ham brought a report of the women’s work. Mrs. R. T. Fetherston, of the Women’s Board, added to her remarks. Reports from both Conference and Commission were given by Albyn Mackintosh, of Los Angeles.

The entire Labor Day weekend camp included two more days of blessing, enlightenment and fellowship for those enrolled. Besides the local leadership, Artie and Edith Davis, of Phoenix, Ariz., were on the teaching staff.

On September 8 our pastor brought a forceful message, “Our Rule Is God,” from the declaration of the Apostle Paul. Mrs. R. T. Fetherston was guest organist for the special baptismal service held on September 15. Four young people made their start in the Christian life by open testimony and baptism.

Shortly after this Pastor Wheeler suffered a fractured vertebra which hospitalized him for ten days. He is now recuperating at home. Though still in a cast, his pain is considerably relieved. During his absence from the pulpit, Bill Rymer preached on September 22 on “The Calling of a Steward,” which brought a very favorable response. Equally effective was the sermon on September 29 by Rev. T. Denton Lee on Jesus’ admonition to the rich young ruler: “If thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments,” and “Sell that thou hast.”

We make loving mention of the untimely and tragic death of Lt. Phillip Henry, when his jet plane crashed over Mt. Wilson, early in September. “Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may have rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.”

SHILOH, N. J. — In September the Youth Choir began singing again under the direction of Mrs. Elden Hitchener. On the last Sabbath of each month the Junior Choir will sing with Mrs. William Richardson, Jr., directing. This choir includes boys and girls from 8 to 11 years of age.

Pastor Lippincott enjoyed a two weeks’ vacation with his family in Michigan in early September.

For a progressive supper for the County Intermediate Christian Endeavorers the soup was served in the Shiloh Church to about 80.

September 29 was Promotion Day and the officers and teachers were elected for another year of service.

Rev. Leon Lawton and Dr. Victor Burdick were the guest speakers at the one hundred forty-second annual meeting of the Female Mite Society on September 1. The money collected from the dues of this unique society and the memorial fund will be divided between these two dedicated men to be used for some necessary equipment in their particular work.

Miss Marilyn Osborn who is employed as a teacher in Bridgeport is a welcome addition once again in her “home” church. The fall Joint Communion service of the two South Jersey churches was held with us on October 6. Rev. Paul B. Osborn of Marlboro brought the message of the morning.

The members of our church feel a deep humility and great pride in having the Conference select Deacon Charles F. Harris as their president. Our prayers and co-operation will go with him. We know that it will be a busy year for him as he plans to visit as many churches as time and strength will permit. — Correspondent.

METAIRIE, LA., GROUP — The Metairie group of the Hammond Church enjoyed the recent visit of Rev. Marion Van Horn. During his visit we held special services and he helped us in making plans for a Fellowship here in Metairie in the near future. At present we all make the trip to Hammond every Sabbath day to church, but hold our prayer meetings here on Friday nights. The children all participate in conducting these services. We are starting a film study.

**OUR SERVICEMEN**

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**Obituaries**

Severance. — Louette Carl, was born in Dodge Center, Minn., Nov. 23, 1879, and died Sept. 30, 1956, at North Loup, Neb. He is survived by four sons: Clifton of Ord, Neb., Leighton of Battle Creek, Mich., Cecil of North Loup, and Chester of Hawthorne, Calif.; also two daughters: Lillian of Evanston, Wyo., and Lucille of Denver, Colo.

Funeral services were conducted at North Loup by Rev. Francis Saunders, and internment was in Grand Island, beside his wife.

F. D. S.

**Beautiful Scene on the Campus of Alfred University, Alfred, N. Y.**

“...I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.” (Ps. 121: 1, 2.)
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LET IT BE NOTED, however, that we probably spend infinitely more money on the salaries of pastors and evangelists than we do for the temperance cause.

Our concern is not that it is so easy to say, "There isn't anything I can do about it." To her that appears to be another terminal point of our God-given responsibility. We agree and think it should also be applied more pointedly to the responsibility of spreading the truth of good temperance habits.

"Why don't Christian men and women band themselves together," she asks, "against serving cocktails on airplanes and trains, and against advertising over radio and television?" Yes! Let us work for social betterment in every line as a responsible thing to do this upon us, because of our redeemed state. Each must spend his greatest effort in the work to which he feels called. Since we do not believe in having bishops to assign us to certain tasks we must trust the leadership of our Holy Spirit to call the proper numbers and men into his fields, and to the various phases of laymen's work related to the complete Christian life.

Religious Objector Without Religion

Our government in the enactment of Selective Service laws has generously made provisions for religious objectors. Some of those whose training and religious convictions have led them to take the position that they cannot bear arms. They are called Conscientious Objectors. Normally, the local draft board is the judge as to whether an individual has a right to such classification. Some draft boards have doubtless been more strict than the law requires.

The Supreme Court is again being asked to step in the case of one Arthur P. Clark who, after much litigation, was granted by Selective Service legislation by appealing to minor technicalities. Equally distressing is the fact that this man who denies the existence of a Supreme Being and still claims to be a religious objector is a church member. He is a member of the First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles.

It reminds your editor of the religious census of Riverside, Calif., taken some years ago by the Census. The house-to-house canvass revealed several agnostics or free thinkers. In dividing up the names, the Unitarian minister asked for the names of Jews and was startled to find that he was not able to see into his church better than into any other. Can we recognize such churches as Christian churches and still put meaning into the term when we apply it to our own denominations? Can we have religious objectors without religion or definitions which fail to define?
fore "in a different league" from the new one. In a sense, the new magazine will be the voice of Billy Graham, who authors the leading article in the first issue. We believe that this 40-page, fortnightly periodical will be a truly remarkable paper in its field, filled with contemporary articles of lasting interest. The price is $5.00 per year and the address 1014 Washington Building, Washington 3, D.C.

Trick or Treat, the Christian Way
Will your children engage in the questionable practice of "Tricks or Treats" at Halloween this year? There are still many communities where this practice yet holds sway in milder or more objectionable forms. A number of churches and communities are getting rid of this expensive nuisance by channeling the energies of the children into the constructive program for soliciting gifts for the underprivileged of the world through the United Nations Children's Fund UNICEF.

More than 500 radio stations will put on this year a 15-minute radio play "The Good Ghost of Halloween." It will emphasize this type of unselfish work for children. Our people should be in the forefront of promoting in their communities methods of getting rid of the "trick or treat" spirit. It is catching on like wildfire. Let us encourage it by giving to UNICEF. Gifts when collected may be sent to United States Committee for UNICEF, United Nations, N. Y.

Church Bulletins
An editor has to have an insatiable thirst for more reading material of the type that will give him background for writing and for evaluating the news in the field covered by his paper. The Sabbath Recorder is primarily a denominational magazine devoted to the spiritual enlightenment of its readers. Church bulletins give the editor an inside view of many churches.

The emphasis of the pastor, the response of the people, the activities of the church — these all show in well-written church bulletins. The editor appreciates them, reads them, files them, and draws on them for verification of facts.

MEMORY TEXT
Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. Hebrews 7: 25.

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Weekend in Washington
As we make preparations to go to the Northern and North Central Associations, the memories of a very pleasant weekend in the Washington Church come to mind.

I had the privilege of having my wife, Anita, and Mrs. Bert Sheppard, and Mr. and Mrs. Owen Probasco as fellow-workers for the Lord. Each of us had a part in the three meetings that were scheduled. If the members of the group in Washington were blessed as much as we went, the trip was successful.

The Co-ordinating Council and the Planning Committee
The Co-ordinating Council as an official organ of the denomination is quite new, being officially set up by the action of the 1955 Conference, which has been done along this line in the past yet without any official sanction. Much good has come from the meetings of the past — so much that it has seemed wise to set it up as an official organ. The Co-ordinating Council is composed of the Commission and two representatives from each of the following organizations: Missionary Society, Tract Society, Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, and the Women's Board, with the chairman of the Commission acting as chairman and the executive secretary acting as secretary.

The Co-ordinating Council is now charged with the co-operative development of a strategy for denominational expansion and planning, and the use of the resources of emphasis, leadership, and finances.

The outline of "A Program for Denominational Expansion and Growth" as appears in the Commission Report of 1956 reveals that this group has been producing results. We have reflected there, careful and serious thinking, and we are anxious whereby we may have a more effective witness for Christ. We recommend that the seven steps as proposed by this body be given careful consideration by all Seventh Day Baptists. It is not yet a completed product; portions of it are being enlarged and we look forward to this process when it may be published in fuller form.

The Planning Committee is a subcommittee of the Co-ordinating Council, composed of the employed secretaries and the president of the Women's Board and chaired by the executive secretary of the denomination. The basic planning is done by this committee with the members sharing the experience of their specific responsibility as they approach the total program and outreach of the denomination. The plans of this committee are reviewed by the Commission and the Co-

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for November 3, 1956
Wounded for Our Transgression
Lesson Scripture: Isaiah 53.
ordinating Council before being brought before the General Conference. The Planning Committee meets more frequently than the larger group. It is to be in session October 28 and 29 at Westerly, R. I., under the leadership of Mrs. R. T. Fetherston.

Let us commit with them in prayer, thinking in terms of Our World Mission and as to how the work of Christ can be implemented through Seventh Day Baptists — Earl Cruzan, Commission Member.

Religion in American Life
November Campaign
By Rev. Lee Holloway

The theme for the Religion in American Life Campaign during the month of November will be "Build a Stronger, Richer Life — Worship Together Every Week."

This is an annual church attendance emphasis program, which is implemented by the facilities of the National Advertiser, Delta, approximately 6 million dollars' worth of free advertising is given by the council for the benefit of the churches and synagogues of America.

Seventh Day Baptists have a part in this campaign and are represented by the writer on the Board of Directors of the national organization. Thirty-five churches and synagogues of America.

The trip was made in company with Noah Cappello, a new Sabbathkeeper who attends the Plainfield Church. For about a year this young man has been assisting the writer on the Board of Directors of the national Tract Society of New York.

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Street Preaching in New York
By the Secretary of the Tract Board

The editor recently took time out of the middle of a busy day at the office to attend a street preaching and Scripture distribution service in New York at noon.

The general plan is for the two men to preach alternately for about two hours on a busy corner to the passers-by and those who gather within hearing distance. On alternate days they distribute Gospel portions, Testaments, and Bibles outside other nearby corner.

The campaign includes the reading of the New Testament. The courage, stamina, and love for people required in this type of ministry is not to be admired by any Christian who is lacking in those qualities. The Lord calls some to one kind of work and some to another. Perhaps many would question the wisdom of such expenditure of effort. The contemporaries of the Wesleys were sometimes even bitter in their denunciation of street-corner and open-field preaching. But in their case the results justified the effort and mightily affected the history of two nations.

Do the results of this ministry in New York encourage its continuance? Those who engage in the work and those who help finance it are enthusiastic about it in spite of minor discouragements. Sometimes the crowds are large, sometimes they are small. Some of the listeners are Christians who are stirred by the zeal of those who proclaim the love of Christ. Many of the folks who stop have never been inside a Christian church and would never go. Few make a public profession of Christ on a busy street corner without personal work. But it may also be said that the number responding to the call when preaching missions are held in our lovely church buildings is small too.

Conversions are not the work of man; they are the work of the Holy Spirit in the heart. One of the mightiest forces to that end is the simple Word of God which is read on the spot or carried home and pondered upon. In nine months these two men have personally distributed some 35,000 Gospels of John, several thousand New Testaments (Prophecy edition), and many, many Bibles. They have testimonies of Jewish people who were led to Christ without human help — just by reading the New Testament.

In the accompanying picture you can see the Jewish youth who had just been given one of these New Testaments which contains a few pages at the beginning of it which emphasize fulfilled Old Testament prophecies. This well-dressed man was wasting no time but was stopping to read the book during his lunch hour, listening at the same time to the preaching not far away. Four such Testaments were placed in his hands during that hour. Many of the Jews cannot imagine anyone giving away such books. We heard one refusing a Gospel of John part way through and saying to the street preacher, "I don't have time for the Gospels." We saw a Jew who seemed interested. He followed the preacher and was reading the Gospel of John and spent ten or fifteen minutes reading it while cocking one ear to the preaching. He resembled very closely the figures of the popular comedians on radio and TV but informed us that he was an attorney for an insurance company with offices nearby.

Who can say how God's Word is going to return to Him except to recall the promises that it cost money. But it cost money. These are but a few of the challenges of such work. We could mention the black-haired young man who received a Gospel on the subway and sat absorbed reading the New Testament.

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Missions

Dr. Victor Burdick
At Kennedy School of Missions

The Kennedy School of Missions, one of the three schools of the Hartford Seminary Foundation, is situated in Hartford, Conn. The purpose of the school as noted in their catalogue is "to provide specialized training for those appointed as foreign missionaries." Miss Miriam Shaw and Miss Sarah Becker have each taken part of their preparatory work at this school.

Dr. Victor Burdick, Seventh Day Baptist medical missionary appointee to Nyasaland, Africa, registered for study at Kennedy on September 17. He has written, "It is rather thrilling to be concentrating on studying again with so much of vital interest to me available for research."

The courses which Dr. Burdick elected for study are now well under way and are listed by him as follows: African Culture, Current Missionary Problems in Africa, The Practice of Missions, Introduction to Linguistics, Adult Literary Education, a total of 16 credit hours.

It is noted that the Chinyanga dialect as spoken by the people of Nyasaland is not taught at the school. However, tape recordings of a closely related language are available for study and the language instructor has told Dr. Burdick "some personal help on Chinyanga, if desired."

Special Services Concluded
At Battle Creek

Those who have been following our missionary evangelist, Rev. Loyal F. Hurley, with prayers and loving concern will be interested to know that services were concluded at Battle Creek, Mich., on Sunday evening, September 30. A report follows regarding the seventeen days of intensive preaching and witnessing for Christ on the part of laymen, pastor, and evangelist.

From Battle Creek, Evangelist Hurley has gone to Middle Island, W. Va., to assist Pastor Don Richards October 5-14; then to Lost Creek to assist Pastor Duane Davis October 19-November 3. He then goes to Berea to assist Pastor Richards again November 9-18. He will speak at Salem College during Christian Emphasis Week, November 27-30, and then return to Boulder, Colo., for a well-deserved rest.

Mrs. Hurley has been troubled with a recurring asthmatic condition but is currently much improved. Let us continue to remember the Hurleys in our prayers. Let us pray also for the pastors and faithful laymen of the churches upon whom the success of our evangelist's efforts rests in large measure. Let us pray that the guidance and blessing of the Holy Spirit be upon them, "not without Him nothing permanent will be accomplished."

Battle Creek Pastor
Reports Preaching Mission

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Eight small portable cottage prayer services were held the two weeks prior to the Preaching Crusade, with twenty-six different prayer warriors engaged in intercessory prayer. There was an average of eight present on the field in corporate prayer for the eight nights.

We have just begun. With God's help we shall continue our daily, yea hourly, witness for Christ, trusting that souls will be won, lives reclaimed, and hearts rededicated.

Salemville Building Program

[From quarterly report of missionary pastor, Rev. Edgar Wheeler]

'The following letter was written by Rev. Ira Davis, pastor of the Battle Creek, Mich., Seventh Day Baptist Church, to the secretary of the Missionary Society.]

Salemville Building Program Goes Forward

Listening to one of Dr. Hurley's messages, the Rev. Loyal F. Hurley organized a permanent visitation program for the Nyasaland district.

Reports Preaching Mission

We are grateful for many answers to prayers. Prayer is the key which unlocks the door toward the way for Christ's entrance and enthronement. Seven or eight opened their hearts to Christ, as evidenced by their uplifted hand on Sabbath day, September 29. We do not know of the others who have come to believe on Him but as yet have not confessed Him. We shall soon know. Many also rededicated themselves to Christ on September 29.

Attention at the three Sabbath morning services averaged 171, which is about 25 more than the average for the past three years. Attendance during the week for the four services was steady with an average of 70, climaxing by 96 on the last Sunday evening.

At every service there were new seekers. This may be attributed to the 1,400 printed invitations which were handed out, to numerous calls made by the laymen throughout the effort as well as bringing people with them, and to much prayer.

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Based on a letter from Rev. David Pearson dated September 14 states that the special check for purchase of the new mission car was received on August 31. After some delay the new Land Rover was delivered to them on September 3. He writes:

"On Sabbath, September 15, before leaving Makapwa to the 17th (for northern trip) we had a brief service of dedication for the Land Rover. It roves and we thank God for it. Our sincere thanks to the Women's Board and to all who have made such possible."

"This letter was started some days past while at Makapwa. I now write sitting on my rope bed in a grass house, built especially for our accommodation at Manjanga Village in the Sharpe Vale, Mafuwa area. September 17th as planned — however, late (11 o'clock). Certain of the brethren were still up and greeted us that night. Today is September 21 and we are leaving Manjanga for Nhinda this very morning."

"I am very fond of the car. It is exceedingly strong and roomy, with tasteful styling, and though more expensive initially than the Morris should be cheaper in the long run."

Miss Joan Clement writes under date of September 22:

"As I mentioned earlier our medical work has grown considerably of late. For this we are most grateful. Though the school has become my 'child,' so to speak, and I have greatly enjoyed my work in the school, my first love, I am sure you will..."
understand, is the medical work, for that is the field in which I've been particularly trained, and wherein most of my experience has been. I am pretty honest with you long for the day when I might turn my whole time to the evangelical work through medicine.

"If you could walk across the way with us this evening to the maternity ward you would find seventeen patients, eleven of whom have had a baby. Our ward capacity is nine. This is the busier part of the month, I do admit, but each month brings an increase in number of patients cared for. Beth and I have gotten up at night more frequently in the past two weeks to assist with difficult and complicated cases."

"As we mentioned in a former letter, we turned the Girls' Boarding House into sick wards for medical and surgical patients too ill to go back and forth to the village. This could only be temporary during the holiday. You know that we are putting up a building will ease both the maternity situation and give sleeping space to a limited number of patients in the medical-surgical class."

"We trust will continue to bless this ministry of medicine. It is gratifying to see the patients and their families coming to Sabbath mornings. After all, that is why we are here."

Importance of Printed Word

The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Chicago, Samuel Cardinal Stritch, stated recently: "However great the importance of radio and television may be in our times, the printed word is more important."

He was speaking at the 44th annual meeting of the Catholic Press Association. The reference was primarily to newspapers and journals. Certainly the studied remark had more religious significance than if it had been spoken to a secular audience by one who was less interested in promoting the church. It has wide application and could be used by those who have great tracts and religious literature exclusively. It will be recalled that this same archbishop made headlines in August of 1954 when he refused to allow Catholics to attend the World Council of Churches at Evanston as observers.

WORSHIP SERVICE FOR NOVEMBER

Theme: One Body in Thanksgiving

Scripture: Eph. 5: 18b-20; Ps. 92: 1-5

Hymn: "Now Thank We All Our God"

Meditation:

"O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is our God; and we are the sheep of his hand."

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High" (Ps. 92: 1). Again we are approaching the beautiful season of Thanksgiving. The fields have given up their abundant fruits; we are preserving of good things for winter eating is nearly ended. As I write, the woods are ablaze with color. In this northern climate there seems to be a bit of a hurry to get many things done before cold weather. But soon now something of a lull will set in; we will pause a bit before the sharp blasts of winter.

This is the time that has been set aside by practice and presidential proclamation for individual and national Thanksgiving. While we are continuously mindful of the mercy and of the all the truth which thou hast written in the heavens..." (Ps. 56: 12).

To King David was given the spirit to understand something of the greatness and power, the glory and majesty of the Most High, in deep humility he prayed, "Now therefore, our God, we thank thee and praise thy glorious name" (1 Chron. 29: 13).

Of ten lepers whom Jesus healed, only one returned to thank Him. To the nine was given physical healing. The tenth received all that and immeasurably more - salvation. "Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift."

"Thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

"O Lord, how great are all thy works."

"For thou, Lord, hast made me glad."

"Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might might be unto our God, forever and ever." (Ps. 144: 1-4)."

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Notes From October Women's Board Meeting

It was voted to continue sending the National Geographic Magazine to Jamaica, as well as other magazines to all our missionaries.

We agreed to underline the expenses for the Seventh Day Baptist Hymn Contest, as President would like to have this continued for the coming year.

It was moved to print 2,500 booklets about our British Guiana Mission. The committee reported that the manuscript is being edited and should be printed early in November. As soon as they are completed a quantity sufficient for one to each woman will be mailed to each worker.

Mrs. R. T. Fetherston, the new executive secretary, felt that in accepting these new duties she could not continue on our board, so we regretfully accepted her resignation. Since she has mimeographed the Newsletter and other materials, it was discussed whether the board should purchase a mimeograph or hire the work done.

Interesting reports from Mrs. Delmer VanHorn and Mrs. Paul Green, Jr., were read, giving a resume of their course for ministers' wives, that was taught last year by Mrs. Harley Sutton. A. M. D.

THAT YOUTH PROGRAM

Does your weekly program for your Youth Fellowship have purpose?

If it does then it must be fashioned by youth who seriously consider the necessary ingredients. Two of these ingredients are work and study. In a television program the other night the main character got "itchy" all over, every time his mother mentioned that he ought to go to school. Those of you who are the real leaders in your group are respected by youth who work. Most of your spare time is taken up in doing something or bent toward learning something.

Now, "busy one" in your Youth Fellowship, is your real chance to work for the Lord by digging into guide material for planning your Youth Fellowship program and other types of evangelism. Most available materials for your, Youth Fellowship have purpose?
terials. They are what we call "approach" methods rather than "concrete." We all want concrete ways of doing things, but if that is all we are handed to us on a platter we might just follow it automatically and no real thinking or vital Christian experience would come to us in the process. Isn't that what we are after? Christian character is built on Christian experience. Vital Christian character is built on vital experience. That's what we want for ourselves and others. The Bible and supplementary materials are useless unless studied, worked with, and put into practice.

Our Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education can only point to materials offered. At present we have few samples that have been evaluated but we expect to have more in the near future from which to choose. Your youth group can help us by ordering from suggested companies a program kit, then use it, evaluate it, and send us your conclusions as to its value. That costs money and time. Below, any worth-while program costs.

One of the reasons our youth groups make offerings and earn money is to help support our church libraries. Many people want concrete ways of doing things, but we expect to have more in the near future from which to choose.

The picture shown here may not seem very unusual, you may say. It's just a great big vine climbing up on an oak tree. After taking the picture, we showed it to the high-school girl on whose lawn it was growing. She tried to tell us the name of it and said it was very rare. It is called a euonymus tree or vine and is a native of Europe. When the family bought the home 15 years ago that vine was much like it is today. Many people have stopped to ask about it, particularly in the winter. After the oak has shed its leaves the vine shows better the beauty of its variegated evergreen leaves.

Satan's Waterloo

We have seen a miracle!" was the testimony of thousands of people in Waterloo. Indeed, a warning, the Christ-for-Greater-Waterloo Crusade had been completed with Dr. Merv Rosell of La Canada, Calif., as evangelist.

Utilizing the Hippodrome, the largest entertainment spectacle, or what the Albion and Milton Junction, Wis., Seventh Day Baptist Churches had ever done, the Christ-for-Greater-Waterloo Crusade had been completed with Dr. Merv Rosell of La Canada, Calif., as evangelist.

The crusade was under the direction of a local steering committee made up of pastors and laymen from the Greater Waterloo area. The co-chairmen were Dr. and Mrs. George M. Smith and C. A. Smith and he meant to deal with it. That is why trumpets were used rather than saxophones. The Gospel is a clear-cut call to action or what the Albion and Milton Junction, Wis., Seventh Day Baptist Churches had ever done. The Christ-for-Greater-Waterloo Crusade had been completed with Dr. Merv Rosell of La Canada, Calif., as evangelist.
There are many sincere people today who feel that religion, rather than bringing us out of confusion, has plunged us more deeply into it. Amid the multiple voices crying in the wilderness religion is just one more. Did we say one voice? Well, actually that is not quite accurate. Even among those Christians who call themselves Protestants there are hundreds of denominations all lifting their voices to add to the chorus of confusion. Pity the honest seeker after religious truth these days! Denominations, creeds, loyalties, and fanaticisms all pointing to the true Gospel, most of them regarding themselves as the one oasis in a desert of error and heresy. It’s confusing! At least, that’s what a great many sensitive people think about it. Their feeling might even be confirmed if they were to receive some of the fantastic religious literature which comes to a pastor’s desk over a short period of time. Religion can be confusing, all right, just by sheer variety.

Once the new convert has become a member of a particular denomination he is faced with other divisions. There will be those who call themselves liberals and those who call themselves conservatives. Some will be urging co-operation with other denominations while others will be insisting on their own soul-saving leadership. He will soon find that both sides of any issue can quote Scripture. There will be those whose religious experience is largely intellectual and those whose experience is basically emotional or sentimental. Some will favor a democratic type of leadership, while others prefer a more central, authoritarian type. Most of them confess that the issues are black and white and he must stand somewhere. Of course, he will gradually make these decisions, but it’s confusing. The clear-cut decisions to follow Christ has run into a perplexing maze of claims and counterclaims.

Are We Apostles of Pettiness?

There is certainly a great danger that amid all of this the real meaning of the Gospel of Christ will be lost, or hopelessly diminished. It is so easy to become apostles of pettiness, saying, “I piped to you and you wouldn’t listen, and more and more we witness to our opinions rather than to “that which we have seen and heard. The power and strength of the Church may well be dissipated in trivial disagreements over issues that are not worth what they cost. It is as though the bugler forgot his horn and played a medley of tunes. But if the bugle gives an indistinct sound who will get ready for battle?

Let us be quick to admit that this is not a fair depiction of our great Protestant heritage. When we get the total view into perspective we must realize that this freedom which allows divergence and variety is precisely the element in which we take pride. There are those who, seeing Protestantism as a dissident chaos, would take away our freedom and recognize in such a way as to insure that only “truth” is proclaimed. To control religious opinion and doctrine from “headquarters” is one solution for a great many people, but I need not remind you that such a solution goes against everything for which our fathers sought. It is merely another answer to modern problems. That such a spirit still lives, however, is exemplified by the Seventh Day Baptist who recently suggested that what we need is a catechism.

The situation at Corinth was a good illustration of the misuse of religious liberty. In their freedom to choose their own soul-saving leadership, the Apollos, and others said, “We chose Christ.” In their freedom of worship, they spoke of the freedom to face each other without regard to whether or not they could be understood by their fellow believers. We can imagine the confusion to which Paul refers. Paul speaks “among them,” and that, too, is evidence that there is no understanding of their own freedom they rode rough-shod over each other. In his letter, dealing with this situation Paul provides a clear-cut answer to what Christian freedom demands. Perhaps some of us have never noticed the setting of the famous “love-chapter,” nor have we asked ourselves why Paul wrote it in the first place. That thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians is sandwiched in between the twelfth and fourteenth chapter. It begins, “If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. "Behold how great love one another.” Freedom constrained by love is the glory of our faith, but freedom without love is a source of division, strife, and confusion. Love hopes all things, believes all things, endures all things, but without love every disagreement ends in rancor and mistrust. It was said of the early Christian church, “Behold, how they love one another!” How wish the day would come when men could look upon my beloved denomination and say, “Behold, how they love one another.” We need not surrender one jot or title of that religious liberty which we now enjoy, if love constrains us. Let the Quakers be known for their love of peace and the Methodists for their love of temperance, but let Seventh Day Baptists be known the world over for their love of one another. “By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

Let us hear the summary from the pen of Paul as though we had never heard it before. Here is his solution in the Philippians translation:

If I were to speak with the combined eloquence of men and angels I should stir men like a fanfare of trumpets or the crashing of cymbals, but unless I had love, I should do nothing more. If I had the gift of foretelling the future or understood human knowledge or the secrets of God and if, in addition, I had that absolute faith which can move mountains, but had no love, I should not achieve precisely nothing.

This love of which I speak is slow to lose patience — it looks for a way of being constructive. This love is patient, it is not easily angered.

Love does not pursue selfish advantage. It is not touchy. It does not compile statistics of evil or gloat over the wickedness of others. On the contrary, it is glad with all good men when Truth prevails.

Love knows no limit to its endurance, no end to its trust, no fading of its hope: it can outlast anything. It is, in fact, the one thing that still stands when all else has fallen.

Give Thanks and Share

A hymn prayer sent to the Conference president

When thy heart with joy o'er-flowing,

Sings a thankful prayer,

In thy joy, O let thy brother

With thee share.

When the harvest sheaves ingathered,

Fill thy barns with store,

To thy God and to thy brother

Give the more: for

If thy soul, with pow'r uplifted,

Yawn for glorious deed,

Give thy strength to serve thy brother

And friend.

Share with him thy bread of blessing,

Sorrow's burden share;

When thy heart enfolds a brother,

God is there. — Bullinger.
There were more than two carloads of young people from the Shiloh Church. They entered heartily into the worship service conducted by the Plainfield youth on the evening after the Sabbath.

The morning and afternoon theme-centered sermons by Pastors Paul Osborn and Robert Lippincott were clear, strong, and helpful. The family life emphasis of the whole weekend was made very pointed in the second message of the afternoon by the guest speaker, Rev. Harry E. Moore, research director of Character Education at the Central YMCA of Plainfield. His research and writing in the field of program development for family and youth work have won him national renown. His experience in juvenile problems was passed on to an attentive audience which was given a chance for discussion. A motion picture entitled "The Family Next Door" brought the program to a close.

Upon motion by the treasurer the Yearly Meeting voted $50 from its treasury to Our World Mission, since it appeared that there was a larger surplus than would be needed for expenses next year.

RICHBURG, N. Y. — There was a fellowship supper in the church dining room on October 7 preceding the annual business meeting. The statistical report showed that we had lost one member by death but had gained five new ones.

In the election of officers, Jesse Burdick was chosen moderator with Elmer Cowles as assistant. Onnalee Saunders was elected clerk and organist. Two treasurers were voted into office, Charles Saunders for church funds with Wesley McCrae as assistant, and Blanche Clark for "Our World Mission." Eugene Burdick was chosen trustee for three years. Faith Saunders will serve as chorister, Marie Zwiebel as assistant organist. Robert Stohr was chosen attendance officer. Wesley McCrae is the representative of the church on the Executive Committee of the Western Association.

Robert Stohr was elected pastor for the coming year.

In preparation for the new pastor and his wife the parsonage has undergone some redecorating. Four rooms have been painted and a new kitchen sink encased in built-in cupboards has been installed. Other articles have been donated to enhance the livability of the manse.

The church, too, has been the scene of some redecorating. The ceiling has been painted and the floor sanded and refinished. New green carpet runners have been given to the church by Mr. and Mrs. Maurice McCreas.

The September meeting of the Ladies' Aid featured a pantry shower for Pastor and Mrs. Zwiebel. A good stock of establies was given during the course of the evening's get-together.

Pastor Zwiebel has entered the School of Theology at Alfred University to begin his second year of study. Mrs. Zwiebel is instructor of English and director of the Audio-Visual Aid Department at Canisteo High School.

Our local denominational budget treasurer reports that a goodly amount over the goal was paid by the group for the past year's Denominational Budget. The church realizes the growing responsibility to the World Mission as presented by the Commission and is determined to help raise the mission goal for this year.

— Correspondent.

BROOKFIELD, N. Y. — No services were held at Brookfield on October 13 in order that the members might be free to attend the fall meeting of the Central New York Association at Adams Center. The church is still without a resident pastor and is inviting guest speakers. On October 20, Rev. and Mrs. Harold Pearson of Amsterdam were asked to have charge of the services. The Leonardsville Church was invited to meet with the local congregation for the occasion. — Brookfield Courier.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. — When Pastor Lawton was leader of the work he at first lived in rented quarters not far from the church. Later he bought a home at some distance, taking advantage of a GI loan. He was able to sell his equity when he went to Jamaica. Looking toward the coming of a new pastor the Parsonage Committee was reactivated. It is now possible to report that a new parsonage has been purchased, apparently on faith that the money will come in to meet the down payment and the other payments according to the contract. — Gleaned from church bulletins.