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GUATEMALA - EL SALVADOR MISSION

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Dear fellow workers in the gospel of Jesus Christ,

We wish to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for your fine messages of greeting which we have received from many of the missionaries. We are looking forward to our close association together over the next several months.

There are few assignments in the Church where the witness of the spirit of the Lord is as great as we find in missionary work. The Saviour during his three year ministry devoted most of his time to the work of a missionary which causes us to feel that our callings as missionaries takes a position of greatest concern in His heart.

Since our acceptance of this mission call, the Lord has planted into our lives a great seed of love and devotion towards the mission labor. Our earnest desire is to see this seed grow to full bloom.

"Men will work hard for money;
They will work harder for other men,
But men will work hardest of all,
When they are dedicated to a cause."

H. E. Fosdick

Our special concern must be to evaluate our cause,
define our goals, and labor with all diligence.

We pray the Lord will bless us to this end.

President David G. Clark

Sister Bonnie Clark

Dear Fellow Missionaries:

It has been said that endurance is the fifth principle of the gospel and indeed, without this important principle, the first four have very little significance. Endurance has in it the spirit of God himself. This spirit must needs be carried into every aspect of life and, to a much higher degree, into our activities as messengers of the Lord.

Life itself is a constant struggle to maintain in harmony the upbeats and downbeats which we all experience. The upbeats build confidence in one's self; however, the downbeats often cause discouragement and waste. When the downbeat strikes, missionary work becomes next to impossible for the person who has not developed to an effective degree this principle of endurance. Someone once said that the character of a man is not built while riding the incoming tide, it is built when he finds himself stuck in the mud of the low tide.

May we all work more diligently in the development of this important quality and remember when life looks dark and gloomy these words:

"If you see but your shadow,
Remember, I pray,
That the sun is still shining,
But you're in the way."

Elder Ronald M. Farley

Dear Fellow Missionaries:

Elder Sterling W. Sill said in one of his articles in the Church News, "Sometime ago I heard the head of a great sales organization say the no one can predict a person's sales success by knowing his intelligence quotient, or his educational background, or his heredity, or who his friends are, or even what his aptitude is. While all of these are important, yet the determining factor in every worthwhile success is a character quality that this man referred to as devotion.

The dictionary describes dedication as 'an eager inclination,' a 'strong attachment,' an 'ardent love,' a 'loyal affection,' an animated zeal,' and 'abiding fervor.' Above I.Q. and above aptitude and above education and above need, every good salesman and every good Christian and every good man should have a strong belief in the cause he represents and an unwavering commitment to do his job in the best way it can possibly be done."

Now, speaking about salesmen and missionary work indirectly are we "strongly attached" to the gospel? Are we showing "animated zeal" to do the work? Do we have "an unwavering commitment" to preach the gospel "in the best way it can possible be done"? Are we devoted enough to get up at 6:00 a.m.? Are we dedicated to go the extra mile? Are we eager to obey mission rules?

I pray that we may all be dedicated missionaries.

Elder Don M. Christiansen

best district

The district that proved best for the month of August was San Salvador #1 under the direction of an able district leader, Elder Dennis Frazier.-----CONGRATULATIONS!

CHALLENGE BAPTISMS %CHALLENGE MEN FAMILIES

8	13	162%	2	0
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<u>ELDERS</u>	<u>AVG. HRS.</u>	<u>BAPTISMS</u>	<u>LESSONS</u>
Elder Frazier--DL	72	12	65
Elder Flanders	71	12	63
Elder Simpach	59	1	43
Elder Southwick	59	1	43
Elder Campbell	53	0	19
Elder Jones	55	0	24

Special mention goes to Guatemala #1, San Salvador #1, Guatemala #7, San Salvador #3, Sonsonate, and Guatemala #5.

BIENVENIDOS

Jay A. Kohler
Shelley, Idaho
Comp: Steven Thorne

Paul Miles Pitcher
Smithfield, Utah
Comp: Dennis Taylor

TOP HOURS

Cloward	74	Fox	70	Johnson, P	68	Smith, Mike	66
Brower	72	Hardy	70	Lloyd	68	Speaker	66
Frazier, D	72	Flowe	69	Thornton	68	Stowell	66
Runyan	72	Massey	69	Nisonger	68	Crosby	65
Flanders	71	Davis, Dan	68	Dickson	67	Dever	65
García	71	Draper	68	Goldthwaite	67	Farson	65
Smith, Ron	71	Hamilton	68	Dean	66		

TOP LESSONS

Dickson	69	Flanders	63	Hoffman	57	Nisonger	53
Goldthwaite	69	Wamsley	61	Crosby	56	Lewis	52
Hamilton	67	Dean	59	Davis, Dan	56	Rudd	52
Smith, Mike	67	Dever	58	Blaser	55	Fox	51
García	66	Lemmon	58	Brower	55	McArthur	51
Frazier, D	65	Scheurich	58	Oswald	55	Smith, Ron	51
Flowe	63	Cazier	57	Stowell	55	Runyan	50

TOP BAPTISMS

Frazier	12	Farar	7	Thornton	6	Simonton	5
Hamilton	12	Dickson	6	Nisonger	6	Blaser	5
Flanders	12	García	6	Gonzalez	5	Beare	5
Flowe	12	Goldthwaite	6	Rencher	5	Housley	5
Smith, Russ	7	Lloyd	6	Sevy	5	Dever	5
						Lemmon	5

TOP FAMILIES BAPTIZED

Davis, Dan	2
Davis, Don	2
Farar	2
Felt	2
Massey	2
Stowell	2
Draper	2
Smith, Russ	2

TOP MEN BAPTIZED

Hamilton	3
Flowe	3
Smith, Russ	3
Farar	3

Milton Hanks
August 3, 1946

Arthur Pérez
August 13, 1947

David Fox
August 4, 1947

Elliot Crosby
August 14, 1946

Jerry Beare
August 4, 1946

Don Rencher
August 16, 1946

Don Christiansen
August 5, 1946

David Corrigan
August 22, 1944

Darryl Dunn
August 6, 1946

Gary Perkins
August 24, 1947

Keith Humpherys
August 8, 1946

Blaine Breinholt
August 25, 1946

Ralph Smith
August 8, 1947

Ronald Helquist
August 26, 1946

William Nelson
August 9, 1947

Robert Willardson
August 28, 1947

Kent Thornton
August 9, 1947

Norman Garrett
August 30, 1947

Dan Davis
August 12, 1946

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challenge results for

JULY

	0	25	50	75	100	125
Salvador # 2	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****162%
	men--2	families---	0	bap.---	13	
Salvador #3	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****105%
	men--6	families---	1	bap.---	21	
Guate. #1	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****100%
	men--4	families---	3	bap.---	15	
Guate. #5	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****100%
	men--3	families---	3	bap.---	10	
Guate. #7	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****100%
	men--5	families---	2	bap.---	10	
Salvador #1	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****100%
	men--3	families---	0	bap.---	10	
Sonsonate	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****100%
	men--3	families---	2	bap.---	5	
Guate. #3	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****80%
	men--5	families---	3	bap.---	8	
Guate. #6	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****73%
	men--3	families---	1	bap.---	8	
Office	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****63%
	men--0	families---	1	bap.---	5	
Salvador #4	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****63%
	men--4	families---	2	bap.---	12	
Mazatenango	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****58%
	men--3	families---	1	bap.---	7	
San Miguel	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****57%
	men--1	families---	0	bap.---	4	
Atitlán	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****50%
	men--2	families---	1	bap.---	5	
Xela	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****50%
	men--2	families---	0	bap.---	8	
Quiché	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****27%
	men--0	families---	0	bap.---	3	
Salvador #5	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****25%
	men--1	families---	0	bap.---	1	
Santa Ana	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****25%
	men--3	families---	0	bap.---	5	
Guate. #4	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****8%
	men--0	families---	0	bap.---	1	
Guate. #2	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****0%

CHALLENGE FOR AUGUST

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>CHALLENGE</u>	<u>NO. OF ELDERS</u>	<u>D.L.</u>
Guate. #1	9	6	Oswald
Guate. #3	12	8	Runyan
Guate. #4	12	8	Smith, S.
Guate. #5	12	10	Davis, Dan.
Guate. #6	13	10	Massey
Guate. #7	12	8	Farar
Guate. #9	12	6	Liechty
Office	8	6	Guymon
Mazatenango	12	6	Morales
Quezaltenango	14	10	Simonton
Quiché	10	6	Nelson, R.
Aritlán	10	10	Stone
Salvador #1	9	6	Dunn
Salvador #2	11	6	Thorne
Salvador #3	22	12	Frazier
Salvador #4	19	10	Corrigan
Salvador #5	4	8	García
Santa Ana	16	10	Hoffman
Sonsonate	5	4	Workman
San Miguel	7	4	Cluff

If your challenge is not correct notify Elder Christiansen

WHERE

Guatemala
Davenport Z.L.
Carpenter, D Z.L.C.

Guatemala #1
Oswald D.L.
Wilson
Garrett
Housley
Smith, C.V.
Smith, R.C.

Guatemala #9
Liechty D.L.
Gonzalez
Brower
McArthur
Fox
Smith, Ron

Guatemala #3
Runyan D.L.
Draper
Felt
Mercer
Taylor, P.
Rasmussen
Corpron
Bagley

Guatemala #4
Smith, Sid D.L.
Johnson, Phillip
Humpherys, K.
Jones, Terry
Gardner
Read
Lindsey
Smith, Rosetta

Guatemala #5
Davis, Dan D.L.
Stowell
Miller, J.C.
Egbert
Smith, Mike
Parson
Edmunds
Colwell
Petersen
Lemmon

Guatemala #6
Massey D.L.
Davis, S.K.
Dever
Nelson, W.R.
Carpenter, Tom
Bolla
Speaker
Pérez

Escuintla
Rex
Stillman

Guatemala #7
Farar D.L.
Smith, Russ
Goldthwaite

Peay
Sharp
Peel
Fraser
Humphery, Tom

Guatemala del Occidente
Brienholt Z.L.
Thomas Z.L.C.

Quiché District
Momostenango
Nelson, Ron D.L.
Payne

Totonicapán
Anderson
Brown
Jim
Jensen

Atitlán District
Patzicía
Johnson, B.
Tanner
Helquist
Goodwin

Chimaltenango
Sevy
Rencher

Sololá
Henderson
Schofield

Patzún
Stone D.L.
Smith, B.

Quezaltenango
Simonton D.L.
Gonzalez
Alexander
Green
Hunter
Perkins

Martineau -- Quiché
Yardley -- Quiché
Egan
Chambers

San Marcos
Heredia
Davis, J.L.

Huehuetenango
May
Willardson

Mazatenango Dist.
Retalhuleu
Morales D.L.
Herring

Mazatenango
Mortenson
Johnson, J.V.

Coatepeque
Jones, N.
Hedelius

Office
Guymon D.L.
Johnson, Ken
Madsen
Christiansen
Farley
Betz

El Salvador

Jones, Wendell Z.L.
Harris Z.L.C.

San Salvador #1

Dunn D.L.

Blaser
Taylor, D
Pitcher

Santa Tecla

Robison
Grange

San Salvador #2

Thorne D.L.

Kohler
Simpach
Southwick
Hymas
Jones, K.

San Salvador #3

Frazier D.L.

Allred
Johnston
Mendenhall
Hamilton
Williams
Witten
Dickson
Cloward
Hardy
Manwaring
Boylin

San Salvador #4

Corrigan D.L.

Nisonger
Lloyd
Thornton
Johnson, Warren
Flowe
Dean
Cazier
Crosby
Scheurich

San Salvador #5

García D.L.

Wendt
Bishop
Campbell
Méndez
Gibson
Brother and Sister Mitchell

Santa Ana

Hoffman D.L.

Wamsley
Hess
Blevins
Lewis
Meyer
Pearson
Gledhill
Thompson
Henry

Chalchuapa

Hanks
Freeman

San Miguel

Cluff D.L.

Chase
Beare
Rudd

Sonsonate

Workman D.L.

Hancock
Miller, Rick
Davis, Don

Usulután

Moon
Flanders

WORDS FROM THE WISE!

No toil nor labor fear!

This is the place!

Oblivion is full of men who permitted the opinion of others to overrule their belief in themselves. --Goethe

The important thing was not so much where a person stood at any single moment, but the general direction in which he was moving.

Some people have good aim, but never pull the trigger!

Vacant lots and vacant minds are dumping grounds for eternity.

Success is measured in terms of preparedness for eternity.

Spend a little time with God or eternities without Him.

He who doesn't punish sin encourages it.

Real spirituality is the result of real prayer.

You cannot kill time without injuring yourself.

Sin is not harmful because it is forbidden, but forbidden because it is harmful.

A halo only has to fall a few inches to become a noose.

We must live forever or die by suicide.

When men speak ill of you, live so no one will believe them. --Plato

Unless we continue to grow we begin to die.

Oversleeping will never make one's dreams come true.

You will never "find" time for anything. If you want time you must make it.

--Charles Buxton--

CHALLENGE RESULTS SINCE JANUARY 1967

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August
Guatemala #1	64%	56	15	54	53	129	100	?
Guatemala #2	0%	0	0	25	0	0	0	?
Guatemala #3	105%	30	35	42	57	100%	80	?
Guatemala #4	100%	105	44	76	57	64	8	?
Guatemala #5	50%	70	77	100	8	17	100	?
Guatemala #6	30%	13	109	58	69	50	73	?
Guatemala #7	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	70%	100	?
Office	42%	0	50	25	13	112	63	?
Quiché	17%	0	27	27	9	8	27	?
Atitlán	18%	18	45	18	18	30	50	?
Mazatenango	10%	122	142	58	103	0	58	?
Quezaltenango	71%	21	0	57	7	28	50	?
Salvador #1	35%	44	106	33	50	100	100	?
Salvador #2	-----	-----	-----	0%	0	25	162	?
Salvador #3	108%	79	7	128	118	69	105	?
Salvador #4	17%	70	15	235	88	65	63	?
Salvador #5	0%	0	0	25	0	25	25	?
Santa Ana	50%	107	106	106	38	89	25	?
San Miguel	0%	38	0	50	0	114	57	?
Sonsonate	-----	-----	-----	0%	125	33	100	?

ALGUNAS REFERENCIAS INTERESANTES DEL
LIBRO DE MORMON

La historia de América, predicha hace 2,500 años. -- 1 Nefi, capítulo 13, páginas 22-26.

A. Colón, Versículo 12.

B. El destino de los Indios, vers. 14.

C. Los Puritanos, vers. 16.

D. La Guerra Civil de los Estados Unidos
de Norteamérica, vers. 17-19.

E. La Biblia, vers. 23-29.

El por qué de la Caída y la Expiación -- Léase 2 Nefi 2:14-27, páginas 55 y 56; 2 Nefi 9:6-16, páginas 68-70; Alma 42:3-16, páginas 312-313.

Ningún rey gobernará en América -- Léase 2 Nefi 10:10-14, página 74.

Los últimos días predichos por Profetas -- 2 Nefi 26:14-32, páginas 97-98. Compárese 2 Nefi 26:15-17, página 97, con Isaías 29:3-4. Compárese 2 Nefi 27:6-10, página 99, con Isaías 29:1-10. Compárese 2 Nefi 27:15-35, página 100, con Isaías 29:11-24. Importante, léase 2 Nefi, capítulos 28 y 29, páginas 101-106.

¿Nos dará el Señor más de una Biblia? -- Compárese 2 Nefi 29:2-3, página 104, con Ezequiel 37:16-17.

Léase acerca de la conversión milagrosa de Alma -- Mosíah, capítulo 27, página 194-198.

¿Levantaremos de nuevo nuestros cuerpos? -- Léase Alma 11:40-45, página 233-234.

¿A dónde va el espíritu después de la muerte? -- Léase Alma, capítulo 40, páginas 308-310.

¿Quiénes fueron los fundadores de las civilizaciones primitivas descubiertas por los científicos modernos? -- Léase Helamán 3:7-10, páginas 380-381, Helamán 6:9-12, página 390.

Un ejemplo de bondad de Dios para con Sus siervos -- Helamán 5:20-52, páginas 387-389.

Léase acerca de los acontecimientos en este hemisferio en el tiempo de la crucifixión de Cristo y sus visitas a este continente -- 3 Nefi, capítulo 8 a 11, inclusive, páginas 433-441.

Cristo habló a los judíos tocante a otras ovejas (Juan 10:16) ¿Quiénes eran éstas? Léase 3 Nefi 15:13-24, páginas 448-449.

Institución de la Santa Cena y quienes deben participar de ella -- 3 Nefi 18:1-14, páginas 453 y 454. Léase el capítulo entero.

Importante, léase el capítulo 21 de 3 Nefi, páginas 461-463. La Nueva Jerusalén. ¿Cuál debe ser el nombre de la Iglesia? Léase 3 Nefi 27, página 468.

¿Son Cristo y Dios personajes sin forma o fue hecho el hombre a la imagen del Unigenito? Éter 3:3-16, páginas 504-505. Compárese con Génesis 1:26-27.

¿Son condenados o aun privados de su gloria eterna los infantes que no han sido bautizados? Léase Moroni, capítulo 8, páginas 539-542.

UNA PROMESA A LOS QUE LEEN EL LIBRO DE MORMON -- MORONI 104:4; léase también los versículos 27 a 34, inclusive, páginas 544-546.

THE SECOND ADVENT

President Charles W. Penrose

Professed Christians of all denominations believe in the second coming of Christ; but while all agree that he will appear "the second time without sin unto salvation", they disagree about the manner, the place, and the time of his appearance.

The popular opinion is that he will come in a spiritual manner and reign in the hearts of his people; that his presence will be universally and simultaneously felt when all the world has been converted through the preaching of the word.

The Latter-day Saints have their peculiar views upon this important subject, founded, however, not upon mere speculation, popular opinion, or mystical interpretations of ancient prophecy, but upon God's word revealed in these latter times, corroborated by the plain and pointed declarations of "holy men of God who spake by the Holy Ghost".

Through the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ many among all nations will be led to forsake the traditions of their fathers and become numbered with the people of God. These will gather to one place to prepare themselves for the appearance of the Savior. They will build him a holy temple. Of necessity some form of government must be set up among them as they exist in a national as well as an ecclesiastical capacity. The government will be a theocracy, or, in other words, the kingdom of God. The laws, ordinances, regulations, etc., will be under the direction of God's priesthood, and the people will progress in arts, sciences, and everything that will produce righteousness, promote union, and establish them in strength and everlasting peace.

On the other hand, through the rejection of this gospel, which "shall be preached to all the world as a witness" of the coming of Christ, the world will increase in confusion, doubt, and horrible strife. As the upright in heart, the meek of the earth, withdraw from their midst, so will the Spirit of God also be withdrawn from them. The darkness upon their minds in relation to eternal things will become blacker, nations will engage in frightful and bloody warfare, the crimes which are now becoming so frequent will be of continual occurrence, the ties that bind together families and kindred will be disregarded and violated, the passions of human nature will be put to the vilest uses, the very elements around will seem to be affected by the national and social disasters by sea and land will cause terror and dismay among the people; new diseases will silently eat their ghastly way through the ranks of the wicked; the earth, soaked with gore and defiled with the filthiness of her inhabitants, will begin to withhold her fruits in their season; the waves of the sea will heave themselves beyond their bounds, and all things will be in commotion; and in the midst of all these calamities, the master minds among nations will be taken away, and fear will take hold of the hearts of all men.

The Jews, still in unbelief that Jesus was the Christ, will separate themselves from among the gentiles and gather to their fatherland. Events will be so controlled by the God of Israel that they shall possess the land again and build the temple in its former place; they will increase and multiply in numbers and in riches, and practise

the rites of the Mosaic law, looking for the coming of the Messiah to reign over them as king. The bankrupt nations, envying the wealth of the sons of Judah, will seek a pretext to make war upon them and will invade the "holy land" to "take a prey and a spoil".

We may consider the inhabitants of the earth at the time immediately preceding the coming of Christ under three divisions:

First, the Saints of God gathered to one place on the western continent, called Zion, busily preparing for his appearance in their midst as their Redeemer, now coming to reign over them and to reward them for their labors in establishing his government;

Second, the Jews gathered to Jerusalem and also expecting the Messiah, but not believing that Jesus of Nazareth is the Son of God, and being in danger of destruction from their gentile enemies;

Third, the corrupt nations and kingdoms of men, who, rejecting the light of the gospel, are unprepared for the Lord's advent and are almost ripe for destruction.

Among the first-mentioned of these three classes of men, the Lord will make his appearance first; and that appearance will be unknown to the rest of mankind. He will come to the temple prepared for him, and his faithful people will behold his face, hear his voice, and gaze upon his glory. From his own lips they will receive further instructions for the development and beautifying of Zion and for the extension and stability of his kingdom.

His next appearance will be among the distressed and nearly vanquished sons of Judah. At the crisis of their fate, when the hostile troops of several nations are ravaging the city and all the horrors of war are overwhelming the people of Jerusalem, he will set his feet upon the Mount of Olives, which will cleave and part asunder at his touch. Attended by a host from heaven, he will overthrow and destroy the combined armies of the gentiles, and appear to the worshiping Jews as the mighty Deliverer and Conqueror so long expected by their race; and while love, gratitude, awe, and admiration swell their bosoms, the Deliverer will show them the tokens of his crucifixion and disclose himself as Jesus of Nazareth, whom they had reviled and whom their fathers put to death. Then will unbelief depart from their souls and "the blindness in part which has happened unto Israel" be removed. They will be baptized for the remission of their sins and will receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, and the government of God as established in Zion will be set up among them, no more to be thrown down forever.

The great and crowning advent of the Lord will be subsequent to these two appearances, but who can describe it in the language of mortals? The tongue of man falters, and the pen drops from the hand of the writer, as the mind is rapt in contemplation of the sublime and awful majesty of his coming to take vengeance on the ungodly and to reign as King of the whole earth.

He comes! The earth shakes, and the tall mountains tremble; the mighty deep rolls back to the north as in fear, and the rent skies glow like molten brass. He comes! The dead Saints burst forth from their tombs, and "those who are alive and remain" are "caught up" with them to meet him. The ungodly rush to hide themselves from his presence and call upon the quivering rocks to cover them. He comes - with all the hosts of the righteous glorified! The breath of his lips strikes death to the wicked. His glory is a consuming fire. The proud and rebellious are as stubble; they are burned and "left neither root nor branch". He sweeps the earth. He deluges the earth with the fiery floods of his wrath, and the filthiness and abominations of the world are consumed. Satan and his dark hosts are taken and bound - the prince

of the power of the air has lost his dominion, for he whose right it is to reign has come, and "the kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ".

"The people of the Saints of the Most High" will dwell on the earth, which shall bring forth her strength as in the days of her youth; they will build cities and plant gardens; those who have been faithful over a few things will be made rulers over many things; Eden will bloom, and the fruits and flowers of paradise display their loveliness as at the first; Jesus will reign "in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem and before his ancients gloriously" and all created things shall "praise the Lord".

The "gospel of the kingdom," restored to earth by revelation, is being preached as a special "witness" of his appearing; his people are gathering together; already the foundations of his kingdom are being laid in the mountains; Zion is being built up; the spirit of gathering is brooding over the Jews, and wealthy and influential men among them are exerting themselves for the re-establishment of Jerusalem; barren parts of that land are beginning to blossom, and streams there long since barren again to flow. The spirit of contention increases in every department of society, and the nations feel impelled by an invisible influence to prepare themselves for war. Horrible inventions are constantly being brought out for the purpose of destroying the lives of men. Incapacity among lawmakers and rulers is seen to a most humiliating degree. We hear of earthquakes, tornadoes, storms, and all kinds of appalling disasters; and though the earth still brings forth an abundance of her fruits, thousands pine for the want of natural nourishment. Crime increases at a fearful rate; the religion of the great mass of mankind is nothing but a mockery and a sham; the cords that hold together society are snapping and loosening, and all feel that "there's something at hand!"

These are some of the tokens of his coming, "Behold the Bridegroom cometh. Go ye out to meet him!" The lamps are trimmed; they walk not in the dark, but, with "a light to their feet and a lamp to their path", they are hastening to the place appointed; for it is written "The Redeemer shall come to Zion."

The time is close at hand. The events we have been considering will follow one another in rapid succession. They are now happening. God will cut his work short in righteousness. The day and hour are not revealed; but "when the Lord hath built up Zion, then will he appear in his glory."

O ye children of men - put away your sins - help to prepare the kingdom for the Son of Man, that when he shall come you may be looking for his appearance, and that the "day of the Lord" may not come upon you unawares "like a thief in the night".

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