

# Zion's Advocate

"And blessed are they who shall seek to bring forth my Zion at that day, for they shall have the gift and power of the Holy Ghost."—I Nephi 3:187.

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## *America The Beautiful*

O beautiful for spacious skies,  
For amber waves of grain;  
For purple mountain majesties  
Above the fruited plain!  
America! America!  
God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet,  
Whose stern, impassioned stress  
A thoroughfare for freedom beat  
Across the wilderness!  
America! America!  
God mend thine ev'ry flaw,  
Confirm thy soul in self-control,  
Thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for heroes proved  
In liberating strife,  
Who more than self their country loved,  
And mercy more than life!  
America! America!  
May God thy gold refine  
Till all success be nobleness,  
And ev'ry gain divine!

—Katharine Lee Bates.

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### EDITORIAL

#### —BEHIND GOD'S BACK—

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Gal. 6:7.

Ever since Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden, mankind has been trying to "get away" with something—hoping God would be too busy watching someone else to find them out.

It is a very human trait and we find it in little (and some not so little) children who do things, behind their parent's back—things they wouldn't think of doing in their presence. We find it in grown-ups who evade moral and legal obligations if no one is present to enforce compliance; from failing to put a nickle in the parking meter to the keeping of sacred vows to both man and God.

Our man made laws have officers to enforce them, and if we break the law behind the officer's back, there is no penalty—there is no penalty unless caught. God's laws have no enforcing officers and there is no escape from the penalty of breaking them, even though we sometimes think we are "getting away" with something, behind God's back!

"Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance." Psa. 90:8.

"For mine eyes are upon all their ways: they are not hid from my face, neither is their iniquity hid from mine eyes." Jer. 16:17.

"Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the Lord. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the Lord?" Jer. 23:24.

All of this life is preparation for the life to come, but we sometimes forget this fact and try to "get by" with only that part of our life that is spent in church or before people we wish to impress. We are like children who act like imps when alone and are little angels when in the company of their elders.

Paul admonishes us to "be no more children, tossed to and fro, . . . but speaking the truth in love . . . grow

up into him . . . even Christ." The adult Christian realizes that human character is made up from all of life's "little" moments and as such there are no unimportant moments in life.

There are many reasons why we should strive for maturity in Christian growth and development. Our lives will be richer, fuller and happier. There will be no lurking fear of being caught, no secret dread that our sins will find us out—and because of this we will have more balance and poise in our thoughts and actions. There will be no shame in the example we set, for those whose lives we ought, and hope to influence will find stability and reason in our actions.

How it pains us to hear, "Well you were no angel when you were young", and to know the words are true. We realize then that the little seemingly unimportant things do have big life values. For as Rev. Roy L. Smith has said:

"It is while you are doing little things well that you get ready for big ones.

It is while you are resisting small temptations that you grow equal to big ones.

It is while you are careful about trifles that you are making perfection possible.

It is while you are doing your day's work that you are building your character."

Some of life's great marvels come from tiny things. The Redwood tree bears a small cone the size of a hen egg, which contains about 280 seeds, yet one of those tiny seeds has grown into a tree large enough to provide lumber to build forty, five-room houses! And some of those trees have stood for 4,000 years! We must never minimize the little everyday actions which help to make us what we are. Even the opinions we express, reveal our real self to others, and will be an influence for either good or bad. In this respect we are our brother's keeper.

The company we keep because of this power of influence is greatly important—we do not gather figs of thistles, nor do we hear sermons in Road Houses.

The books we read influence thought beyond all calculation, Charles Kingsley wrote: "Except a living man there is nothing more wonderful than a book! A message to us from the dead—from human souls we never saw, who lived, perhaps, thousands of miles away. And yet these, speak to us, arouse us, terrify us, teach us, comfort us, open their hearts to us as brothers".

A good book can not be acquired too early. A bad book can not be disposed of too soon. John Quincy Adams said: "The Bible is the book of all others to be read at all ages and in all conditions of human life. . . . I speak as a man of the world to men of the world, and I say "Search the Scriptures". And G. W. Curtis said; "Books are the ever-burning lamps of accumulated wisdom".

We sing the song "Moment by Moment" and truly it is what we do with our time that time does to us.

How futile it is to even think of escaping God's

attention. Christ said: "Are not five Sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God? But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows." Luke 12:6-7.

Many wrongs done under the name of Christianity are hoped to have been done behind God's back. Those who use these deeds as an excuse to avoid Christian life, are blind with an unexcusable blindness, for Christ said of such—"If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloak for their sin." John 15:22.

Many good meaning people who serve God at their own convenience and assure themselves they are good Christians because of the things they have not done—will be surprised how unacceptable their service is to God who demands—"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might." Duet. 6:5. And Christ reaffirmed this law in Matt. 22:37.

It is the day by day living of a Christian life that makes us really Christians, not some church name, nor loud protestations of our virtue. There is no day too late, nor hour too short to be unimportant in any man's life.

Henry Van Dyke said: "There is only one way to get ready for immortality and that is to love this life and live it as bravely and faithfully and cheerfully as we can".

Nothing you do, be it good or evil, can be done behind God's back!

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

O. A. C.

**MINUTES OF 1963 CONFERENCE  
CHURCH OF CHRIST  
(Temple Lot)**

Independence, Mo.  
April 10, 1963

To the Ministers' Conference  
Church of Christ (Temple Lot)  
Independence, Mo.  
Greetings:

The General Bishopric have presented the Report of the Auditor as the report of the Bishopric for this year, as it gives an accurate picture of the activities of the past year.

We have presented our recommendations to the conference and to the Joint Council in other documents.

Very respectfully submitted,

The General Bishopric  
C. LeRoy Wheaton, Jr.  
Secretary

**CHURCH OF CHRIST (TEMPLE LOT)  
REPORT ON EXAMINATION  
FEBRUARY 28, 1963**

The General Bishopric  
and  
The Minister's Conference  
Church of Christ (Temple Lot)  
Independence, Missouri

At the request of your Auditing Committee, consisting of Mr. Denver G. Chapman, Mr. Leslie P. Case and Mr. Harvey Seibel, I have made an examination of the books of account of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot), maintained by Mr. Vance H. Harris, Business Manager for the fiscal year ended February 28, 1963 and present herewith my report including the following statements:

**EXHIBIT A**

Summary of Receipts and Expenditures for the year ended February 28, 1963.

**EXHIBIT B**

Statement of General Fund Expenditures for the year ended February 28, 1963.

These statements are subject to the following comments:

**Cash Receipts and Expenditures  
Exhibits A and B**

The verification of cash receipts was confined to comparing data on the copies of the receipts issued by the Business Manager with the corresponding entries in the cash book and comparing the totals of these entries with the total deposits made to the bank accounts.

All disbursements were by checks which contain information regarding the nature of the disbursements. Thus each check, when endorsed by the payee, constituted a receipt for the purpose indicated thereon. The checks were signed jointly by the Business Manager and the Secretary of the Bishopric. Verification consisted of examining the checks paid by the bank and comparing them with the cash book entries. The balances in the banks at the close of the year were confirmed by certificates received from its depositories.

The new office equipment purchased as shown under General Office Expenses consisted of the following items:

Typewriters (2) .....	\$ 255.00
Thermo-Fax Copier .....	427.98
Bookcases (6) .....	370.54
File Cabinets (2) .....	24.00
	\$1,077.52

The Business Manager stated that the Bishopric authorized the transfer of the Yucatan Building Fund of \$93.80 and the Agency Funds of \$15.00 to the General Fund. Including these items, the General Fund receipts exceeded the expenditures by \$1,415.41.

In addition to the cash balances shown, the only other assets recorded on the books are real estate and equipment at nominal values.

The books are kept on a cash basis. We were informed by the Business Manager that there were no unpaid bills at the close of the year.

The cash balances shown on exhibit A as of February 28, 1963, are equivalent to the fund equities (excluding real estate and equipment).

### General

Fire and extended coverage insurance is carried in the amount of \$20,000.00 on the church building and \$5,000.00 on the contents. The policy contains a 90% co-insurance clause. A fidelity bond is carried on the Business Manager.

The books were well kept and full cooperation was extended to me in connection with the examination.

AMOS E. ALLEN

Certified Public Accountant

Independence, Missouri

April 9, 1963

### REPORT OF THE GENERAL RECORDER

Due to circumstances beyond her control, the General Church Recorder was unable to submit her report to the General Conference held April 6-13, 1963. The report has been submitted to the Council of Apostles and approved as of April 23, and is herein presented for information to the General Church.

Sincerely,

Signed James A. Hedrick  
General Church Secretary

April 22, 1963

To the Church of Christ  
Greetings:

Statistics compiled for the record since April 6, 1962 are as follows:

Membership April 4, 1962.....	2505
Baptisms Since April 6, 1962.....	28
Removal by Death .....	9
Withdrawals .....	1
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Total Membership Gain .....	18
Total Membership .....	2523
Blessings of Children .....	53
Ordinations .....	2

Bro. Bud Hanes was ordained to Priest at Cedar Springs, Mich., and Bro. Harold H. Polack to Elder, Oct. 7, 1962, at Maple City, Michigan.

The church local at Sandpoint, Idaho, was disorganized, Nov. 19, 1962, by the missionary in charge.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed Lois Harris  
Recorder

### DIRECTORY

#### Officers and Committees of The Church of Christ (Temple Lot)

##### Council of Apostles:

William F. Anderson—Appointed as General Church Representative in the office. 619 South Chrysler, Independence, Missouri.

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Archie F. Bell—Secretary. Missionary in charge of Nebraska, Wyoming, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota. 802 South McCoy, Independence, Missouri.

Bert C. Flint—Missionary in charge of Iowa and Wisconsin. 209 South Chrysler, Independence, Missouri.

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Edward H. Podhola—3021 Chadler, Lincoln Park 25, Michigan.

John A. Sweem—Appointed to labor in the missionary field as circumstances may permit. Hamilton, Missouri.

C. LeRoy Wheaton—Business Manager. 412 South Hocker, Independence, Missouri.

##### Officers and Committees:

Numbers in parenthesis ( ) indicate the number of years to serve from the 1963 conference.

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EXHIBIT A

CHURCH OF CHRIST (TEMPLE LOT)  
SUMMARY OF CASH RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES  
FOR YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 1963

RECEIPTS:

	Total Funds	General Fund	Home For The Aged	Yucatan Bldg. Fund	New Bldg. Fund	Temple Fund	Agency Funds
Tithing.....	\$16,725.83	\$16,725.83					
Offerings: Regular.....	266.70	180.70	\$ 40.00	\$10.00	\$ 36.00		
Building, Maintenance and Repair.....	440.00	440.00					
Advocate Subscriptions.....	95.25	95.25					
Books and Tracts.....	259.62	259.62					
Interest.....	318.07				195.52	122.55	
Total Receipts.....	\$18,105.47	\$17,701.40	\$ 40.00	\$10.00	\$ 231.52	\$ 122.55	

EXPENDITURES:

GENERAL FUND—Exhibit B .....	\$16,285.99	\$16,285.99					
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS							
OVER EXPENDITURES .....	\$ 1,819.48	\$ 1,415.41	\$ 40.00	\$10.00	\$ 231.52	\$ 122.55	
CASH BALANCES—Feb. 28, 1962.....	17,294.92	9,235.26	76.36	83.80	4,847.18	3,037.32	\$15.00
TRANSFERS TO GENERAL FUND .....		108.80		93.80			15.00
CASH BALANCES—Feb. 28, 1963.....	\$19,114.40	\$10,759.47	\$116.36	\$	\$5,078.70	\$3,159.87	\$
New Building Fund:							
First National Bank—Savings .....	\$ 5,078.70						
Temple Fund:							
Blue Valley Federal Savings & Loan.....	3,159.87						
Other—General etc.:							
First National Bank .....	10,875.83						
.....	\$19,114.40						

**CHURCH OF CHRIST (TEMPLE LOT)**  
**STATEMENT OF GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES**  
**FOR YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 1963**

Family Allowances:			
Mrs. W. F. Anderson .....		\$ 960.00	
Mrs. A. F. Bell .....		960.00	
Mrs. J. M. Case .....		80.00	
Mrs. B. C. Flint .....		960.00	
Mrs. A. M. Smith .....		960.00	
Mrs. C. L. Wheaton, Sr. ....		960.00	
Mrs. E. L. Yates .....		960.00	\$ 5,840.00
Elder's Expenses:			
Yucatan:			
C. Alfaro .....	\$135.00		
A. F. Bell .....	900.00		
F. Ojeda .....	862.00	\$1,897.00	
European: S. Mason .....		30.00	
General:			
W. F. Anderson .....	\$120.00		
Thos. Barton .....	58.82		
L. A. Gould .....	960.00		
T. J. Jordan .....	160.00		
C. L. Wheaton, Sr. ....	250.00		
E. L. Yates .....	200.00	1,748.82	
Total Elder's Expenses .....			\$ 3,675.82
Aid:			
Mrs. W. F. Anderson .....		\$ 189.36	
B. C. Flint .....		50.00	
Mrs. B. C. Flint .....		473.75	
Mrs. Alex. Smith .....		100.00	
C. L. Wheaton, Sr. ....		23.80	836.91
Advocate Printing, Postage, Etc. ....			2,092.36
Books and Tracts .....			208.29
General Church Expenses:			
Maintenance of Building and Grounds:			
Mowing .....	235.00		
Tractor—Mower and Blade .....	250.00		
Miscellaneous Repairs, Painting, Etc. ....	299.19		
Street Lights (3) .....	189.00		
Parking Signs .....	28.00		
Improvements—Quorum of Twelve Room .....	777.81	\$1,779.00	
Abstract of Temple Lot (2) .....		150.00	
Fence—Yucatan Mission .....		63.00	
Taxes on Anderson Property (California) .....		10.48	
Photos—Council of Twelve .....		43.25	
Fidelity Bond .....		12.50	
Audit .....		50.00	\$ 2,108.23
General Office Expenses:			
Telephone .....		\$ 104.37	
Stationery, Postage, Etc. ....		215.04	
Safe Deposit Box Rent .....		16.50	
Typewriter Rental .....		10.00	
Referendum Ballots and Envelopes .....		100.95	
Office Equipment .....		1,077.52	\$ 1,524.38
Total General Fund Expenditures—To Exhibit A .....			<u>\$16,285.99</u>

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**REUNION DATES**

The Colorado Reunion will be at Grand Junction, July 12, 13, and 14.

The Missouri Reunion will be at Houston, July 27, and 28.

The Michigan Reunion will be at Flint, August 3, and 4.

The Wisconsin Reunion will be at Sparta, August 10 and 11.

The Tennessee Reunion will be at Puryear, Date announced later.

It is not too early to start to plan now to attend these spiritual feasts.

**THE MICHIGAN STATE REUNION**

Flint, Michigan  
 August 3-4-5, 1963

We take this opportunity of announcing that the Michigan State Reunion will be held at Flint, Michigan, on the 3rd, 4th and 5th of August, 1963.

We will meet in the Church of Christ (Temple Lot), 1802 Utah Street, Flint, Michigan for prayer service beginning at 9:00 a. m., Saturday morning, the 3rd of August, and will from that point move forward to a full program of church services which we hope will be of a spiritual and inspiring nature to be enjoyed by all who may come.

We extend a warm and cordial invitation to the membership and friends of the Church of Christ through out the United States and Canada, as well as other countries, to come and make this one of the most spiritual and inspiring services to the Lord conceivable.

There is a very decided advantage in coming to Michigan at this time of year. It is a State of wide and varied vacation possibilities, with a wide variety of activities that will make your visit there worthwhile. Then after spending a few days among the saints of the Flint area, you will find it a source of great pleasure to cross into Wisconsin for the Reunion there via the Mackinaw Bridge, or by crossing Lake Michigan by boat from Muskegon to Milwaukee.

Begin to make your plans now. Plan your vacation to take in both Reunions in this way. We would have you communicate with Brother Orville Eddy, 6160 East Bristol Road, Flint, Michigan, by mail, or phone PI-2-4341, for accommodations.

Most sincerely your brother in Christ,  
 (Signed) M. Rex Weaver  
 2926 Valkest Street  
 Muskegon, Michigan  
 Chairman of the Reunion Committee

## LOCAL NEWS

### Maple City, Michigan

It has been some time since I have sent in a report of the progress of our local at Maple City. Things seem to be progressing slowly, but we are advancing. It seems that progress is slow for all our church people, may God bless the weak to make them strong.

Our Brother and Sister Conley Addington are the proud parents of a new girl, Cindy Faith, born January 2nd. Also Brother and Sister George Payne are the proud parents of a new son, Randy, born in February. They are such happy parents and we are all happy for them.

Our young people have started a young people's league, and are doing fine. They are planning a chili-supper for all the folks, May 26th, to raise money for some of their work. One of our young sisters, Karen Mallory, graduated from high school May 29th. Our prayers go with her.

We had an election of officers May 5th, and the results are as follows: Pastor, Bro. Otto Polack, Assistant Pastor, Bro. Harold Polack, Sec. and Clerk, Sis. Geraldine Payne, Treasurer, Sis. Gail Addington, Choister, Sis. Lucinda Scott, Assistant Choister, Sis. Thelma Polack, Organist, Sis. Lucinda Scott, Book Agent, Sis. Gerldine Payne, Librarian, Sis. Beverly Malbory, Bishop's Agent, Bro. Otto Polack, Building Com. Bro. Conley Addington, Bro. Otto and Harold Polack, Trustees, Sisters, Gail Addington 3 yrs., Edity Mallory 2yrs., and Thelma Polock 1 year. Reporter, Sister Thelma Polock, Lockout Com. Sisters Gail Addington, Sylvia Mallory, Thelma Polock, Program Com. Sister Gerldine Payne.

The week end of May 10th Bro. Harold Polack and Arthur Bowman (my brother-in-law) made a trip to Flint, and brought back some chairs that the good Brothers and Sisters of the Flint Local gave to us—we thank them very much.

I believe this will bring us up to date on our news from the Maple City Local.

God Bless You Brothers and Sisters,  
Thelma Polack, Reporter.

## LOCAL NEWS FROM PHOENIX, ARIZONA

By Velma Voorhies

Please let me first say hello to the many members who receive "The Hand of Fellowship" who, to me, are just names heard from the lips of their dear ones or friends. I also read about many of you in the Advocate. I do so much enjoy reading about you and hope to meet each one of you in person some day. I am so happy being your new sister in Christ and I am so very sure all of you are as dear and wonderful as these here in Phoenix.

We are very proud of the new Lowrey electric organ which our church has just purchased. We are also getting a new roof and some other needed work

on the church; the labor being done by the men in their spare time.

Three of our members, Evalena Sills, Ruth Willard, and Dorothy Wilson were able, or should I say, lucky, to leave for Independence to attend the General Conference. So many of us wish we could have gone along. I am sure it would be a great pleasure to greet so many dear members, but as long as we were not able to go, we anxiously awaited their return with news of the Conference and friends; and their report was a good one.

Easter morn dawned bright and beautiful and we were blessed with the happy smiles of some of our members who live so far away they cannot make it to services every Sunday. Marlene Cobb (E. L. Yates' daughter) with two of her children Heidi and Rodney, were here from Tucson. Becky couldn't make it as she was too busy nursing the measles. Dave and Charlotte Hinkle from Grand Junction, Colo., were with Don and Betty. So good to see and greet them again. Pasty Yates of Cave Creek, Ariz., whose work keeps her so very busy, besides a 30 mile drive each way, makes it hard to attend as often as she would like; but she made it Easter. She was good enough to play the organ for the services. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Johnson, two sons and four foster children were also visitors. They came with John and Verna Jones. It was so nice to meet them and to have them with us.

The Sunday School children put on a short program for us and all did real well. Patsy Yates and son, Hubert, sang a duet for us—it was beautiful. Don McIndoo then gave a very inspiring sermon.

Dorothy Wilson went home with relatives to Black River Falls, Wisc, from Conference, before returning home. Deanna Hinkle of Grand Junction (Betty McIndoo's sister) who works for Frontier Airlines has been transferred to Phoenix. We are all happy to have her with us and I am sure Betty is really thrilled. She is leaving May 21st for two-week vacation in glamorous Hawaii. Bon Voyage, Deanna!

Note: Velma's interesting news items ends here. I, the undersigned will add the following report:

The first mid-week Family Night in May was Voorhies' night, and quite a treat it was! Al Voorhies, father of the clan, took charge of the program and read a scripture lesson. Velma, his wife, and one of our newest baptized converts, read some poems of worth, and their son, Lee, with his wife, Geneva, and their children Debby and Ricky, entertained with inspirational hymns sung to the accompaniment of Lee's guitar.

Lee, with his exceptionally fine voice, sang alone, and in various combinations with his family, whose voices are all good. This fine family is of Pentecostal Faith. They said they enjoyed meeting and singing for any Christian group, including the Church of Christ. We deeply enjoyed the modest, reverent attitude which accompanied their splendid voices as they joyously sang such devotional old favorites as "An Unclouded Day," "I Need No Mansions There," "I Saw the Light,"



"I Saw a Man" and others. Thank you so much, all you gifted Voorhies! We hope to enjoy another of these spiritual, musical feasts in the near future.

Another of the Al Voorhies sons, Bill Voorhies, with his wife, Jerry, and their two small children have recently moved to Phoenix from Kansas City. They were welcome visitors at Church May 19, and heard one of Al's sincere sermons. We hope the Bill Voorhies family felt so much at home that they will want to be permanent attendants.

Evalena Sills.

### AMERICA IN PROPHECY

Jacob pronounced Joseph's land greater than the land promised to Abraham.

"The blessings of thy father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors." Genesis 49:26.

Moses described the rich resources of Joseph's land. Deuteronomy 33:13-16.

The Book of Mormon says America is "choice above all lands." I Nephi 1:54; II Nephi 1:6; Ether 1:18; 6:2.

Columbus was inspired to discover America.

"And I beheld the Spirit of God, that it came down and wrought upon the man; and he went forth upon the many waters; even unto the seed of my brethren who were in the promised land." I Nephi 3:147.

God's hand was over America.

"And I, Nephi, beheld that the Gentiles that had gone out of captivity were delivered by the power of God out of the hands of all other nations." I Nephi 3:155.

America was dedicated to Freedom.

"And this land shall be a land of liberty unto the Gentiles; and there shall be no kings upon the land, who shall rise up unto the Gentiles. And I will fortify this land against all other nations". II Nephi 7:18, 19.

America was to be the Land of Zion and the home of the New Jerusalem.

"And he that fighteth against Zion shall perish, saith God, for he that raiseth up a king against me, shall perish." Nephi 7:20. A New Jerusalem should be built upon this land. Ether 6:6; III Nephi 9:58.

A great free nation was to be raised up in America where the fullness of the Gospel could come forth.

"The Lord God will raise up a mighty nation among the Gentiles—upon the face of this land." I Nephi 7:15. Mighty above all. III Nephi 9:65.

For it is wisdom in the father that they should be established in this land, and be set up a free people by the power of the Father, that these things might come forth", etc. III Neuhi 9:89-90.

—Louise P. Sheldon (Advocate July 1934)

### LEFT-OVERS

"It isn't hard to make a mountain out of a molehill. Just add a little dirt."

"Put 'umph' with 'try' and see what you get."

—Don F. Harris.

### OBSERVED AT CONFERENCE:

The sweetness of brotherly love expressed in the cordial handclasp, the warm embrace, the affectionate kiss—

The service of love rendered by the hard-working dining room crew and the good meals they served—

The good spirit manifested in the daily prayer meetings—

The sweet, halting testimony of a young boy, alive in the Gospel—

The beautiful, touching testimony of a young woman who took her yearly vacation at Conference time in order to attend—

The firm, spiritual leadership and inspiring sermon of a beloved apostle now ninety-one years of age!—

The piano and organ being played by several young lady musicians, and a duet beautifully rendered by a mother and her grown daughter—

A powerful sermon preached by a certain stalwart missionary-pioneer apostle whose family supported him thus; two sons sat behind him, offering the opening and closing prayers; a daughter led the singing, a granddaughter played the piano; his wife sang a special number entitled, "Hold Thou My Hand" then unpinned her one-orchid corsage and laid it on the pulpit with a smile for her apostle husband who returned her smile, then began his sermon which he illustrated with that single, beautiful orchid—

The numerous testimonies of members of The Twelve that a certain man was called of God to fill the vacancy in the Quorum of Twelve. One testimony said, in effect: I saw in a dream the empty chair in the Quorum of Twelve. Later I saw that chair filled, but I could see only the body, not the face of the man who filled it. Still later, I saw that man's whole body, including the face. It was this man whose call you are considering today—

The wonderful, quiet, assured outpouring of the spirit of God which seemed to fill the hearts and bring tears to the eyes of all who witnessed the solemn ritual of the ordination of the newest member of the Quorum of Twelve.

—Evalena Sills.

### SECURITY AND CONTENTMENT

In an attempt to keep pace with modern demands and fashions, many people have allowed their homes to become mere houses in which the family shelters rather than lives. Fireside fellowship and parental guidance have been sacrificed in the wholesale chase after material success, and the secular paths along which both young and old have been rushing lead only to deeper frustration and confusion.

To many people the Godly way of life seems a useless and an impracticable barrier to the present-day conception of achievement. Yet, it seems that only the Godly people know the secret of security and contentment.

—Sunshine Magazine

### A TRIBUTE

On May 8th, 1963, our dear old Siser Matilda Matthews of Montfort, Wisconsin, was called home from this world of sorrow and confusion, to a well earned reward, after a number of years of physical suffering, and fatigue.

Sister Matthews was one of those "old fashioned" sincere, humble, kind, unassuming saints who always put others ahead of herself. Her undying love for God made her outstanding and won for her the love of all who knew her.

Sister Flint and myself feel her passing as a real personal loss. For the more than fifty years of our association with her, she had become, seemingly, as a real relative in the flesh. Her home was a real missionary home. One of those places where the missionary could go and relax and feel a real home environment.

The great regrets of Sister Flint and myself, is that we were unable to be with that family during the time of their bereavement, but with the shadows now lengthening toward our own twilight of life, this was impossible. So we too, must now let our lives be made up largely of memories, and so far as our dear Sister is concerned, those memories will ever be cherished as one of the best of our life in gospel service.

Jesus while our hearts are bleeding  
O'er the spoils that death hath won,  
We would at this solemn meeting,  
Calmly say—"Thy will be done."

Though cast down we're not forsaken;  
Tho' afflicted not alone;  
Thou didst give, and thou hast taken  
Blessed Lord,—"Thy will be done."

Though today we're filled with mourning,  
Mercy still is on the throne;  
With thy smiles of love returning,  
We can say,—"Thy will be done."

By thy hand the boon was given,  
Thou hast taken but thine own  
Lord of earth, and God of heaven,  
Evermore,—"Thy will be done."

—Apostle and Mrs. B. C. Flint.

### CANDLE LIGHT

Put a candle out and its light disappears as far as our eyes are concerned. But the light from that candle, which was emitted while it was lit, goes on and on and on. As far as modern science knows, it goes on forever, spreading farther and farther into space. It travels at the incredible speed of 186,000 miles a second, forever!

So the light of a good life well lived, goes on and on—to light the pathway of unborn generations.

### "... A MORE EXCELLENT WAY"

I Cor. 12:31

July 4th is the anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776, an act which makes July one of the most important months to Americans. We are reminded each year of the great sacrifices Americans of past generations have made that we might have the liberty to live as free men.

Has this date also reminded us of the grave responsibility this freedom has placed upon us? Paul said, "... where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." II Cor. 3:17.

It is a definite thing, we cannot learn to live with Christ unless we learn to live with each other first. Therein lies our responsibility.

One of the greatest and most important tasks before us is to conduct our lives in a manner which is pleasing to God. By properly conducting our own lives we become examples of good Christian living that will influence the lives of those with whom we are associated, and this is especially true of our children. There is no better way of teaching them to live a happy, Godly life together than for parents to practice living such a life at home.

If we are to influence our children toward God, and away from Communism, we should have a creed to live by. There are some things spoken of in the Book of Mosiah, chapter 2, pages 220 and 221 which, if they are adhered to, will give us a firm foundation upon which to build our creed. "Believe in God; believe that he is, and that he created all things, both in heaven and in earth;

Believe that he has all wisdom, and all power, both in heaven and in earth;

Believe that man doth not comprehend all things which the Lord can comprehend.

... Believe that ye must repent of your sins and forsake them, and humble yourselves before God; and ask in sincerity of heart that he would forgive you: And now, if you believe all these things, see that ye do them, ... as ye have come to the knowledge of the glory of God ... and have tasted of his love and have received a remission of your sins ... that ye should remember ... the greatness of God and your own nothingness, and his goodness and long suffering towards you unworthy creatures, and humble yourselves even in the depths of humility, calling on the name of the Lord daily, ... and behold, I say unto you, that if ye do this, ye shall always rejoice, and be filled with the love of God, ... and ye shall grow ... in the knowledge of that which is just and true, and ye will not have a mind to injure one another, but live peaceably, and to render to every man according to that which is his due."

These are things which we as parents, as mature citizens of God's Kingdom, and as citizens of free countries of the world should make an effort to live by. These are things which should rule our every action toward our fellowmen, regardless of nationality or creed. If all men were to do this, there would be no fear in the hearts of men. People would not be threat-

ened with annihilation and there would be no need to hide in an underground shelter to escape nuclear warfare.

We can hardly expect a generation which has been weaned away from the love of God by the desire for power, to want peaceful co-existence. Those who live behind the iron curtain are taught to hate, and to worship power.

Former Vice-President Nixon said, "When Mr. Krushchev says our grandchildren will live under Communism, let us say his grandchildren will live in freedom."

Freedom is something we lose through complacent living. In this day and age a complacent relationship between parents and children could easily cause our grandchildren to live under Communism. On the other hand a consistently alert relationship between parents and children in good Christian homes could help Krushchev's grandchildren to live in freedom.

God has charged us, as believers, with the grave responsibility of teaching our children to walk in the ways of truth and righteousness. We must not rationalize that responsibility by referring to the failure of past generations to adhere to God's admonition.

I wish to quote three more very important verses from the Book of Mosiah. They are important because today we live, the past is dead, but tomorrow the responsibility of church and government will be in the hands of our children. Therefore it is important that the children of today be trained in the ways of truth and righteousness.

"... ye will not suffer your children, that they go hungry, or naked; neither will ye suffer that they transgress the laws of God, and fight and quarrel one with another, and serve the devil, who is the master of sin, ... he being an enemy to all righteousness. But ye will teach them to love one another, and to serve one another; ..." Mosiah 2:25-27.

That is the responsibility we are charged with. It is not an easy task if it is properly done. God never promised us an easy life, but He did promise us a reward of peace and comfort if we fulfilled our purpose.

We were put here for a purpose. To be fruitful and replenish the earth. To help establish the cause of Zion and help work out the salvation of man and to be co-creators with God.

Being given the task, first, of creating within ourselves a humble heart filled with the pure love of God, that we might be able to build or create, the capacity and desire to love and serve one another in the hearts of our children.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover wrote, "The only answer to juvenile delinquency is to make better parents. The way to reestablish the greatness of the American Republic is simply to renew the practice of saying grace at meals, family prayers in the morning, and family prayers at night. To set before the children a decent and righteous Christian life. This is all simple, but if we do not maintain these institutions of faith and

morality this free nation will slowly but surely crumble beneath our feet."

The front page stories on our newspapers say: In Rome students rioted, killing people and doing damage to property. In Turkey students rioted with the same results. In Japan students rioted in an effort to destroy free government. In our own country students rioted over political and racial issues.

Students rioting. Young people still dependent upon their parents, being swayed by mob psychology, Communism in many cases, killing and injuring their fellowmen, damaging property and homes.

One of the principles of Communism is to eliminate all religion from the world. There is no place in Communism for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Students in many colleges of the world are led into disbelief and worldiness, mainly because they were not influenced to love and serve God in the homes of their parents. Are you willing to have your children face such problems unprepared?

The best insurance we can give our children against such evil influences is a firm foundation in the Gospel of Christ. If they are thoroughly taught to live by the principles of the Gospel, in the home and in the church they are insured for life, and the policy will not expire, for the Gospel is eternal.

Parents are repaid in either joy or sorrow. Joy, if they build in their children a Godly character that will withstand sin and wrong living. Sorrow, if by neglect and over indulgence their children are morally weak, not being able to withstand the temptations of life.

Paul said, "... be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity ... give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine, neglect not the gift that is in thee ... for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee." I Tim. 4:11-16.

Is it too much for us to set as our goal a more perfect Christ-like life? That through our living others might find the joy and happiness that comes through friendship with God.

Beginning to day and every day of our lives, let us be mindful of this important date in the history of our country, the anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, and what it means to us. Let us unite with people everywhere who are dedicated to keeping freedom alive in the world. We can do this by teaching and living by the principles of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

E. J. M.

#### CHOICE BITS

Francis Bacon, the English philosopher of the sixteenth century, said: "It is not what men eat, but what they digest, that makes them strong; not what we gain, but what we save, that makes us rich; not what we read, but what we absorb, that makes us learned; not what we preach, but what we practice that makes us lovable."

### INALIENABLE RIGHTS

There is the right of a man to stand on his own two feet, and with his own hands and talents carve out a place for himself and his family.

There is the right of a woman to look hopefully ahead, to raise up her family in dignity and self-respect, undictated to, save by her own mother-wisdom, and her innate conscience.

There is the right of a boy to lead the hale, free life of boys, flying kites when the wind blows, earning an education—and out of it all somehow shaping a future to a good pattern.

There is the right of a small child to its chance for health and love and laughter, to a good start for who-knows-what fine and useful life in years to come.

Simple things, aren't they—these things that spell America, and add up to freedom! So simple, so wholesome, and that any other nation should wish it otherwise, and that at times bombs scream to blast them, tanks lunge to crush them, bullets fly to drive from the minds of men the idea that these are their rights inalienable!—From a Statement by the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company.

### AN INTERESTING DISCOVERY

(The following paragraph of a letter from Brother Harold Schultz speaks for itself.)

"I am enclosing herewith a copy of a weekly letter by Congressman Wright Patman (for public release) which contains an item which I believe will be of great interest to all believers in the Restoration. This is especially true in view of the many and violent present-day efforts to completely discredit the Book of Mormon. The attached article is, I think you will agree, in complete harmony with the Book of Mormon account, both in respect to the size of the city and empire, and the migration of the people into what is now the United States."

And we print the following paragraph from that letter of June 6, 1963:

"Mexico has discovered a 1,000 year-old buried city that may have been a great capital of a race that preceeded the Aztec Indians. The size of the city and the variety of buildings and manufactured objects shows that it must have been a vast empire in its day. There are indications that the last race roamed far into the United States and introduced American Indian tribes to flint arrowheads and other hunting equipment and weapons."

Thank you Bro. Schultz for bringing this to our attention, we feel sure our Advocate readers will find it of great interest.

### COMMUNISM

"If Communism is as great as the Russians would have us believe, why don't they take down the iron curtain and put in a picture window?"

—Saranac (Mich.) Advertiser.

### ISRAELITE TOWN UNCOVERED

Fragments of an Astarte figurine, potsherds, cooking and eating utensils, a fireplace and an oven dating from the Israelite period have been dug up in Beer-sheba's old Arab market. It was probably an important town during the time of King Uzziah, and extended over a considerable area.

Even earlier remains were discovered about seven feet lower down. Sherds and flint tools uncovered there have been identified as being of the Chalcolithic period (fourth millennium BCE).

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### TO THE ADVOCATE AND ITS READERS

May 9th, 1963

Dear Brethren:—

Just a few moments ago, my companion and I bid farewell to Brothers C. L. Wheaton and E. L. Yates and watched them drive down the road to continue their journey to the Yucatan. There they shall labor with our brethren of that area to strengthen the church and the faith of the membership. Striving, not only to convert souls, but to bring the good news of the Master, the gospel of Jesus Christ to those that have yet unheard of it. I must testify that, though the challenge is great, we can rely on the abilities of the men the church has assigned to this task.

I say, the challenge is great, and yet, I look around and see that the field is ripe. Only yesterday in the local newspaper statistics on a recent census were given. While I don't remember the exact figures, the figures I do give are close. This census pertained to the religious divisions in this country. Some seventy-eight thousand people claim membership in Protestant churches (this includes all of the Protestant churches and our group in Yucatan). Some 131,000 persons claim to be athiests, almost double of the total Protestant membership. The remaining 34 million-plus are Catholics. For emphasis, I'll repeat; the field is ripe, but the challenge is great, there is much work to be done, but we are hampered by the laws of this land.

Three days ago, Brothers Wheaton and Yates, though Brothers in Christ with me and my family, were complete strangers to us. I came home from the market Tuesday afternoon and found them in the living room visiting with my wife and children. While I had oftentimes heard their names, their faces were unfamiliar to me. But having been isolated in Mexico for the past nine months, it was good to visit with brethren of like faith. We invited them to stay at our home and that evening, were richly rewarded in a communion, prayer and testimony service.

Wednesday night, we enjoyed viewing the slides of the Maya Ruins in the Yucatan that Brother Wheaton showed us. We invited some friends in to view them with us. They, too, expressed much interest in the slides and in hearing the story.

About a week before our brethren stopped here,

my two young sons expressed their desire to be baptized. This morning, we had the privilege of witnessing another ordinance in the church as my sons were laid under the water and brought up out of the water by Brother Yates. We used the pool of a nearby motel for this ordinance. The manager, who is a good friend of ours, graciously consented to allow us to use the pool. We then returned home for the confirmation, a good meal and a farewell prayer. And thus it was that Brothers Wheaton and Yates continued on their way, leaving behind them lasting memories of rich spiritual experiences, and many friends. Truly the power of God is evident in the ministry of these men, but they need our prayers, too. Please remember them.

Sincerely,  
Your Brother in Christ  
Floyd L. Rader, Jr.  
Morelia, Michoacan, Mexico.

### "LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE"

"Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid . . . neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house . . . Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father, which is in heaven". Matt. 5:14-16.

Once there was a lonely wanderer. He was lonely, because as he wandered from place to place he came upon many groups of people but could never seem to make himself one of them. There were small and large groups seated about their fires. Some were quiet, others were boisterous and noisy. As this certain man was pushed aside, or ignored or in other ways not made welcome at any group, he continued to wander alone.

Then one day something seemed to say to this man, "Build a fire for yourself. Make your own little fire, but make it most carefully. Then wait to see what happens."

So he built a very good little fire, and sat down beside it. Then a strange thing happened. As his fire shone brighter, one by one, as if drawn by a magnet, others came quietly to sit beside the man and warm themselves at his good fire. So he was no longer lonely, but filled with a great joy. To be sure, it was no great crowd that gathered together about his fire. But those who did come were tied together by love. They were warmed and illuminated by the special purity and brightness of the fire.

So individually, each has the responsibility to "let his light so shine" that it will attract into its glow neighbors and friends who need to share the warmth.

We might say that there are churches with large, glowing fires, yet many who sit about them are not kept warm. So, too, The Church of Christ has a fire, carefully built upon the principles of the Gospel. It

may draw unto itself those who truly are seeking the light and joy to be found there. And not only will those who tend the fire want it just to warm themselves. They will be eager to go out to the cold and lonely wanderers, to invite them to share the brightness of the fire. So may this fire of the Gospel become a haven of security, and harmony and love . . . a blessed place of joy, shining out before men, inviting them to come too, to be tenders of the fire.

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### MARIGOLDS AND MEN

"Why is it," asked a small boy, his eyes wide with wonder, "that when I open a marigold it dies, but if God does it, it's so beautiful?"

The fumbling fingers of my mind were still searching for an answer, when he exclaimed, "I know! It's because God always works from the inside." And I realized again why Jesus used a little child to teach wisdom to the "wise."

Books and songs and sermons have been written about Divine Love. But a child does not ask "what is love?" He merely climbs into a pair of arms and whispers with sweet simplicity, "I love you, Father." A child thinks from his heart, the concepts unfolding, one by one, like petals.

If Divine Love is enthroned in a man's heart, his love, too, will open outward, until finally there is beauty, like a flower, capable of producing fruit. The heart is not visible to the human eye, and sometimes human patience would fail at the slowness of the bud to open. But any ultra force will produce only an unnatural, twisted flower, as dead as though it had never lived at all.

How good, if we could become like a little child, thinking from our hearts, seeing beneath the sophisticated surface shell of others, remembering that God always works from within—with marigolds, and with men.

Ann Hain.

### ALCOHOL ADVERTISING

In the Theater  
On the radio,  
On the signboard,  
In the papers and magazines,  
I say what I'm paid to say.  
But in the laboratory,  
In the wrecked automobile,  
In the city jail,  
In the roadhouse,  
In the veins of the drunks,  
I tell the truth.

Maryland News

## ORIGINAL ARTICLES

NOTE: We solicit articles for this department written in an affirmative

manner. An affirmative article is one in which a belief, or an opinion, is expressed, and evidences presented to support that belief.

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### A MESSAGE TO ALL CHRISTIANS

I am much impressed that the whole world of Christians need a far deeper understanding of the Scriptures than we now have.

There are meanings in the Scriptures that are still hidden to us, or we understand but vaguely. If the meaning is revealed to us, they contain knowledge—knowledge the ancients used to obtain power greater than we now have.

To understand these hidden things a deep study will be required, which must be directed by the Spirit of God, and the Spirit of God comes by prayer. I do believe this shall be accomplished, for I know that the Spirit of God is being poured out upon all flesh. Soon mighty things shall be done among the faith-believing children of God. Then Satan will hurl his mightiest missiles against us, but the greater power of God shall prevent him from stopping the Lord in performing His great wonders.

For all the Lord has designed to be done in these latter days shall be done. . . And all these things shall be done, according to My will saith the Lord of hosts, for no one shall be able to stay My hand in these performances. . . Have I not declared from the very beginning that in the latter days great and mighty things should be done in preparing the way for the return of My Son to the earth, when the great millennial reign shall begin?

But before that day great and terrible things shall come to pass, and my people must be girded with the shield of faith, or they must fall in the swirl of destruction. But if they will be faithful in Me and My work, they shall overcome every work of evil and shall be able to stand the test, and they shall assist my people, who are the house of Israel, to gather in from their long dispersion to the land I gave to them many centuries ago.

Then shall Israel rest from their long suppression and travail; for then I shall avenge them of their enemies, who have trampled them underfoot for many generations. Lo, Zion shall be established among them, which never more shall be thrown down, but it shall stand till the end of time, when the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll, and there shall be a new heaven and a new earth.

I do not say these things of myself, but as the Spirit gives me utterance so I write.

I now feel as if the prophets of the Lord will confer much one with another over the prophecies they give, and this will be well, for much information shall be

given among them, that shall help to bring to pass the work the Lord wants to be done.

Oliver D. Shirk  
Desert Hot Springs, California.

### OUR PERIL

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own-selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away." II Timothy 3:1-5.

And then, "O ye Gentiles, how can ye stand before the power of God, except ye shall repent and turn from your evil ways. Know ye not that ye are in the hands of God? Know ye not that he hath all power, and at his command the earth shall be rolled together as a scroll? Therefore repent ye, and humble yourselves before him, lest he shall come out in justice against you; lest a remnant of the seed of Jacob shall go forth among you as a lion, and tear you in pieces, and there is none to deliver." Book of Mormon, chap. 2:51-54, page 700.

These Scriptures as well as many others give us reason to believe that we are truly living in the last days, and that God's judgments are not reserved for a people afar off, but may well be expected in our times, to our generation.

Never has there been such a universal cry of "Peace—let us make peace!" Nor has there ever been such haste and lavish preparation to make war, to harness the elementary forces of chemistry for total destruction!

Our primary interest lies not in the political structure of human society, nor yet in the material wealth or poverty of the peoples of the world which provides much of the basic reasons for war. These outward signs of human lusts, greed, and ambition, are results of our spiritual natures. We are mostly interested in the proposition that is couched in the statement of Jesus when He said, "My kingdom is not of this world." St. John 18:36.

It is our hope that we might be a part of this kingdom that is so gloriously portrayed throughout the Scriptures. It is the hope of everyone that has come

in contact with the teachings of Christ, for it is synonymous with heaven. To be with Christ is to be in His kingdom, or to be in heaven where He is. It is also true that He referred to His church as being part of this kingdom. It follows that if we have part in one, we are part of the other; if we truly follow Christ, we must enter into heaven.

It is the purpose of this writing to call attention to the danger of our times. While we may make many professions of faith in God; declare our love of His Son, Jesus Christ; it is possible to come under condemnation and be rejected—to even be denied our hope of salvation. The Scriptures make abundant promises of the establishment of the Kingdom of God, but it is our choice to accept or reject salvation. Therein lies the danger to our souls. The perilous times are here. Do we fall in the many pits of error as catalogued by Timothy? Do we fall into only one or two, perhaps? Do we fall into any? If so, we are in mortal danger regardless of our professions of faith, for lip service is not an accepted substitute for repentance.

We are surrounded each day by the enemy of truth—bombaraded by the propaganda of worldly sins—enticed by the crafty words of those who know how to deceive through the mediums of modern scientific discoveries such as the television and radio, which were unthought of in Timothy's day. Do you not agree that we are seeing the "perilous times"? Read the catalogue of sins a word at a time, slowly please.

The decay and dissolution of a vigorous spiritually alive people is impossible. That the Kingdom of God should suffer utter defeat is a denial of the power of God to raise up a people that will serve him in honour and humility. It is contrary to the very nature of God, and to the announced purpose of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, that man might be saved. It is only when you and I refuse to heed the admonition, "from such turn away", that we place ourselves in spiritual mortal danger. The Kingdom does not fail, God does not fail, the Church of Christ does not fail, we do!

If this is the condition into which we fall, there is only one way to return to God. This we must do now. We must humble ourselves and repent in truth and in spirit to our God, lest He send the judgment of terrible destruction and we be found unworthy to be saved in the kingdom of God. Let us pray for forgiveness and His Spirit to lead us in these last days.

—Elder Arthur G. Smith.

### THE COSMIC CLOCK

By Lawrence John Ballard

The cosmic clock is about to strike the hour, and disaster will strike this planet such as has not been seen since the great flood of Noah's day. We are acting as though the laws of God were outdated and passe. You can fool yourself, but you can't fool God and His laws. The man of Galilee was crucified and murdered because He told very unpleasant truths.

At the end of this age is a **graduation day** or anni-

hilation, if you like that word better. Every day we find people falling by the wayside who could graduate if they put their mind to that end, but they think they can still have their own way and still graduate. If you are not living a good life of service now, get busy for the clock is about to strike the hour. "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness."

In the third chapter of John's gospel we find our Lord saying that the condemnation of the world is that light had come into the world, but men preferred darkness to light because their deeds were evil. The prophets actually served as social and moral reformers, and there is a special significance which properly attaches to every turning from sin, at the call of the prophet, for it reveals an honesty and sincerity in people.

The Pilgrims who settled and founded this country are in very truth the literal descendants of ancient Israel. Because we are the Israel of God, the message of the prophets has much to do with America in these last days. In Malachi God says, "Return unto me and I will return unto you." Here is a principal of law by which God has ever abided. God cannot return unto man until man has returned to Him. The people of old times were asked to return to God and they said, "Wherein shall we return," and when God accused them of despising His name, they asked, "Wherein have we despised Thy name?" They had grown so callous, and true religion had been so obscured by their traditions and Pharisaical externalism, that they professed not to know they had in any way shown contempt for God. In I Cor. 6:19, Paul says, "What know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which you have of God, and ye are not your own." Then in verse 20, Paul says, "For ye are bought with a price." The hands of the clock are just about on the hour, the time is here and now, Paul said, "Am I therefore become your enemy because I tell you the truth."

### "The Sun Will Go Down At Noon"

The days of warning are about over. The time has just about come to a head, when a great tragedy will sweep this planet, as never before, in all times past. Sodom and Gomorrah are going to be repeated on a larger scale.

You must clean yourselves from all negative forces such as jealousy, resentment, and love of power. We must humbly follow the ruler of this planet, which is Christ, He who came 1,963 years ago. He didn't come to save you, He came **to show you the way to save yourself**, Paul said you must work out your own salvation in fear and trembling.

The sun will go down at noon. Which shaketh the earth out of her place. Behold, He withholdeth the waters and they dry up. Also, He sendeth them out, and they overturn the earth. The sun shall be darkened and the moon shall not cause her light to shine. "Therefore I will shake the heavens and the earth shall remove from her place." "The earth shall reel

to and fro like a drunkard." Amos 8:9, Job 9:6, Isaiah 13:10-13, 24:20.

In our world today we have sick soil, sick plants, sick trees, animals, and sick people, crookedness, dishonesty, sin crime, dope and corruption. The wicked people are bringing calamity upon themselves. They will heap exactly what they have sown; for in that day will be "wailing and gnashing of teeth," their gold and silver will they throw in the streets, for it shall neither buy them food nor freedom. "Not my will O Lord but thine be done."

THE GOLDEN RULE

Buddhist: One should seek for others the good he desires for himself.

Mohammedan: Let none of you treat his brother in a way he himself would dislike to be treated.

Persian: Do as you would be done by.

Egyptian: He sought for others the good he desired for himself.

Grecian: Do not that to a neighbor which you would take ill from him.

Chinese: What you would not wish done to yourself, do not unto others.

Hindu: The true rule is to do by the things of others as you do by your own.

Jesus: And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.

Yes the moral law is older than Christianity itself!

A PRAYER

(The following in an excerpt from a prayer which the cadets at West Point repeat daily in the chapel at the U. S. Military Academy.)

"Make us to choose the harder right instead of the easier wrong, and never to be content with a half truth when the whole truth can be won. Endow us with courage that is born of loyalty to all that is noble and worthy, that scorns to compromise with vice and injustice and knows no fear when truth and right are in jeopardy."

THE CHURCH

We should love the church for the things for which it stands; world peace; the dignity and sanctity of man in a world of dictatorship; the human life as a great miracle, the highest goal known to men; a life free from fear and worry; the building of happy homes; a right direction for youth; victory over sin; and eternal like.

---Kosair Kolums.

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---Henry Ford, the First.

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