's clear call to action. Being a Negro, he knew whereof he spoke when he said, "There is no prejudice... can break the bonds of the world. The decision will be made in the next 10 years. Time to talk about Democracy, but do something about it now! Democracy is a spiritual thing, you cannot teach it. You have to catch it! It comes out of the homes, out of the churches." I would certainly recommend his book "Tomorrow Is Today" (for your further study on what you and I can do tomorrow will be too late)!

The most dramatic happening in foreign history was the hearing of our segregation. We seem to be fighting Communism only. We must forget Communism and develop a positive program of help and assurance for the oppressed."

It was a stirring account of what one woman was there to bring a specific problem that she felt UCSW could do something about. From these interests, one was chosen by the group to discuss and make recommendations toward the course of action UCSW should follow. The leader then took the recommendations and recommended to the section leader, who further worked these findings, and then in turn provide summaries to the Resolutions Committee. All of the final resolutions approved by the assembly stemmed from the "grass roots thinking" of these tiny groups. I felt very fortunate to have been able to sit in the group with Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt from Pakistan. Our group's discussion and resolution naturally centered around her problems, which seemed acute to us. Although our recommendations for action by church and state would help and assure the people, they would be given special consideration and further study in the months to come.

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exists in poverty and ignorance while the
other third lives in luxury.) Tomorrow is
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lies. There are definite things that can be
done now. We as Christians should not
be content to sit by while our missionary
projects already under way, but in addi-
tion, to reach out for more solutions to
problems in the world, that someone will
have to face, if we are to survive and live
in peace. What about it, will we as Chris-
tians have the vision and dedication to
have problems in the world, that someone will
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National Conference on
Religion and Public Education

Between visits to our Illinois churches
as secretary of the Board of Christian
Education I attended the National Confer-
ence on Religion and Public Education
held in St. Louis November 6 to 8.

on the Bible in the Vacation School is
available. However, the cheapest way to
get all the special articles as they are
published is to be a subscriber to the
Journal at $3 a year or $5 for two
years. Secretary Neal D. Mills, Box 742,
Alfred, N. Y., will be glad to enter your
subscription.

N. D. M.

Three different issues will be discussed in ten articles on the theme,
"Grow as You Pray — Pray as You Grow," in the February issue of the Inter-
national Journal of Religious Education.

The International Journal is an excel-
ent help to our schools, superintendent-
s and teachers, and I believe an increasing
number of Seventh Day Baptists are
finding it so. You can still get the Novem-
ber issue to which your attention has al-
ready been called in these columns, and
which featured articles on the Bible and
how it lives for boys and girls in Sabbath school, in the Vaca-
tion Church School, and in the home.

Copies of these special issues may be
purchased separately and the single article

PUBLIC SCHOOLS,” (2) “Church Channels
for Expression of Our Concern,” (3) “The
Bible in the Public Schools,” (4) “Practices
of Religious Viewpoints in the Curriculum,”
(6) “Freedom to Learn,” (7) “Increasing Un-
derstanding Between Church and School
Leadership in Relationships of Church
Educational Efforts to State Agencies,”
(9) “Methods, Techniques, Evaluations.”

We held five sessions of one and a half
to three hours in length and reported to
the entire conference the observations and
views which seemed to represent the
majority opinion. Some of these views
were: (1) Religion is to be integrated with
other curricular subjects and not taught as a separate
subject in the public school; (2) the
teachers' attitude and awareness of the
religious views in the community may deter-
mine his treatment of religion in the
curriculum; (3) more attention needs to
be given to the preparation of teachers
so that they will understand and appre-
ciate the religious backgrounds in the
community; (4) school systems should
establish a policy within which teachers
can deal with questions of religion as they
exist. The problem is not to avoid
religion but with fairness and respect
for different religious beliefs and prac-
tices. It was recognized that schools may
find difficulties in attempting to teach the
existence of God, yet they must not by
implication or avoidance teach the non-
existence of God. A Catholic priest pro-
posed that the school should assume the
existence of God and not try to prove it
or teach it directly.

Reports from other sections included the
following in report form:
(1) Freedom to learn must be afforded to
the individual at all ages by the public
schools which exist for (a) the perpetua-
tion of our social legacy, including politi-
cal and social institutions and our his-
torical religious traditions, (b) for the
development of personal adequacy in the
individual.
(2) There is concern that (a) “we not
lose the respect and appreciation for the
life of the United States of God which
undergirds the life of any people... but
continue our dedication to make our
nation an instrument of righteousness and
freedom”; (b) refuse to yield to fearful
conformity and thereby surrender the
experimental fringe in our educational pro-
gram which makes possible the
aration of Independence and in the Constitu-
tion of the United States.

(To be continued in a later issue)

Our Children's
Letter Exchange
Address: Mizpah S. Greene
Andover, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I have never written to you before, but
my Mommy was one of your Recorder
children a long time ago. She is helping
me with this because I can’t write many
words.

I will be five years old next April 1.
My little brother Donald Ernest is eleven
months old. He is too round and fat
to walk yet, but he is proud to be able to
stand up.

Goodbye for now.

With love,
Carol Elise Albert.

San Antonio, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I can carol. I have chicken pox. I am
four years old. I was playing with my
nursery set.

Carol.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I haven’t been writing anyone for so
long. I hardly know where to start. I am
eleven years old and in the sixth grade.
My teacher is Mr. Coffindaffer. I’m sorry
to hear that you aren’t going to write
the Children’s Page any more. Would you
care after you quit if I wrote to you anyhow?
[I would love to have you write to me.
— Mizpah S. Greene.]
I have three pets. They are cats. Their names are Chocolate Drop, Twinkle Toes, and Tom.

I take music lessons. My music teacher is taking a two-month vacation. I also take band lessons at school.

I went to church camp this year. It was lots of fun. We stayed a week. There is a lady that lives across the road from us that will be 83 in March.

My grandmother was 80 in November.

I live on a farm. We sell milk. We have twelve cows, two horses, and some chickens.

Our Sabbath school class is called "Learners of the Bible." There are five children in our class. Their names are Sarah Rogers, Charles Harzen, Elain Davis, Donnetta, and I. The teacher's name is Esther Hansen.

Well, I'd better close for now.

Love,
Carolyn Randolph.

Route 2, Salem, Va.

Dear Recorder Children everywhere and today, Carol, Carol Elise, and Carolyn:

As this is my last time to write for the Recorder, I am including my last message to you all. I shall miss my Recorder page and especially your letters which I have especially enjoyed.

Most lovingly yours,
Mizpah S. Greene

Brutus Black

By Gene Hulett

Beautiful is Brutus Black;
Not a cat-charms does he lack.
Coat of such a brilliant gloss
Rivaling the finest floss;
Eyes of green (Emerald green),
Prettiest cat-eyes ever seen.

Many friends have Brutus Black,
Of admirers he has no lack;
As they stroke his glossy fur,
Gently he begins to purr,
And his emerald eyes express
Gratitude for each caress.

Beautiful is Brutus Black;
Not a cat-charms does he lack.
If this statement were not true
Would I sing your praises,
Wasting paper, and all that,
On an ordinate cat?

Happy is Brutus Black;
Not a comfort does he lack;
Lies at ease beside the fire,
Of its comfort does not tire.

Pleasant life has Brutus Black;
Not a comfort does he lack;
Lies at ease beside the fire,
Of its comfort does not tire.

Stretches of emerald green;
Prettiest cat-eyes ever seen.
Many friends have Brutus Black,
Of admirers he has no lack;
As they stroke his glossy fur,
Gently he begins to purr,
And his emerald eyes express
Gratitude for each caress.

Pleasant life has Brutus Black;
Not a comfort does he lack;
Lies at ease beside the fire,
Of its comfort does not tire.

I feel very strongly about this for the Bible teaches that the "less comely parts" do serve a purpose. And who knows what God is going to find in this category to which we have just referred, and what splendid talent may be awaiting there for release. I am cognizant of the fact that one cannot perform the duties involved without an expenditure of time and energy. May we hold nothing that it is possible for us to provide financially or otherwise, in order that all may be reached with God's message of deliverance.

We have been thrilled to see and to hear of the upsurge in spiritual interest in a number of the communities in which we have lived. Maximum potentialities, activated, are the achievement of every group enthusiastically and fully dedicated to the known will of God. I realize there are many problems which must be solved in every advance, but I am confident that he who will keep his hand to the plow, who has undertaken a God-given task, will find that the enjoyment, the realization, and the emergence of the triumphant overcomer.

There are many smaller groups throughout the country (who might be considered by some as the "less comely parts") to whom we give careful consideration. I feel very strongly about this for the Bible teaches that the "less comely parts" do serve a purpose. And who knows what God is going to find in this category to which we have just referred, and what splendid talent may be awaiting there for release. I am cognizant of the fact that one cannot perform the duties involved without an expenditure of time and energy. May we hold nothing that it is possible for us to provide financially or otherwise, in order that all may be reached with God's message of deliverance.
News Flash from British Guiana

Rev. Ben Berry writes regarding his wife's operation as of December 13, "I think I can safely say that the prayers of our friends in the U. S. A. and British Guiana were answered in a miraculous way. The doctors were able to carry out the operation within ten days of her being admitted to the hospital. She spent twenty days in the hospital and is now sitting beside me while I write this letter (at home).

"Presently Hannah is under the care of the district doctor who tells us that it will take six weeks before we can say that she is out of danger and another six weeks before she begins to do ordinary work."

The NBC television network is announcing three religious teletcasts, sponsored, but without commercial messages, which will be given under the general title, "His Way, His Word," one each month, with "The Prodigal Son" telecast over the NBC television network on Sunday, January 29, at 2:30 p.m. (EST). A second, "Where Your Treasure Is," will be seen on Sunday, February 26, again at 2:30 p.m. (EST); and the third, "The Fruitless Fig Tree," on Sunday, March 25, at 2:30 in the afternoon.

Accessions

By Baptism

Clarence H. Kierns

By Testimony

Alonzo E. Dotson

Births


Obituaries

Hill - Frank, son of Franklin and Mary Green Hill, was born in Ithaca, N. Y., June 28, 1885, and died at Warren, R. I., Dec. 15, 1955.

A long-time resident of Ashaway, he took an active part in business, civic, and church affairs. He was cashier of the Ashaway National Bank for half a century, and for many years served as president of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Hopkinton, of which he was still a member at the time of his death. He served from 1895 to 1908 as a member of the General Assembly of Rhode Island. In 1928 he was president of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference.

He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees at Alfred University. The Rhode Island State College honored him with the degree of Doctor of Laws, and the Rhode Island College of Education conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Education.

His wife, Emma Green Hill, preceded him in death by several years. He is survived by a daughter, Mary (Mrs. Julian T.) Grondal, and a son, Frank M., both of Ashaway, and by several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. Lester G. Orsborne, and his body was laid to rest in the Oak Grove Cemetery in Ashaway.

L. G. O.

Rankin - Ronald, 9-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Richard Rankin of Hancock's Bridge, N. J., died Dec. 10, 1955, at the Bridgeton Hospital. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Robert DeRemer at the Brook's West Side Funeral Home in Bridgeton. Internment was at the Overlook Cemetery.

R. P. L.


Mr. Sheldon joined the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Alfred in 1909. He was married to Adelaide Burdick on July 22, 1908.

Survivors include his widow; one son, William Maxson of Cuba, N. Y.; three daughters, Mrs. Rowland Root of Chattanooga, Tenn., Mrs. Wilfred Clay of Levittown, Pa., and Mrs. Frank Chapman of Baltimore, Md.; a sister, Mrs. Maude Williams of Oakland, Calif.; nine grandchildren, and several nephews and nieces.

Memorial services were conducted from the First Alfred Church by his pastor, Rev. Hurley S. Warren. Burial was in Alfred Rural Cemetery.

H. S. W.

Stevens - Frank Winthrop, son of Charles W. and Harriet Potter Stevens, was born in Alfred, N. Y., Aug. 14, 1877, and died at Bethesda Hospital, North Hornell, N. Y., Aug. 21, 1955.

Mr. Stevens joined the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Alfred in 1890. He was married to Amelia Fenner on Dec. 14, 1909.

Survivors include his widow; two sons, Ellis of Alfred, and L. Gifford of Center Cross, Va.; one daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Kane of Mt. Morris, N. Y.; a sister, Miss Ethel Stevens of Cleveland, Ohio; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were held at the Landon Funeral Home, Hornell, N. Y., with Rev. Albert N. Rogers, pastor of the Second Alfred Church, officiating. Burial was in Alfred Rural Cemetery.

H. S. W.