Veteran Guest of Honor

One of the last surviving “veterans” of the Spanish American War—an 1817 Bible—was a guest of honor at the annual meeting of the American Bible Society on May 11 at the Plaza hotel in New York. The presentation of an 1817 Bible (KJV) to a sailor in a uniform of that period for the Naval archives celebrated the 150th anniversary of ABS service to the military.

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for June 24, 1967
PERSECUTION AND DELIVERANCE

Accessions

ASHAWAY, R. I.

By Letter:
Harold M. Lewis, Jr.

By Baptism:
Diane Crandall
Lincon Crandall
Terry Crandall
Kathleen James
Sandra Johnson
Mary Lewis
Lenia (Mrs. Harold) Lewis
Richard Lewis
Sandra Sizai
Sally Weber
Susan Weber
Leon Wheeler
James Wolfe
Priscilla (Mrs. James) Wolfe

WESTERLY, R. I.
(Pawcatuck)

By Baptism:
Deborah Barber

Births

Breen.—A son, Stephen Henry, to George and Sylvia (Poulin) Breen, New Providence, N. J., on May 18, 1967.

James.—Heather Donaldson, daughter of William W. and Martha (Gavitt) James of Westerly, R. I., on March 7, 1967.

Obituaries

DOLBOW.—Archibald W. son of Bryant and Mary Dolbow was born at Salem, N. J., October 31, 1887, and died April 21, 1967. As a boy he was baptized at the First Baptist Church in Salem, N. J. On July 23, 1943, he married Ella Tomlinson. He attended church at Marlboro until his death.

Farewell services were conducted by the neighboring pastor, the Rev. Charles Bond, in the Marlboro church with burial in the Shiloh cemetery.

PLACE.—Desdemonia Elizabeth Cooper, daughter of Joseph William and Sylvia Hemphill Cooper, was born on December 16, 1872, at Hartsville, N. Y., and died at the Wellsville Nursing Home, Wellsville, N. Y., on May 15, 1967.

In July, 1893, she joined the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Alfred Station, N. Y., of which she continued a lifelong member. Since her home was in Alfred, during her later active years she attended the Seventh Day Baptist church there. She was a faithful worker in the Alfred Ladies’ Aid Society.

On February 28, 1900 Miss Cooper was united in marriage with Frank George Place of Alfred. To this union were born two daughters and a son: Aletha (Mrs. Dana C. Peck), Gladys (Mrs. Ere M. Myers), and Robert C. Place, all of Alfred. She is also survived by three grandsons. Mr. Place died in 1923.

Memorial services were conducted at the Landon Funeral Home, Hornell, N. Y., May 18, 1967, with Rev. Ernest K. Bee, Jr., and Rev. Hurley S. Warren, officiating. Burial was in Alfred Rural Cemetery.

Women's Work Emphasis

Women of America seldom now spend their time in spinning wool or flax at home as some of the women in other parts of the world still do, but the spinning wheel is a symbol of all the care of a mother for her household and all the training that she gives to her daughters.
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Guest Editorial
A Faith that Works
By Maleta O. Curtis

Most of us are grateful that customs have changed since Paul said, "Let your women keep silence in the churches; for it is not permitted unto them to speak" (1 Cor. 14:34). We are thankful that women are not expected to sit apart behind closed curtains in the sanctuary, unseen and unheard, but that they are able to worship in song and to take part in the services of the church.

In Phillips' translation of First Corinthians 12:4-7 we read, "Men have different gifts, but it is the same Spirit Who gives them. There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord Who is served. God works through different men in different ways, but it is the same God Who has the worship in song and to take part in the services of the church.

It is equally true that there is much in both the Old and the New Testaments to show that woman, when the need arises, may take her place in all the affairs of men and in the great responsibilities of the church. Being a woman, by nature and appointment, she is also by the same divine appointment the perpetuator of the race, to nurture the young as only a mother can do.

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The Place of a Woman

The place of a woman, it is said, is in the home. Doubtless, many Scripture passages which speak of the woman's place are different from what we said in the last editorial that statement. The whole tenor of the Bible on this subject seems to be that woman is primarily a homemaker and it is her duty to perpetuate the race, to nurture the young as only a mother can do.

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The same apostle who said that "we all are taught, we all are taught, we all are taught" rejoiced when some of them did and praised certain women for teaching the way of God

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"Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Women have been given many gifts by the Spirit to be used in the church in the Lord's service. Often we hear one say, "There is no one, not even the child, who can give me what he had. And that is a law in the spiritual realm. The richest things are increased by distribution, and sharing Christ and His gifts multiplies our possession. Perhaps we gain more than anyone else when we 'give ourselves away' in understanding, encouragement and love, and when we witness for Christ to those around us.

The greatest gift is love. Let us pray earnestly for the great gift of love, so that a woman's service for Christ (yours and mine) be in the organized church or in the church universal, whether it be great or small, the love of God will shine through us and in all we do. Pray that the way we use the gifts the Spirit has bestowed upon us may be acceptable to Him.

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"Labourers Together with God" with an appreciation to God for the gifts of time and opportunity for dedicated service. In this list were places in which women could help in every department of the organization: teaching, counseling, choir, committees, typing, periodical staffs, ladies' societies and many others. "So we, being many, are one body in Christ," all working together with God.

In addition to their work in the church, there are infinite ways women can serve. There are years in a wife's and mother's life when her main service is in the home. How often we have heard, "I could not be what I am or do what I do without the help of my wife." The "old fashioned" idea of the oneness of a family in the home is perpetuated. It is not for a Christian wife and mother whose privilege it is to work toward this end. What greater service can be rendered for Jesus Christ than to love, nurture and teach little children to walk in His steps and to grow in knowledge of His Word, guiding them through their early years?

One of the greatest gifts which takes little time and can be expressed in many ways in or out of the church, in the home or in a Christian profession, is friendliness. This is motivated by love and it expresses itself by an outgoing of one's self, not material things. Everyone has the same amount of time, and no matter how busy a person may be, there are always things one can do with minutes, "chinks of time". Frank Laubach calls them. One chapter heading in the book "Pray Your Life Away" by Dunn is "Minutes Make Fine Gifts." He says, "There are hundreds of ways of giving away little margins of time you may not think of as rich, as gifts to someone." He notes that a friendly letter can be addressed and started while waiting for someone for a few minutes,
MEMORY TEXT
Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace. 2 Thess. 2:16.

MCC Board Seeks to Apply
Christian Principles

The General Board of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in Boston, Mass., June 1, 2, 1967. Seventh Day Baptists were represented by two of their four members. General Secretary Alton L. Wheeler and C. Harmon Dickinson, secretary of the Council on Ecumenical Affairs.

Standing Rules of the General Assembly and General Board were amended giving broader definition and procedure to the documents issued by the Council. Policy statements and resolutions which express conviction and position are to be given more specific orientation "with respect to Christian principles and their general application to today's society and world." Further description indicates that they are to be "based on Christian foundations and insights."

Nine resolutions were adopted expressing both international and domestic concerns. One concerning the Middle East is already out of date with the beginning of fighting in the Gaza Strip and the Gulf of Aqaba. In voicing a desire for a peaceful settlement the resolution asserts that in this complex situation "there is the most urgent need to secure impartial judgment and action, to the end that the international issues and the domestic factors may be seen in perspective and peace and justice be established."

Another resolution undertakes "to develop and update policy of the National Council of Churches in regard to issues of crime control, public aid and the human rights and civil liberties of the poor and powerless in our society, with emphasis upon a Christian understanding of the causes of crime and immorality."

Other resolutions were adopted on congressional standards, social security and public assistance programs, rent supplements and foreign aid. Those who are interested in the content of these documents can write to the National Council of Churches, 475 Riverside Drive, N. Y., N. Y. 10027.

No policy statements were adopted at this session.

Eccumenical Trends
Two papers pertaining to trends of the ecumenical movement were presented, one as a report from the Division of Christian Unity, and the other by Dr. John E. McCaw, professor of church history at lengthy University, Des Moines, Iowa. The report of the Division of Christian Unity titled, "The Tip of the Ecumenical Iceberg," called attention to ten situations in which mergers of churches have been effected or are being considered, or one in which there has been dialogue to make for better mutual understanding among Christian...
groups. Dr. McIaw, having devoted a year to intensive research, predicted religious pluralism of the past and present yielding to "the ushering in of a new age of religious concensus in America, the formal expression of which will be Christian though shallow." He further stated, "It is my conviction that we are approaching, if not actually in, the time of the American church, and the very nature of that church could well be the Roman Catholic Church." He concluded with acknowledgement of certain dangers as well as the merits of certain forms of ecumenical development.

While little time was given for discussion of this latter paper, a number of varied reactions were registered by several members of the General Board. The theme was that of the Rev. Dr. Harold A. Bosley, minister of the Christ Methodist Church of New York City, who asserted that "we are living in a world much too small for an American church. Our relationship with evangelism is a very personal one. We have grown up in an evangelistic atmosphere, and anything being too concerned about the consensus; there is something worse than being divided, it is being united superficially.

The General Secretary of the Council, R. H. Edwin Espy, reported on joint planning for Mission in the 70's in which the Executive Committee will plan and participate "for much larger and more comprehensive areas of work than has been our practice heretofore. Each member communion is being asked to indicate to what extent it will share in this joint planning.

The next meeting of the General Board is scheduled for Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 14-15, 1967.

My Years with a Minister
By Mrs. Ralph H. Coon

After having lived with my husband for twelve years as a high school teacher, I was suddenly called into the Bicentennialization that he was to become a minister of the gospel. This was an adjustment I had more or less feared I would be called upon to make sometime, but I really hoped not to have to materialize. You who read this may think that a queer statement to make since it may seem logical to you that every Christian wife should naturally long to step into the position of becoming a minister's wife. However I didn't feel the call personally and considered I would fall far short of filling such a role in the way I had always felt it should be filled.

In assessing my qualifications I just knew I wasn't born to be a leader and I disliked very much to do any kind of teaching. To put it in so many words, I was afraid of what people would think of my attempts and failures that I knew were waiting to be made. As I considered it from my husband's angle, it seemed so different. He had felt for some time a great disadvantage in not being prepared to go into any way whatsoever in connection with the teaching profession. He was informed in a nice way, that should he want to continue, he would need to cease his job and also that of the principal of the school for permitting him to continue, even though he was doing it after school hours.

Thinking over such circumstances, he came to the conclusion the Lord had something else for him that would permit him the freedom to teach the Bible, especially to young people, in full-time service. The opportunity came at Conference in 1928 at Riverside, Calif., through Missionary Secretary, Rev. W. L. Burdick. After a conference with him in which Ralph was urged to make the change immediately, he began making plans for the shift.

Being lone-Sabbathkeepers, he and I had gone into a mission church in Berkeley not far from the water front, spon-
Why Not a Woman Minister?

By Mrs. Harry (Nina Traver) Wilson

I am very proud of the fact that I am a licensed minister of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Little Genesee, N.Y., but I am also very humble to think that God would want me, a mere woman, to serve Him in this way. I thank God every day that I have friends and relatives who have faith in me to grant me a license to preach the gospel. I am only too happy to serve in any pulpit when I am called to fill in.

Occasionally, I run across former patients of mine, (I worked in a 36-bed hospital for 6 years) who remember me and ask if I am still preaching. “In a small hospital you get to know your patients well. I was very fortunate in that, of course, their faith. Since the hospital where I worked is run by a Catholic family, each patient took it for granted that I was a Catholic and/or related to the family who run it. When I set them straight in that respect, they are curious about the Seventh Day Baptist faith so I tell them. I will never be ordained, maybe I will never have a pastorate of my own, that will be up to God, but someday I will get my degree. My husband has also expressed a desire to go into the ministry. The money dear friend a long time ago that doors opened. All you need is faith.

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Anything But a Pastor

By Florence B. Bowden

Throughout the ages, women have played an important role in promoting the work of God’s Kingdom. Biblical history gives us glimpses of women such as Sarah, Miriam, Ruth and Naomi, and Hannah as they seek to discover God’s will and follow it.

Christ’s birth gave a new dimension to the role of women. Elizabeth, beth and Mary, the mother of Jesus, are examples of women who, with utmost faith, accepted God’s plan for their lives. Many other notable women of the New Testament exerted influence both in the home and in the growing church. We have only to mention these few—Anna, Mary and Martha, to name a few. John Mark, Dorcas, Priscilla, and Eunice and Lois—to be reminded of their willingness to further Christ’s work and their devotion and loyalty in fulfilling their mission.

Centuries later, records show that the influence of women in the church has increased in importance. Today, the average woman is involved in a wide variety of ways. The first aspect of this service has been to inspire confidence and action, and to bring light to a knotty problem. It seemed to me that I could serve the women with whom I was not acquainted, in the kind of counseling which strips one of false pride, prejudice, impatience, and fear.

In my public school work, I had had years of experience in counseling both adults and children. The cost of counseling was I now called upon to do was a new venture for me. I approached it with great humility and fervent prayer. As session after session, I looked at the young faces before me, I thought how one would feel to be a young minister’s wife in a college situation, in a first pastor’s home, in a college, in a missionary’s home—what it means to be a minister’s wife. How does she feel about her special calling? What are her hopes? What are her fears? How does she support her husband in his ministry and, at the same time, discharge her responsibilities as a wife and mother? What is her role in church activities? Can she maintain a firm and calm hand in the management of her home? How will she keep from being overburdened? How can her spiritual outlook be reflected in the lives of others?

It has been a joyous experience to get to know these young wives and their families, to hear their Christian testimony, to share in their personal and spiritual growth. Some of them have served as leaders in their own homes, to be present when they were diligently seeking to bring light to a knotty problem. It seemed that God was using me to further His kingdom in all times but especially so in the moments of audible prayer when we sought His strength and guidance.

A special feature of this year’s session was an IN-SEMINARY retreat at another Seventh Day Baptist ministers’ wives of the neighborhood. All of the women in our denomination would have been thrilled by their testimonies of commitment, faith, and fulfillment and their...
Reflections on Journey Through Jamaica
By Alton L. Wheeler

Down in the beautiful Caribbean Sea, and less than two hours of air flight time to the southeast of Miami, Florida, is the colorful and intriguing island of Jamaica. This is one of the most attractive islands in the West Indies. It is shaped like a very large banana with the tip pointing toward the south and the bulge in the north. There are a number of interesting and beautiful islands nestled between those of Jamaica. Some of the larger ones include Negril, the site of the famous Reggae Festival, and Montego Bay, which is a popular tourist destination.

The island is divided into several administrative areas; Kingston, the capital, is on the north coast, and Montego Bay is on the south. There are also several smaller islands, including Jamaica, which is the largest. Kingston is the seat of government, and Montego Bay is the major tourist center.

The island of Jamaica is surrounded by the beautiful Caribbean Sea, and is blessed with a rich history and culture. The island has been inhabited by many different peoples over the centuries, including the Arawak Indians, the Caribs, and the Spanish. Today, it is home to a diverse population of more than 3 million people, mainly of African descent.

Jamaica is a constitutional monarchy with a parliamentary system of government. The island's official language is English, and the currency is the Jamaican dollar.

The island has a tropical climate, with temperatures averaging around 80°F (27°C) year-round. The island is known for its beautiful beaches, including Ocho Rios and Montego Bay, and itslle, and is a popular destination for tourists from around the world.

In March, Jamaica hosts the annual Area Spiritual Retreat held at Maiden Mount, where some thirty-five leaders attended the conference, circuits visited, in conducting services in the conferences, and churches and missions.

End of Quarter Mission Emphasis
Jamaica - West Indies

Seventh Day Baptist churches and Sabbath schools are being encouraged to participate in the end of Quarter Mission Emphasis on Sabbath day, June 24, or at a time more convenient to the local church program. The area of particular interest that is being held up for our consideration and prayers is Jamaica, West Indies.

A recent mailing to missionary workers, pastors and/or church clerks carried an informational brochure and posters obtained from the Jamaica Tourist Board in New York City through the kindness of Rev. Leon R. Lawton. There was included in this mailing and helpful write-up by Conference Secretary Alton Wheeler telling about his recent visit to Jamaica as the 1967 “American Released Worker.”

There may be those who will not have the opportunity to read of or hear about Secretary Wheeler’s experiences during the end of Quarter Mission Emphasis services. For such and for added emphasis, the article “Reflections on Journey Through Jamaica” is being shared in this issue of the Recorder.

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Youth Fellowship. Director Earl Cruzan, Milton, Wis., now. Proceed to Iroquois Trail, turn left and continue straight about four miles until you reach Hammond Road. (If you pass the golf course, it's too far.) Turn right on Hammond, proceed to Iroquois Trail, turn left, proceed the road to the camp. Please send in your registrations to Director Earl Cruzan, Milton, Wis., now.

Barbara Parrott of Battle Creek, Mich., is treasurer of the National Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship.

Battle Creek Youth Leaders

By Barbara Parrott

The Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church wishes to announce that it has two students from the local area schools with outstanding scholastic honors.

Kathy Casler, from the Gull Lake High School, is valedictorian of her class. She has a grade point average of 3.952. Kathy is the president of the Gull Lake National Honor Society, vice-president of the student council, a varsity cheerleader, a member of the American Field Service and the Biology Club, three years, reflecting this basic wide-spread study on how to come to grips with these urgencies.

Kathryn Parrish, of Battle Creek, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Casler of Route 4, Battle Creek.

Robert Parrish of Pennfield High School is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Walsh. He will become her most complete self. By understanding her, the world will be her, that of a mother. She helps. She is their friend and counselor in joy and distress. She helps them develop Christian character and a faith to live by. She shares and sacrifices. She helps children's growing maturity and releases them from her grasp to lead their own lives.

She counts success as being able "to laugh often and love much; to win the respect of intelligent people; and the affection of children; to endure criticism and slights: to find the best in others; to give of oneself; to leave the world a bit better, in the sense it has been used; to have played and laughed with enthusiasm and sung with exaltation; to have lived and breathed the life of Ralph Waldo Emerson's poem)."

Being a woman is more than domestic talents, beauty, and helplessness. It implies the importance of having a family altar and drawing her family closer to God, so that he may guide and direct them.

A woman finds a place in church and serves God through it to the best of her ability.

She accepts her responsibility in the community and seeks to live by the Golden Rule. She helps. She has the ability.

A woman's home is her pride and joy. She maintains the simple virtue and social graces. She upholds the principles of femininity. She is their friend and counselor in joy and distress. She helps them develop Christian character and a faith to live by. She shares and sacrifices. She helps children's growing maturity and releases them from her grasp to lead their own lives.

What is a Woman?

By Sylvia Morris

Each girl begins to think of her life as a woman long before she is one. As I reach the age when I am accepted into a woman's world, I must decide--what is a woman? A woman is feminine, but she must love; she must understand or the ability to wear clothes determine her femininity. Tenderness and concern are attributes of femininity. What is a man understands, accepts, and fulfills the purpose God has for her. She maintains the simple virtue of walking right with God. She seeks to love rather than to be loved; to understand rather than to be understood; to comfort rather than to be comforted.

She makes people comfortable to be around her, because she is interested in other people. She has the ability to recognize what is worthwhile in another person, and seeks to bring the best in him.

She is not afraid to use herself in creating happiness for others. She never waits until a future day to begin her creativity, but lives each day at a time.

A woman understands God's purpose for her in the man-woman relationship, and lets God lead in choosing her mate. She is affectionate, gentle, and tender to the man she loves. She loves unselfishly, knowing that self-love is not creative, but a disease that destroys her Inferiority.

With the man she chooses, a woman will become her most complete self. By sharing the joys and sorrows in life, the two will be able to endure outward pressures as they come. She is each other's companion, counselor, comforter, and confidant.

The personalities of both will be enriched in the sharing of life's common ventures.

A woman is a home is her pride and joy. She puts her best into making it a divine habitat for her family. She recognizes the importance of having a family altar and drawing her family closer to God, so that he may guide and direct them. She accepts her responsibility in the community and seeks to live by the Golden Rule. She helps. She has the ability.

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Lovingly, Tenderly Serving
By Joan Clement

I remember so clearly the sound of the words of a very dear friend of mine who said to me when I was entering junior high school, "Money, you'd better pick another profession for yourself—not nursing. You simply haven't got the strength." It goes without saying that I was shocked at the time, but how wonderful are the ways of Him Who loves us and calls us forth to work by His side.

So much water has gone under the bridge since those early days and this is not to be my story but the story of several of those through whom the Lord has most abundantly blessed me through the intervening years.

People are not so different throughout the world. Their innermost longings are the same as ours, their needs to be understood and to share their joys and sorrows are akin to ours though the mode of expression may be vastly different. They know fear, doubt and bewilderment as we do and when a good opportunity there is on every hand to help and endeavor to guide through the perplexities of daily living regardless of the channel of assistance, be it medicine, education, child care or quiet example.

Evelyn was a lovely young girl, so shy but her smile showed how pleased she was to be recognized. She had been raised in a very fine family, but her being ministered to by a very large number of Christians under his leadership. Yet we were to see Evelyn grow with us as she came to live at the mission to raise her family and to help us with the mission family. We saw her children born, saw her take on responsibilities in the super­vision of the girls’ board­ing department, became interested in the medical department and finally to receive training in midwifery and take a responsible position in the medical unit. But the most rewarding of all relationships with Evelyn was to sit and visit with her in the living room of their lovely home in Paint Rock and romp and playing about the living room and the verandah outside. The shy young girl had become a charming and gracious hostess and a devoted mother and wife.

Out in the villages, far from the towns and large mission compounds it seemed almost an impossibility that any woman could rise from a place of obscurity to one of leadership and ex­ample among her companions. As I watched so many, many village women, it seemed their only lot in life was to arise before dawn and begin to pound the maize for the day’s food, gather and chop firewood and carry pot after pot of water from the family’s usage. Somehow or other the children just happened to grow—if they were lucky.

When you attended church in the vil­lages, however, a large proportion of the congregation were women and though study was difficult for them, they tried. They had no confidence in themselves, though, for their place was quietly ob­serving, never taking part. When it was suggested at a committee meeting one day that the women should begin to take an active part in the leadership of their Sabbath school class, the idea was received with misgivings and objections on the part of the mothers who could not see how this could ever possibly be. I remember one lovely woman, wife of a pastor, who above all else was eager to learn everything she possibly could, not only to help her in her own home but in the church where I saw her take on more and more of the burden of Christian service until I at last watched her, a capable teacher standing before a class of women, leading them in study of God’s Word. How did it come about? By prayer and gentle assistance, by genuine interest in her needs, physical and spiritual. She was given care at the hospital when her chil­dren were born; she was taught how to keep her family well and happy when far from medical assistance; she was instructed in the arts; and she had the finest examples to follow in the homes of the families of the mission and medical directors.

On a lovely hot day for a place for a nurse, a place for a teacher, a place... (Continued on back page)
Reading Through the Bible in 1967

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for a Christian education specialist, but this has seemed to me a pigeonholing of talents and abilities. The Lord saw to it that nursing became a reality in my life, but my greatest joys have come to me not entirely as a result of nursing talents but in being privileged to share in the growth and development of a segment of the world's population which through the goodness of the Lord has come to know a more abundant life than had ever previously been considered possible.

The Lord has especially used in a most wondrous way those who have gone forth with courage and devotion to raise their families side by side with those among whom they labour.

Whatever the occupation may be, the Lord finds very special uses for the many talents of the individual He leads forth, and we know that each one serves day by day as the Lord strengthens, but the greatest reward of all is to see those to whom one is sent continuing in His steps, learning, working and lovingly, tenderly serving.

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sharing of Bible passages which had given them comfort, strength, and courage. One young wife expressed her feeling about the evening in this way: "You have shown us a way to overcome problems and a way to have our lives work for Christ."

Not every lay woman will have this unique way of giving service to ministers' wives. But there are countless ways to serve on the homefront. The doors may be opened for "baby-sitting," sending in food or helping in times of illness or peak loads of entertaining, arranging for a leisurely cup of tea or coffee, for planning an out-of-town day, or for just a friendly drop-in visit. Of utmost importance in this service is showing Christian love through a real concern for the minister's wife and her family, voicing appreciation, and giving encouragement.

Fields of service in Christian work are open for women. Christ himself has given us the challenge. (Luke 10:2) "The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest." Who is there who will answer the challenge?

When Summer Comes

In winter and spring there are many who dream of a quiet little lake amid the trees where there must be some fish to catch from bank or boat. Spending one's summer days fishing is for some hardworking men a thing to be looked back upon in the carefree days of idyllic youth or something that must wait till retirement years. When those years come there are a few more days of rest and relaxation, but to be really enjoyed they must continue to be vacation days sandwiched between days of creative work. We still feel that we must give an account to God for all our days and use them in the service of Christ.