MISSION "Risen with Christ"

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NCC Makes Alcohol Statement

It comes as something of a surprise to read that the National Council of Churches, which has made pronouncements frequently on so many of the social ills besetting this nation and the world, has not until now attempted to speak out directly and forcefully about the problem of beverage alcohol.

Religious Newsweekly, emanating from 297 Fourth Ave., New York, a news service devoted exclusively to news of the co-operative church movement, reports the recent action as follows:

In the first policy statement on alcohol it has made since its organization eight years ago, the National Council of Churches went on record with a warning of the threat of alcoholism "to health, happiness, and the general welfare."

Members of the Council's 25-person General Board, representing all "divergencies of opinion" on the subject, adopted the pronouncement at their first meeting in the new triennium.

"Alcoholics are persons in need of diagnosis, understanding, care, and treatment," the pronouncement declared. Pointing out that there "need be no condoning of their behavior," it was emphasized that "neither should a church permit its members to alcohol to prevent its offering an effective ministry to alcoholics and their families."

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Government Aid To Non-Government Schools

The sputnik age has brought an old issue into sharper focus. In the urgency for a rapid increase of scientific research personnel will we face a growing pressure for more direct aid to private schools? It appears so. Since nearly 90 per cent of the students in private schools of the country are in Catholic parochial schools committed to the teaching of Catholic doctrine any across-the-board assistance to private schools will be directly supporting our religious faith. Thus such support becomes a real issue.

Senators Clark (D., Pa.) and Morse (D., Ore.) indicated at a recent hearing before the Senate on Labor and Public Welfare their willingness to stretch the principle of separation of church and state to give such assistance. Both admitted that the question of religion was a "real hot potato." Said Senator Clark:

"Yes, I must say that, particularly in the field of higher education, despite all the argument about separation of church and state, of which we have had so much, we have not found any way by which we can put to work all of our schools, whatever they be, in the interest of getting better training for our American boys and girls at the graduate level."

I must say this is the dilemma which I have not found the answer to. But I see no better way to provide for class-room construction for colleges and universities. I am sure the reason is because many of us, and I hate to do it, I hate to be courageous about this, will not face up to the fact that we are going to bring a swarm of hornets down on our heads.

Senator Morse made the following statement giving that he had shared the above-quoted views of Senator Clark for many years:

"So the problem, it seems to me, is to find by closer acquaintance, to hate it worse than others but those churches associated with missions render the greatest service.

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President's Column

The Baptist Distinctives

The Priesthood of Believers

The Baptist movement has been primarily a movement of the people. This is as true of Seventh Day Baptists as it is of Baptists in general. A distinctive in this movement is the belief in the priesthood of all believers. We believe that God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself (2 Cor. 5: 19). We believe that the means of this reconciliation took place through the death of Christ on the cross: “And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me” (John 12: 32).

His resurrection is proof of His promise “that every one which seeth the Son and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day” (John 6: 40).

The author of the Epistle to the Hebrews makes it very plain that Christ is our high priest making intercession for us before God (Hebrews 7: 25-28).

Also we hold to the belief, which was evidenced in Christ, of the importance of every individual. Christ told us He came that we might have life: and I will raise him up at the last day.”

We believe that the Priesthood of Believers is in the belief in the priesthood of all believers, the right and duty of every believer to carry on all the work of the church. The Seventh Day Baptist Church, of which he is a member, from the executive secretary of the denomination, or from our office. On March 30 Mr. Huntington cooperated with a Pacific Coast ministry in a special youth program at Pacific Pines Camp as teacher for the day.

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RIAL Shows Growth

The Committee on Religion in American Life since May of 1957 has been under the chairmanship of Robert T. Stevens, former Secretary of the Army and now president of the Textile Workers’ Union. P. Stevens and Co. Under his leadership, RIAL, which is supported by 24 national religious groups, has greatly increased its effectiveness in promoting church and synagogue attendance.

Mr. Stevens presided at the annual RIAL banquet held in the Grand Ballroom of the Plaza Hotel in New York, on March 25. There were 600 in attendance, compared with 200 a year ago. Le. The major faiths were present in representative numbers but it appeared from the list of names and seating arrangement that the great majority of those present were Jewish, Christian and Labor. High ranking military men and chaplains of the major faiths were also in evidence. The purpose of the banquet was to inform and to increase support.

The preliminary speakers told of the huge success of last November’s RIAL program in their communities. Rabbi Maurice Kertzer of Boston underscored the affirmation that nowhere but in America could there be found anything like this voluntary assumption of responsibility which characterizes the promotion of the aims of this laymen’s organization. He pointed out further that the impact of RIAL’s advertising on American Judaism had been tremendous. In the nine years since it was organized attendance at synagogues has increased from 20 percent of membership to 60 percent, he stated.

The main speaker of the evening was Frank Pakes, Jr., described in Time as “a man who manages a missile-age empire.” He is president of General Dynamics Corp., the company which developed atom-powered submarines. At Princeton he was graduated from Princeton. At 24 he argued in a case before the Supreme Court. Later he distinguished himself as assistant to the Postmaster General, as director of the Budget Bureau and then as Secretary of the Army from 1950 until 1953.

In his address he reviewed the history of our nation in terms of religion, pointing out that man was close to God in the days of colonization. At the time that beginning for a bountiful harvest was natural because without it the colony would perish. It is then that he said, for creative comforts to bring about a general weakening. It has been amply proved, however, that our young men when faced with a real emergency, as in Korea, showed themselves strong. The problem is that we do not always know when we have to be strong.

He said that it is already have had, claimed a magnificent religious base shown by the national leaders of the past. Religion shines through a little brighter in times of stress. It was his considered opinion that the emphasis on church attendance would do much to equip the men of the present to meet the problems and stresses.

Seventh Day Baptists are represented in RIAL officially by Rev. Paul B. Osborn. At the request of President Richard E. Cruzan the denomination was represented at this banquet by Rev. and Mrs. Leon M. Maltby. — L. M. M.

Old Believers in China

From China comes news of the resettlement problems with which Church World Service is grappling. One group in particular is interesting because they are called and the denominational composition. Note the following paragraph describes the situation:

It has been decided to try to find resettlement opportunities for 600 “Old Believers,” a community of agriculturists closely knit by religious and cultural ties. More than 450 already have visas and are in Hong Kong while another 150 are holding visas but are still in China. There are an additional 426 “Old Believers” for whom the Service to Refugees will try to find resettlement opportunities. The Sinkiang Group is made up of 1,208 Baptists, Seventh Day Adventists, Orthodox, and Pentecostals.

Qualified Minister Available

Numerous favorable comments have been received in regard to the Sabbath sermon by the Rev. Alvin Emerson Huntington published in the March 3 and 10 issues. Recent correspondence with Mr. Huntington, who left the Baptist ministry because of his newly found Sabbath convictions, indicates that he is now willing to give up his well salaried secular employment and to make the sacrifice (with his wife and 3 small children) which would be necessary to accept the pastorate of a church which is willing to provide the funds required for his support.

Newest figures show that there are 2,900 Seventh Day Baptists in the state, then there is plenty of home mission work needed. His statistics are a little brighter in times of stress. It was his considered opinion that the emphasis on church attendance would do much to equip the men of the present to meet the problems and stresses.

This belief in equality also was found anywhere else the author of the Epistle to the Hebrews makes it very plain that Christ is our high priest making intercession for us before God (Hebrews 7: 25-28).

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The Nortonville Project

Shall we as Seventh Day Baptists send a missionary to British Guiana, South America? There are strong indications that we may do so during 1959. A plan has been proposed by the Nortonville Seventh Day Baptist Church which may make this possible.

The plan called "The Nortonville Project" calls for pledges and gifts to be made above quotas suggested to each church for raising the current Our World Mission budget. A letter will go to each church explaining the plan in detail. The approval of Commission members has been secured for the presenting of this project which envisions the sending of a missionary couple to British Guiana in 1959.

The Our World Mission Committee of the Nortonville Church has prepared a letter to the churches which states, "At the October business meeting of the Nortonville Church a discussion arose concerning our denomination's failure to provide funds to send a missionary to British Guiana as we (as a denomination) had promised we would. An individual offered $500 to start a fund to make good our promise and the Nortonville Church has since voted to give a like amount. This $1,000 is to be a gift above Nortonville's quota for Our World Mission.

"We have corresponded at length with both our executive secretary and our Missionary Society and the project has been cleared with both, as per enclosed statements.

"We are hoping and praying that the other churches in the denomination will see their way clear to add to this fund and that the approximate $5,000 needed will all be pledged before Conference of 1958.

"Will you read the enclosed pledge carefully, consider it prayerfully, and then help us reach the goal?"

"May God bless you all in your labors for Him."

"The Nortonville Church  
"Our World Mission Committee."

The pledge reads, "Our church agrees to give $... toward sending a missionary to British Guiana. It is understood this will be over and above the Our World Mission quota.

"The above amount, plainly marked Nortonville Project, will be remitted to Mr. Olin Davis, Nortonville Mission treasurer, before Oct. 1, 1958. If the necessary amount is not raised during the present one-hundred-percent-raised budget leave no warning and no present at the last Conference who felt that we could do better than a $90,000 budget. By the close of last Conference year we had raised $93,500. It is not unreasonable to expect that we can raise this extra amount.

"The churches are urged to make a "will enable them to keep faith with our British Guiana brethren. This is our opportunity to do so. Thank God for the Nortonville Church which has taken the initiative by providing this opportunity for "keeping faith."

Burdick read a review of the discussion and plans made at the meeting held a month earlier. This was followed by reports of calls made during the weeks since that meeting. Then followed a discussion of ways to follow up expressions of interest.

The secretary was offered an opportunity to speak. There followed a discussion of how the plans might be adapted to the particular needs of the Waterford community. It was decided to make systematic calls in a nearby housing development. Several tracts were at each house on the first Sabbath, with an offer to call again at a later date for discussion with any interested persons.

The spirit of the group was good. There were twelve present. The prayers offered at the close were for the Nortonville Church which is our responsibility. And perhaps a hope that the Nortonville Church may go on sending other missionaries to other fields..."

Message from Metairie, La.

Mrs. H. E. DeLand has written regarding the progress of Christ's Kingdom work as being forwarded by the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Metairie, La. (near New Orleans). She writes, "Our work here at Metairie has its ups and downs. In the weekend beginning February 21 evangelistic meetings were conducted by the Rev. Loyal Hurley. Everyone was greatly blessed through these services and the spirit of the Hurleys to the Lord. Our fellowship with the Hurleys will be long remembered."

"We have been led to work in a housing unit and our great interest has been with the children. Every week these children (and parents when possible) are picked up and brought to services. Several Bibles have been distributed for excellent attendance over a period of time. Pastor Fred Cox always has a children's talk which brings a great response."

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The Friends of Israel

In 1958, during the height of Hitler's harassment of the Jews in Europe, a group of Christian men in Philadelphia, moved with compassion for the suffering kinmen of their Lord, banded together into an organization which became known as the Friends of Israel Missionary and Relief Society, Inc. The purpose was to organize full-time missionaries to Jews and Hebrew Christians, and to bear a definite Christian testimony to the saving power of Christ in the Christ. The Christian public and press responded to the challenge magnificently. As 1958 dawns, The Friends of Israel Missionary and Relief Society, looking back on a year of exciting and fruitful work, is profoundly grateful for the amazing way in which the Lord has led. About 25 to 30 full-time missionaries of the cross of Christ have been led to work in a housing unit and our great interest has been with the children. Each week these children are picked up and brought to services. Several Bibles have been distributed for excellent attendance over a period of time. Pastor Fred Cox always has a children's talk which brings a great response.

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The Friends of Israel Missionary and Relief Society is located in the Witherspoon Building in Philadelphia, and is directed by a group of prominent Christian laymen and ministers. The president is Judge Edward E. Sparkes, the general secretary, Rev. Victor J. Sparkes.
The biblical standard of a full tithe (10%) on a family's gross income to the church is just as valid in 1958 as it was for Jacob at Bethel many generations ago. Jacob's promise filled a need in his life. The same promise made this year will fill the same need in a Christian family's life.

The Christian Church is on the horns of a dilemma when it tries to justify itself through the money it receives to carry on its work. Its thinking about giving is fuzzy. Its answers are vague when confronted with the question, "Why should I give sacrificially?" or even when it is asked, "Why should I give?"

There are two reasons for this:

The world has talked the church out of its standards of giving. The other reason is that the church member defends himself emotionally. This last reason has caused the church to forsake its standard so it won't lose him.

The problem is not one of monetary values; it is a problem of spiritual values. Each church member must find it possible through Holy Scripture that our Lord used the tithe of property as a principle of giving to the church, objective reasons for doing so escape him. It is in the sentimental context that the following situation is perpetrated in the church.

"The Every Member Canvass has now had three strikes on it. The first strike was the first strike was the training of the canvassers consisted of a short talk by the clergyman, the very man who stands to get a raise if the canvass is successful, and the issuing of the same cards each canvasser has called on for years. The second strike came when the canvasser got the prospect to sign the card quickly. "Any amount, just sign it," he said. The third strike was called before the canvass began: the canvasser did not know that the right decision about his own pledge would have made the canvass a success!"

The church is really on the horns of a dilemma financially and will be as long as its Every Member Canvass Committee raises its funds. No matter what the church does under this plan, the results will always be negative because the notion that every member can contribute to the church is a sentiment, not a fact. As a result of the Every Member Canvass, the church is barely able to pay its bills. It has no normal relation of raising money because it does not justify its standards regarding its money and the world's attitude toward money has taken the church over.

The world justifies people by economic success and secular education. The church could justify the same people in support of its work by converting the principle of the right words said in the right way. Christianity could even become a dynamic reality to a great many more people.

Can the justification of words and sentences be a standard that will follow tomorrow when it has not been followed up to now? No. The justification has to be with men.

Conversion to Christ begins when a man is confronted by Christ. To become a Christian, a man must first become discontented with his pagan state. His conversion is completed when he can justify his life in Christ. Thus, the 'old man' dies, and his place is taken by the 'new man'...

This is the judgment and the reason why there are so few real conversions.

One of the problems is that the church's traditional ways of communicating with the world is that it does so as though it were speaking to converts. Why has it to say is really intended to confirm the convicted Christian. Its sermons, stories, role-playing, conferences, seminars, laboratories, and discussion groups as well as its books, articles, radio, and TV programs should not be expected to help the undetermined make decisions.

Another problem is that many denominations take pride in being the most respectable because they require less of those who join them. Having opened their doors, denomination, and legal-religious rites to the pagan, they cannot expect to escape the dilemma the pagan brings with him. Clergymen shroud themselves in virtue about their small salaries and the low scale of pay that deficit budgets force on other church employees. All the church's converted very man or board member that the Christian is a good businessman.

The third problem is human pride which must be conquered as the first step toward a better relationship between the church and the world.

God, whose right to be in the picture is undisputed, is concerned about human decisions made regarding His Church. A man deciding to make a gift to God cannot make a Christian gift without taking God's standards into consideration. He is just as concerned about the nature, the quality, the attitude, and the regularity of the gift as he is about its quantity. A Christian gift has to measure up to His standard.
not the standard of the world, to be called Christian. Nothing short of the right decision is involved in making a gift worthy of your greatest treasures.

The word "sacrifice" must be justified. Its real meaning is to "make sacred." As used by the world, the word sacrifice implies something to be destroyed. The sacrifice of money in the world means a burden added to a load that is already over-burdening. It may also mean an invasion of a carefully planned hoard of money. To make a gift so large that it requires planning in order to give it means that that money is being given up for personal use. That is the proper spirit of Christian Giving. Only then can God accomplish His purpose with it. Unless you are challenged to give sacrificially, you will never give enough on your own to enjoy the results of Christian Giving. Christian Giving is sacrificial and regular.

Worldly problems are overcome with spiritual values. Spiritual problems are overcome through spiritual acts. One definition of the word "church" is a building. It is an orderly arrangement of objects. Yet it needs more than things that cost money. The dollar measures things with its ability to buy things. If pagan dollars are given to meet spiritual needs there can be only results of neglect. Man and his money become possessed of the church's needs. The church's need will never change the word "sacrifice." The denomination changes the emphasis from the church's needs to the needs of the giver. Both are very real. The church's need will never produce enough dollars. When he knows his need to give, the giver gives more than enough. Terminal needs defeat God's purpose and the Christian's ability to give sacrificially. But the ability of the church to do many merciful things for men. It could do a great many more with more Christian dollars.

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To Love Like Christ

The Rev. Robert P. Lippincott conducted his final morning worship service at Shiloh, N. J., on March 29, before moving to Nor­

town, Kans., to as­

sume a new pastorates there on April 5.

How does a pastor's last service differ from

previous services? It need not outwardly differ in any way as far as planning and conducting it are concerned. Mr. Lippincott has carried forward the church worship with sustained vigor. The final service differed not at all from other services until the very close. He avoided mention in any of his bulletins of his departure; his announcements and prayers were for the ongoing program of the church. The sermon subject was "To Love Like Christ," based on 1 John 4:7-21.

From the point of view of the congrega­
tion the closing service of a pastorate is different. Attendance at church and Sabbath School had been consistently running close to record highs, with a church average attendance of about 165. On March 29 the attend­ance was 197, almost crowding the church to capacity. When the junior and senior choirs came down from the platform they had to occupy the foremost seats, almost at the feet of the pastor. As usual the congregation was up at a high percentage of all ages and young people in considerable numbers. Noticeably present were some of the older people who are not as regular in their church habits.

The pastoral prayer takes in the com­
munity — and Shiloh is a one-church community as far as local organization is concerned. Mr. Lippincott like others before him sought to leave the church strongly united, rather than divided by personal loyalties.

Bibles for Mobile Homes

A special Scripture distribution is being conducted by the American Bible Society along the new St. Lawrence Seaway. Four thousand "mobile homes" have brought temporary residents to a previously sparsely populated section. A worker of the Bible Society has been making impassioned appeals to the residents to read the Bible. Nearly 700 volumes of the Society's Scriptures have been distributed so far in this program, which will continue for several months.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for April 19, 1958

God Prepares a Leader


its spirituality be increased, and that it become more Christ-centered, more Bible-centered.

As the sermon on love drew to a close the pastor felt impelled to give an unpre­

meditated altar call. It was a call for all who wanted prayer that they might find in this time forth a love like that which Christ showed toward us. The response began slowly but then, led by deacons and deaconesses, it mounted. Young people wept about in tears. Young mothers were observed to be deeply stirred. One or two at least, in the group of 50 to 40 crowded at the platform, were evidently making first decisions for Christ. A closing prayer by the pastor was general — for all those who had stepped forward and for the church as a whole.

Thus closed another ministry in the historic Seventh Day Baptist Church at Shiloh. Every departing pastor in the past generation or more has left the church apparently stronger spiritually and numeri­cally than his predecessor. Strange as it may seem, no pastor or council has given the church apparently stronger spiritually and numerically than his predecessor. Strange as it may seem, no pastor or council has given the congregation thought that a change would be desirable. Mr. Lippincott like others before him sought to leave the church strongly united, rather than divided by personal loyalties.

WOMEN'S WORK — Arabeth DeLand

May Fellowship Day

United Church Women will observe May Fellowship Day on May 2. The theme for this year, "A Place to Live," will be high on the program of housing in the United States. If your society does not participate in this annual project, you could still make this worthwhile study. How does the United Church and its denominations affect its spirituality be increased, and that it become more Christ-centered, more Bible-centered.

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which should relate man to God. If the church wishes to substitute Sunday for the Sabbath, then it should persuade people of its importance rather than ask the state to enforce its edicts.

The third principle is that the council may be opposing the will of God, as relates to the Sabbath, by its endorsement of Sunday. That large section of the Christian Church which has assumed that it has the authority to change teachings of the Scriptures has taken it into its hands in a very grave responsibility. I believe that this segment of the church will always have trouble securing loyalty for its selection of the first day of the week, since it is so clearly a substitute for the Sabbath. Christ observed the seventh-day Sabbath, and policemen to help. In

Our minds are filled these days with thoughts of space travel. One of the problems is to carry enough air or oxygen to last all the while one is out in space. The latest suggestion we have heard is that the scientists are working on a project which might make it unnecessary to eat plant which is so obviously enough to make liquid oxygen. Some young folks are as clean as the breeze across a forest lake and some as dirty as the smoke from a city dump but none can make themselves clean enough to please God or be used by Him for lofty purposes. Just as air needs to be made perfectly clean before its oxygen can be used, so young people must be purified by Christ in order to be fit for the kingdom of heaven.

But how is city air made clean? On the shores of Lake Erie there is a newly completed million-dollar liquid oxygen plant which is a scientific marvel. We cannot describe here all the details of the manufacture of pure liquid oxygen. You have probably learned in school that if air is kept cold, it will freeze to a solid. A tremendous pressure of 2,850 pounds per square inch and then the pressure is decreased to 65 pounds, the temperature will drop to 140 degrees below zero. The air will then turn to liquid and can be separated into liquid oxygen, nitrogen, and argon. All air has three kinds of impurities which must be removed during this process. Air is passed through a filter by an air air filter. But there is also carbon dioxide in the air, the gas that is removed in our lungs and breathed out into the atmosphere. Interesting parts of the story of commercial oxygen is the description of how this scientific equipment takes the place of our God-given ability to put oxygen in our blood without the deadly carbon dioxide. During the five-stage process of compressing the air, it is sent to two towering "caustic scrubbers" through which it pumps circulate a caustic solution which is said to "scrub" the air and take out this impurity. The third impurity, moisture, is removed by "cold driers" which we will not describe here. Not until this cleansing process is completed can the air be turned into a product that the liquid oxygen can be "boiled" out of it in a six-story-high "air separation column."

This idea of "scrubbing" the air to make it pure is strange one. Shall we say that it is almost as strange as what the Bible tells us about our hearts? David came to realize that he was a sinner and prayed, "Create in me a clean heart, O God" (Ps. 51: 10). Job asks, "Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean?" (Job 14: 14). Since it is possible through Christ, for He calls people to "purify your hearts..." Jesus claims the power to cleanse us on the inside by His Word. Just after the Lord's Supper He told His disciples, "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you" (John 15: 3). The Bible says, "He that believeth is washed from all sin" (1 John 1: 7). I do not quite understand how oxygen gets into my blood from the air I breathe. I do not know any more than I have told you about the "scrubbing" of invisible air. Yet I do understand just how my heart is made clean according to the promise of Christ by His blood and by His Word but I believe it; I know it is true from my own experience. Let us tell others about it!
At Denver the church appears to be moving forward with considerable vision and zeal. As announced previously, the congregation is looking forward to evangelistic meetings in June with the help of the field evangelist, Loyal F. Hurley, and the new summer quartet sent out by the Missionary Board.

A recent bulletin from Los Angeles carries the following note, which is characteristic of what a number of other churches are doing.

"Remember the special study of Extension and Growth which will be held on Sabbath afternoon, March 15. This will be a survey study of the manual with several persons presenting the steps outlined. It is hoped that out of this study will come several suggestions that will warrant a more thorough consideration at a later date. May we come expecting God to reveal to us ways in which we can indeed go forward in growth."

The pastor at Lost Creek, W. Va., (Duane L. Davis) regularly inserts in his church bulletin a printed page by the Rev. Howard E. Kershner of the Christian Freedom Foundation. Some other pastors of the denomination do the same. The material is helpful and it is free. The sermons at Lost Creek recently, as in numerous other churches, have been centered around our statement of belief.

The Milton, Wis., publicity mentions co-operation in community Lenten services with guest speakers. It also tells of camp preparations and a six-week period of church membership study classes. The schedule calls for the 11-14 age group to meet early Sunday evening, the high school and college group late in the afternoon, and adults on Thursday evening. The pastor points out that the classes are open to all who would like to study the beliefs of Seventh Day Baptists, whether or not they are really considering preparing themselves for church membership.

Nortonville, Kan., expects to have a pastor by the time this issue is sent out. After a long time between pastors — a time of unusually strong activity by a pastorless church — the Rev. Robert Lipincott, recently of the Shiloh, N. J., Church, has accepted their call.

The Salem, W. Va., Church, which has been pastorless for several months, carries on a full program of Sabbath and midweek services. Two colleges professors have recently occupied the pulpit, the Rev. Ralph H. Coon and the Rev. C. W. P. Hansen. On March 15, after a fellowship luncheon, there was a panel presentation by the General Conference Vocational Committee, which is located in the Salem area.

There are times in this spiritual warfare when the warrior of the Cross must think in terms of what he can't afford to do rather than in terms of what he cannot afford to do. Therefore we accepted that challenge (of broadcasting in Formosa and Free China). — Far East Broadcasting Co.

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Thou knowest, Lord! the weariness and sorrow Of all sad hearts that come to Thee for rest; Cares of today, and burdens of tomorrow.... O Saviour, Thou hast wept and Thou hast loved; And love and sorrow still to Thee may come, And find a hiding-place, a rest, a home.

Therefore we come, Thy gentle call obeying, And lay our sins and sorrows at Thy feet, On everlasting strength our weakness staying, Clothed in Thy robe of righteousness complete; Then rising and refreshed we leave Thy throne, And follow on to know as we are known.

— Author unknown.

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