

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON  
SOCIAL ACTION OF THE  
97th ANNUAL NATIONAL  
HOLINESS ASSOCIATION  
CONVENTION**

We urge our constituents and all others of like faith to face more courageously the social implications of our cherished message. We live among people who are vexed with problems which they do not know how to solve. For us to become so preoccupied with doctrinal and ecclesiastical considerations that they can say, "Is it nothing to you, oh ye that pass by?" is to deny the things we most surely believe. We must not pass by. We remember that James showed the emptiness of benedictory pronouncements made to hungry people who were then sent away unfed. We believe that the biblical teaching of personal holiness in experience and ethics is the only moral dynamic capable of meeting society's basic need in the space age. We believe that we will sin against God if we do less than we might to apply this balm from Gilead to our sick generation. More specifically, we affirm that:

1. We believe that the time has come when the several Wesleyan-Arminian bodies must take a new, long look at themselves in their relationship to each other. They have come of age and must face maturely the responsibility of cooperative effort for the highest good. Their continued separateness is a growing embarrassment. In the glare of increasing public interest, it is increasingly difficult to answer the question, "Why are there so many holiness denominations?"

We, therefore, encourage all members of this association to seek ways to effect a more meaningful fellowship between the holiness churches of their communities and to pray for our denominational leaders as they face the challenging difficulties entailed in working out a federation of the holiness churches.

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2. We are keenly aware of the anguish suffered by minority groups who have been denied certain civil rights. We rejoice with them in the gains made by and for

them since our last convention. We especially wish to commend those communities, both north and south, where integration has been resolved in our schools and other public relationships in keeping with the law of the land with a minimum of disturbance. It is unfortunate that those who resist the law receive so much more public notice than those who comply with it.

As we commend the nonviolent policy to which the civil rights leaders have committed themselves, we pray that the success already gained may not be the occasion for unwise measures which may impede rather than further advance the cause of human rights.

3. We commend Dr. Billy Graham for the decision to conduct crusades in areas of our country which are finding it most difficult to comply with the civil rights laws. We share his conviction that the ultimate answer must be the grace of God working in the hearts of men. We urge all of our people to expend themselves in prayer that those meetings may have the greatest possible success.

4. It is most evident that the process of moral degeneration is accelerating with far too few to warn and fewer still who are willing to take the risk of trying to stem the tide. The moral cancer has reached all levels of our society with crimes of violence being committed, not by poverty-pressed people in need of money, but by young neurotics seeking emotional "kicks". We note wide spread cheating among both youth and adults in our colleges and elsewhere; the accepted practice of false advertising in business; and the complete rejection of standards of decency in literature and motion pictures. We recognize the popular philosophy which accepts these things under the guise of a "new morality," but we make bold to declare that it is nothing but the old immorality and can only result in the disintegration of the personality and the damnation of the soul of the individual or the nation that embraces it. We believe that the problem can only be met by the passionate preaching of the gospel of law and grace.

5. We believe in the rightness of democratic processes and feel constrained to reaffirm our faith in the soul and spirit

of our great nation. We feel that there is as much danger in the militant extremism of the radical right which tends to fascism as there is in the communist conspiracy on the left. We believe that this great nation has a basic soundness and will survive the efforts of its detractors.

However, we are compelled to express our concern for any policy of planned deficits in government operation. No nation has ever spent itself to solvency. Let us utilize every means available to insist upon fiscal responsibility in government at all levels. We commend the national administration for all efforts to reduce expenditures and urge all citizens to accept decisions which reduce appropriations for their municipalities.

6. We share the well-grounded concern of sociologists and labor leaders for a future society filled with automated factories and unemployed workmen. We know that we cannot arrest progress. We should not wish to do so. We should, rather, face the exciting challenge of finding the Christian answer. While secular agencies seek means of temporal adjustment with these technological developments, let us be prepared to meet the spiritual crises which they portend.

a. With machines doing more and more of the functions of product fabrication, men must make a greater effort to rediscover the dignity of hand labor and the satisfaction of quality workmanship. Leisure is a blessing only when it is voluntary. With fewer work hours being demanded by their vocations, men must find useful avocations or their personalities will stagnate.

b. With commercialized amusements moving in to fill society's additional leisure, we must intensify our efforts to maintain Sunday as a holy day of rest and worship.

c. With more long weekends in which non-Christians will throng the lakes and resort areas, we must effect means of witnessing to them where they are. We commend those who are already launching programs to meet this situation. Much more will have to be done.

To the attainment of these objectives, we of this convention pledge our best efforts. We solicit the prayers and assistance of all who share our convictions. May God's blessing attend our efforts.

**OBITUARY**

Mrs. Clarence Greer of Colestream, and member of our Reformed Baptist Church, Glassville, went to be with the Lord, May the 7th. She was in her sixty-first year. Immediate relatives surviving are the husband, and a son, Eugene, Both of Colestream; Seven brothers, Frederick of Argyle, Lawrence of Stickney, Wendell of Sussex, Carvell of Glassville, Wilfred of Flint, Michigan, Rev. Jack MacKenzie of Truro, and Rev. Malcolm MacKenzie, a missionary in South Africa, and two sisters Mrs. Alex Brown, of Royal Oke, Michigan, and Mrs. Kenneth Smith of Massachusetts.

We extend heart felt sympathy to those her loved ones and friends.

The funeral service was in the R. B. Church, Glassville, Rev. Lawrence W. Corey conducting the service, assisted by Rev. Daniel Pike, Rev. J. A. Blinn, Rev. Phillip Giberson, Rev. G. R. Symonds, Rev. Burton.

Interment was in the Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Mr. Frank Ingersoll of Seal Cove, passed away on June 1st at the North Head Hospital. He is survived by his wife, one son Ross of Brewer Maine, three daughters Mrs. Melvin Brown and Mrs. William Morse of Seal Cove.

Funeral service was held at the Reformed Baptist Church Seal Cove, con-

ducted by pastor Rev. S. W. Steeves. May God comfort the sorrowing hearts at this time.

Mrs. William Flanders, age 72, went to be with her Lord on April 27, 1965. She is survived by her husband, William Flanders, and her daughter, Eileen (Mrs. Carl Currie) of Montreal, Quebec, and five sisters.

The funeral service was held at the Grey's Mills Reformed Baptist Church, with the pastor, Rev. S. E. Cameron, officiating, assisted by Rev. J. A. Owens, a former pastor. Interment was at the Grey's Mills cemetery.

Mrs. Flanders was for many years a member of the Grey's Mills Church, and a faithful supporter of the work. We extend our sincere Christian sympathy to the family.

**MISS VIOLET POND**

Miss Violet M. Pond, formerly of Fredericton, passed away in the Civic Hospital, Ottawa. The service was in McAdam's Funeral Home March 3rd. Her pastor, Rev. Leslie H. Hicks, officiated, and Millard Mitchell sang. Interment was in the Rural Cemetery.

Miss Pond was born in Holtville and trained in a New York hospital. She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Howard MacKay, Hayes-

ville, a brother, T. M. Pond, Fredericton, and several nieces and nephews.

Dear Highway Friends,

We, the Seal Cove Young People's Society held our annual business meeting Friday, June 4th 1965 after a week of prayer and meditation on the appointment of officers for the coming year. The officers are as follows:

Miss Hildred Brown — President,  
Mrs. George Brown — Vice-President,  
Miss Gail Brown — Secretary Treasurer,  
Miss Margaret Ingalls — Self Denial Treasurer.

Miss Susan Wilson — Pianist.

We would request that you pray that it will be a good and prosperous year for our Society and that new souls will be added to the fold.

In Christian love  
Gail Brown  
Secretary Treasurer

**NOTICE OF ALLIANCE SESSION**

The seventy-seventh annual session of the Reformed Baptist Alliance will convene at Beulah Camp Ground, Brown's Flats, N. B. on July 7th at 2.00 p.m.

L. K. Mullen, Secretary.