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POETRY

ENGLAND, MY ENGLAND.

What have I done for you,
England, my England?
What is there I would not do.
England, my own?
With your glorious eyes austere,
As the Lord were walking near,
Whispering terrible things and dear,
As the Song on your bugles blown.
England—
Round the world on your bugles blown!

Where shall the watchful sun,
England, my England,
Match the master work you've done,
England, my own?
When shall he rejoice agen
Such a breed of mighty men
As come forward, one to ten.
To the Song on your bugles blown.
England—
Down the years on your bugles blown?

Ever the faith endures,
England, my England:
'Take and break us: we are yours,
England, my own!
Life is good and joy runs high
Between English earth and sky:
Death is death; but we shall die
To the Song on your bugles blown.
England—
To the stars on your bugles blown!'

They call you proud and hard,
England, my England:
You with worlds to watch and ward.
England, my own!
You whose mail'd hand keeps the keys
Of such teeming destinies.
You could know nor dread nor ease
Were the song on your bugles blown,
England—
Round the pit on your bugles blown!

Mother of ships whose might,
England, my England,
Is the fierce old Sea's delight,
England, my own.
Chosen daughter of the Lord.
Spouse-in-Chief of the ancient Sword.
There's the menace of the Word
In the Song on your bugles blown.
England—
Out of heaven on your bugles blown!

—W. E. Henley.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Trouble is God's schoolmaster, and they who undertake to play truant will be caught.—Henry Ward Beecher.

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That which is of God is light; and he that receiveth light and continueth in God, receiveth more light, and that light groweth brighter and brighter until the perfect day.

—*Doctrine and Covenants 50: 24.*



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THIS WEEK'S COVER

WHAT are you doing for the children in your locality? The Primary organisation of the Church exists for the development of the minds of the 'men and women of tomorrow' along the finest channels. Take advantage of this and train your children to think rightly, walk nobly, and act righteously. (See page 736.)

Prophetic Pattern Of Things To Be

By NEPHI JENSEN



Elder Jensen

FREQUENTLY someone steps up to me and unceremoniously asks, "What do you think of the war now."

The question is almost too baffling and bewildering to think about. The present ghastly, world conflict is so vast and varied in its political, economic and social implications; and so involved and extended in its international relationships, that it would take a super-mind to form any coherent and comprehensive idea even of what will happen tomorrow.

There is however an angle from which the war can be studied with profit; that is the point of view of what inspired prophets have foretold, regarding the pattern of things to be, in the Saturday night of the world.

What light does prophecy shed on the world's present dark night? Today, this is a most vital question.

We get pretty definite answer to this question in the study of the prophetic destiny of the Jews. These people are the most distinctive of all races of men, from a prophetic point of view. They have lived next door neighbours to peoples of all religions; but they have never lost their original Judahism. A Jew is just as distinctively a Jew today, as he was when Jerusalem was destroyed, and the Hebrew race commenced to be scattered like chaff among all the nations of the earth.

There are on record some very definite predictions of what should befall this people at the end of the world. By weaving together the threads of these prophecies, we get quite a coherent pattern of things to be.

One of the earliest of these prophetic threads is found in the thirtieth chapter of Deuteronomy. In that chapter we read:

"That then the Lord thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations, whither the Lord thy God hath scattered thee.

"And the Lord thy God will bring thee into the land which thy father's possessed."

A significant, modern, prophetic thread is woven into our pattern by the story of the dedication of Palestine for the gathering of the Jews.

On the 24th day of October, 1841, Elder Orson Hyde, then of

the Council of the Twelve, stood on the Mount of Olivet, and in solemn, inspired language dedicated the Holy Land as the final gathering place of the Jews. In the preserved, dedicatory prayer, a blessing was pronounced upon the nation that should take an active part in the restoration of "Abraham's Children" to their promised land. To quote:

"Let that nation or that people who shall take an active part in behalf of Abraham's children, and in the raising up of Jerusalem, find favour in Thy sight. Let not their enemies prevail against them, neither pestilence or famine overcome them, but let the glory of Israel overshadow them, and the power of the highest protect them; while that nation or kingdom that will not serve in their glorious work must perish, according to Thy word—'Yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted' . . ."

Another modern thread is woven into the pattern by a prediction made by Elder Hyde, regarding the nation that should "stretch forth its arm," in gathering the Jews back to Palestine. On the 18th of January, 1842, Orson Hyde wrote a letter to Parley P. Pratt, who was then Editor of the "Millennial Star," and ventured a distinct prophecy, regarding the nation that should be the divine agency in bringing about the gathering. To quote:

"It was by political power and influence that the Jewish nation was broken down, and her subjects dispersed abroad; and I will here hazard the opinion, that by political power and influence they will be gathered and built up; and further, that England is destined in the wisdom and economy of heaven to stretch forth the arm of political power and advance in the front ranks of this glorious enterprise."

Still another thread is woven into our pattern by the Prophet Joseph Smith, in his interpretation of the "Two Witnesses," mentioned in the 11th chapter of Revelation. He tells us they are two prophets, who are to prophesy in latter day Jerusalem. To quote: "They are two prophets that are to be raised up to the Jewish nation in the last days, at the time of the restoration, and to prophesy to the Jews, after they are gathered, and build the city of Jerusalem, in the land of their fathers."

We discover a final significant thread in this divine pattern in the 133rd Section of the Doctrine and Covenants:

"And he [Jesus] shall utter his voice out of Zion, and he shall speak from Jerusalem, and his voice shall be heard among all people, and it shall be a voice as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder, which shall break down the mountains, and the valleys shall not be found."

Now let us look at the pattern woven together of all these threads. By doing so, we get a very definite and comprehensive idea of some things that are to be; and that will be; regardless of how social forces of a maddened world may swirl and clash and erupt.

- (1) The Jews are to return to Jerusalem;
- (2) Great Britain is the divine agency in bringing about the restoration of the Jews to their home land;

- (3) Great "tribulation" is to come upon the Jews in the last days;
- (4) The Jews will rebuild Jerusalem;
- (5) Two Jewish prophets are to be raised up in the rebuilt Jerusalem, who are to prophesy to the Jews;
- (6) And finally Jesus Christ will personally visit that city in the last days, and speak from that place to the nations.

Are these significant predictions, regarding the shape of things to be, in the world's Saturday night, coming true? The answer is being written, today, with blood and tears, in the dust of crushed nations and crumbling institutions. The Jews are being gathered back to the land of their fathers. At the close of the first world war there were only 4,000 Jews in Palestine. At the present time there are over 400,000 Hebrews in the Holy Land.

The Nazi relentless and ruthless persecution of the Jews is turning their hearts to the land of Abraham.

Great Britain is, and has been, the divine agency in making possible the restoration of the Jews to their inheritance. December 11th, 1917, the British General, Sir Edmund Allenby, conquered Jerusalem. Right after his triumphal entry into that city he published a proclamation, declaring a beneficent attitude towards the Jews and other religionists who hold the city in reverent regard.

"Since your city is regarded with affection by the adherents of three of the great religions of mankind and its soil has been consecrated by the prayers and pilgrimages of multitudes of devout people of these three religions for many centuries, therefore, do I make it known to you that every sacred building, monument, holy spot, shrine, traditional site, endowment, pious bequest, or customary place of prayer of whatsoever form of the three religions will be maintained and protected according to the customs of those to whose faith they are sacred."

In 1920 the government of the Holy Land was given to Great Britain; and since that time, through the friendliness of the British, Palestine has been a haven of rest for the persecuted Jews.

The Jews are rebuilding Jerusalem in literal fulfilment of the age old divine decree. The city already is taking on a splendid modern appearance; and boasts a full fledged Jewish University.

The literal fulfilment of these prophecies furnishes conclusive evidence of their divine origin; and gives positive assurance of a pattern of things known from the beginning by the One who shapes the destiny of men and nations.

Deep in unfathomable mines
Of never failing skill,
He treasures up his bright designs
And works His sovereign will.

What of the unfulfilled portions of these prophecies? The literal and dramatic accomplishment of the things decreed for

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Home Missionaries' Page

REMEMBER THE WORTH OF SOULS IS GREAT IN THE SIGHT OF GOD."

"WHEREFORE, YOU ARE CALLED TO CRY REPENTANCE UNTO THIS PEOPLE."

"AND IF IT BE SO THAT YOU SHOULD LABOUR ALL YOUR DAYS IN CRYING REPENTANCE UNTO THIS PEOPLE, AND BRING, SAVE IT BE ONE SOUL UNTO ME, HOW GREAT SHALL BE YOUR JOY WITH HIM IN THE KINGDOM OF MY FATHER."

Every Missionary of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is sent forth to minister and preach the Restored Gospel of our Lord and Saviour.

We will consider now the project of every Missionary in regard to selling and giving the "Stars" while tracting.

Every week we receive orders from our Missionaries for additional supplies. "Please send us this week one dozen 'Stars' each." "From next week we hope to increase our sales to 24 each." These, you may say, are exceptions. You are right. Very few Missionaries have made the "Star" their "inseparable companion," but those who have, are extremely happy. One Lady Missionary (full time) remarked at one of the Conference meetings, that she could not sell "Stars." She was advised to try again: she was encouraged to persevere. The following week a letter was received from her: "Dear President, I sold 18 'Stars.'"

Why not decide upon your own campaign of selling "Stars." Young people today are interested in literature. Try it among your business associates. Be determined, optimistic; have faith in your own ability. In your prayer in the morning, don't forget to say: "Father, you were a great help to me yesterday; I sold three "Stars." Please help me today to sell three more." Have faith in His helping you. Take the copies with you; think how you may achieve your object. Write and tell me if the Lord has failed you in your own very hard efforts to fulfil your missionary assignment of selling "Stars."

GIVE AWAY OLD "STARS," BUT SELL THE NEW ONES. Write to the Circulation Dept. and order, say, three "Stars" to be sent to you every week for just one quarter. You will be amazed with your own success if you really put your mind and heart into this project.

EVERY MISSIONARY KEEPS A DIARY. KEEP IT FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR GRANDCHILDREN. WHEN THEY GO ON A MISSION YOU WILL BE ABLE TO TELL THEM WHAT YOU DID WHEN YOU WERE A MISSIONARY; HOW MANY "STARS" YOU HAVE SOLD! IT'S A GRAND FEELING TO BE SUCCESSFUL. REMEMBER, MY FELLOW MISSIONARY, YOU ARE A SUCCESS IF YOU WORK HARD ENOUGH.

A. K. A.

For The Young Folk

DID YOU FORGET ?

Ere you leave your room each day,
 Kneel beside your bed, and pray.
 God the Father will be there
 And will listen to your prayer;
 Ask Him, as you kneel, my dear,
 To keep you safe from harm and fear.

Ere you go to bed each night
 Again ask God to be your light;
 Thank Him for His blessings kind;
 Health and strength and peace of mind.
 He will hear you, if you pray
 Earnestly, both night and day.

IT was breakfast time at the Jones' home, and young Alvin was enjoying a lovely big dish of porridge and listening to the radio at the same time.

"Did you say your prayers this morning, dear?" asked his mother.

"No, I forgot!" said Alvin, after swallowing a mouthful of porridge quickly, "but I don't know how God can hear me, anyway. He is such miles and miles away, and I have only a small voice you know."

"Yes, dear, I know," said mother, wisely, "but you can hear the radio, can't you?"

"Of course I can," Alvin replied, wondering what on earth the radio had to do with his prayers.

"That music you are listening to now," explained mother patiently, "is coming from a foreign land, many, many miles away, but it can be clearly heard in our home. Don't you see, Alvin, its just the same with your prayers. You can kneel and speak to God, even if you only have a small wee voice, and He can hear you just as clearly as you can hear the radio.

I am afraid that Alvin, along with lots of other boys and girls I know, was apt to forget his Father in Heaven sometimes. He was a very sensible boy though, and once his mother had reminded him, he never forgot again. Every morning and every night he kneels and thanks his Father in Heaven for his mother and his daddy, for his home and all the friends and possessions he loves. He is a very happy boy these days, because he never forgets his prayers. He always tries to do the things which will please God, because he knows that then he can ask for special blessings and his Heavenly Father will hear and answer his prayer, and give him all the things which will make him happy.

E. M. B.

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S PROBLEMS.

- (1) An earthly story with a heavenly meaning.
- (2) Because he was a Jew, and the Jews believe that pigs are unclean.
- (3) He only had the position of a servant, because he had already squandered away the inheritance which he had been given as a son.

L.D.S. Pen Friendship League

Under the direction of President A. K. Anastasiou



THE hands of friendship are reaching those who need them most. In the far-flung corners of our Empire and shores of friendly nations, our boys are thinking of their homes, their loved ones and some think of their sweethearts. Our Latter-day Saint boys in the service of their King and Country, in the midst of danger, stress and anxiety, think of their Church, of the happy times they used to have at home; going to Mutuels, Socials, and attending Services. Some of them have not been so active, perhaps not having the opportunity, but they do still think of their Church sometimes. Deep in their hearts they hold the testimony of the Restored Gospel and in the hour of need or danger they rely on it more than on any other source of comfort or solace. They need our efforts and interest to build them up spiritually and help them retain their faith in the midst of the world's strife, hatred and commotion.

Our L.D.S. Pen Friendship League is the link between those at home and those away. Every young Brother or Sister in the Forces or away on industrial work should keenly follow this idea of true friendship among the members of the Church, a project, peculiar, perhaps, to this Country, but fulfilling, nevertheless, a very urgent need of the present day.

Here is a letter from Brother George Warren:

"I think your L.D.S. Pen Friendship League is a grand idea, and I hope it will be a great success. In this part of England where I am stationed, Latter-day Saints are few and far between. I would very much like to correspond with a Sister of the Church of about my own age. I am 24 years old; have been a member of the Church for six years. I am a very keen film fan and love football. I hope there is a Sister who needs a pen-pal."—Cpl. G. Warren (R.A.F.), c/o British Mission Headquarters, 149 Nightingale Lane, London, S.W.12.

Some hearts go hungering through the world
 And never find the love they seek.
 Some lips with pride or scorn are curled
 To hide the pain they may not speak.
 The eyes may flash, the mouth may smile—
 And yet beneath them all the while
 The hungering heart is pining still.
 O eager eyes, which gaze afar,
 O arms which clasp the empty air,
 Not all unmarked your sorrows are,
 Not all unpitied your despair.
 Smile, patient lips, so proudly dumb—
 When life's tent at last is furled,
 Your glorious recompense shall come,
 O hearts that hunger through the world!

The recompense to a faithful heart of a manly or sweet Latter-day Saint shall not be denied. The promise is unto them that they shall fulfil the measure of their creation if they 'walk humbly and do justly.' And then the love they seek shall be unfurled, and lips shall utter praise, and heart shall sing a joyous song, and eyes shall flash divine faith.

A. K. A.

The Latter-Day Saints' "Millennial Star"

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EDITORIAL

What Is A Liberal Religion ?

THE word liberal, correctly used, has a noble meaning. The true liberal hates slavery of every kind. He battles for human freedom. He wants liberty in thought and action. He is tolerant, free from bigotry, and generous in all his deeds. He places truth above all else and hungers for full truth. He welcomes all new improvements and calls for more—the telegraph, electric light, telephone, printing press, typewriter, railroad, airship, radio. He insists that every new invention must be used for human welfare, with full respect to civil and moral law. In short, the liberal seeks to make better the day in which he lives, and he becomes therefore a crusader for the betterment of the human race.

Such a liberal, to accomplish his purpose, holds fast, without the least concession, to the convictions of his soul. He is anchored to the rock of truth, as he may see it. He never wavers from the basic, underlying principles of the cause, whether of church or state, to which he is committed. All the world knows how and where he stands.

His liberalism lies in his constant attempt to make the underlying unchanging principles of the cause he represents serve the changing conditions of the day. He may differ with the superficial conventions of the past, but not with its established truths. He may refuse to continue the church architecture of the past, but will insist that the ancient truths of the Gospel be taught in every building dedicated to worship. He may be forever seeking, under changing conditions, to make the doctrine of human brotherhood more effective in behalf of the needy. He is a believer who seeks to use his beliefs in every concern of his life.

Unfortunately, the word liberal is not now always properly used. It has been used, or misused, for so many purposes that its original meaning has largely vanished. Word-juggling, making a good word cover a doubtful or an ugly cause, is an

age-old pastime. Words are too often used as shields to hide or disguise truth. Many men are inclined to hide their true motives behind a word.

It is folly to speak of a liberal religion, if that religion claims that it rests upon unchanging truth. Neither can one be a liberal in religion except in the application of the underlying doctrine to human needs. It would be as preposterous as speaking of a liberal science, since science rests upon truthful observations of nature. It is only in the use of scientific discoveries that the word liberal may be used. One either accepts or rejects truth. There is no middle course.

Proponents of a liberal religion are probably not certain of the foundations of their own faith and characterize their distrust by the word liberal. They are doubters. For example, a Catholic or Protestant Christian who denies the literal resurrection of Jesus Christ, has no right to claim the title liberal. He is an agnostic to, or unbeliever in, a fundamental doctrine of the church.

It is well to beware of people who go about proclaiming that they or their churches are liberal. The probabilities are that the structure of their faith is built on sand and will not withstand the storms of truth. Usually, if they try to define their liberalism, the teeth of the wolf appear under the sheep's clothing.

Under the definition of true liberalism, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is pre-eminently liberal. First, it makes truth and love of truth its foundation. The whole latter-day work was initiated by Joseph Smith's search for truth. "In the midst of this war of words and tumult of opinions, I often said to myself: What is to be done? Who of all these parties are right . . . ?" Thus came the first great vision of Joseph Smith; and as a consequence of his search for truth came the other revelations, and the enduring light-giving structure of the Church. In his differences with the beliefs of the churches of his day, he did not seek cover under the name of an existing church. Instead he frankly formed another Church and fought out the issue on the basis of his own fundamental doctrine. It is understood that every worthy member of the Church must likewise seek and find truth for himself. Then, the Church recognizes that there is constant change on earth, but insists that every change must respect and use the basic doctrine of the Church, and must be for human good. It declares that men "live and move and have their being" under the law of progress. Change steps upon the heels of change in the unfolding of a progressive universe. The simple eternal truths of existence are combined and combined again, in different ways, but progressively, to serve man on his never-ending journey. It is much as the endless combination of the few numerical digits from simple to increasingly larger numbers. Members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints do not need to look elsewhere for a liberal Church.

—JOHN A. WIDTSOE

PROPHETIC PATTERN OF THINGS TO BE

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Israel, in so far as time has permitted, gives positive assurance that the unfulfilled predictions will come true in due time. The two Jewish prophets will arise and prophesy in Jerusalem; and finally our Saviour, the rightful sovereign of this world, will come to the rebuilt Jerusalem and speak from it to the nations.

The great English speaking nations of the world can take comfort in the fact that Great Britain is the nation designated by the Lord to restore the Jews to their homeland; and that because of the heavenly benediction pronounced upon her she will come through the present death struggle unconquered; and will continue to assist in the glorious restoration of the Jews to the land of their inheritance.



PERSONALS

CHRISTENSEN - SORENSEN — The "Star" reports with pleasure the marriage of Margaret Christensen to Elder Parry D. Sorensen on Saturday, July 12th, 1941. Readers

will remember Elder Sorensen for his excellent work accomplished while acting as Associate Editor of the "Star" during the administration of President Cannon.



SHORT — Robert Stanley Short was the name given by District President F. W. Oates to the infant son of Brother and Sister Stanley

Short of the West Hartlepool Branch on October 19th, 1941. The child was born on October 7th, 1941.



DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

London

A representative Priesthood group of the London District gathered at a meeting convened in the North London Chapel on Saturday, 25th October. The meeting was conducted by Elder A. J. Willmott of the District Presidency and addresses on the subject of Church Ordinances and Ceremonies were given by Acting Mission President A. K. Anastasiou and Elder James R. Cunningham.

Scottish

The tiny tots of the Glasgow Branch were invited to a Halloween Party in the home of Sister Macdonald. Notwithstanding difficulties in procuring food during the "ration times," the children had lots of sweets, oranges and apples.

Nine kiddies enjoyed exciting games under the direction of Primary Supervisor Sister Isabella Macdonald, assisted by Sisters Gladys Macdonald and Esther Reid. A flying visit was paid by District President A. B. McGowan and Elder Burton.

Activities in the Scottish rural districts continue under the direction of President A. B. McGowan and cottage meetings were held on Thursday, October 23rd, and Sunday, October 26th, in the homes of Brother and Sister Gates of Airdrie and Brother and Sister Buchanan of Stevenston, Ayrshire, respectively. Addresses were given on various phases of the Gospel, principle speakers being Missionary Elder Harry Dyson and President A. B. McGowan.

AUXILIARY SECTION

PRIESTHOOD

Under the direction of the Mission Presidency

OBLIGATIONS OF THE PRIESTHOOD.

Think what it means to hold keys of authority which—if exercised in wisdom and in righteousness—are bound to be respected by the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost! Do you honour this Priesthood? Do you respect the office and honour the key of authority that you possess in the Melchizedek Priesthood, which is after the order of the Son of God? Will you, who hold this Priesthood, profane the name of Deity? Would you be riotous, and eat and drink with the drunken, with the unbelieving and with the profane? Would you, holding that Priesthood, forget your prayers, and fail to remember the Giver of all good? Would you, holding that Priesthood, and possessing the right and authority from God to administer in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, violate the confidence and the love of God, the hope and desire of the Father of all of us? For, in bestowing that key and blessing upon you He desires and expects you to magnify your calling. Would you, as an Elder in the Church of Jesus Christ, dishonour your wife or your children? Would you desert the mother of your children, the wife of your bosom, the gift of God to you, which is more precious than life itself? For without the woman the man is not perfect in the Lord, no more than the woman is perfect without the man. Will you honour the Sabbath day and keep it holy? Will you observe the law of tithing and all the other requirements of the Gospel? Will you carry with you at all times the spirit of prayer and the desire to do good? Will you teach your children the principles of life and salvation so that when they are eight years old they will desire baptism, of their own accord?"

—President Joseph F. Smith.

FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE PRIESTHOOD MEMBERS IN EVERY BRANCH OF THE BRITISH MISSION.

The Lord never did intend that one man should have all power, and for that reason He has placed in His Church Presidents, Apostles, High Priests, Seventies, all of whom are essential in their order and place according to the authority bestowed on them. The Lord never did anything that was not essential or that was superfluous. There is a use for every branch of the Priesthood that He has established in His Church. We want every man to learn his duty, and we expect every man will do his duty as faithfully as he knows how, and carry off his portion of responsibility of building up Zion in the latter days.—Gospel Doctrine 220.

To the Priesthood of the British Mission we commend these words. Every male member, who has received the Aaronic or Melchizedek Priesthood, is an integral part of the Church Government and the Lord depends upon him to do his part, which must be done, if the whole Plan of Salvation is to be accomplished.

FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE DISTRICT PRESIDENCIES.

THE MISSION PRESIDENCY KINDLY REQUEST YOU TO ORGANIZE AND HOLD DISTRICT MONTHLY PRIESTHOOD MEETINGS (WHERE THESE ARE NOT FUNCTIONING) AND TAKE FOR YOUR STUDIES "THE PRIESTHOOD AND CHURCH GOVERNMENT," BY JOHN A. WIDTSON OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TWELVE. IN SOME DISTRICTS, ON ACCOUNT OF DISTANCE, THESE MEETINGS COULD BE HELD IN TWO SECTIONS ON DIFFERENT DAYS.

THE PRIESTHOOD OF THE CHURCH MUST BE TRAINED FOR IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE BRITISH MISSION.

PRESIDENT A. K. ANASTASIOU.

RELIEF SOCIETY

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Secretary - - - - -	Sister Miriam Mann

MEMBERS OLD, MEMBERS NEW,
ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND BY '42.

In five short months April will be upon us, bringing in her train the Relief Society Centennial. We are already receiving programmes from Zion for the celebrations. Please watch the "Star" for further information.

RELIEF SOCIETY PRESIDENTS.

We are very much encouraged by the reports we are receiving, and happy in the knowledge that much good work is being done. We realise the difficulties with which you are contending, rationing of food and materials, war work and black out restrictions, but **WE MUST INCREASE OUR MEMBERSHIP.** Most of your meetings are now being held in the afternoons, which makes it difficult for some of the Sisters to attend. Black out conditions, however, will not last forever, and you will soon be able to meet in the evenings again if you so desire. In the meantime, please help those Sisters who cannot attend in the afternoons, and encourage them to do their visiting and work as usual, and give in their reports and pay their donations when they meet you in the Sunday meetings. Please see that there is plenty of activity for your Sisters, whether knitting for the troops, Red Cross work, making over garments for refugees or, most important of all, visiting the sick and ministering to the poor. Organise a system in your Branch whereby you may visit all the Sisters, asking for their full co-operation in the upbuilding of your group. Remember: Charity never faileth.

E. M. B.

TEACHERS.

Be sure that your utmost efforts in study and preparation go into the lessons under your charge, making them interesting and instructive to all. "Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."—Galatians 6: 9.

GENEALOGY

Mission Genealogical Superintendent - James R. Cunningham

TEACHERS.

The lesson period is the kernel of the Genealogical Meeting; it is therefore important that the available time is used in the best possible manner. Here are some thoughts for teachers taken from a most useful book by Dr. Adam S. Bennion, "Principles of Teaching":

"In the first place the teacher believes what he teaches, there is no half-hearted attitude toward the subject in hand; to him it is both true and vital. He teaches with a positiveness and an assurance which grips pupils. When a man knows that which he teaches is true, there is a spirit that gives power to what he says, 'The letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.'

"He must be caught up by that same spirit that opened the heavens to the Prophet Joseph Smith—only then can he really teach. The Lord has so revealed: 'And they shall observe the Covenants and Church Articles to do them, and these shall be their teaching, as they shall be directed by the Spirit. And the Spirit shall be given unto you by the prayer of faith and if ye receive not the Spirit ye shall not teach.'—Doctrine and Covenants 42: 13, 14.

"And finally, as teachers let us remind ourselves that in this matter of promoting truth, some few individuals are converted suddenly; others respond to the truth gradually; and there are those who do well if they really respond to the feeling of conversion at the end of a life time. As one of our Leaders has so beautifully pointed out, the Master, Himself, did not convert the world in a day, not in a year. He has not converted it in all these centuries. His plan seems to be to teach the truth and wait patiently until the divinity in man asserts itself."

TEACHERS, help speed the day when all men of righteousness will realize the vital part they are called to play and become in very deed Saviours on Mount Zion by serving and saving their dead.

J. R. C.

PROGRAMME FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7th.

THEME: "Temples of Our Lord."

Hymn—Deseret S.S. Hymns No. 92, "Beautiful Zion, Built Above."
Prayer.

Scripture Reading.—Isaiah 42: 6, 7.

Talk—"Temples of the Old Testament."

Solo—"Sweet is the Work," Deseret S.S. Hymns No. 35.

Talk—"Modern Temples—Their History and Symbolism."

Hymn—Deseret S.S. Hymns No. 83, "O My Father."

Prayer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent - - - - Elder James R. Cunningham
First Assistant - - - - - Elder W. O. Chipping
Second Assistant - - - - Sister Winifred A. Osborn

PRELUDE:

First line, Song No. 289, Deseret Sunday School Songs.

SACRAMENT GEM:

Deseret Sunday School Songs No. 187, first verse.

"O Lord of Hosts, we now invoke,
Thy Spirit most divine,
To cleanse our hearts while we partake,
The broken bread and wine."

POSTLUDE:

Last line, same song.

Dear Sunday School Workers,

At this time of the year it is opportune to discuss and plan a Christmas Social or Treat for all Sunday School children. We are well aware that children look forward to, and much appreciate, a function of this kind, and in any case we feel the children should be rewarded for their efforts in Sunday School during the past year, and this occasion should hold their continued interest.

It is appreciated that times are difficult, but with special effort on the part of teachers and parents, small prizes could be purchased, and other things provided to make the affair successful. We have received many encouraging reports from Branches in the Mission, stating they have already staged successful outings and parties.

Rawmarsh, for instance, sends in the following:

"You will see by the monthly reports that we have increased our Sunday School attendance in our Branch. The children, all non-members, have been enrolled as Sunday School members when they have attended Sunday School four consecutive weeks.

Number enrolled several weeks ago .. 10.
Number now enrolled 30.

We have started a Penny a Week Fund for Sunday School prizes for the children, we have also given every child a Star Card and they are very interested. Every one of our new children are prompt in attending."
—John Snow.

Here are a few suggestions:

(1) A prize for every child; (2) Have children participate on the programme with singing, dancing, recitations, etc; (3) Arrange games suitable for young folk only; (4) Provide ample refreshments.

OBJECTIVE FOR DECEMBER:

WE MUST PLAN A CHRISTMAS SOCIAL FOR THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Note:

Sunday School Supervisors, remember November 30th is the closing date for determining winner of Sunday School District award. The Mission Board will be pleased to learn the result as soon as possible thereafter.

MISSION SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

M.I.A.

Y.M.M.I.A. Superintendent	- - -	Elder James P. Hill
Y.W.M.I.A. President	- - -	Sister Madeline E. Hill
Assistants	- - - - -	Elder Melvin W. Dunn
		Sister Louisa R. Lawman
Acting Executive Secretary	- - - - -	Mollie Smith

As intimated in the last Auxiliary Issue of the "Star" (October 9th), we present herewith details of an **ACHIEVEMENT SCHEME FOR M.I.A.'s** throughout the Mission. It has been planned with extreme care and consideration and, it is felt, is within the scope of any organisation. Designed to help maintain a high standard in the running of an M.I.A. in any Branch, if these separate achievements are kept within the vision of local leaders, it is certain that **MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT** will be the result. Here it is:

BRANCH ACHIEVEMENT.

1. For Officers' Prayer Meetings held regularly preceding ordinary sessions throughout the season 20 points
2. For **ALL** meetings started punctually on time .. 20 "
3. For 100% attendance regularly of enrolled membership throughout season 10 "
(Reducing proportionately, i.e., average attendance 90%, 9 points; 80%, 8 points; or 65%, 6½ points)
4. For 100% membership enrolled paid dues 10 "
(Reducing proportionately, i.e., 90%, 9 points; or 10%, 1 point)
(Last date for receipt of dues from any Branch, April 30th, 1942)

- 5. For **ALL SUNDAY CONJOINT MEETINGS HELD** 10 "
- 6. For at least one event held each month in accordance with Year-round Programme 10 "
 (For all but one held, 5 points; 2 points for any less number held.)
 (No credit can be taken for events held other than in the month scheduled.)
- 7. For **TEN NEW MEMBERS** enrolled during the season by April 30th, 1942 20 "
 (Reducing proportionately, i.e., 9 members, 18 points; down to 1 member, 2 points)

Total possible 100 points.

A **SPECIAL AWARD**, to be announced later, will be made to the Branch amassing the greatest number of points through the achievement of these standards. **GO TO IT!**

This the **YEAR-ROUND PROGRAMME OF EVENTS OF THE MONTH:**

NOVEMBER. Speech and Story Telling Night.

This may be made up of (competitive) speeches on a popular theme, re-told stories, debates and spelling bees. It should prove an excellent opportunity to see how well the recent series of lessons have improved us.

DECEMBER. Dance.
Old English Christmas Party.

JANUARY. New Year's Party.
Gold and Green Ball.

FEBRUARY. Valentine Party.
Dramatics Night.

MARCH. Choral Festival or
Music Concert.

APRIL. Honour Day.

MAY. **M.I.A. WAR-TIME SUPPER.**

A scheme has also been evolved for **INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT** which provides for everyone, be they talented in the fields of Speech, Music, Dramatics or Dancing. Thus, it will be considered an Achievement worthy of recognition if an M.I.A. member gives a **SPEECH** of not less than 10 minutes duration in a Sacrament meeting; in a Conjoint M.I.A. session; or at a Conjoint Genealogical session; and gives at least one **RE-TOLD STORY** on any M.I.A. occasion.

In the field of **DRAMATICS**, an award will be made for participation in any one, two or three act play (not sketch) or for the direction or stage management of same.

In the field of **MUSIC**, for an instrumental or vocal rendering before at least three audiences during the season or for being a member of a duet, trio, quartette, or chorus which performs a different number of each of three occasions.

In the field of **DANCING** for an individual exhibition of eccentric, tap or classical dancing or, with a partner, of at least two recognised dances or acting as M.C. at an M.I.A. dance.

To qualify for the above, a member must be a regular attendant at M.I.A. and **MUST NOT HAVE BEEN ABSENT ON MORE THAN FOUR OCCASIONS.**

For those who feel that they cannot achieve in any of the foregoing fields, there is an opportunity to win an award for **REGULAR ATTENDANCE** and **PUNCTUALITY AT EVERY MEETING.**

Certificates of Achievement will be awarded to everyone achieving in any of the above fields. They will bear the signatures of the Mission President and M.I.A. Leaders.

To any member who achieves in **ALL** the above fields and completes 100% attendance record, regularity and punctuality, a **SPECIAL CERTIFICATE** will be presented bearing the signatures of President Heber J. Grant and M.I.A. General Board members.

NOW—M.I.A. LEADERS AND WORKERS. On the strength of the information presented above, your first concern should be to arrange a special officers' meeting to discuss plans for the rest of the season. Outline clearly and boldly objectives to be reached and infuse the necessary enthusiasm into all your followers to **GET YOU THERE.** The lesson books and Executive manuals should be in your hands by now, and with the wealth of material in both you are amply supplied with your most urgent needs. The Board realises the possible difficulties to be encountered in the presentation of the Assembly Programmes and suggests (in keeping with the remarks made in the Guide) that you adapt the material to your conditions. We should like you to carry out what you can, however, and at least present a Preliminary Programme at every M.I.A.

It is most important that an **OFFICERS' PRAYER MEETING** be held preceding every M.I.A. meeting. **WITHOUT PREPARATION YOUR M.I.A. MEETINGS WILL NOT BE SUCCESSFUL. PREPARATION PRECEDES POWER!**

Membership cards will be in your hands this week. They are designed to accommodate a record of attendance and achievement. From the evidence on these cards, you will be judged for your Certificate Awards. Enter them carefully.

M.I.A. FOREVER!

LET'S GO TO MUTUAL!

PRIMARY

Acting Supervisor: Edna Gardner

OUR OBJECTIVE FOR THE MONTH:

Cheerfulness can become a habit, and habits help us overcome hard things.

MEMORY GEM:

He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.
—Proverbs 16: 32.

MONTHLY THEME:

Cheerfulness under all difficulties.

LESSON TOPIC:

See Young Folk's Page. Look up material on Self Control.

ZION'S BOYS AND ZION'S GIRLS

between 4 and 8 years of age.

Zion stands for the "Pure in Heart." Aim to be honest, truthful, dependable. Instead of telling the children what not to do, shew them what they should do.

Class Motto: "Be Honest." **Class Colours:** Red for courage, White for purity.

Memory Treasure Books should be kept by each child giving details of their activities. Symbol is a red shield with a white monogram, ZG or ZB. These can be made from felt or paper and awarded to the child when he or she can repeat the meaning of the symbol.

Each class should begin with prayer, one child saying it a few words at a time, and the class repeating after him. In this way the children are taught how to pray.

ARE YOU PLANNING A CHRISTMAS PARTY?

DON'T FORGET TO SEND IN YOUR REPORTS. REPORT BLANKS CAN BE OBTAINED ON REQUEST.

BRANCH PRESIDENTS: Please let me have the name and address of the Primary Mother in your Branch.

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