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"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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Sometimes

Sometimes it is hard to smile
And keep the chin up all the while,
When spirits droop, when footsteps drag,
And first enthusiasms flag.

Sometimes in our hearts we feel
That we have an unfair deal—
A little more than one man's share
Of worry, trouble, pain, and care.

Sometimes when the Fates conspire
to cheat us of the heart's desire,
We quite forget the good things gained,
The gifts received, the dreams attained.

That is just the time when we
Should struggle on courageously,
Remembering not griefs and tears,
But blessings of the bygone years.

By Patience Strong

THE SAFE-WAY

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EDITORIAL

THE DYNAMICS OF SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

Text: "And Jesus increased in wisdom, and stature,
and in favor with God and man." Luke 2:52.

Other versions:

And as Jesus grew older He gained both in
wisdom and stature, and in favor with God
and man.—Weymouth.

As Jesus grew up he advanced in wisdom
and in favour with God and men.—The New
English Bible.

Introduction:

From the scripture, as above quoted as a text, we
find that Jesus passed through four stages of develop-
ment; intellectual, physical, spiritual and social.

Therefore, when we speak of the "dynamics of
spiritual development," we refer to that system of
spiritual forces which produces within us the highest
degree of righteousness and godliness, and inspires
in our hearts and souls an adherence to the truth
revealed of God through His Son, Jesus Christ.

Statement of Principle

"God has stamped the principle of increase on
every object of His animate creation. Look where we
will, the most intelligent and highest of all of God's
creation, seems to profit the least by the operation of
that law."—John R. Haldeman.

This principle, therefore, can be, with propriety de-
signated as the "divine law of increase," and as the
disciples of Jesus Christ, we fail to grasp the meaning
of His example, when we fail to apply this dynamic
force that impells us to exemplify Him in our lives.

From the texts, which we quoted from the three

versions of the Holy Scriptures, we learn that "as
Jesus grew older" He gained, He advanced, He in-
creased in acquiring those dynamic forces of growth
which made Him the outstanding "manifestation of
God" that the world has ever known.

Why?

Because, as He grew older, He demonstrated in
His life the "divine law of increase."

How?

**First Principle of the Dynamics of Spiritual Develop-
ment:**

He gained, He advanced, He increased in **wisdom.**

What is Wisdom?

It is knowledge practically applied to the best ad-
vantage. It is natural sagacity; prudence; skill; and
piety.

The wise man has truly said, "Happy is the man
that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth under-
standing." (Proverbs 3:13, see also 14-20).

But we must not over look the fact that there exists
two forms of wisdom, spiritual wisdom and worldly
wisdom, between which we must choose by discern-
ment and care, if **we** shall gain ground from a righteous
stand point.

How We Shall Acquire Wisdom:

"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God,
that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not;
and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith,
nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a
wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed."
(James 1:5-6)

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; a
good understanding have all they that do his com-
mandments: his praise endureth for ever." (Psa. 111:10)

Why We Should Have Wisdom:

Because the "Heart of the wise teacheth his mouth,
and addeth learning to his lips." (Proverbs 16:23)

Thus we see that to acquire godly wisdom is
essential to spiritual growth, as it is stated in the
scripture, "How much better is it to get wisdom than
gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen
than silver." (Prov. 16:16)

**Second Principle of the Dynamics of Spiritual Develop-
ment:**

He gained, He advanced, **He increased in stature.**

What Is Stature?

It is the height of a man. We can with propriety
make a double application of this principle, for we
find that Christ not only grew in physical stature or
health, but He also grew in spiritual stature, thus
demonstrating to us that this dynamic force of in-
crease was manifested.

As an example of such growth we take the case of
Zacchaeus who was of small stature physically. By
effort and the application of **wisdom** he had the genius

to overcome his handicap, and thus to grow spiritually as well:

"And Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. And behold there was a man named Zacchaeus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich.

And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press, because **he was small of stature.**

And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him; for he was passing that way.

And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for today I must abide in thy house.

And he made haste, and came down, **and received him joyfully.**

And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner.

And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord: Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor, and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold. And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forasmuch as he also is a son of Abraham.

For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." (Luke 19:1-10)

Thus while Zacchaeus was not able to take thought and add one cubit to his physical height, yet by forethought and wisdom he was able to overcome the handicap of being little of stature, and as the result "salvation" or spiritual height came to his house, and as one that was lost he was saved by the power of Christ.

And here we give a quotation from the Weymouth version of the Bible to show in plain and simple words that the measure of a man of God is gauged by his spiritual stature:

"And He Himself appointed some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, some to be pastors and teachers, in order fully to equip His people for the work of serving—for the building of Christ's body—**till we all of us arrive at oneness in faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God, and at mature manhood and the stature of full-grown men in Christ.**" (Ephesians 4:13)

Spiritual development is further expressed in terms of stature as being:

"Dependent on Him the whole body—its various parts closely fitting and firmly adhering to one another—grow by aid of every contributing link, with power

proportioned to the need of each individual part, so as to build itself up in a spirit of love." (Ibid verse 16)

Thus we see that the secret of this dynamic force or power of spiritual development resolves itself into being of mature manhood and the stature of full-grown men in Christ in which we grow, or increase in spiritual power, so that each member or contributing link builds its self up in a power house of love in Christ.

Third Principle of the Dynamics of Spiritual Development:

Christ **gained in Favor**, Christ **advanced in favor**, Christ **increased in favor with God.**

This then, is an important feature of spiritual increase or development, to grow, mature as full-grown men in Christ, that we might increase in favor with God.

How We Do This.

First: by faith in God, for "without faith it is impossible to please him." (Hebr. 11:6)

Second: by obedience; for "to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams." (I Saml. 15:22)

Third: by example, for Christ exemplified God in the flesh, therefore, He gained in favor with His Father in heaven, He drew men to God demonstrating the power of love in action among the children of men; He brought about the redemption of mankind; he intervened for them and justified them through righteousness; He gave them courage to overcome the transgressions which separated them from God; He brought salvation to all mankind that would accept it; He called men to godly service; He shared with them the secret of spiritual growth; and demonstrated the benefits of righteousness by manifesting the gifts of the gospel in His associations with man. Thus He gained favor with God.

To be like Him, and gain the same stature, we must emulate Him in our lives.

Fourth: Christ grew in favor with God because He developed within Himself the character and conduct of godliness; He was true to His purpose in life; He was honourable in His conduct toward others; He sustained the righteous that accepted Him as their spiritual leader and guide; He was God manifest in the flesh; He was one with God, in spirit and purpose and dedicated His life to that end and prayed for us thus, "Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, **that they may be one, as we are.**" (John 17:11). Thus we see the unity of God and His Christ, and His desire that we might share and be partakers of that oneness.

Fourth Principle of the Dynamics of Spiritual Development:

He **gained**, He **advanced**, He **increased in favor with men.**

Why? Because He had grown in wisdom; in spiritual stature; in favor with God, thus manifesting a noble personality that inspired men to accept Him as a friend and a leader.

He was a man!

He did not live to Himself; He was not a hermit nor a recluse; He mingled with men; He met them socially; He discussed their problems; He healed their sick; He had compassion even for His enemies; He displayed the milk of human kindness.

He was a man of God!

From my **Note Book of Yester-Years**. C.L.W.

SPOTLIGHTS OF OUR HISTORY

LEARNING THE GOSPEL THE HARD WAY

How much does the Gospel of Jesus Christ mean to you, that gospel which He brought to the children of men both at Jerusalem and to the inhabitants on this land, revealing himself to them as the very Son of God? Do you really believe that the children of men, after having received such a personal visit and service from their Creator, wandered so far from Him, on both continents, that they brought upon the whole world a drought of the word of God? Do you believe that after many generations, called the Dark Ages, the Gospel was restored in these latter days by means of an Angel appearing to an unlearned young man and directing him in his part in that great event as the prophets had foretold? Just how much does that mean to you? Does it mean enough to you that you could change your whole way of life?

I knew a man, now passed on to his reward, to whom at one time it meant nothing. He was born in Ohio in 1834 and lived his earlier years in Illinois assisting his father, from earliest childhood, in running a ferry on the Mississippi River. That man was my maternal grandfather, George P. Frisbey. He grew up at a time when there was a lot of discussion in all circles, both for and against the Book of Mormon, which had so recently made its appearance. Some claiming the coming forth of that book was in fulfillment of prophecy; an added witness for Jesus Christ and the truthfulness of the Bible; and others trying to move heaven and earth in an effort to discredit it. The Latter Day Saints had been driven out of Missouri and into Illinois where he lived.

So my grandfather had heard a great deal about this new book, pro and con; but since his family was not at that time interested in religion of any kind, and being a large family which must be fed, the children as well as adults worked hard and lived pretty much the rough life of the river worker of that day. The men of his family and even the boys used tobacco, drank when they felt inclined and thought nothing of

taking the name of the Lord in vain. As would be true of most boys, the things he heard the adults discussing remained in his memory even though he was not particularly concerned or interested. Time went on and he married, and had three or four little children when he got interested in the California gold rush. He had bought a farm in Illinois and had some stock.

So he left his young wife to run the farm and take care of the young family and he set out to win his fortune (he hoped, as many another man did) in order to provide a better living for them. River life had been rough but gold-rush life was rougher. He worked and panned gold in several different places, zealously hoarding all he could save. They usually found a partner or sometimes three or four would be partners. They bunked in cabins which they built of whatever material was to be had, doing their own cooking mostly and washing out their own clothes in the streams. They would trade gold for sugar, flour, beans, tobacco, etc.

Sometimes their partners were honest, sometimes they were not. Often the men hid their gold in bags, cans or bottles under the rough board floors of their cabins, sometimes they buried them in the ground outside. Sometimes a man would come home to find his "trusted" partner had absconded with all the gold they had between them, leaving no trace of where he could be found. All these things had happened to my grandfather at one time or another but at the particular time I want to tell you about, he had two partners who were honest and trustworthy. They had accumulated a sizable amount of gold when they heard of a new, rich strike, and they decided to "pull up stakes" and get to this new place before the rush began. (I can't remember just where Grandpa said it was.) They divided their gold so that if something happened to one, the others would still have theirs. Each hiding his portion on his person, they began their journey.

Most of their traveling in those days was on foot. In order to reach their destination they had to cross a large river. There had been heavy rains and the river (I can't remember what river he said) was a raging torrent, but they must cross without unnecessary delay if they were to get ahead of the mad rush for gold. So they decided to build a raft to get them across. They built it good and sturdy. With their supplies on board, they started across, but that wild mountain stream was too much for it and the raft was soon battered to pieces. Though my grandfather was an old river man and had weathered many floods, he was helpless this time. He saw his partners both drown and all their supplies, including all the gold, go down the river. He clung to a piece of the raft, but felt sure it was useless.

In his desperation he turned to that God whom he had heard about; but had given little thought to. He remembered "that book" which "Joe Smith" was sup-

posed to have translated by the power of God. He instinctively knew, that experienced on rivers or not, he would drown as his buddies had unless God came to his rescue. So he prayed to God with all the earnestness of the soul within him. With the hungry river grabbing at him to such him into its whirling angry maelstrom, he made a vow to that Great God who made us all.

His vow was this: "If you will save my life and help me get home to my wife and family, I will investigate 'that book' (meaning the Book of Mormon)." He said he never really knew how he got to shore but soon he was on solid ground, all his supplies and all his gold gone, but his life was spared and he lost no time in heading for home.

God had done what he had asked of Him, now it was up to him to fulfill his part of the vow. How was he to seriously, earnestly, honestly investigate a book without reading it? How could he read it? He had never gone to school in his life. He could neither read nor write. He had to just make a mark when he was required to sign his name. (That seemed strange to me when I was a child, but since I have been grown and in missionary work, I have known many people in many places who made a cross mark or some other mark for their name because they too, could neither read nor write.) But that was quite a common thing in Grandpa's day. There were no free schools as we have and few people could afford tutors or to send their children to a pay school. Even pay schools were in session only in the season when the farm work was slack and closed through the harvest and other busy seasons because every child and every adult had to help during the busy seasons to save the crops for that was their living for both man and beast.

My grandfather pondered the problem of how he was going to learn to read. The wealth in gold which he had hoped to have on returning home, was somewhere in the bottom of that raging river. It is a long way from those California mountains clear back to Illinois and he had lots of time to ponder as he trudged along, most of the way on foot. I wish I could remember more of the details of his travels out there as well as the trip back, but it is too sketchy in my memory to recall if he was able to travel with the wagon trains part of the way, but part of the time was absolutely solo. There were skirmishes with the Indians but he didn't talk about that much as I remember, but spoke more of his religious experiences. At least that was what made the most lasting impression on me.

He had left his young wife with a new baby just a few months old and when he returned, she was four years old. As I recall, they had not heard from each other in all that time. There was no such thing then as U.S. Mail and even if there had been, California was not yet a part of the United States. Mail was carried by stage coach and by wagon train, even

that was very uncertain and meager. He may have been able to send a word to her by someone (a verbal message for he could not write), though I doubt it. She could not send word to him for she could not have known where he was. They moved from one digging to another.

An idea began to take form in his mind as he traveled along toward home, and I am sure, as was he, that the Lord inspired it—for He helps those who make an effort to help themselves. He would find some boy or young man who would like to go to school; he would give him a home with his family, board him, clothe him, pay his tuition and buy his books; the boy could help with the chores, go to school and teach Grandpa each night what he had learned that day. He knew it was an opportunity that any boy would be happy to get in those days.

So he finally arrived in Illinois and was making his way up the old lane with his little pack on his back to his farm home. He could make out the form of his wife in the yard with the baby daughter (now four years old) in her arms, or rather up on her shoulder, watching to see who this unshaven, disheveled, dirty stranger was who dared trespass upon her property. As he drew near enough for her to recognize him, she forgot everything else except that he was back home. The "over-sized baby" dropped in the dust at her feet as she ran with open arms to welcome her husband home.

She acquiesced in his plan to get an education and he had no trouble finding a bright, dependable young lad of 14 years who was anxious to learn and co-operate and the process of education began and developed swiftly and before too long my grandfather was reading and studying the Book of Mormon, a thing which he never ceased to do as long as he lived after that (which was to a ripe old age of 84). However this type of formal education was through the fourth grade only.

He received, as the promise is given in the Book of Mormon, a testimony of it's truthfulness. He turned from the use of tobacco and all the other habits of his younger days. Never in my life did I ever hear him use even a "mild swear word." The gospel of Jesus Christ had first place in his life from then on. Many of his family came into the Church through his efforts. I have many fond memories of staying with my grandparents and never did we retire at night without his reading a passage of scripture or have one of us read, and having prayer together.

After his first wife died shortly after the Church's return to Missouri in 1867, he married Evaline Angela Bradley, my mother's mother, who was the daughter of James and Nancy Bradley of Bloomington, Ill. Nancy Bradley had been baptized by Joseph Smith in July 1831, as he and others were on their way to Independence to dedicate the Temple Lot. Joseph Smith was later staying at their home (the Bradley's) when

the officers of the law came and arrested him and placed him in jail just before he was killed.

My grandmother was of a family who were more education conscious, or at least had more means for it, she herself had taught school some in her younger years and no doubt was a great help to my grandfather in that respect. I have been made to marvel, when I have read his articles published in our early Church papers, at his ability to express himself. But I have marveled most at his ability to completely change his life and outlook on life and I am sure that it was his earnest desire to be in complete subjection to his Heavenly Father which enabled him to become master of himself and to so completely change himself. I do not mean to minimize the power of God but God will not take hold of us and change us into what we should be unless we ourselves sincerely desire that change sufficiently to put forth the effort ourselves to bring about the change in us. He will help us but He will not do it for us.

The crucifying of the flesh and bringing it into subjection to God's will is a task He has placed upon us individually. Does the Gospel of Jesus Christ mean enough to you to cause you to bring about the changes in your own nature that are necessary to bring you into complete subjection to God's will?

Angela Wheaton

FROM THE FIELD

The "Reunion Season" will have drawn to a close before these thoughts have come to the attention of the "Advocate" readers, but a few things may be worthy of notice.

In recent years, it seems there has been an increasingly healthy "appetite" for the spiritual feasts which have characterized so many of the reunion gatherings. It is easily discernible that the greater the "hunger," the more richly rewarding, in spiritual uplift, are such assemblies.

To those who have not availed themselves of opportunity to attend a reunion during the year: you perhaps do not realize what you have missed. You should determine, if possible, to attend one, at least, next year.

Having attended, among others, the Colorado reunion a year ago, and enjoying that "time of love," as well as the breath-taking sights of nature in that state, this writer hoped to make the trip again this year.

However, with the expense involved in a round-trip from Independence, it didn't seem feasible. Then, at almost the last moment, the way began to open up. Unable to go themselves, for other than financial reasons, a young brother and sister in the faith kindly offered the means by which I might go.

Then at almost the same time, word came from Apostle Jordan desiring that we might go to the reunion, and from there to visit some of the isolated

members in the Northwest, and thence to his home and people in Sask., Canada.

So, the matter was settled, and in a few days, Bro. Jordan arrived after having stopped awhile among scattered saints enroute to Independence.

Bro. Jordan was made quite ill several months ago, and being diagnosed as a diabetic condition, has been required to alter his dietary habits. As a result, he has regained his health to some extent, but it has left his vision greatly impaired, which we pray may be restored to some degree, at least.

The first leg of our journey together was from Independence to Canon City, Colorado, where we were kindly received into the home of Elder T. E. Barton, Jr.

We administered to their young son, who has a congenital heart condition, and otherwise tried to encourage them in the faith.

After a day and two nights with this family, we left for Grand Junction, and the reunion, renewing our fellowship with the loved ones from near and far.

The unexpected lateness of the early peach harvest complicated matters for the Ely families, but they managed very well, despite the additional burden of reunion visitors in their homes.

We were housed at the Robert Ely home, the younger ones being displaced to make room, but as it seemed to be something of a "lark" for them, we did not feel too badly. Sr. Shirley ministered efficiently and lovingly to our needs, as well as did many others, there, for which we pray God's rich blessing upon them all.

Young Bro. Hubert Yates and family were there in the home, too, and we enjoyed their association, both socially and spiritually, as we spent quite a few hours in gospel conversation with them.

The reunion itself was of a high order, but that will be left to the one appointed as reporter.

From Grand Junction, we travelled through Utah, stopping about an hour at Salt Lake City, where we listened to a guide's synopsis of their side of the story.

Going on to Malad City, Idaho, we surprised Sr. Richards, alone and isolated from all but one in the faith; her daughter, Sr. Briggs.

Nonetheless, Sr. Richards opened her home to us, giving up her bed and having to sleep at her sister's home next door.

Here, I noticed that the car's brakes were not as they should be, and taking the car to a local garage, thinking to have the brakes "taken up," found that a new master cylinder was required, which had to be ordered from a distance. When we noticed how little brake fluid there was in the cylinder, we were caused to marvel at how we had come so far without the brakes giving out. Thanks be to our Heavenly Father.

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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. CONTRIBUTIONS ARE THE OPINION OF THE AUTHOR AND DO NOT NECESSARILY REFLECT THE TEACHINGS OF THE CHURCH OR THE OPINIONS OF THE EDITORIAL STAFF.

THOUGHTS TO LIVE BY

James 1:18-27, "Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first-fruits of his creatures. Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath. For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straight way forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. If any man among you seem to be religious and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to keep himself from the world."

Now let us look into this gospel mirror, or this perfect law of liberty. We are begotten or born into the family of God with the word of truth or this perfect law of liberty. What do we see as we look into that mirror, first the only begotten Son of God who became a servant, reaching out to those who were in need, healing the sick, making the lame to walk, cleansing the souls of the sinful. When he was reviled he reviled not again, when he was smitten he did not smite back. He showed love and mercy to all. Luke 6:27-30, "But I say unto you which hear, love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you. And unto him that smitteth thee on the one cheek offer also the other; and him that taketh away thy cloak forbid not to take thy coat also. Give to every man that asketh of thee; and of him that taketh away thy goods ask them not again." For if we love them only that love us what doth it profit for he says that sinners will do the same. In John's gospel 13:15-17. Jesus says, ". . . For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. . . . If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

The Apostle Paul tells us in the 5th chap. of Galatian letter verse 14-15. "For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as

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IN THE LIKENESS OF HIS IMAGE

To sum up my previous discourses on the theme of Discrimination, I wish to submit the following story. My earnest prayer is that each of the Advocate readers, whether you are members of the Church of Christ or not, will then evaluate the information I have presented and seeking guidance from the Lord come closer to aligning your desires with the will of God.

There was an artist once, who had a great deal of talent. He was not great—as we recognize greatness. He was not famous—I don't even know his name. But he was good. He had captured the feeling of life, of beauty, of joy and sorrow, and his pictures were true illustrations of such. He did not clutter us his canvas with flattened eggs, or misplaced eyes, or irregular patterns of gaudy color. You could look at his work and recognize it as an emotion or experience of your own life.

When he painted a picture of a tree, he didn't need a "gimmick" to sell that picture or to catch the eye of the average looker. In his picture you saw the towering majesty of the tree; the strength of its branches as they stretched toward heaven; the seeking roots which gave it life. You looked upon his tree and echoed Joyce Kilmer's words: "only God can make a tree."

He knew beauty; he knew emotion; he knew life. Because he was good in his profession, one day he was commissioned to paint a picture to be hung in the chancel of a great church. It was to be a picture of Mary and the Baby Jesus; it was to be the Madonna and Child.

The artist set to work on his painting. He spent long hours with his brushes and paints. He painted with feeling. He was aware of the inequality of men; of the injustice of the world. He felt the pressures of bigotted people about him. And he felt the beauty of the story of Mary and her Son. He recognized the Divinity of Christ, and he recognized the spirituality of man. For God had created man in His image and in His creation each man was given a part of God himself. For He had breathed into man, the breath of life.

All of this the artist thought of many times as the days passed by and his commission was nearly finished. At last he was satisfied with his work, just in time for the dedication of the chancel. The artist requested that no man look upon his painting until it was hung and unveiled for **all** to see.

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WHY GAMBLE WITH GOD'S WORD

Book of Commandments 1-3, ". . . and the day cometh, that they who will not hear the voice of the Lord, neither the voice of his servants, neither give heed to the words of the prophets, and apostles, shall be cut off from among the people. For they have strayed from mine ordinances, and have broken mine everlasting covenant. They seek not the Lord to establish his righteousness, but every man walketh in his own way."

II Peter 3:1-3, "I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance, that ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandments of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour."

Book of Mosiah 9:52, "And he commanded them that they should teach nothing save it were the things which he had taught, and which had been spoken by the mouth of the holy prophets."

Mosiah 8:56 tells us, all those that believed in their words shall come forth in the first resurrection—the words of the prophets. Mosiah 1:77-78, ". . . concerning the records which contain the prophecies which have been spoken by the holy prophets," 78 says, "And behold, also, they spake that which was commanded them of the Lord; therefore, they are just and true."

Now we see even Peter tells us not to forget the teaching of the holy prophets.

II Peter 1:21, "For the prophecy came not in old times by the will of man; but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." II Timothy 3:16 says, ". . . all scripture is given by the inspiration of God,". III Nephi 13:3, "And behold all things are written by the father. Therefore out of the books which shall be written shall the world be judged." And the books are the Bible and the Book of Mormon and the books that harmonize with the teachings in those books. Now we will see what the same things are that God tells us as he spoke by the mouth of the Holy Prophets.

Ezekiel 18:8, "He that hath not given forth upon usury," 18:13, "Hath given forth upon usury, and hath taken increase: shall he then live? he shall not live: he hath done all these abominations: he shall surely die." 18:17, "That hath taken off his hand from the poor, that hath not received usury nor increase, hath executed my judgments, hath walked in my statutes: he shall not die for the iniquity of his father, he shall surely live."

Psalms 15, "Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacles? who shall dwell in thy holy hill? He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart. He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil in his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor. In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the Lord. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not. He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He

that doeth these things shall never be moved." So if we want to dwell in that holy hill we can't do these things.

Proverbs 28:8-9, "He that by usury and unjust gain increaseth his substance, he shall gather it for him that will pity the poor. He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination."

Jeremiah 15:10, "I have neither lent on usury, nor men have lent to me on usury; yet every one of them doth curse me." 15:20-21 verse says, "And I will make thee unto this people a fenced brasen wall: and they shall fight against thee, but they shall not prevail against thee: for I am with thee to save thee and to deliver thee, saith the Lord. And I will deliver thee out of the hand of the wicked, and I will redeem thee out of the hand of the terrible."

Isaiah 24:2-3, ". . . as with the taker of usury, so with the giver of usury to him. The land shall be utterly emptied, and utterly spoiled: for the Lord hath spoken this word."

I Nephi 1:79, "For behold, they have rejected the words of the prophets." 1:83 says, "And also that we may preserve unto them the words which have been spoken by the mouth of all the holy prophets, which have been delivered unto them by the Spirit and power of God, since the world began, even down unto this present time."

II Peter 3:2-3 tells us to, ". . . be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour: Knowing this first, and there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,". So we see in the last days the words of the prophets and the commandments of the apostles won't mean anything to the people. But it has been given to me to know that the good times are about to come to a stop and the borrowers and takers of usury are going to come to sorrow.

The borrowers of usury are going to lose all they have that isn't paid for. And the takers of usury are going to go for their money and it will be tied up so they cannot get it.

What does the Lord say to us in Malachi 3:7-9, "Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return? Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation."

II Peter 3 tells us to be mindful of the words of the Holy Prophets, in other words, obey the words of the prophets.

Book of Commandments, page 127:37 says, "Behold

it is said in my laws, or forbidden to get in debt to thine enemies,".

In the 1962 Eleventh Hour, page 2, it says the Lord told us not to go into debt didn't he? We have disobeyed. Can the Lord use a disobedient people, and the answer is no.

It would be well if you would read page 2, 1962 Eleventh Hour. The Bible says owe no man.

Henry Van Duine

THOUGHTS TO LIVE BY

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thyself. But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another."

Now let us look into some of Apostle Paul's admonitions to the Church. II Cor. 13:5, "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?" Galatians 5:1, "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." James 3:14, "But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is shown in peace of them that make peace." Galatians 6:7, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Eph. 4:1, "I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, With all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in bond of peace."

Your Bro. in Christ,
Elder Paul G. Mercer

LIKENESS OF HIS IMAGE

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Thus it was that the prayers were offered; the speeches were made; the chancel was dedicated and the moment of unveiling arrived. And when the curtain was drawn aside, a gasp went through the entire assemblage. For the Negro artist had painted a Negro Madonna and Child.

After much prayer and thought, the minister of the great church said, "We'll keep this picture, for it **could** have been this way. Scripture tells us that our Lord was fair and comely, yet He could have had a colored skin had God so willed it. It was not His coloring that determined the life He lived; it was not His coloring that determined the pain He suffered; it

was not His coloring that controlled His resurrection. We will keep the picture of the Black Madonna to remind us that we are not the only children of God. We will keep it to remind us that when God created man in His image, He did not limit this creation to the white man. We will keep it to remind us that our darker neighbors too, have hopes and fears; that they too, love God and count on His sacrifice for **their** salvation."

It is not too far-fetched to think that a colored person might interpret the Bible as being a colored man's Bible too. "Green Pastures" is a play which revolves around Biblical incidents, with God the controlling factor. The play was written for, and is always portrayed by an All-Negro cast. It is a humorous play; it is a serious play, too. We don't interpret all of the incidents in exactly the same light as the author, but we must recognize the black man's desire to associate God with himself. As such, "Green Pastures" is good.

Have you ever seen an exhibition of Oriental paintings? The Oriental artist paints landscapes and still life and portraits, just as our more famous artists of the past and present do. Yes, the Christian Oriental paints Biblical scenes too, embracing all phases of art. Look at his work sometime and you will see that his characters have slanting eyes and delicate features, for the Oriental Christian associates Christ with himself.

The pictures of Christ revealed in sculptures and pictographs, which have been uncovered in the South and Central American ruins of the ancient Americans, show our Lord to have an elongated nose of distinct Hebrew characteristics. The pictures with which we are most familiar of Jesus, including the famous "Head of Christ" shows Him to have Jewish features.

There are people in all races who have recognized Jesus to be the Saviour of all men. To all who believe in Him, He is woven into their lives and He takes on Him the appearance of that which is most familiar to them, in all instances representing Light, and Truth and Love. For God did in truth, create all men in His image.

Floyd L. Rader Jr.

THE CONQUEROR

Here's to the man who can hide with a smile
A day of ill-temper and words that are vile.
Who can refrain from uttering words in a tone
That may leave their sting when years have flown;
Who is cautious and tactful not to offend
His neighbor, or those who may be his friends.
Here's to the man that can feign jollity,
Whatever his trials and tribulations may be.
When the tempest has passed and the sun starts
to shine,
Hats off to the man who has conquered his mind!

THE SAFE-WAY

FROM THE FIELD

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While here, we visited two daughters of Sr. Richards, one of whom was Sr. Briggs, already mentioned, and the other, Mrs. Clark, whom we feel to be not far from "the kingdom."

At the home of Sr. Briggs, we met four very fine young girls, as well as the husband and son, who later came from the harvest fields. The sacrament was administered to Srs. Richards and Briggs, after which we talked on gospel subjects, also with the young daughters. We trust this will bring forth good fruit in the future.

The evening meal with them was pleasant, but we left soon after, as we expected to leave early the next day.

The trip to Spokane, Washington was over 650 miles, and some through winding, mountain roads, so it was two tired missionaries who arrived at the home of Sr. Nadean Kuehl and husband, Klaus.

Here, the first signs of a week-long seige of what seemed to be the "flu," appeared to myself. Nevertheless, by resting where possible and through administration, we were enabled to continue our ministry.

The following day, we went several miles north to visit Sr. Floyd Mallow, the mother of Sr. Nadean, who had only recently moved from the old ranch home into a trailer at the home of a neighbor lady. Bro. Mallow being away on a construction job, we were unable to see him.

A nearly 200 mile trip the next afternoon, brought us to the home of Bro. Vernon Mallow, Sr. Mallow's son, who was expecting us. We stayed overnight, being well received, and trust our conversation there may have helped to unite that couple in the gospel sometime in the future. Before leaving there, Sunday morning, we blessed the three children, two boys and a girl.

Coming back to the Kuehl home, we held a sacrament service for the benefit of the two sister, Sr. Mallow having come to the home, according to previous arrangement. The little service was further enhanced by the prayers and testimonies offered, and by the blessing of Sr. Kuehl's two little daughters.

Two or three good, gospel discussions, in which the young husband took part, was worthwhile. Here, too, we hope and pray for a future unity in the faith of this family. The kindness exhibited by this young couple will long be remembered.

Leaving this area, we took the relatively short trip to Sand Point, Idaho, where we stopped at the home of Sr. Evans, and her sons, who are engaged in smoking fish, which is shipped around the country.

This sister suffers from partial paralysis, resulting

from a stroke, but is regaining the use of her limbs to some extent.

Having a desire to press onward to see others in the Columbia Falls, Montana area before heading "home," we did not linger long here, though we tried, without success, to locate others for a few moments visit.

Before going on, we visited awhile with a fine lady, a Sr. Price of the Reorganization. She gives "Swedish" massages, and finding that I was suffering some from the "flu," ministered after this fashion to both of us, which gave us relief. We found, here, a sister longing for the consolation and unity of latter-day Israel.

These two sisters, with perhaps one or two others, engage in a study of scripture from time to time. Such desire to continue steadfast, despite isolation, is certainly admirable.

Crossing another mountainous area, we came to the home of Bro. and Sr. Fred Winegar, in Columbia Falls.

It has been the custom of Sr. Stella and daughter to attend the R.L.D.S. prayer services, and others, because of lack of Church of Christ service, So, it being Wednesday night on our arrival, Bro. Jordan went with them.

Remoing home with Bro. Winegar, because of my physical condition, we nevertheless had a good talk about the Church.

They, at the church, all enjoyed Bro. Jordan's testimony, and kept him talking some time after the service.

The next morning, we visited a cousin of Sr. Winegar, of the R.L.D.S. church, and enjoyed the little talk. From there, we visited the Jim Winegars, finding him still concerned about spiritual matters, though isolated for years from the Church. We also found their young teen-age son concerned with obedience to the gospel plan. A short, but serious talk with the father and son, and attentively listened to by the mother, was heartening and, we believe, fruitful. Here we found promise for increase to the kingdom of God.

From this point, we made our way by the shortest route possible, through the Glacier National Park, to "home" in Regina, Sask. To complete this in one jaunt, required travelling into the early morning hours, which was covered without serious incident.

A meeting was appointed for the following Sunday afternoon, at Viceroy, some 100 miles from Regina.

We visited the Coulter family on Saturday, she being a member of the Church, and enjoyed the hospitality afforded there.

Then, on Sunday, we were permitted to see them again, as well as the Frank Jordans (brother of Apostle Jordan) and many of the relatives. Altogether, it

was an enjoyable day, and we trust, profitable to all, in hearing the Word preached.

Bro. Frank has become very feeble, and needs the prayers of the saints.

While in Regina, we visited two aged sisters, Sr. Frances Smith and Sr. Gibbons. We found Sr. Smith cheerful, despite the crippling effects of arthritis.

Services were scheduled for the following Sunday at Viceroy. A couple living in the same duplex as Bro. and Sr. Jordan seemed glad for the opportunity to go with us again, as they had the previous Sunday, and their company was enjoyed.

A sacrament service was held early in the afternoon, followed by preaching. The Good Spirit was felt, and we trust there was encouragement to build up the Lord's service in that part of His vineyard.

This ended our joint effort in the Northwest, as I was called upon to attend the Puryear, Tenn. reunion the following weekend. A report of that reunion will, no doubt, be given by others.

We found most of those we contacted struggling to hold on to the "rod of Iron." May God bless them in their desires, and each one in the service of the Master.

William A. Sheldon

Robert Louis Stevenson Said:

To be honest, to be kind—to earn a little and to spend a little less, to make upon the whole a family happier for his presence, to renounce when that shall be necessary and not to be embittered, to keep a few friends but these without capitulation—above all, on the same grim condition to keep friends with himself—here is a task for all that a man has of fortitude and delicacy.

CHEER

POEMS

God doesn't measure a man by the size of his hat,
Or the shoes of his feet.
He measures a man by his daily walk,
At home and on the street.

He doesn't measure a man by the size of his farm
Nor the size of his bankroll,
He measures a man by the love in his heart.
And the purity of his soul.

We were all made in the image of God
Whether we be large or small.
But just how, will we measure up
When we answer that final Call?

Submitted by
Paul G. Mercer

TEMPLE LOT LOCAL NEWS

Independence, Missouri

Greetings to all Brothers and Sisters of the Church of Christ. At our September 1st business meeting we elected the following for our local church officers: Pastor, Bro. Leslie Case; Secretary, Sr. Caroline Hedrick; Treasurer, Bro. Virgil Rudd; Reporters, Sisters Judy Sprague and Margaret Gill; Chorister, Sr. Kay Matthews; Pianists, Sisters Grace Rudd and Nola Kay Matthews.

The local Sunday School held its annual business meeting on August 25th. They too, elected new officers for the coming year. They are as follows: Superintendent, Bro. Denver Chapman; Asst. Superintendent, Bro. Marvin Case; Secretary, Sr. Silvia Siebel; Asst. Secretary, Sr. Donna Gill; Treasurer, Sr. Lovita Reed; Pianists, Sr. Nola Kay Matthews and Manon Chapman; Chorister, Sr. Dorothy Ann Denham.

We have heard the following speakers in the last month: Brethren Denver Chapman, LeRoy Wheaton, Glenn Gill, Vance Harris, August Schwegler from St. Louis, Missouri, and Harvey Bell from Grand Junction, Colorado. They all gave us much food for thought, admonishing us in the ways of our Lord.

We are happy to welcome into the fellowship of Christ, our young Brother, Mike Matthews, who was baptized on August 23rd. Brother Clarence Wheaton officiated, with Brethren Richard Wheaton and LeRoy Wheaton assisting at the Laying on of Hands.

From Preston, Missouri, we received the news of the car accident of Bro. Oren and Sr. Esther Caviness, parents of Sister Velma Wheaton of Independence. Bro. and Sr. Joe Yates, former Independence residents, were with them. Sr. Grace Rudd was also an accident victim at a different time and location, but we are happy to report all are doing well.

Sr. May Namur is reported in the hospital. Our prayers are for her. Sisters Mary Lee Richardson and Bea Green were released from the hospital and are reported doing better. Sr. Lovita Reed is ill with hepatitis, but is reported improving. Our prayers are for all who are ill, that God's healing hand might rest on them.

Our thanks go out to God for His blessing on behalf of Sister Marion Sprague, and little Danielle Sprague who was in the hospital.

Bro. and Sr. Glenn Gill are now residing in Peculiar, Missouri, where he is teaching school. Sr. Judy Sprague and family are residing in Independence, while Bro. Jack Sprague is stationed at Ft. Benning, Ga. We wish to express our thanks for the warm welcome given us upon our arrival in Independence.

Your sisters in Christ,

Judy Sprague and Margaret Gill

GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO

Reunion and Local News

After a very active and enjoyable summer of traveling, visiting, entertaining visitors, etc., I find myself settled into the routine of another school year. I also found myself elected Church reporter on returning home. I am sorry to be so tardy in reporting our reunion but many duties pressed, as is not unusual when home duties have been neglected for some time.

Our pastor, Bro. Marvin Ely, and family enjoyed a vacation trip and visit to Oregon to see Sr. Ely's brother and family. They, also, returned just prior to our reunion. Bro. and Sr. T. R. Ely were busy harvesting their early peaches just before and during that time, so we were very busy preparing for the meals to be served during the reunion and making arrangements to care for our expected guests. We were happy to greet so many Brothers and Sisters and sorry that some, who had planned to come, were unable to do so.

Our meetings began at 9 o'clock each morning. The three hours until noon went by very quickly in prayer and testimony services. On Sunday, the Sacrament was also served. We enjoyed the Spirit to a goodly degree and in the first meeting a tongue was given through Bro. Tom Barton, Sr. After a season of prayer, the interpretation was given by Bro. Jordan. As it seems timely to the whole Church, we give it as it was afterwards written by Bro. Jordan:

"My first impression is that we have been given a word of warning.

"Open your eyes that you may see. Unstop your ears that you may hear, for thus saith the Spirit. I have already begun to bring to pass a fulfillment of prophecy already given showing forth my power in the disasters that are coming upon the peoples of the earth. They shall come from the heavens above and the earth beneath. The elements will be loosed, even all the elements that I have created. Come ye out of Babylon that ye be not a partaker of her plagues."

The afternoon and evening hours were occupied by visiting ministry, each bringing us timely messages. We all felt that Bro. Jordan brought us a spiritual message on Friday afternoon, and we especially appreciated his effort. He made it clear that he has been given a message to carry. In his sermon, he stressed that we go back to the early gospel teachings and cease to go on in the traditions of men.

Bro. Ray Bryant occupied the evening hour, and his happiness in the gospel was so apparent that it was an inspiration to see and hear him as he recalled many experiences of his many years in its fold.

Again on Saturday morning, we were privileged to hear many testimonies of God's goodness and prayers in behalf of those who desire to serve Him; and that this Church of Christ may be led by His

Spirit into all truth and righteousness. We wish it were possible to share this spiritual food in detail, but this report would grow too lengthy.

Bro. Wheaton occupied the afternoon hour with many reminders from the Scriptures on faith (miracles being wrought by faith), the need of a broken heart and contrite spirit, Daniel's vision being fulfilled, etc. After this service, we made our way to the nearby canal where we were made happy to see two young souls enter the "straight and narrow gate" through the waters of baptism. They are the young daughter, Rita, and son, Randy, of Bro. and Sr. Jim Shaw.

In the evening, Bro. Smith recalled many historic events to our minds in the fulfilling of prophecy. He took us through the events of the apostasy of the early Church, the fulfilling of Daniel's vision, and the events of our day when men even boast of bombing heaven, portraying the wickedness of our day. He concluded with the warning that our time to prepare for Christ's coming is growing short.

Sunday morning, Rita and Randy were confirmed and several requested administration for healing. Our prayers are with each one that they are receiving the blessings as they stand in need.

Bro. Sheldon brought the afternoon sermon. He, also, reminded us again of our duties toward God, that He is light and that only through Christ comes salvation, that His power overcomes the devil and we must abide in Him.

Our last sermon of the 1964 reunion was given by Bro. Don McIndoo on Sunday evening. He cited evidence of the truth of the Book of Mormon as found, even in our day, by men of science. Therefore, men who desire to know the truth can see it in the world about them. He called to our attention how many religious leaders of this day explain away the miracles that are recorded in the Scriptures. But they are one of the gifts of the gospel as promised to them that believe, and we are to "covet earnestly the gifts."

We lingered over our farewells after this service, being sorry to be parted, for a time, from the Brothers and Sisters whose association we enjoyed and whose presence brought a reward for the efforts of our local to have the reunion. For they brought of their faith, hope, knowledge and experiences in the truth of the gospel to add to ours and we are all strengthened thereby. And above all, we felt that the Lord added His blessing.

We of the local extend our thanks to Bro. and Sr. Marvin Ely for the use of their home and facilities for serving the reunion meals. We know that their beautiful, shady lawn was much appreciated by our visitors, many of whom had come a great distance. We hope we miss none as we attempt to list them. Apostles Tom Barton, William Sheldon, A. M. Smith,

T. J. Jordan and C. L. Wheaton were here. Bro. Smith was accompanied by Sr. Smith and daughter, Lorraine Welton. Sr. Wheaton and grandson, Mike Matthews, came with Bro. Wheaton. Others were: Bro. and Sr. Tony Grzincic and two daughters from Michigan; Bro. and Sr. Glenn Gill and little son from Wisconsin; Bro. Vance Harris, Bro. and Sr. Virgil Rudd and two children, and Bro. and Sr. Harold Gill and sons from Independence; Bro. and Sr. John Jones and two children, and Bro. and Sr. Hubert Yates, Jr. and two small children from Phoenix; Bro. Tom Barton, Jr. from Canon City, Colorado; Sr. Goldie Hepler from Boulder, Colorado; and Bro. and Sr. D. Ray Bryant from Cowgill, Missouri.

Bro. and Sr. Leslie Case and family, Bro. and Sr. Marvin Case and family, and Bro. and Sr. James Hedrick and family of Independence were not able to enjoy all of the reunion with us as their vacations did not begin until that weekend. The family of Lowell Larsen from Gurley, Nebraska were not with us until Saturday evening. Bro. and Sr. Rhondal Shaw, formerly of our local, came from Louisburg, Missouri. Bro. and Sr. Don McIndoo and family were spending part of their summer vacation here with Betty's parents and had their plans made to be present for the reunion.

This report would not be complete without reference to the entertainment our local young people offered their visitors. All attended each service during the three days and then arose early (4 o'clock) on Monday morning to have an early breakfast on the foothills near. Many of our visitors left for their homes that day. A few even needed to leave after the Sunday evening service to be in time to return to work.

Several families were able to continue visiting in this area the following week. After the Sunday morning services on August 16, we all met at a country community building, with some relatives and friends of Bro. and Sr. Shaw, for a covered dish dinner. After a delicious dinner, to which all did justice, had been cleared away and tables and seats put in their places, we enjoyed an hour and a half of old-fashioned "singing." It was the same building where a farewell dinner had been given Bro. and Sr. Shaw before they moved to Missouri one and a half years ago. So it was a happy reunion and much enjoyed as old friends renewed acquaintance and new friends were made.

Bro. Marvin Case occupied the morning preaching service that day and Bro. Leslie Case gave us the evening sermon. Bro. Marvin reminded us our duty and privilege to study the Scriptures and that by so doing its truths become ours, that we may know good from evil. We are given the Holy Ghost to lead us into the truth and understanding and be an abiding comforter, but we must work hard to know and do right. Bro. Leslie drew our attention to the Scriptures that tell us God's promises are only to those who

endure to the end; and that God has laid down exacting requirements to the people who would be saved and laid up severe punishment for those who are disobedient.

Our visitors have all returned to their respective homes to take up their regular duties. The last of these to leave was Sr. Rena Bell who had visited with the Harvey Bells for several weeks. She had also visited two other sons with us this summer. Her eldest and family live in northwest Nebraska and the youngest and family are in the Grand Teton park in Wyoming. She appreciates this pleasure very much as she is nearing her 91st birthday.

Our local orchard owners are now busy with the main peach harvest. It is a demanding time so that our members are fewer in our services than usual. Our local ministry have given us good sermons and we realize that we are given ample opportunity to have understanding of our times and our duties. We pray God's blessing upon all His people that we may be able to do His will and endure to the end.

Alvina C. Bell, Reporter

I fear the plutocracy of wealth; I revere the aristocracy of learning; but I thank God for the Democracy of the human heart.

William Jennings Bryan
CHEER

ALL GOD'S PEOPLE

All God's people, gather round,
A message I must bring;
The time is soon to come to pass,
When all God's children will sing.

Sing praises to His mighty name,
God's Son will soon return;
The secrets of both Heaven and Earth,
Are shortly to be learned.

God's children from long ages gone,
Are soon to reunite;
Glorious works will come to pass,
All mysteries come to light.

And Christ shall reign on earth with us,
Oh what joy to behold;
Then we will live the life with Christ,
As prophesied of old.

All God's people prepare thyselfes,
Oh don't be left behind;
Gather with the Saints of old,
All God's children so fine.

By Janice Hansen
Hammond, Indiana

COMPLICATIONS

Life can get **So complicated**
 In this advanced . . . modern age,
 when **we** become **SO** permeated
 With the acts upon life's stage.
 Atomic Energy . . . that Ultra Modern
 That has made such change in life,
 Can give health of man . . . an upturn,
OR . . . create unheard of strife.
 Huge aircraft . . . like a railroad car
 Floats easily . . . through the air,
 Making trips to cities . . . **off afar**
 An hourly affair.

This entire world . . . has become **So** bent
 On scientific research,
 They **even** forget **This** Life was lent,
 As man puts **himself** . . . on a perch
 Feeling . . . **It's HE** . . . controls the Atom
 That it's **HIS** brain . . . perfects these things,
 And when **HE** says . . . "**UP And At Em.**"
 All power . . . **into play** . . . **He** brings.
 The most powerful thing in the world . . .
 is **He**
 At least . . . in his own little brain,
 But **OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN** . . . can **ALL**
POWERFUL . . . BE
And man's tears will fall . . . like rain.

Life **will** become **SO** complicated
 He will not know where to turn,
 And he, himself . . . be frustrated
 In what he **tries** . . . to learn.
 There'll be more nervous breakdowns
 Of Scientists . . . Chemists and such,
That can be cared for . . . in hundreds
of towns,
 As man tries to learn . . . **TOO MUCH.**
 It is prophesied so . . . in **THE BOOK OF**
LIFE,

That . . . **AS IT NEARS THE LATTER**
DAYS,
 The actions of man . . . creates untold strife,
 As he walks . . . his own perverse ways.

By Harry S. Tordoff

The most unproductive, empty, fruitless fellow in the world is the man with a barren heart. Happiness can never reach him, for nothing good and lasting can lodge in his heart. It is solid as a billiard ball. Contrast this man with his barren heart with the human that plays the game of life fairly and honestly and is willing to make others happy by his own sacrifices.

F. D. Van Amburgh
 CHEER

People do not lack strength; they lack will.—Victor Hugo.

IN A LIFETIME

During one's lifetime a person may be rated by the number who serve him, but after his passing he is measured by the number he served.

Napoleon made himself master of France and most of Europe by the power of his marching legions, but Louis Pasteur made himself the servant of France and the world in fighting the germs of disease, and the serving Pasteur outlives Napoleon.

Mussolini dominated Italy for a decade, and was dishonored. Signor Marconi put his electrical wizardry at the service of his nation and the world and is still honored in the world's Hall of Fame.

The Communists go into the Congo to divide and dominate, while Schweitzer devotes his life to healing the natives of Africa.

"Whosoever would be great among you let him be your servant."

TALENTS

Grandfather's (James E. Yates) sermon this morning was the inspiration for this editorial. His sermon was about cause and effect. He told us that the harvest that the world could expect for 1947 was the direct result or effect of what it **has** done and **is** doing now. He went on to say there wasn't much we could do to change the events of the world but the most important thing is what we are sowing for our own harvest.

He said the world is sick, and the thought struck me that our church is also sick. It's true we can't do anything about the world's sickness, but there certainly is something we can do for our ailing church!

Grandpa said we can't point our finger at Russia or any country and say that they are wholly righteous and without blame. Neither can we point our finger at any person in this room tonight and say they are wholly righteous and without blame.

It's true that in this group there are no rich to oppress the poor, but our sin is of a different brand. We have spent too much time and energy gratifying personal ambitions and far too little of time and effort in group and church activity. And what a lot of fun we're missing because of it!

We have a brand new year in front of us, let's make more of it than we did in 1946! Did you and you and you do as much in 1946 as you could to make our church activities good and wholesome and fine? Then let's resolve at the beginning of this new year to make it a better one than last.

Have you a talent to sing? Then sing that song! For many beautiful inspirations have come from the sentiments of a song to make our lives better.

Have you a small talent to use a musical instru-

ment? Don't be selfish, practice on us, we'd love it! It has been said that music hath charm to soothe the savage beast. Well, it also has power to soothe us from this noise and hurry and worry of an over-civilized age—for life today is far more complex than what the savage ever knew. So there should be a greater demand for the soothing strains of music.

Have you a talent to write or speak or to dramatize? Then use those talents to our good and yours as well. For a talent used develops and grows.

Some people have an artistic ability. Have you? Then use it to make our church and grounds more attractive. We need you, we want you and we'll welcome your help.

Some people have a good business ability. Have you? Then we welcome your suggestions and help to finance the projects we need out here.

Some people have the ability to teach. Have you? We have the lessons of the greatest teacher in the world to relay to people who need to be taught.

Have you an influence on your friends—then use it in keeping them coming to church and in doing good things.

Have you a knack for planning and directing parties and social get-togethers for wholesome entertainment for all? Then for goodness sake use it!

We all have talents that we're not using. Let's don't be like the people grandad told us about in his sermon, people who regarded the wind and the cloud and did nothing. We **will** have wind that will blow things down and we **will** have clouds that will send down pouring rains. But that's no reason to stay our hands and refuse to plant.

Dr. Frank Crane says:

You have as much sense as the next man, use it. You have two good hands, two good eyes, and two good ears. Your liver and lights are in good working order. Use them!

You have as good an education as Rockefeller had. You have as many funny experiences as George Ade. You have a pen and as much paper as Rudyard Kipling. All the wide seas want ships, where is your ship? What seems to be your trouble? What do you mean you have no chance? Opportunities knuckles are all skinned from knocking at your door.

"TAIN'T"

Tain't what we have,
But what we give,
Tain't where we are,
But how we live,
Tain't **what** we do,
But **how** we do it—
That makes this life
Worth goin' through it.

I don't believe in reading fortunes by the stars. But the star of Bethlehem predicts your destiny and mine for 1947.

If we work hard in January and throughout the year, we'll have a good harvest in December.

I'd like to write an editorial in January 1948 and be able to list numerous accomplishments that we have made during 1947!

Sweet peas planted in September are in gorgeous bloom by Christmas or the first of the year. Let's plant seeds of renewed church activity, and water and care for them during the year and see what our gorgeous December harvest will be.

Let's each one of us here tonight, personally and collectively, highly resolve to make 1947 a banner year of achievement.

Written by Velma Caviness Wheaton
in Phoenix, Arizona in January, 1947
for the Local Young Peoples' paper.

CHOICE BITS

Patience is the possession of great souls.
Before you flare up at anyone's faults, take time to count ten—ten of your own.

JUST THINKING

This being national election year, I love to read over and over again the inspiring words of Sir William Jones, the English Patriot. Just see: "What constitutes a State? Not high raised battlement, or labored mound, thick wall, or moated gate; not cities, proud with spires and turrets crowned, nor bays and broadarmed ports, where, laughing at the storm, rich navies ride, nor starred and spangled courts. No!—men, high-minded men with powers as far above all brutes endowed as beasts excel cold rocks and brambles; men, who their duties know, but know their rights, and knowing, dare maintain! These constitute a State."
—Sir Oracle.

The wages of sin is death.—Rom. 6:23.

The way of transgressors is hard. Proverbs 13:15.

Religious contention is the devil's harvest. La Fontaine.

I pray thee, O God, that I may be beautiful within.
—Socrates

Life is not complex if you walk straight.

NOTICE

Report on the count of the Referendum Bills for 1964.

Bill No. 1, 190 For, 144 Against.

Bill No. 2, 223 For, 112 Against.

Bill No. 3, 205 For, 130 Against.

Respectfully submitted

Referendum Committee

Ora Derry, Rolland L. Sarrat, Forest E. Maley

Report on the results of the Referendum Bills.

Bill No. 1, interpretation on Bishops Court.

Requires two thirds majority to carry. Lost.

Bill No. 2, Duties of General Church Secretary

Requires simple majority to carry. Carried

Bill No. 3, Duties of Referendum Committee.

Requires two thirds majority to carry. Lost.

Respectfully submitted,

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OBITUARY

Priscilla Jane Allen was born May 20th, 1908. She was baptized into the Church of Christ July 24th, 1924. She died at the Church Village Hospital August 13th.

Sister Allen was the wife of Elder George Allen who was killed at Cum Colliery January 1961.

She leaves to mourn her departure, her son Charles of Gilfach Goch and a daughter Jenny of Chigwell Essex and 7 lovely grand children.

Sister Allen was known to the missionaries of the church as they used to stay at her home, 19 Wood St., Gilfach, Goch, she was loved by all who knew her, her home was always open to the missionaries and members.

The funeral was conducted by Elder Silvanus Mason with interment at Trane Cemetery, Tonyrefail.

Obituary

Andrew W. Shanks born April 17, 1879 At St. Joseph, Missouri, departed from this life Aug. 22, 1964.

He left to mourn his departure three children, Homer Shanks of Keril, Kentucky; Charles Shanks of Portland, Oregon; Thelma Schwegler of St. Louis, Missouri, and three step children, Irvin Graham of Los Angeles, Cal.; James Graham of Des Moines, Iowa; Minervi Comegys of St. Louis, Missouri, and grandchildren.

He was united with the Church of Christ June 25 1950. Baptized by Elder Lawrence S. Nichols in the waters of St. Louis, Missouri, and latter was ordained to the Priesthood April 29, 1953 by R. R. Robertson and assisted by Alton B. Shankle. He was a faithful member to the end. He will be missed here at the Chamber Park Church, here in St. Louis.

The funeral was conducted by Elder Harvey Seibel.

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