Love Personified

When the words of the Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 13 are compared to the words and life of Jesus we can understand more clearly the meaning of "the love chapter." We can also see more clearly how Jesus, our Lord, is love personified, how "the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us... full of grace and truth."

As we compare these great passages we realize anew how far we fall and how much we need the help of our Lord as we press on toward the goal of our high calling which is in Christ Jesus. We may use the comparison which follows as a devotional reading.

"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels... Never man spake like this man."

"Though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries." "Behold, I have foretold you all things."

"And all knowledge," "In him are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."

"And though I have all faith." "He is the author and finisher of our faith."

"All my goods to feed the poor." "This is my body which is given for you."

"Love suffereth long." "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

"And is kind." "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."

"Love envieth not." "The glory which thou gavest me, I have given them."

"Love vaunteth not itself." "He made himself of no reputation."

"Love is not puffed up." "I am meek and lowly in heart."

"Doth not behave itself unseemly." "He hath done all things well."

"Seeketh not her own." "Even Christ pleased not himself."

"Love is not easily provoked." "When he was reviled, he reviled not again, but committed all to him that judgeth righteously."

"Love thinks no evil." "God was in Christ... not imputing their trespasses unto them."

"Love rejoices not in iniquity but rejoices in the truth." "Grace and truth came by Jesus Christ."

"Love bears all things." "Christ his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree."

"Love believes all things; hopes all things." "Think not that I am come to destroy... I am come to fulfill... Moreover my flesh shall rest in hope."

"Love endureth all things." "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

"Love never faileth." "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever."

—From Le Tourneau's Now
The Word Is Not Bound

Ordinarily we think it is better to make our statements always positive, but let’s not quarrel with the way the Bible puts this statement, “The Word of God is not bound.” How else could you say it effectively? It would not convey the same meaning for us that the Word of God is loose or on the loose. God’s message for man cannot be bound; it goes where He intends it to go and “accomplishes all that He wills and brings it to completion in us who are called according to His purpose” (Romans 8:28). In other words, we read that it pierces “even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernment of the thoughts and intents of the heart” (Heb. 4:12).

There is strong evidence that the Word of God is not bound when you sit in the top gallery of Madison Square Garden and observe the response to the simple gospel preaching of Billy Graham. Youth and adults listen to a clear-cut call to take Christ as their Savior. Whether or not they are college students, they need and hope to get by coming down from those high balconies to stand at the front only the trained counsellors know how to do. They are two kinds of people who have not lost hope; the dedicated Christians as Communists. What strange bedfellows of hope! The Communists are back of much of our current campus trouble and our racial trouble. They are too few in numbers in this country to be completely out of our operations, but they are operating with a well conceived master plan to take advantage of natural frustrations and convert them to their political ends.

Why do we say they have hope? It is because in their book disruption, division and destruction are the necessary preliminary to a Communist take-over of society. But the whole book of history, that when society explodes they, and they alone, will be able to pick up the pieces. What emerges from a destructive revolution can be bent and warped around to suit their purposes. One cannot but marvel at and almost admire their hope and optimism, sadistic as it is. For generations they have been waiting for the downfall of capitalism and world communism has already divided the world into East and West and captured nations thought to be impervious to it should keep all of us from indulging in smug complacency.

I contend that dedicated Christians as well as Communists are full of hope, though of quite a different kind. Those who have been reared on the promises of God who know that God is still on heaven’s throne, the Christians who believe in the triumphant Christ and the consummation of the ages under the reign of Christ have unquenchable hope. They recall that persecutions and tribulations have been experienced and are predicted. Present troubles, serious as they may appear, are small things in case in Zion for so long, are not cause for despair. Hope springs eternal in the hearts of those who have abandoned trust in mankind’s wisdom. They have come to the conclusion that Christ can and will bring beauty out of ashes. The folks who have pinned their hope on unregenerate social programs to usher in the new world order. Not many find it possible to whistle in the deep darkness that has descended on so many of their cherished panaceas.

Let it be remembered that darkness and light must be expressed close together on this spinning, cloud-covered globe. History is full of darkness and light in proximity. Never were the days more clearly laid than when Jerusalem was destroyed (according to Christ’s prediction) in 70 A.D. But at the very moment Christianity with its transforming light was pushing westward across the Roman Empire. The church itself fell into the darkness of false doctrine and political corruption during the Middle Ages. But there was a revival in the Protestant Reformation. A new day
Time to Talk Tenancy

About OWM Giving

Comparing with Last Year

(Please look at page 15 of the June 25 issue when writing this article by our stewardship chairman)

I have just compared this year’s budget figures with those of last year, and have put them away. Let’s see what I remember.

Of the 61 churches on the list of contributors to Our World Mission, 41 have given more this year than last year, 19 have given less, and one has given the same (nothing either year). Two or three of those that have given less will probably be on the “more” side next month as their May report did not get to the OWM treasurer in time to be included this month. One church was only 11 cents less, but several of the “more” weren’t too far above.

Consideration of the figures shows that the age, size or location of a church has nothing to do with how much it will participate in Our World Mission. It is the commitment of the individual members that determines this. So let’s look again.

We have given more this year. A figure on the back of an envelope tells me we have given $11,113.62 more. And yet we are still more than $20,000 short of reaching our marks in raising the current budget. That is why we still need more than $15,000 each month for the last third of the year. Put another way, we must receive an average of $506.60 daily if it is to be filled!

Wow! That’s a lot of money! But lets see. A little figuring arrived at 740 families to contribute to (Is that low or high? Ask me and I’ll tell you I know that number.) That means less than 69 cents per family per day for Our World Mission.

"Sure," you say, “but how can we give more to OWM when we have to pay our own pastor more, and prices and taxes and everything else?” Well, statistics show that Seventh Day Baptists give about four times as much to their local churches (average) as they do to Our World Mission, and that the average family (if there are 740 of them) gives $733 per year to both the local church and OWM. If all were consistent tithers, that would mean an average annual salary of $7,330.

Sounds like a lot for some of us, but is low for others. Be honest, now! What figure did you report as your net income last year on your income tax?

Let’s face it! Many OWM supporters send much more than 10% of their income to work for others. Be honest, now! What figure did you report as your net income last year on your income tax?

That’s where individual commitment comes in. Stop looking around at the rest of the folks, and earnestly seek God’s will in carrying out your financial giving for the good work of Our World Mission. Let us support Our World Mission.

Paul B. Osborn, stewardship chairman

Sensitive in His Service

President’s Column

Special Events at Conference

Some of the special events which I look forward to during the Conference week include an address by our new evangelist, the Rev. Mynor Soper. Mr. Soper recently received special training in “personal witnessing.”

The fraternal delegate from the Jamaican Conference is Mr. Byron Lewis who will be the featured speaker on Tuesday evening.

Much is being heard about and from our youth these days and I for one want to hear what they have to say about being “Sensitive in His Service.” Therefore, two young college students, Mr. Bernard Keown from North Loup, Nebr., and Miss Nancy Brannon from New York State, will address the Conference on Thursday evening.

The Alfred church is preparing a play to be presented Wednesday evening which, I understand, will stimulate some
varied comments and reactions. A time has been set aside on Sabbath afternoon for a review of the Primary, Junior High and High Conferences.

The Rev. Paul Green of Salem, W. Va., will have returned from Jamaica prior to Conference and will give his impressions on Sabbath afternoon for a review of the Primary, Junior High and High Conferences. The Rev. Marion Van Horn, will also give a report of his visit to the churches of Mexico.

I think we have an exciting week planned and look forward to seeing you in Nyack.

—Leland W. Bond

Why Go to Summer School?

There are various reasons for college students to go to summer school. Poor grades during the year may make it necessary. Ambition to finish the college work, one that is a bit unique but most commendable. Inter-Varsity Mississippi students attended summer school in 1968 in order to take a lighter load this fall. By Helen Ruth Green

BIBLE READING FOR JULY

1, 2 Chronicles, Obadiah, Joel, Isaiah

By Helen Ruth Green

In 1, 2 Samuel and 1, 2 Kings we have read history of the Jewish people for some 500 years—from about 1100 B.C. to 560 B.C. These books covered the life of Samuel; the years of the great united kingdom under Kings Saul, David, and Solomon; the period of the two kingdoms (Israel and Judah); the defeat of Israel by Assyria which took most of the nation as captives; and Judah’s captivity by the Babylonian empire.

1 and 2 Chronicles were composed as one book after the return from Babylonia exile (see 1 Ch. 9). The writer of Chronicles had access to previous Old Testament books and he mentions journals, public records, and other writings not now known. Chronicles is a review of Jewish history, but barely mentions the northern kingdom. The writer’s special interest was the rise and fall of David’s kingdom, Solomon’s building of the temple and its worship, and the kings who opposed idolatry.

We may think of Kings and Chronicles as rather dry reading, yet they contain some of the finest gems of Scripture, such as David’s psalm of gratitude (1: 16); David’s advice to Solomon; David’s final prayer; and the temple dedication (2 Ch. 6).

The book of Obadiah is a prophecy concerning the doom of the Edomites who were descendants of Esau and bitter enemies of the Jews. Edom was located southeast of the Salt Sea.

Joel was one of the earlier prophets of Judah and he mentions events of this time—Sidonians, Philistines, Egyptians, and Edomites.

Isaiah’s active ministry was about 745-695 B.C. He was of royal blood and acquainted with palace life in Jerusalem. While Isaiah was a young man, 734 B.C., Assyria carried away the people of northern Israel into captivity. A few years later Nebuchadnezzar—first-six walled cities in Judah, and carried away (Continued on page 11)

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Moon Mission

By Frank M. Denton

designer of the space suit umbilical cords that will be worn by the astronauts in Apollo 11 when they set foot on the moon in July

The smooth area, lower right, is where the astronauts will land.

We in the United States are engaged in one of the most exciting scientific programs the world has ever known. As we gaze upwards and observe the vastness of our universe, we should remember the verses of Scripture read by our Apollo 8 astronauts as they circled the moon on Christmas Eve. It was from the opening chapter of the Bible where it tells how God, in the beginning, created the heavens and the earth. (Jobn 1:1). In looking at the moon through the telescope, we should be mindful of the words of the Psalmist, As King David, the Psalmist, rightfully expressed it: “When I consider heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; what is man, that thou art mindful of him? And the son of man, that thou visitest him?” (Psalm 8:3, 4).

During a moon mission, astronauts aboard the Apollo (command module) leave the mother ship and enter the lunar module (LM), at which time they affix their space suit umbilicals. The umbilical supplies the astronaut with the necessary oxygen and pressure to sustain his life. Without it, in a space environment, he would perish instantly. One portion of this “life line” consists of an electrical cable which the astronaut connects into a mating receptacle on his space suit. This provides him with a means of 2-way communication and enables him to relay back to Mission Control Center all strategic data concerning his heart (EKG*).

Since the Bible says in Leviticus 17:14 that the life of all flesh is the blood, it becomes quite obvious why the condition of the astronaut’s heart is constantly monitored.

As the designer of the electrical portion of the space suit umbilicals, I had one thing in mind when assigning the reference designations P316 to the plug of the Commander’s umbilical and P317 to the plug of the LM pilot’s umbilical. I realized that in order for the astronauts to have perfect communication with Mission Control and the Apollo command module they would first have to connect into mating receptacles, located on the outside of the umbilical cord, that would assume the reference designations of J316 and J317. This means that the astronauts will have perfect communication with the earth through J316 and J317.

No other reference designations could so completely picture the meaning of John 3:16 and 3:17 which together make up the “eternal life line” message of the Bible. Listen to what these two verses tell us:

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life” (John 3:16).

“For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved” (John 3:17).

The central message of the Bible can be completely pictured by these two verses. Eternal life can be yours by simply be- (Continued on page 11)

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Exchange of Fraternal Delegates
From Corresponding Secretary's Circular
Jamaica W. I.
Conference at Bath, July 1969, will be an historic one. The exchange of fraternal delegates swings into operation to make the first of its kind in the history of the Jamaica and U.S. Conferences. Coming to us is the Rev. J. Paul Green, Jr., possibly accompanied by his wife. He is pastor of the Salem, West Virginia, S.D.B. Church. He is a very talented young man, a reputable singer, and a successful youth worker.

He will be attending all the sessions of Conference and will preach the Sabbath morning's message. It is hoped that the work following Conference, he will find some time for conducting a training seminary for the camp staff members. Bro. Green would appreciate the prayers of you all for a safe arrival and for God's guidance and blessings.

Bro. Byron Lewis, secretary of the Planning Commission, will be going to our Conference in the states as the fraternal delegate from Jamaica. It is also hoped, if funds are available, that a second representative may go. Churches and individuals were asked to contribute to this fund. Pastor N. B. Thompson is to be the second delegate. We trust that the funds will soon be forthcoming. Time is short.

News Items from Mission Fields
Guyana, S. A.
Pastor Leroy Bass reports, "The painting job is completed on the house at precisely the price you sent and that the man agreed to do it for. Next the stairs and stringers have been repaired and rebuilt by the carpenter at a higher cost than I at first allowed, because after starting he found that other parts had rotted inside that also had to be replaced . . . . Both jobs have been completed very properly. In the future year or two I believe it will have to be done on a small part of the church house and part of the mission house."
Peace in the Middle East  

The Israel Viewpoint  
(Extracts from a policy background statement issued to editors by the embassy of Israel at Washington)  

Israel has apprehensions over the involvement of the four powers in the drawing up of a possible political settlement for the Middle East. It opposes this initiative because:  

One: It frustrates the prospect of a direct and lasting Israel-Arab peace settlement;  

Two: It gives to certain powers manifestly hostile to Israel an influence and a say in matters affecting Israel's existence and the conditions for its physical survival; and  

Three: It has the potential of transforming the local conflict into a global one.  

The Arab Governments, either secretly or openly, favor the four-power initiatives because it exempts them, once again, from engaging in substantive discussions with Israel and because they know that two of the powers, the Soviet Union and France, pursue policies fully in accord with their own.  

While Soviet rhetoric seeks to create the impression in favor of an Arab-Israel settlement, Soviet action is directed against any genuine rapprochement. The US Department of International Affairs NCC and the General Board May 2, 1969)  

A Christian view holds that the measure of justice in the Middle East is not the vindication and triumph of any single, limited claim or interest, but the degree to which human need in the area is met.  

Human needs in the Middle East cannot be met without peace in the minimal sense of an end to violence and the establishment of security. Each nation must live in security. No nation has a right to commit aggression. Furthermore, acts of violence, whether sporadic or sustained, whether committed by individuals or by organized groups, if not sponsored by governments, must be both condemned and stopped. Continued violence by Arab guerrilla groups and by Israel carries the threat of expansion into disastrous war. A Christian view requires an end to this violence in the interests of peace. Yet the cessation of these hostilities should not mean to the spectator that peace in the Middle East. By deed and by word, it has pursued enmity towards Israel, encouraged Arab intransigence, and has calculatedly fed the local tensions as the fuel of its own expansionist designs. The Soviet Union rears and trains Arab armies, fans Arab hatred of Israel, cultivates the fear of an imminent Middle East war, and then assumes the garb of peacemaker by urging four-power talks, using as the pretext.  

The worst enemy of peace in the Middle East is impatience in its pursuit. War is not imminent. Time, if wisely exploited, is on the side of peace. The violations of the cease-fire lines do have the potential of transgressing, if not stopped, an atmosphere is created for a settlement that makes it possible to reverse the arms race and to advance toward permanent security based upon justice in the relationships among nations.  

To too great an extent, the Christian community in the United States — and perhaps elsewhere — is a part of the problem, offering sympathy and advocacy too exclusively "pro-Arab" or "pro-Israel." The "victory" of one side over the other, or the satisfaction of one side to the neglect or at the expense of the other, is not a worthy ob- 

newspaper.  

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MISHNAH TEXT  

If thou, Lord, shouldst mark iniqui­ties, O Lord, who shall stand? But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared. —Psalm 130:3, 4}  

Joyful and humanitarian support.  

Here are some of the principal dangers in the present situation: 

Failure to achieve a security for Israel that is acceptable to her and her neighbors will, almost certainly, lead to increased warfare. If hatred and open hostility continue, the vastly larger Arab population increasingly will threaten Israel, in spite of her social and technological advance. Guarantees of the security of Israel are essential, but the present situation holds little likelihood of achieving such guarantees save as Israel and her neighbors — after 25 years of struggle — reach agreement as to final determination of Israel's borders and as to the settlement of the refugee problem.  

If the great powers, United Kingdom, France, the United States and the USSR, conceive and pursue their interests in a narrow and exclusive fashion, the danger is extreme. This becomes more true if the great powers seek domination of the Mediterranean to secure their naval and air power in that region, or if they yield to the desires of nations there to secure exclusive military, economic and political allies.  

Christians should themselves seek and support all those who search for solutions that are practical rather than partisan or doctrinaire. The prime objective must be to meet the needs of the conflict area at those of the refugee camps, of Israel, of Arab states — for a reasonable security and a relative justice.  

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON  

for July 12, 1969  

GOD Chooses a People  

June 30, 1969  

Our Prayer Corner  

Suggestions for Prayer This Week  

Pray for:  

1) Our church members and others who are in the Armed Forces in Vietnam.  

2) The missionaries and native workers proclaiming the Word in countries where there is war.  

3) All who are depressed because of poor health and having to live on a tasteless, restrictive diet.  

(These requests were suggested by a reader in Amsterdam, Holland.)  

Bible Reading for July  
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many captives. Finally, about 700 B.C., the Assyrians were prevented from taking Judah's capital, Jerusalem (Is. 30, 37).  

9) Isaiah's whole life was spent under the shadow of the threatening Assyrian Empire and he saw the annihilation of his entire nation, except Jerusalem. A man of great faith and prayer, he urged a quiet trust in God.  

Helen Ruth Green, Milton, received a Master of Arts degree in Christian Education on June 7 at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Illinois. She is the first Seventh Day Baptist to study at this interdenominational graduate seminary which is sponsored by the Evangelical Free Church of America. Her thesis was "A History of Seventh Day Baptist Mineral Education." She will be at home in Milton this summer.  

Moon Mission  
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saying these two verses with all your heart. Not only can you have perfect communication, but also perfect communion as well as fellowship with God if you claim these two verses as part of your life.  

Just as the space suit umbilical is the "life line" for the astronauts, even so the Lord Jesus Christ can be your "eternal life line" if you will only connect John 3:16 and John 2:17 into your heart.  

Your eternal life depends upon it. Won't you do it today?  

Electrocardiograph  
Copies of this article in tract form are available from the American Tract Society, Oradell, N J 07649.
The annual training session for summer dedicated workers was held at Dodge Center, Minn., June 10-18, 1969, under the direction of the Rev. Leon R. Lawton, pastor of Denver, Colo., Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Twenty-two of the twenty-three workers participated in the intensive training which was daily at 8:30 a.m., and was scheduled to end at 8:00 p.m. Unexpected activities on the local scene added to the excitement of the week, mostly related to Dodge Center's Centennial celebration. All attended the wedding of Miss Sharon Austin on June 15.

To entertain twenty-five persons for eight days is quite an accomplishment. For this we thank most heartily Pastor and Mrs. Wayne Babcock and the good folk of the Dodge Center church.

Training included classes in visitation evangelism, Vacationland, Sunday School leadership, camp counseling, and the meeting of the many problems that youth often face. Extended periods of Bible study and prayer were part of the program.

Besides Mr. Lawton, other staff members were Miss Esther Burdick, denominational youth field worker, Secretary Rex Sanford, chairman of the Board of Christian Education, and the Rev. Wayne Babcock who served as chaplain and coordinator. The training sessions were under the auspices of the Seventh Day Baptist Women's Board, and Mrs. Loyal Todd, chairman of the Dedicated Service Committee.

Those who attended the entire week include Christine Ayars of our Marlboro church, who will work in Little Genesse, N. Y., with Bill Babcock of our Dodge Center church; Bette Bond (Dodge Center), who will work with Mrs. Alfred Davis (Boulder), who will work with Bob Harris (Shiloh), at Milton, Wis.; Linda Greene (Dodge Center), who will work with Alice Wood (Milton) at Alfred, Alfreed Station, N. Y.; Camp Harley Sutton, and with churches in Alabama; Alfred Hill (Gospel Chapel, Conn.), who will work with the Publishing House; Alice Zwiebel (Berea), at North Loup, Nebr.; Christine Pederson (New Auburn), who will work with Carol Soper (North Loup), at Salem, Lost Creek, Berea, and Crites Mountain, W. Va., also at Camp Joy; Karen Osborn (Nortonville), who will work with Jerry Skaggs at Alfred, Ark., Angela and Janice Skaggs (Milton), who will work at Alfred. Lynne Skaggs of Plainfield was not able to attend the training session, but will join the team at North Loup.

At the end of the summer, the dedicated workers will attend an evaluation meeting, August 4-6, at Lewis Camp, Bradford, R. I.

New Helping Hand Editor

The Rev. Don A. Sanford, editor-writer for seventeen years of the Helping Hand, adult Sabbath School lesson helps, has tendered his resignation from that position. His letter of resignation was accepted at the April meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education.

Mrs. C. Harmon Dickinson, chairman of the Publications Committee of the board, announced on June 8, that the Rev. Duane L. Davis, pastor of the North Loup (Rexburg) Seventh Day Baptist Church, will succeed Mr. Sanford.

As his starting assignment, Mr. Davis will be responsible for the July-September 1970 quarter. Manuscripts are due for submission to the Publishing House six months prior to the use date.

Under the editorship of Mr. Sanford, the Helping Hand has become recognized as one of the best helps among adult publications using the International Bible School, I. B. S. O. S. Contributions have come from many sources, both within and without our denomination.

Editor Sanford has enrolled in advance classes related to library work on the secondary level, being employed by Milton College, Milton, Wis.

The Board of Christian Education is justly proud of our Sabbath School classes in expressions of profound gratefulness for the scholarly work of the retiring editor. God has blessed us bountifully through this manifestation of his capabilities. We wish him continued success in his work with the students of Milton.

More College Graduates

Pastors have truthfully sent in names of members who were not mentioned in previous lists of college graduates. A number of these are advanced degrees. Sorry we cannot list all high school graduates; information is not complete and the absence of any diploma or earned degree is an evidence of good work and a desire to approach closer to the full potential of education and thinking in the Lord.

From Berlin, N. Y., comes word of more young people who got college degrees. (See June 23 issue for others.) Robert Cushman finished at Hudson Valley Community College and is going on for further study in architecture. Richard Donahue got a bachelor's degree at the University of New York at Albany and is going for his master's degree.

Members of the Milton, Wis., church not previously mentioned are Barbara (Mrs. Robert) Burdick, who got a degree from Northern Illinois University; William A. Burdick, with a degree from the Milton College; Ivan Fitz Randolph, with a Master of Science in Business from the University of Wisconsin; and Penny Heising Snow, who graduated from the Nursing School of Daytonton Beach Junior College. The Milton church had twelve high school graduates, most of whom, presumably, will seek more education.

She Writes a Letter

About Eastern Association

(A story of what association meant was welcomed at the close of the session. The names are assumed.)

Dear Bethel,

I am regretting the fact that I did not urge you more strongly to make the effort and attend the Eastern Seventh Day Baptist Association at Ashaway.

I have been there many times, but this one, it seemed to me, was outstanding and I was impressed with the spiritual side. Maybe the opening service set the theme for the whole program. I don't remember ever before having Communion served in the first session. How could we fail to have a rewarding time when we had been so close around the Lord's table.

But the "high spot" came on Sabbath morning with a "full house" even to the balconies. The singing was outstanding not only by the church itself but the congregations simply lifted me to "Cloud 9."

Flowers were everywhere, some even brought by the sister churches. All through the program music was important from the bell ringers in embryo, the Junior Choir grouped in the front balcony wearing their white robes and red ties, to the combined choirs of Plainfield and 1st Hopkinton and Pawcatuck churches.

Mingling among the crowd were the "Tercentenary Belles" with long skirts and bonnets accompanied by the "Brushers of the Brush" with their beards and mustaches. We Seventh Day Baptists have a heritage in this state; why shouldn't we celebrate?

Life is a matter of choices. I'm sure, Bethel, that you have found this so. This was the climax of the Wester Tercentenary which was accompanied by the "Brushers of the Brush." Many would have liked to attend the parade which included 180 units and took two hours to pass the receiving stand; but the Women's Board of Association had scheduled its business meeting at the same hour. We knew that the Nominating Committee had not been able to find new officers. One excuse

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given by our local women was "We don't know enough about it." Some asked, "Is it worth while? Why not drop the project now, and have a few of our children about to die for lack of leadership. Then a volunteer stepped forward, one who will give her best, we know. I'm sure our local women now know the importance of the group and will be more interested in the future.

That evening we had nothing but a "housewarming" at the Parish House. For a year the teen-agers with their leaders have spent days and nights remodeling the old upstairs in the building. The young people helped earn much of the money as well. The ceiling was lowered, indirect lighting installed, new paint, etc. They needed a piano and someone to put it in the new space. One and managed to have it delivered at 10 o'clock the night before in order to use it in their program. Youth will find a way.

Here on the stage eighteen of the C.E. members presented an original dramatization. The sound equipment wasn't perfect but we felt proud of every one of them. In spite of news headlines all young people are not rebelling, rioting and destroying; ours are building.

The Sunday morning business stretched out as usual and I remembered, Bethel, how many times you have wished they would simply omit that last sermon at every morning message. Wednesday was Rev. Soper's morning message in April were Eley King, a layman of our church, and the Rev. Paul Osborn of Norterville, Kans., who was here on behalf of denominational interests.

Pastor Davis

"The Restless Ones" with neighboring Baptist churches as part of the Crusade of the Churches. Twenty of our people participated in the home visitation previous to the film showing.

Sabbath Rally Day was observed with special Sabbath material being used in classes. The morning service was followed by a fellowship dinner which honored high school and college graduates.

SALEM, W. VA.—At the business meeting on June 8 the church invited Pastor J. Paul Green to serve for another year, which he agreed to do.

The Nominating Committee presented a full list of the needed officers and committees. Some of the principal offices are listed here:

Carroll Van Horn, moderator; Jeanett Nida, treasurer; Harley D. Bond, clerk; Fred Spencer, trustee; Dennis Cox, choir director; Denise Green, youth choir director; Shireen Hurley, organist; Melvin Nida, educational representative; Floyd Goodson, publicity secretary; Lyle Shreves, Sabbath School superintendent; Stephen Rogers, Finance Committee chairman; Venita Zinn, Christian Education Committee chairman; John Bevis, Evangelism Committee chairman; Isabella Flanigan, Fellowship Committee chairman.

SEATTLE, WASH.—The work goes on in the Pacific Northwest, and I am convinced it is growing gradually and surely. The enthusiasm is good, the interest in small group Bible study is encouraging, and there are prospective members which may increase the size of the group.

It seems that the next step is to establish the church on a self-supportive basis and to increase the scope of our commitment in the future months and years.

—Pastor

NEW LIFE, NOT DEATH

Dr. Elton Trueblood and Kenneth L. Chafin, an evangelism professor at Louisville, Ky., and Director of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union were agreed that the church is having birth pangs rather than death ralls.

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Marriages

Cornelson - Bond.—Charles Cornelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Cornelson of Ver­

Wood - Vierow.—Mark Vincent Wood, Jr., of Oneida, N. Y., son of Mark Vincent

Obituaries

DAVIS—Irving S., son of the late Belford A. and Sarah Davis, died in Stilwell,

Davies was born May 30, 1881, near MarLBoro, N. J., and died at his home in Char­

Ellis was born Aug. 1, 1901, in the Union Missionary Church in Madison for forty years. Her husband died in 1962. She is survived by a daughter, Frances (Mrs. C. A.) Bishop, and a son, Edward, both of Madison; a grand­

--Correspondent

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"Is it worth while? Why not drop the House. For a year the teen-agers with their leaders have spent days and nights painting, etc. They needed a piano and lowered, indirect lighting installed, new furnishings. The young people helped earn much of the money as well. The ceiling was lowered, indirect lighting installed, new paint, etc. They needed a piano and someone to put it in the new space. One and managed to have it delivered at 10 o'clock the night before in order to use it in their program. Youth will find a way.

Here on the stage eighteen of the C.E. members presented an original dramatization. The sound equipment wasn't perfect but we felt proud of every one of them. In spite of news headlines all young people are not rebelling, rioting and destroying; ours are building.

The Sunday morning business stretched out as usual and I remembered, Bethel, how many times you have wished they would simply omit that last sermon at the close when everyone was tired and ready to leave. It's the most difficult spot to fill on the whole program but our speaker was equal to it. He woke us up. He made us laugh but he also caused us to take stock of ourselves and ask how many "fish" we had caught for the Master.

We have a heritage. Soon some of us will lay down the "reins." It is you, Bethel, and your family, who must carry on. We have been accused of being a clique. Why not? We are a small denomination so we should be more friendly and, like the New Testament church, "love the brethren."

Your old friend, Sarah
Where To Take the Gospel

Sermons from Science has opened its pavilion for the third summer at the fair grounds in Montreal. The Christian Life Convention of 123 W. 57th St., New York, N. Y. 10019 is appealing for funds to keep it going. The appeal has good grounds, based on past experience. Keith Price writes, “Where in the world do you know of another place where 5,000 a day, for three whole months (99% of them non-committed) come inside a building to hear the gospel in relevant terms?”

Portland C. E. Pilgrimage

Over 250 youth and their leaders from the United States and Canada will meet in Portland, Maine, July 4-6, for Christian Endeavor’s Portland Pilgrimage. Meetings will center in the Williston Congregational Church, where the first Christian Endeavor Society was organized in 1881.

Mrs. Eleanor Searle Whitney, prominent New York socialite of Locust Valley, will be the featured speaker at the opening evening session on Friday, July 4. Mrs. Whitney committed her life to Christ at the 1957 Billy Graham New York Crusade, and since has traveled extensively to share her faith with thousands through song and spoken word. She is a former concert, opera, and oratorio soloist.

The Rev. Christian A. Tirre, executive secretary of the International Society, is directing a 17-day tour to the pilgrimage and the eastern Canadian provinces. The tour group will depart from New York on July 3 for Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario and New York. The group returns to New York on July 20. Special Christian Endeavor features of the tour beyond the three days in Portland will be a visit to the grave of Dr. and Mrs. Francis E. Clark, founders of Christian Endeavor, in Newton Center, Mass.

Catholic Membership in WCC Discussed by Joint Group

GWATT, SWITZERLAND — Roman Catholic membership in the World Council of Churches was discussed but “left open” at May 12-17 meeting here of the Joint Working Group of the World Council of Churches and the Roman Catholic Church.

The matter of Roman Catholic membership in the World Council, it was stated, will be studied “in its theological, pastoral and administrative implications by a small commission which will report to the next meeting of the group, to be held May 25-30, 1970.” (The location of the meeting was not announced.)

All Races Beautiful

Opening his ten-day New York Crusade with an emphasis on social issues Billy Graham declared that the Bible says there is no superior race. “God made us like we are, let us be proud of it. Black is beautiful, white is beautiful, yellow and red are beautiful, when Christ is present,” he continued.