

# WEEKLY UNITY

*"Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free"*

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IN THE old days a youth in a small kingdom suddenly learned that he was the next in succession to the throne. His old cousin, the king, had not been a good ruler; the youth, Alain, wanted to do better than that. He had heard of a neighboring country where the people were at peace, industrious, prosperous, happy. He planned a journey to this country so that he could talk with the king. When he was brought into the ruler's presence he said: "Tell me how to be a good king. How can I learn the things I need to know to govern wisely?"

The king answered: "Telling you the principles of statecraft is not enough. To become a good ruler you must study and ponder and act. Stay here with me awhile, live in my house, help me as if you were my son, as if you were to succeed me. Help with the needs and problems of the low and the high. Thus observing, understanding, acting, you will learn the lessons you need."

So Alain lived in the household of a good and wise king, and learned by his own thoughts and deeds the foundation principles that made him a good king when the time came for him to reign.

A seeker of our own day came to a teacher saying, "Tell me what I need to know in order to live an ordered, effective life. I am sick and poor. Worse still, I am confused. I do not know which way to turn. I have been seeking the true way of life for years. One teacher tells me this and another that. No two agree. What is the truth?"

## BEGINNINGS

BY ZELIA M. WALTERS



What is the solid foundation for real life? I have heard that you have something new to teach. Perhaps you can help me."

"No," the teacher said, "I have nothing new to offer. What I have to teach is as old as man. It has been used through the ages by unnumbered souls, the leaders, philosophers, saints, indeed by all men and women who have lived the good life. Through the ages this truth has been tested and found to make life good and effective, therefore we may have confidence in it. But though the testimony of these helps us, we need not depend upon it for assurance. We can test the truth in our own life. If it works it is the truth. If it does not work when we have fulfilled its conditions then it is

just another vague generalization."

"What must I believe? Where do I begin?"

"There is no must to belief. You believe when you have become convinced. You begin as all seekers begin. You live in the presence of Christ, look upon Him daily, and grow like Him. As you grow like Him you share His faith, His all-embracing love, His sureness, His power. It is by dwelling with Him that you learn the lessons you need. There is no other way."

"That sounds very nebulous to me. I wish you could tell me something I must believe and learn."

"It is not nebulous. It is clear and simple, but not easy. What did Jesus Christ Himself do when He needed to train someone to carry on His work on this earthly plane? He selected a number of ordinary men and

kept them with Him. They traveled over the countryside, heard what He said, and saw what He did. He continually encouraged them to believe that they could do the works He did. He sent them out to try, and they came back rejoicing.

"They stumbled often, even when dwelling with this perfect Son of God. He was patient with them. When He rebuked them He always held the door open so that they would know that they could go on and do better. He told them stories to fasten His truths in their minds. They saw that He knew the law of life so perfectly that He could call upon it for instant healing. They learned that He lived in abundance.



"All that the Father had was His, and He could claim it in any time of need. He fed five thousand guests with bread from heaven. He said to rich Zacchaeus, 'For thy I must abide at thy house,' and He was the honored guest. They learned, like Jesus, never to give thought to gain, but abundance of every kind was always theirs. After a while he left them as a visible presence, His last word to them being a command to carry His word of salvation to all the world. They did it because they had lived with Him and had seen Truth stand the test of workability.

"Now we of this later day must go through just the same school that these early disciples did. We must live with Christ, learn His truth, see it work out, and then go forth to practice what we have learned.

"You say that seems vague to you; you want to be told of some concrete thing that you must do. You would like to hear some formula—in short, some kind of creed—to which you must assent even if it takes an effort of will. Suppose there were a great philosopher in the world, one who you felt sure held the secret of effective life. If I told you to go and enter his school you would make any sacrifice to get to the place where he was. You would use all your influence and pay great sums of money to be enrolled in his school. Once admitted, you would sit at his feet, not missing his slightest word.

"What I tell you to do is simpler, but again, not easier. You must go to Christ's school, but you need not travel around the world. It is set up within you. You need not pray and pay money to be admitted; you are invited to enter. All the tuition will come from within. But you must be an attentive scholar, not missing the least word that the inner voice speaks. If you fail sometimes, if you stumble and fall, you need not be discouraged. Christ is holding the door open, saying in effect: 'Come, child, try again. Next time you will do better.' And you can go on again, stronger and



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By Nell Van Pelt

**THIS YEAR'S** awakening dawn  
Forecasts a glorious peace,  
Victorious promises that wars  
Forevermore shall cease;

Forecasts a world where man  
Shall help his fellow man,  
Each nation striving to unfold  
God's universal plan

Of happiness and hope  
And good for everyone,  
Where hate and grief and greed fade out  
Beneath love's blazing sun.

wiser for having passed through the hard place.

"The one qualification for promotion in this school is that you grow like the Teacher. The whole emphasis of Christian teaching is upon this. You will think and speak as He did. That means that all hate and doubt and fear will be gone forever. Love and faith and courage will irradiate your life. You must act as He did, and that means that your life will be given to doing the Father's will. That too often covers a vague generalization in one's mind. But it is not a formless aspiration; it is a living of the daily life by a new pattern. It is as simple and clear-cut as the work you do every day. Let us outline a day in your life, lived in the earthly and also the spiritual realm.

"You wake and pray a prayer of realization, giving God thanks that you realize the Christ presence with you every moment. You prepare breakfast for the family. Christ is there beside you as you work, so you work with joy and wisdom. This is not one of those mornings when everything goes wrong. Everything goes right when Christ is there. The meal is good, the toast is not burned, the eggs not overdone, the coffee not too strong. This is food to nourish the family for a good day's work.

"You sit at the table with a serene morning face because you are looking across the table at the unseen Guest. If someone in the family is ill-natured because of business worries or

a restless night it does not rouse you to sharp speech. But your peace and security will send him out better prepared for his day. Your breakfast table will be a source of strength and serenity in body and soul for all who are there, even though they do not consciously recognize the Guest.

"The family are gone. You go about setting the house in order. You do not like dishwashing? Ah! but you never notice it when you have a beloved Companion in the kitchen with you. Do you remember those first days in your new home when you were a bride? Your husband lover used to come and help you do the dishes. Dishwashing was fun then because you were together. You have a beloved Companion today, and every task is well done and beautifully done.

"Here is the neighbor whose coming in you do not like. She will fill your ears with unkind gossip. No, she cannot. Say as she is entering, 'Christ, You are here. Let me find whatever good there is in her. You tell me what to say.' So you greet her cheerfully and you tell her of that little incident that happened at the Red Cross block bank yesterday, and she matches it with a story of someone else's kindness or courage. You spend your few minutes together talking of other people's kindness and she leaves saying, 'It just surprises you to find out how good people are.'

"You must go to market, a task you dislike. Remember the market people have a hard job too. Can you lighten it by thoughtfulness on your part? Can you say an honest word of appreciation to some of the hurried salespeople? If you can, the whole tiresome chore goes easier. You may even come home with your heart warmed by the response to your own friendly spirit. When Christ walks beside you your friendliness never wavers, for the rough places are made smooth before Him.

"You spend two hours helping at a welfare center in the afternoon. You never forget that Christ is there as you serve the various needs. It is the truest kind of service because the words that you speak to each person in need are words Christ gave you.

"You must hurry home. There is dinner to have ready for a hungry family, and the baking must be done along with the cooking of the dinner. You are not tired. You say, 'They



wait for Jehovah shall renew their strength.' It is not too much trouble to make the muffins that the children like, or to stir up the tomato sauce that your husband likes with vegetables. You even find time to step out into the garden for flowers. When that Guest is at the table everything must be the best. 'Is it a party?' cries the youngest child, seeing the flowers and your smiling face. 'Yes, a party for us,' you answer.

"You know the Guest was there. It was such a happy meal. No one fussed or criticized. The children carried the dishes out without whining. You sat at ease with your husband for a few minutes. Then he took up the work he had brought from the office and you went to the garden to spend an hour working there. There you thanked the Guest for life and health and beauty in all the growing things. After that there was a pile of mending, and you took it to the table where Junior was struggling with his algebra. You could give him a word of help now and then and you reminded him that the Divine Mind in him knows the answer to every problem if he will remember to call upon it. 'Honest, Mom, do you think He will come to help me if I ask Him when I'm stuck?' says the boy, and you answer 'Honest, Son. He will. I know because He's been helping me all through this busy day.'

"It's almost bedtime. You haven't done this lately, but you know it is a good thing to do. You ask the children if they wouldn't like to sing before they go to bed; and they sing several old songs with spirit.

"That outlines a day for many a homemaker. It can be your day if you will take that foundation truth of all spiritual life and live with Christ every hour. Some days are not like that. We have known of days filled with bickering, confusion, rebellion, days when everything went wrong. But you need never have a day like that. You may live a serene and effective life in the midst of the common tasks; and with every hour of such living you will be growing in power so that you can speak Christ's word of assurance into other troubled, broken lives.

"Christ walks with you if your work is outside the home. In factory, office, and store He walks with you. Your work is better. It must stand the divine inspection, and you cannot leave even

the smallest detail slipshod. Your relations with fellow workers, superiors, and customers are better. The Christ in you looks upon the Christ in them. Hatred, envy, and greed, even minor irritations, must flee away from His presence."

"How simple you make it sound! Just to remember that Christ is with me. I'm going to try it."

"Remember what Christ promised when you keep company with Him. It means you must grow in power as well as grace. 'If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatsoever ye will, and it shall be done unto you.'"

## Lest We Forget

By Della J. Burnette

"**T**HEN beware lest thou forget Jehovah, who brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage."

"Then beware lest thou forget Jehovah, who brought thee" to world peace. As I listened to the VJ day celebration, read the big headlines, listened to the many talks and prayers over the radio, this Bible warning seemed to stand out in my mind.

During the war years you and I have been very regular in our church attendance. We have read our Bibles and religious literature and have prayed as never before; but how about the future? In time of peace can we retain our interest and continue to pray for peace in the world as we prayed for the victory?

An incident was called to my attention soon after VE Day. A mother had been very attentive to church services and prayer services, and had asked prayers for her only son in combat service. When she felt that he was no longer in danger she dropped out of the prayer group. I began to question myself. Can I take peace? Shall I forget the Lord to whom I have been praying for the safekeeping of loved ones and a speedy victory? Have I been serving the Lord, my God, through fear for myself or my loved ones? Have I been serving Him for selfish reasons?

"Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right." God has known our hearts all along. He knows them now. Let us continue to pray for the boys and girls still in service, for

the officials all over the world. They need God's hand now to guide them in all their ways, in all their thinking. They need peace of mind, strength, and courage to act for the good of all humanity. Liberated peoples need our prayers so that they may be restored to normal and useful life.

Last but not least, our enemies need our prayers. They need our prayers for understanding. In the beginning God said, "Let there be light." They need the light of understanding so that they may be able to see that armed might or aggression is not right. They need to awaken to a realization that all men are created equal and must live in peace in the freedom of Spirit.

It is only through our continued sincerity and fervent prayers that all nations, regardless of race or creed, can live in peace. "Beware lest thou forget."

It will be easy for us to find fault with other nations, with our government, with our neighbor, yes, even with our church if we look for mistakes, but let us heed the words of Jesus: "What is that to thee? follow thou me."

On one occasion Jesus healed ten lepers and only one returned to thank Him. Let us beware lest we forget to thank God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Let us thank Him with service to a staggering, groggy world, to a world that has just emerged from the greatest war in history.

"Thou shalt make thy prayer unto him, and he will hear thee; And thou shalt pay thy vows."

Not only after the war victory do we need to pay our vows but also after every personal victory. Have you made a demonstration either of health, supply, or happiness? When we are offering our prayers we have a feeling that we shall truly spend the rest of our days in thanksgiving and service. Possibly that is the way the ten lepers felt; but only one remembered even to return to thank the Saviour.

Let us all take stock of ourselves. Let us count our blessings. Let us keep our heart turned toward the Christ lest we forget the Lord of hosts that led us to victory.

The eternal God is thy refuge.  
—Deut. 33:27 (A. V.).



# Things to Be Remembered

By Lowell Fillmore

## + Resolutions That Bear Good Fruit

REMEMBER that a good new-year resolution may be likened to the good seed that is mentioned in Jesus' parable of the sower. This seed must be rightly planted if it is to bear good fruit.

When a good resolution is sown carelessly it may fall by the wayside and be lost. A good resolution must be understood and sincerely appreciated if it is to bear good fruit. For example, if you resolve to stop taking the name of the Lord in vain you must understand what taking the Lord's name in vain really means, and also you must have a sincere reason for making such a resolution.

Your resolution must also include more than words. Some persons are quick to promise that they will do better and stop there, feeling that their promise is enough and then they forget their obligation.

A resolution is really a promise made to your Christ self and to God. If you make it enthusiastically on a sudden impulse and then forget it, your resolution will be like the seed that was sown among rocks. It springs into growth quickly, and because it has no depth of root it soon dies.

When you remember that the name of the Lord is I AM you will not lightly utter your promise that you will not take His name in vain. In order to keep such an important resolution as this you dare not attach to I AM any qualities or conditions that are not true of God Himself. H. Emilie Cady tells us in her book *How I Used Truth* that when we say, "I am sick," "I am weak," or "I am poor," we are taking God's name in vain, for these things are not like God. So you see that when we resolve not to take God's name in vain we are promising to do more than avoid the use of profane language.

Sometimes our resolutions are made in good faith, but they are later choked out by thorns, which are the obstacles we meet that make it difficult for us to keep our resolutions.

But the bright side of the parable

is that there was other seed that fell upon good ground and yielded good fruit, some a hundredfold. This seed may be likened to the resolutions that we make in sincerity and that, after we put them into words, reach deep down into our feeling nature. These are backed up by our prayers and our faith that God is helping us to keep them. We realize that it is God who gives us the power to keep our

### Suggestions for Daily Meditation

Sunday. *I will do the good deeds that I have resolved to do by the help of Christ, who strengthens me.*

Monday. *My good resolutions are lifting me safely and joyously out of old ruts of fear and doubt.*

Tuesday. *My good resolutions are bearing abundant good fruit, praise God.*

Wednesday. *I am not afraid to affirm the truth about God and to live by it.*

Thursday. *New and better things are coming to me as I will to do the will of God.*

Friday. *My words are true, and they bear a rich harvest because they are planted in the deep soil of my faith in God.*

Saturday. *I know that I cannot fail, for I am sincere and faithful to the highest that is in me.*

resolutions. This seed will bear good fruit and will satisfy our soul.

There are many starving souls now dwelling in well-fed bodies. They are starving because "the man of the house" does not plant his good resolutions in good soil!

Now that New Year's Day has passed, it is a good idea to check up on our resolutions and see if they are growing. If we find that they have not been planted properly we should prepare better soil by prayer and meditation and plant them again. Every day

is a new beginning and is auspicious for the planting of new and better resolutions. Our decisions to do better are the plans for improvement that we are passing along to the invisible constructive forces in Spirit to build into our life.

No one is happy unless he is growing spiritually. Through right resolutions we increase our happiness by enlarging our ability to enjoy the happiness that God has given us. If we do not continually plant good seed in the deep soil of faith we shall stop growing spiritually.

However if we have made a good resolution and failed to keep it we must not be discouraged. The fact that we made it shows that we have a desire to do better, which is important because it shows that we are trying. If we keep trying and are earnest in our desire to improve we shall eventually find a way to reap a rich harvest from our resolutions.

"God helps them that help themselves," and one of the best ways to help ourselves is to begin desiring to be better. After that we shall begin to grow better as our desire expresses itself, first in better words and then in better deeds, as we continue to cooperate with God by letting His will become manifest in our life.

### The Purpose of Unity

The purpose of Unity School is not to found another sect, but to show all men their common aim and their common brotherhood; not to separate them or to emphasize their differences but to bind them together more closely. Through helping churchgoers to apply to their daily living the principles taught by Jesus Christ, Unity makes any church affiliation even more practical.

Unity School spreads its teaching largely by means of its literature which interprets the Scriptures mentally and physically and explains the action of the mind—the connecting link between God and man. How the mind affects the body, producing discord or harmony, sickness or health, here and now, is made clear in the Unity publications.

Unity centers and study classes are places of religious research for all people, regardless of creed; and places where helpful instruction in Christ living may be received.



# THE SOCIETY OF SILENT UNITY

THE HEALING DEPARTMENT OF UNITY SCHOOL

## \* A Message to You: Assurance

*Dear Friend:*

One of the greatest assets of Truth is the assurance it gives. As Paul wrote to the Thessalonians, "Our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit, and in much assurance."

Increased love for God, increased understanding of God inevitably means increased assurance of all good, increased love for all good, increased ability to call forth all good for yourself and for others.

Rejoice daily in the assurance of the Christ presence surrounding you, the Christ intelligence working through your mind, the Christ love quickened in your heart, guiding, guarding, comforting, and prospering you, the Christ faith making all things possible unto you. Such assurance means recognition of all good. It is a power of faith that works to make good manifest. "Now faith is assurance of things hoped for."

While this good year is yet young let yourself lay hold of it courageously, joyously, in full assurance that each day will yield just the needed blessings that will make life all that your heart can desire.

Be assured of success. Prove your ability to succeed by doing the daily tasks a bit better day by day. The practice of Truth in all that you do leads to higher achievement and greater success. Success is not limited to the highest positions by any means. It is found in every walk of life. Have you ever considered how many inventions have been made by men and women who gave close attention to the utensils and implements used in the commonest tasks and then improved them? There is a better way, a more successful way to do everything under the sun, and to work in the assurance of God's help aids you in finding it.

"He hath given assurance unto all men," and assurance is no little thing. It keeps mind and heart uplifted, hopeful, confident. It wards off the blues, the inferiority complex, the expectation of ill-health, failure, lack.

"The work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever."

"Quietness and assurance for ever." Is not that something worth working for? What joy you can have every day of this new year putting away from you all thoughts of worry, fear, gloom, and unhappiness and replacing them every one with inner quietness, self-

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Daily at 11 a. m., join us in this thought for spiritual illumination:

The new light in Christ illumines me.

At high noon each day concentrate your attention on this thought for prosperity:

Wisdom from within reveals new sources of wealth without, and I am prospered.

At nine each night let us acknowledge the healing power of Spirit with this prayer:

I am born anew this day, and I radiate harmony and health.

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possession, and assurance that God is with you and that all is well with your world.

One of the greatest joys of the Silent Unity work is the opportunity we have of watching one correspondent after another step out of the old fears and limitations into the assurance that Truth gives. Always as spiritual assurance increases negation decreases.

Assurance springing up from the power of the Holy Spirit within has nothing of conceit or egotism about it. In fact it is a humble letting go of personal limitations and error by the power and corrective love and wisdom of the Christ within.

Did you ever know a person of real spiritual assurance to grow old, bigoted, narrow-minded, bitter?

Webster's Dictionary gives as one definition of assurance "Quiet self-confidence." When such assurance is stepped up in spiritual power and understanding it becomes something far

greater than that. It becomes quiet possession of the Christ self. "Hereby shall we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our heart before him," for the Christ works of love, faith, and peace will be made manifest in all that we do.

Greet each day with a little word of assurance. Greet each problem, each task in the same way.

Take a thought like this to work with you: "I am assured of success today, for God is working with me. I am assured of strength and health, for the life I live is the life of God. I am assured of peace and happiness in all that I do." If you find your thoughts slipping, put on a little more of Christ and His supreme assurance and let go a little more of self with its downward gazing and troubled fears, its futile "can't's," its willful "won't's."

This year has but a single purpose for you, the greater attainment of spiritual good in your mind, body, and affairs. Each Bible promise increases assurance of abundant life, love, and substance. These many promises readily adapt themselves to everyday needs. Take to your heart the substance of a promise a day and never will you find yourself lacking the spiritual resources to meet with assurance and grace whatever comes your way. Do not make the mistake of believing that these resources have no relation to the everyday life and its affairs. From the Spirit within springs the power that brings into manifestation every good in your life and affairs. It meets every possible human need when you co-operate with it in faith, love, and assurance.

The man who succeeds is the man with assurance. Jesus Christ was a man of such assurance that even the repetition of His name gives assurance to all who use it to this day. Assurance is contagious. By it you will share your good and your expectation of increasing good with the world. By it you will draw others to the fount of divine life and supply and quicken their interest in living Truth.

Assured of the goodness of God, assured of the increasing manifestation of good throughout all the world, we shall walk with you in the new year. "The work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever."

Your friends in

*Silent Unity.*



## The High Watch

### All Nature Sings Praises

Praise adds to the joy of living and quickens the consciousness of life itself. All life responds to its beneficent influence. Alla M. Forster, writing in the *Better Home*, tells the following story, which illustrates the endless chain of good that a word of praise sometimes forges:

Jerry hesitated at the door after kissing Arline good-by. "You're a great pal. It's fun working for you. Don't know what I'd do without you, dear. Good-by." With a smile and wave of hand he went down the path.

Arline's eyes filled with happy tears. "I can do anything now. He gets so discouraged, and my job is to make him happy." She walked out on the little porch and took a deep breath of morning air. The blue morning-glory vine, crowded with blossoms, seemed gayer than ever; the birds in the orchard were singing in chorus. Sunshine lay golden on the hills and on higher peaks shadows were turning to silver. Her heart was light, on her lips was a song.

She went back to her work. Dishes were washed, the kitchen made tidy, and basement windows were thrown wide to the fresh air. She had been unhappy, moving from the city to this small house in the edge of town. It had meant giving up friends; it tore at her heartstrings. Self-pity had been a daily companion; she felt abused. She had not always been patient or cheerful. But Jerry had been a good sport through everything.

Now all thought of hard times and decreased wages vanished from her mind. "You're a great pal"—it rang in her ears. The song of the birds found an echo in her heart.

There was a knock on the door. "Come in, Joe. Isn't this a grand day? Why, what's wrong, boy?"

The boy scowled; his young face went dark. "Maybe the day's all right, but everything else is wrong. I hate this grocery business. Me, with a college education, riding around after orders. It's the bunk. I wanted to be something."

"Now, Joe, you got out of bed on the wrong foot this morning. How about no job at all? Your real place will come later; life is ahead of you. Snap out of it, boy. There, that's better. Your face looks more natural with a smile. Well, let's see. I don't need much today. A small sack of flour, five pounds of sugar, a basket of tomatoes, a loaf of bread, and a pound of butter. I'm getting a few eggs every day, but the drought finished our garden. But better days will come. You help me believe it."

The boy jumped on his bicycle and was off whistling a merry tune. Arline picked

up her sewing and rocked happily by the open window. Lilac sweetness filled the air. Life was beautiful.

Next door a tired, discouraged woman heard Arline's little song. For a moment it brought a hard line to her mouth, but as she worked at the kitchen sink, something melted within her and an almost forgotten melody came to her lips. She was surprised that she remembered the words. The song did something to her. The frown eased away; her lips were full and smiling. The canary in the sunny window joined in, and for once she did not scold the songster.

As Joe rode along with the merry whistle, a man working in a field stopped and waved his hat. "Sounds good to hear a whistle; keep it up, boy. If everybody would whistle—well, who would be left to start a war? Sure would help. Guess I'll try it," and the hoe got busy keeping time to the tune. Sure as you live, the work was easier! He would keep up the whistle all afternoon. Maybe the children wouldn't think him cross after all. Maybe his wife wouldn't feel like scolding. The weeds came out in a hurry and, yes, sir, there was a blue violet under a boulder.

His wife, hanging out the clothes, stopped and looked over in amazement. Pete whistling! When had he done that before? Always complaining, cross to the children, and growling about the bills. She stood still a minute and her eyes lingered on the green hills with their silent beauty. Had they always been there? She drew in a deep breath of strength and peace. As she put the snowy clothes on the line she hummed a little song. Her back did not feel so tired; she felt refreshed in body.

With sudden decision she ran into the house and soon returned with a pitcher of cold water. She hurried over to the field. "Pretty warm work, Pete. Here's a cold drink; it will rest you."

The man pushed back his hat and looked up curiously. "Gee, that's great, Milly. I am awful thirsty. Nice of you, when you have so much work to do." He drank two glasses eagerly. "See what a lot I've done? Sure as you live, I believe it's because I caught a whistle from Joe the grocery boy." He straightened up and wiped his hot face. "Thanks a lot, Milly," then he hurried back to his work.

Light-footed and with a song in her heart, Milly went back to the house. It was a beautiful day. She must take time to see the beauty around her. Gay hollyhocks nodded at her as she passed and pink geraniums perfumed the air. She stopped to pick the bright blossoms. In the living room she placed them in a low blue bowl. They brightened the whole room.

Arline rocked and sewed. She wished she could share with someone the happiness in her heart. Wished she could help someone. She was so blest with love and care, with tree, bud, and flower. All nature sang for her. Jerry had praised her!

Whatever is worth doing at all is worth doing well.—*Washington*.

## Notes and News

### Thank You!

☛ Unity wishes to thank you for your cooperation in sending your Christmas offerings early—some of them arrived in September. Bless you for your loyalty and thoughtfulness.

This year not only at Christmas time but the whole year through, we have seen evidence of your increasing interest in having your friends and relatives become acquainted with the teaching of Unity. Your orders for books, booklets, and magazines have proved your desire to help others to help themselves in a safe and enduring way; that is, by showing them how to acknowledge the presence and power of God in all situations.

Your fellowship with us in Truth strengthens and renews us in our resolve to publish and proclaim the glad tidings of peace on earth to men of good will until all men everywhere truly know and express good will.

### Bless Your Unity Gifts

☛ If some of the persons to whom you sent Unity books or magazines are greatly in need of spiritual help and guidance, we know you will not consider your work finished when you hear they have received the publications. We know you will pray that they may learn how to receive greater help from the teaching of Jesus Christ.

H. Emilie Cady explains in her book *How I Used Truth* that we cannot always talk direct to a person about his difficulties, but we "can tell him mentally [silently] that Christ lives within him, and makes him free, forever free; tell him that he manifests the Holy One wherever he goes and at all times, for there is nothing else to manifest. And then you see to it that you do not recognize any other manifestation than the Good in him." We trust this thought will help you in blessing those on your Unity gift list.

### Unity's Spanish Magazine, El Sembrador

☛ The mailing list of *El Sembrador*, Unity's magazine for Spanish-speaking friends, is growing steadily. Many persons in South America, Central America, Mexico, and Puerto Rico have written to tell us how much the Unity message in their own language means to them.

The number of subscriptions has grown to proportions that merit the publication of *El Sembrador* bimonthly instead of quarterly as has been done since the inception of the magazine. The first issue to be presented under the bimonthly system will be for January-February, 1946.

Unity will be glad to send *El Sembrador* without cost to anyone whose name and address is sent to us.



## News

## Someone Prayed

## There Is Plenty

Dear Unity: The house I had lived in for many years was sold, and I was asked to move. There was not a vacant house in town. I took as my affirmation "Lord, keep this affair on a miraculous basis."

I read in the Someone Prayed column about the woman who sang the song about plenty of butter" and also of another person who used the same idea. I met a friend also wanting a house in another town and she said, "There is not a house to be had." My thoughts ran to what I had read and I began to sing, "There shall be plenty of houses, a home for you and for me. They will be full of God's blessings; that is a promise you'll see, plenty of houses, a home for you and for me. There shall be plenty of houses; that is a promise you'll see."

In a short time I heard of an apartment, but it seemed the owner refused to rent. I contacted the owner, and he told me he would give me my answer at six o'clock. I told him there were many prayers being offered in my behalf. At six o'clock he gave me his permission to move in. So once again the idea of plenty that you have printed twice in the Someone Prayed column has brought results.

Whether it is butter or houses, God supplies the need when we have faith. Many other blessings came along with our moving. We were able to sell furniture not needed, and kind friends helped us. I thank the Father for His goodness.—M. R. H.

## God Makes No Mistakes

My dear friends: I want to thank you for your everlasting patience in helping me and guiding me along the path to wisdom. If I had but known about Truth when I was sixteen, what a different life I would have had! I would have made friends instead of enemies. But my four children will not have such regrets, for I am teaching them now with your help.

My two oldest girls, eight and six, play in a band. The oldest plays marimba and piano, the other marimba (a wooden key instrument played with wooden hammers, like a xylophone). Some of the music is quite complicated, so I talked to the two girls as I would to a grownup. I explained to them that the little voice in their heart that sometimes argues with them when they are about to do something wrong is God, and if they would listen to that voice—which will develop to a strong understanding—it will tell them their notes and help them with their lessons in school. At first they looked at one another doubtfully, so I proved to them the truth I took two pieces which they had both been studying on for a week and had cried and fussed over.

My little six-year-old was first. I told her to ask within for God to help her play the right notes, which she had not done

without help from us all. The oldest girl and I sat behind her. Well, you of course know what the outcome was. She played the piece perfectly, as if she had been playing it for years. The oldest girl was all eyes. When she began playing she at first missed a few notes. So we started all over, asking God to help her play. I told them that God is perfect, He never makes a mistake. Tears of joy flowed freely after the lesson was over. The girls now know how to call on God for help.

Here is another lesson well learned. My husband is an ambulance driver for the city. Not only is his life in danger but the lives of others as well. After I learned from Unity about God's power I explained it to my husband. He was doubtful, but to please me he did as I asked. He was enroute to the hospital with siren blowing when the voice within him said, "Stop, slow down, be still, and listen." He slowed down and let his siren die down, and as they came to the next intersection the fire department whizzed by, siren blowing full blast. My husband said his knees shook when he thought of what the outcome might have been had he not listened and obeyed God (his inner voice). Both using their siren, the drivers would never have heard each other, and both were traveling at a good speed.

Now as my husband enters the ambulance for a call he whispers this prayer: "God guides the hand that guides the wheel," and he knows before he comes to the next corner what is there—for his inner voice (God) tells him, and he obeys. He is now on the job as a steady driver

and men who have been driving for years have told me he, a new man, is like the veterans who have driven for ten years. Yes, God guides the hand that guides the wheel. So daily we six depend on God's word and ask His guidance and obey His word.

May God's blessing flow upon you and strengthen the power to help others.—B. B.

## Put Your Trust in God

Dear Friends in Truth: Recently I wrote to you for prayers for my daughter, as she was entering the hospital for an operation for the removal of a kidney stone. I also started to hold thoughts that the stone would disappear. On the day she was to have the operation the doctors decided to wait awhile and give treatments before operating.

Last night she called me over long-distance and told me that X-ray pictures showed the stone had disappeared. She is back home and well, and I am so thankful to God and your wonderful prayers. It does prove that with God all things are possible.

I have had other wonderful demonstrations. If we all would only put our trust in God so much could be accomplished. May God bless you and your wonderful work.—M. R.

## Field Activities

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Unity of Truth, 400 E. 59th St., announces the following activities: Sunday, 11 a. m., devotional service. Tuesday, 8 p. m., class in Unity fundamentals. Thursday, 8 p. m., inspirational service. Center open daily, 10:30 a. m. to 4 p. m. Josephine B. Siemon, leader.

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Unity Studio Group, 853 Seventh Ave., at 55th St., announces the following activities: Wednesday, 6:30 p. m., class in the study of prayer. Thursday, 8 p. m., class in prosperity. Daily healing silence, 9 a. m. to 10 a. m. Instruction in *Lessons in Truth*, *Mysteries of Genesis*, *Effectual Prayer*, and healing. Consultation by appointment. Stella Wrenn, leader.

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Unity, Center of Truth, 2523 Seventh Ave. (Col.), announces the following activities: Sunday, 11 a. m., devotional service; 2 p. m., Sunday school; 8 p. m., class in *Talks on Truth*. Monday, 8 p. m., class in *Christian Healing*. Wednesday, 8 p. m., class in Bible interpretation. Thursday, 12 m., class in *Lessons in Truth*. Friday, 8 p. m., healing and prosperity service. Prayer service 12 m. daily, except Saturday. Courtenay Johnson, leader.

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Unity Universal Church, 137 W. 110 St., Studio 28 (Col.), announces the following activities: Sunday, 11 a. m., devotional service; 12:30 p. m., Sunday school. Monday, 8:30 p. m., class in *Christian Healing*. Tuesday, 8:30 p. m., class in *Lessons in Truth*. Thursday, 1 p. m., class in Unity fundamentals; 2 p. m., prosperity class. Friday, 8:30 p. m., healing and prayer service. Daily silence, 12:15 p. m. Center open daily, except Saturday, 12 m. to 4 p. m. Nanna B. Sutton, leader.

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—Christ Center, Unity, 216-17 Seneca Hotel, announces the following activities: Sunday, 11 a. m., devotional service. Wednesday, 8 p. m., midweek healing service. (These services are held in the Blue Room, Seneca Hotel; all other services are held in the center quarters.) Sunday, 10 a. m., adult Bible class; 11 a. m., Sunday school; 6:30 p. m., Youth of Unity. Tuesday, 11 a. m., healing prayer service; 8 p. m., class in *Lessons in Truth*. Thursday, 2 p. m., class. Daily meditation, 12:15 p. m. to 12:45 p. m. Center open daily, 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. Elise M. Rosenburg, leader.

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## Responsive Service

Sunday, January 6, 1946

Unity Subject—*From Uncertainty to Certitude*

INTERNATIONAL SUBJECT—*God's Concern for the Oppressed.*—Exod. 1:8-14; 2:23-25

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8. Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who knew not Joseph.

9. And he said unto his people, Behold, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we:

10. Come, let us deal wisely with them, lest they multiply, and it come to pass, that, when there falleth out any war, they also join themselves unto our enemies, and fight against us, and get them up out of the land.

11. Therefore they did set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh store-cities, Pithom and Raameses.

12. But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and the more they spread abroad. And they were grieved because of the children of Israel.

13. And the Egyptians made the children of Israel to serve with rigor:

14. And they made their lives bitter with hard service, in mortar and in brick, and in all manner of service in the field, and all their service, wherein they made them serve with rigor.

23. And it came to pass in the course of those many days that the king of Egypt died: and the children of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried, and their cry came up unto God by reason of the bondage.

24. And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.

25. And God saw the children of Israel, and God took knowledge of them.

### Lesson Interpretation

*What is signified by the "new king over Egypt, who knew not Joseph"?*

Egypt signifies the body consciousness. When creative imagination is given free play in this realm the body consciousness is maintained at a high level of receptivity to the good. The "new king over Egypt" signifies a materialistic conception of life and a will exerted on a low plane of understanding.

*What keeps us from seeing our way clearly to an understanding of life and its problems?*

The dulling of the faculty of imagination by material thinking and living.

*What will lead to permanent peace and security on earth?*

Good will on a world-wide scale and the acceptance of the equality of all men in Christ as an actuality.

*What truth is expressed in the words of Pharaoh "the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we"?*

That spiritual consciousness (the Children of Israel) is more powerful and enduring than the body consciousness.

*How may we see our way through doubt and uncertainty to the certainty of conviction that belongs to a son of God?*

By claiming our oneness with Divine Mind, realizing it, and acting upon the claim in all the affairs of daily life.

*How can spiritual consciousness (represented by the Children of Israel) be enslaved by the body consciousness (the Egyptians)?*

Spiritual consciousness is enslaved when body consciousness is devoted to the serving of selfish or material ends. This service vitiates all spirituality.

*Is the transition from the lower to the higher consciousness quick and easy, or is it a long-continued process?*

It usually extends over a considerable period of time, but it may be in-

stantaneous. The length of time required is dependent on the power of the individuals concerned to realize their spiritual heritage.

*The Children of Israel cried out for help for many years before help finally came. Why?*

So long as the Children of Israel (the spiritual consciousness) did not claim their freedom from their bondage to the Egyptians (the sense consciousness) their "sighs" (routine prayers) were unavailing. Not until they "cried" (added intense feeling to their prayers) did they stir up the spiritual power that brought them relief.

*"And God saw the children of Israel, and God took knowledge of them." What does this statement reveal?*

It reveals that through intensity of feeling we can lay hold of spiritual power, and by the aid of this power overcome our difficulties.

### To Be Held in the Silence

*In all that quickens my awareness of the divine and awakens me to the unplumbed depths and heights of life, I am with God.*

(The lesson for next Sunday is from Exod. 6:6-8; 13:17-22.)

Content is wealth, the riches of the mind;

And happy he who can such riches find.

—Dryden.

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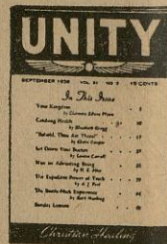
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