

SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING ...

Five Marks of a Healthy Parish

(Adapted from an address by the Right Rev. R.S. Emrich)

Since the individual parish is the basic unit of the Church's life, it is clear that the health of the Church depends upon the health of this unit. It is at the parish level that the great battle of the Church's life is fought. If we succeed here, developing strong and thriving parishes, we succeed everywhere. It is at the parish level that our people grow, or do not grow, in grace; here that converts are made, or not made; from here young men go, or do not go, into the ministry; from this source that missionary giving goes, or does not go, to the ends of the earth.

What, then, are the marks of a healthy parish?

The first mark of a fine parish, beginning at the ground level, is a good material basis. The material basis of a parish church reflects and influences the spiritual 15e of a Church because a certain level of material decency is a necessary basis for a good life of the spirit. Also, the outward appearance of a Church reveals the love and concern of the people for God's House. If you see a church that is neglected, dirty, needs painting, you know that the people do not love God's House enough to care for it by wise planning. In Christian thought, the material expresses and reveals the spiritual and the spiritual is influenced by the material. In the 16th century, John Whitgift, Archbishop of Canterbury, wrote that the neglect in the care of churches was "to the disgrace of religion, and great offense to many well-disposed, and occasion to such as are enemies to our profession to think that we are but profanely minded and without devotion." The appearance of our Churches should reveal the beauty of the Faith of our fathers.

Since the Church is not primarily God's House but, rather, God's People, the second mark of a fine parish is fellowship. Without It there can be in the true sense, no parish

life. Fellowship is a great Christian social criterion. If a community, family, or parish has deep fellowship, it is good; if not, it is poor or bad. The Church is the Family of God, and the essential language of God's Family, as of the natural family, is love. The whole purpose of our Lord's life, death, and resurrection was to teach us to love God and one another in God, to create fellowship where separation and enmity had existed. He who does not see this does not understand the Christian Faith. If a Parish does not reveal a deep fellowship it is unconvincing in its mission.

The third mark of a healthy parish - and, of course, the central and most important mark - is worship. People who come to our parish churches may see a fine building, and be greeted by friendly people; but if they are not led on to a deep life with God, we fail both Christ and them. Our life with God is the centre of the Church's power and the source of our fellowship. And how difficult it is in this secular age to bring people to a realization that the Christian Life is the feeding of our souls upon the greatness and the wonder of God! William Temple saw to the heart of things when he wrote: "To worship is to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God, to feed the mind with the truth of God, to open the heart to the love of God, and to devote the will to the purpose of God. All this is gathered up in that emotion which most cleanses us from selfishness because it is the most selfless of all emotions ... adoration."

The chief purpose of the Church's life is to lead men and women to God and enjoy Him forever. Since this is our chief purpose, we should concern corselves with the spiritual health of the parish. Are our people saying their prayers? Do they worship together as families in the home and in the Church? Are they growing in the devotional use of the Prayer Book and Bible? Are they being prepared spiritually to meet the trials, temptations and shocks of life? Do they know vividly that man does not live

by bread alone but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God? Are they conscious, not only of outer but inner needs; not only of the visible but the invisible world of the spirit? Are they praying for the growth of the Church? These matters should be our primary concern.

The fourth mark of a healthy parish is a sense of destiny, a knowledge of a great purpose. If any group of people - nation, university, business or parish - loses its sense of destiny or purpose, it has begun to die. It may die slowly or rapidly; but, turned in on itself, forgetting its great purpose, concerned only with preserving itself, it will surely die. The parish church is not a downtown or suburban club with a few religious propositions in its constitution, and he who looks on it as such is contributing to its decline. "An inward looking church," says the Bishop of Stepney, "is really no church at all. Unless it is looking outward upon the world with all its needs and sorrows, the Church is bound to fail because it is no longer fulfilling the divine purpose of its existence. In recent years there has been any amount of talk about evangelism, as if evangelism could be tacked on to the normal life of the Church. Not so! Evangelism is the normal life of the Church, and can never be an optional extra. It is of the essence of the Church, and the Church to be the Church must be permanently in a state of mission".

Since no group lives to itself, and since we are members of one of another in a great world church, the final mark of a healthy parish is loyalty. Now, loyalty is a great word but there is always the danger that we may use it vaguely without giving ourselves the acid test of loyalty. The acid test of loyalty is whether or not we are loyal to the next piece of the organization which is just above us. Our loyalty to our country is tested by our loyalty and responsibility to our local government, the next piece of government just above us. In like manner the loyal private, while a member of a vast army, obeys his sargeant;

and the loyal priest in the great worldchurch follows "the godly admonitions" of his bishop. This rule is the basis of all order: the opposite is anarchy and confusion.

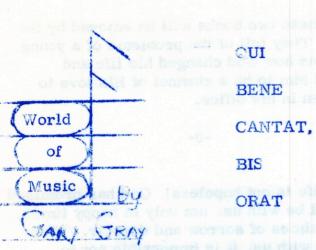
As a background of this rule we all must, in our various positions, hold before our people the great and world-wide body to which we belong.

Since the earthly leadership of the Church in its bishops, clergy, and wardens is human and limited, we can never have a church unless we are willing to accept the human limitations of leadership. We should accept these limitations, humbly and gladly, for each of us is human and limited. It is together - not alone - that we are wise and strong as we complement and strengthen each other. No one man knows enough to run anything. Each of us needs the Grace of God, and each of us needs the fellowship and strength of others in Christ's Body the Church. St. Paul said this long ago, "For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and everyone members one of another.

Your friend and Rector,

Maurice P. Poole

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SUNDAY MORNING AT CHICHESTER

Every trip has its outstanding highlight, even a tour of Southern English cathedrals.

I walked from the British Rail station to the sound of twenty continuous minutes of cathedral bells, arriving at the cathedral for 10:00 a.m. mattins.

The Nave contained almost 200 people whose devotation, when added to the quality of the choir, gave a feeling which was lacking at Westminster' or even Canterbury.

It was also far easier to follow the service at Chichester since that choir's diction is understandable (not a common English cathedral trait!)

But it was at the 11:00 a.m. Communion that the magnificence of Chichester became apparent. The choir processed to the organ prelude, disappearing into the choir stalls through the arched rood screen. The Bishops of Chichester and Ripon entered following the choir.

During the chanted Introit, the clergy entered the nave (priest, deacon, arch-priest, and subdeacon) stopping at the screen. The first half of the service was conducted there, facing the people (about 500 at this service).

After a splendid sermon by the Bishop of Ripon, the clergy, thurifiers and acolytes proceeded through the choir to the high alter for the offertory, consecration, and administration (Series III). The choir sang the Byrd Missa Brevis and an anthem, with hymns during the administration.

As the sun darkened a little, the gloominess of the Norman Nave combined with lightness of the later Gothic arches and the brilliant modern French altar tapestry to give a living picture of a place of Christian worship which on this particular Sunday was beginning its 900th year.

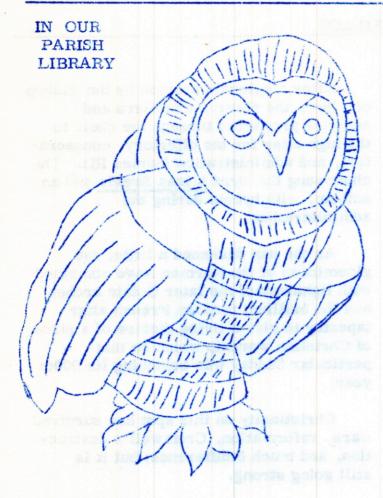
Christianity on this spot has survived wars, reformation, Cromwell's destruction, and much indifference; but it is still going strong.

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BULLETIN BOARD

- ... Homecoming Barbecue, Sept. 14
- ... Parish Council Supper Meeting, September 16
- ... We are starting a "Film Ministry" with one film being shown each month. The first film will be shown September 23. Tell your friends.
- ... October 19, guest preacher will be the Rev. Stockhowe
- ... Holly Gift Sale & Tea on Saturday, November 1, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
- ... Hanging o' the Greens supper on December 14. It's a fun time plan to come.

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.... Reviewed for your reading pleasure by B. Poole.

I BELIEVE IN MIRACLES

- by Kathryn Kuhlmann

If you are interested in the ministry of healing, this is a book which will spark your faith. It gives the testimonies of many who have attended Miss Kuhlmann's services and whose bodies have been touched by the healing power of God. You will enjoy reading this.

THE HOLY SPIRIT AND YOU - by Dennis & Rita Bennett

This is an excellent resource book on the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Simply and directly it goes into the important facts on this subject. You will enjoy it and learn much from it. THE TASTE OF NEW WINE and THE SECOND TOUCH

- by Keith Miller

These two books will be enjoyed by the men. They tell of the problems of a young man and how God changed his life and helped him to be a channel of His love to the men in his office.

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Life is not hopeless! God has promised He will be with us, not only in happy times, but in times of sorrow and despair. When God is with us, it is impossible not to have our lives filled with hope and peace.

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OUTREACH - YOU CAN HELP!

Downtown Churchworkers' Association at 145 Adelaide Street East 366-7797

An association that provides trained workers and support for inner city churches. The churches initiate programs that involve and uplift the community.

Moorelands-Kawagama, a summer camp in Lake of Bays area, is operated to give mothers and children from the downtown core an opportunity to get away from the

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Only a limited number of berths are available for St. John's parishioners and their friends ... so call soon if you are interested.

FAR 'N' WYDE TRAVEL CLUB

The Inside Passage

- by O. Roberts

To the lively strains of the band of the North Vancouver Wrenettes, the C.P.R. vessel Princess Patricia, left her moorings in Vancouver harbour and slowly glided under the Lions! Gate Bridge. She was bound for Skagway, Alaska, about 1,100 miles up the Pacific coast. In the protected waters of the famed "Inside Passage," the ship cruised past a fascinating ever-changing panorama of wooded islands, mountains, waterfalls, and glaciers. During the Ice Age, glaciers gouged out this waterway. It is my pleasure to share with you a few of the highlights of this memorable experience.

Approximately 500 miles north of Vanccuver and a mere 40 miles from Alaskan waters is British Columbia's most northerly seaport, Prince Rupert. Did you know that this city is situated on Kaien Island and that its magnificent harbour is the third largest in the world? This thriving, interesting metropolis is the western terminus of the Canadian National Railways' northern line from Jasper and the East.

Ketchikan, the "Gateway City" of Southeast Alaska, was the first American port of call. Like most communities along the way, it lies in a narrow band of land at the base of a mountain. As our bus driver put it, "Ketchikan is four miles long and four blocks upstairs from the ocean." A real treat here was a stroll through part of the extensive Tongass Rain Forest with its muskeg bogs, and Spanish moss festooned on the tall hemlocks and spruces. Yes, it did drizzle a bit for us.

Alert Bay, some 40 miles from the northern tip of Vancouver Island, has an old Indian village with an outstanding collection of Kwakiutl totem poles. Similarly, Ketchikan displays one of the

world's finest exhibits of these "blow-up walking sticks". Contrary to a popular misconception, the totems are not idols and have no religious connotation. One of the great primitive art styles in the world, these carbed cedar trees are found only in the Pacific Northwest coastal region. Their true purpose is to record the history of the tribe and family, and the story is read from the top of the pole down.

At the summit of the Alaskan Panhandle is a huge inlet known as Glacier Bay. In 1925, under the direction of Calvin Coolidge, the Bay was declared a National Monument. On a 60-mile cruise, it was thrilling to see some of the 200 glaciers in the area. We were able to approach within half a mile of a few of the 16 spectacular specimens that came down to tidewater. In the clear sunlight, these rivers of ice and snow were a wondrous sight. Below the ship the water was 1,400 feet at its deepest, while above, on the mountains, there was ice as thick as 3,000 feet. To see some of the wild life, one had to keep a sharp lookout for porpoises, hair seals, whales, the bald eagle, and many species of birds and animals.

Traversing the Tracy Arm was another delight. This fjord-like waterway penetrates the coastal range for 30 miles. It is narrow and deep amid high canyon walls which rise to 2,400 feet and over which numerous waterfalls plunge headlong to the sea. Jagged mountains reach to over 6,000 feet. A skilful pilot guided us for 21 miles among icebergs broken off the Sawyer Glacier. They were fantastic in both shape and size. Here was a Gothic arch of ice-blue hue, there a modern sculpture, and yonder a delicate carving of a pure white swan.

The most northerly port of call was Skagway, that magic name associated with the goldrush of 1898. There the vessel docked for 11 or 12 hours. Most of the passengers chose to board the

White Pass & Yukon narrow-gauge railway for an exhilarating trip to Lake Bennett and return. We followed the route backpacked by thousands of gold-hungry men laborious-ly striving to reach the Klondike.

The train carefully travelled through tunnels, and across bridges and wild mountain gorges where "The Trail of '98" is still visible. Crossing Dead Horse Gulch we saw where 3,000 faithful beasts were sacrificed by avid gold-seekers. Twenty miles distant from Skagway, we reached White Pass Summit where, at an elevation of 2,900 feet, we crossed the border into British Columbia.

Located at the head of beautiful Lake Bennett is Bennett, just 12 miles from the Yukon Territory. Seated around long tables in the dining-room there, we partook of a "sourdough's lunch" of stew, baked beans, and apple pie. At Bennett the train was turned for the journey back to Skagway. Southward bound, we continued to participate in the fine program provided, relaxed at will, and savoured afresh more than 1,000 miles of sheer beauty.

After sailing along the Gastineau Channel, we cast anchor at Juneau, the capital of Alaska. Part of our exciting shore trip was to motor 18 miles along the scenic glacier highway to the Mendenhall Valley. Suddenly we beheld in all its splendour the great Mendenhall Glacier, a river of compressed blue ice hundreds of years old and the world's largest glacier accessible by road. It is one and a half miles wide and 200 feet high at its face. Anything up to 1,000 feet in thickness, it reaches back 12 miles into the Juneau icefield, 1,000 to 1,500 sq. ft. of solid ice.

It was our privilege to see both sides of the glacier, one of which drains into Auke Lake. Nestling on the shore was a pretty little Presbyterian Church constructed of spruce logs and some cedar shakes. Members of the congregation of 300 helped to build this "Chapel by the Lake" as it is known. So active is the congregation

that three services are necessary to accommodate worshippers on Sunday morning.

Once within the Chapel, we stood speechless. Ahead was a large picture window on which was superimposed a great wooden cross, a reminder of Redemption. Framed like a majestic painting was the glorious handiwork of the Creator at work: the snow-capped mountain, the quiet tree-lined lake, the sun-drenched, gleaming river of ice that is the Mendenhall.

Here, and in our Canadian mountain ranges, countless glaciers slowly grind their way down the mountain sides. The face of crystalline ice gradually melts to become the source of the life-giving rivers of our North American continent.

Truly this was a moment of high, spiritual significance. Spontaneously the words of the Benedicite, Omnia Opera came to mind:

"O ye Ice and Snow, bless ye the Lord:
Praise Him, and magnify Him for ever."

If you contemplate taking the popular cruise through the "Inside Passage," make your booking as much as a year ahead. If possible, choose the month of June when the days are long and when there is less likelihood of rain and fog to obliterate the landscape.

(Editor's note: Remember we have an inresidence travel agent, Bill Hoyland, of Peter Pan Travel, located at 2198 Bloor Street West. Telephone: 763-4641.)

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When the tide of life turns against you
And the currents upset your boat;
Shed not a tear for what might have been
Simply turn on your back and float.

PRAYER 'N' SHARE by D. Winegarden

Have you ever stopped to think what made the early Christians continue in their faith in view of the terrible persecutions that they had to bear? Granted they had a deep love for Christ which many of us today could well do with a dose of, but even so, why did they sneak away in the night to meet together and praise the Lord? Surely these thousands of men and women did not enjoy being social outcasts. What could have possibly possessed them?

The Bible repeatedly tells us of people who accepted Jesus as their Saviour and who were filled with the Holy Spirit, but what could the Holy Spirit offer that would remove the threat of dreadful torture and hideous deaths?

It is a peace which passes all possible understanding.

This peace, this gift from Jesus, of the Holy Spirit is alive and available even today in 20th century Canada. Truly God does move in mysterious ways.

Have you ever heard John Denver sing? John Denver is a folk-rock type of a musician with a joy and love which is impossible to miss. A peace and happiness seems to radiate from his words and music.

One of his songs is called "Rocky Mountain High." For me this song sums up the feeling you get when you turn your life over completely to the Lord and He in return fills your life with His Holy Spirit.

To be filled with the Holy Spirit is to live with unsurpassable happiness and excitement. A real zest for life. You want to smile and sing and laugh, not just in your praise of God but in all that comes your way every day. Nothing hassles you; no problem is too big to cope with. Even the troubles in your life seem to fall into

correct perspective when you know that God is right in you, guiding and comforting you. Love of your fellow-man no longer is something to aim for, but rather something that just is.

This is available to you if you believe and ask for it. We can all share in what the early Church had and it's so very easy.

Because, when you talk to God and listen to His casual reply,

"It's a Rocky Mountain High."

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WITH LOVE FROM THE KITCHEN

"I verily believe that the love of bread and butter goes with us from the cradle to the grave. It is perhaps the only taste which time, travel and luxury cannot change.

"It requires an apprenticeship to learn to eat olives... one has to study hard to acquire a taste for frogs legs and pates de froie gras ...

"But a love for bread and butter comes by intuition. It is an instinct! Long live bread and butter."

... Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

"Bread is the staff of life, lean on it."

... Jonathan Swift

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FROM THE WARDENS' CORNER.....



Now you have one! This is an indispensible item for everyone. For years people have been saying, "I'll do it as soon as I get a 'Round Tuit'." Cut it out, keep it handy, and you will have no more trouble getting all those extras done because you finally have a 'Round Tuit'.

St. John's has a 'Round Tuit'. It is the new Parish Council. At last, the opportunity to make your suggestions, and hopefully they can be carried out. Who knows? Your dreams for St. John's may come true. You see, we now have a 'Round Tuit'. Working in harmony we can get many more things done because of it... Tasks - U and I - Together.

Come to the Parish Council meeting on September 16, when we'll discuss ways and means of continuing the up-keep, repair and maintenance of our properties, and still meet Synod's proposed Assessment and Outreach of \$9,204.00 for St. John's Church in 1976. (That's an 18% increase over 1975.)

What "things" would you like to see done at St. John's? How can we spruce the place up so that it will be inviting to people looking for a parish church?

This past Summer has seen the removal of the dying elm bushes to the East of the driveway; trimming of the bushes in the heavy traffic areas, and sprucing up the garden patches in the vicinity of the front steps; re-sodding the backyard of the Rectory and just East of the driveway. The Parish House woodwork has been given a coat of paint and some indoor plumbing repaired; the playground and Rectory fences painted; the contract to repair the Parish House garage roof and the Church Tower Roof has been let.

Time, material and labour all cost money and there is much yet to be done. Will the Finance & Stewardship Committee be justified in asking for a 25% increase in our pledges this Fall?

We have another urgent need .. Sunday School teachers (either steady or on a rotating basis) and Brownie Leaders.

In 1473, a man by name of Copernicus was born into an age of ignorance, when the "flat earth" concept represented the intellectual thought of the day. He was a physicist, teacher and astrologer, with a dream that the earth was round, not flat; orbital, not stationary; and one of many planets revolving around the sun. In spite of constant objection to and social ridicule of his theories, he maintained his freedom of individuality and cherished greatly his right to ask.

In 1903, Orville and Wilbur Wright proved everyone wrong when they lifted a machine heavier than air off the ground. Today, we have supersonic jets and freight carrying transports because two men had a dream and maintained their right to ask.

How often do you fail to stand up for what you believe? How often do you shift your share of responsibility because you do not maintain your freedom of individuality and cherish your right to ask questions?

St. John's should be the life-giver of the community... pastoral, evangelistic and outreach (those not of our faith). However, not only do we need money, but resources and manpower, too!

We invite you to attend our next Parish Council meeting, September 16, and exercise your freedom as an individual with a right to ask questions.

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Warden's Corner (cont'd)

Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success. He who would really benefit mankind must reach them through their work.

"If ye abide in me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you."

(John 15: 7)

Garnet Devitt, Mona Johnston, Bill Hoyland Wardens, St. John's Church

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The following is an open letter to the Wardens ...

Sirs:

One of the brightest discoveries of International Women's Year has just been made by Church Scholars, and I hasten to draw the attention of your readers to it.

As you are aware, for years we of the Church have been troubled by the words of Ophelia in HAMLET, when she said:

"...But, good my brother
Do not, as some ungracious pastors do,
Show me the steep and thorny way
to heaven,
Whilst, like a puff'd and reckless
libertine,
Himself the primrose path of
dalliance treads...."

If the words were to be given conventional or apparent meaning, they assumed that early Anglican pastors had the money for riotous and dissolute living, even if they, God forbid, should have had the inclination in spite of their vocation. This conventional interpretation forced on scholars up to now by lack of contrary indicia, has caused pain to many genera-

tions of the clergy with its implications of hypocrisy when everyone knows Anglican clergymen have never preached a steep and thorny road to heaven as Anglicans don't believe in it.

Happily the obvious contradiction has now been resolved. In Shakespeare's time the clergy, instead of remaining celibate, a state of grace and graciousness, had become free to marry, a State of Ungraciousness. It has now been discovered that one of the first to get married was one Thomas D'Alliance, Abbott of St. Alwyns, Cornwall, and that he married one Primrose Trewinnard, then president of St. Alwyns W.A. and Altar Guild. This new discovery makes it quite clear what Shakespeare meant when Ophelia spoke to Laertes, i.e.: "Do not tell me to remain single to get to heaven while you act (i.e. get married) by running around smoking (puff'd) and driving your libertine (in Tudor times a popular make of buggy) recklessly, and taking the path of Thomas D'Alliance by marrying your own Primrose." An interesting footnote is that this may also explain early attempts to insert in the table of consanguinity a prohibition against rectors marrying the Presidents of W.A.'s as damaging to the church fabric and the historical fact that many Rectors and Presidents of W.A.'s can be at "daggers drawn".

Yours very truly,

Henry J. Chuff-Chuffington
Rector, Church of St. Invidious the
Martyr
Greater-Shortfall -On-Thames

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(Editor's Note: Contributions for the October Issue will be received up to the deadline date of September 21, 1975)

REVIVE US AGAIN

Cool waters ...

Refreshing breezes ...

Health-giving rays of the sun . . If you have a song ... sing it

Rest ...

Fun ...

Laughter ...

All go together to revitalize and recreate us for the winter's work.

Living Water ...

The Wind of the Spirit ...

Refreshing Life from the Son of God ...

Peace ...

Love ...

Joy ...

All go together to revitalize and recreate us for the work of the Lord.

We

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If you have a gift ... bring it

If you have a talent ... use

If you have love ... diffuse it

If you have sadness ... bear it

If you have gladness ... share it

If you have happiness ... give it

If you have religion ... live it

If you have a prayer ... pray it

If you have a kind word ... say it

We all have gifts that we may bring We all have songs that we may sing We all have kind words we may say

We all have prayers that we may pray

We all have love and joy to give And what a joy life is to live

If we just scatter everywhere

These things God's given us to share.

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CLEANING BILL FOR HEAVEN

A church at Telscombe in southern England recently unearthed the following ancient bill for repairs to its wall paintings:

"to renovating heaven and adjusting the stars; washing servant of the high priest and putting carmine on his cheeks; and brightening up the flames of hell, putting a new tail on the devil and doing odd jobs for the damned, and correcting the ten commandments".....\$23.00

EVIDENCE OF A FATHER'S CARE

FOR HIS CHILDREN

TEMPORAL CARE

Your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things.

Luke 12:30

FOOD: Proverbs 30:8; Psalm 136:25; 1 Timothy 6: 7, 8

CLOTHING: Deuteronomy 29:5; Luke 12:28

SHELTER: Isaiah 32:18; Psalm 107:7

SECURITY: Job 11: 18, 19; Proverbs 1:33; Proverbs 21:31

SPIRITUAL CARE

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Matthew 6:33

FOOD: Jeremiah 15:16; John 6:32-35, 51

CLOTHING: Isaiah 61:10; Luke 12:23 SHELTER: Psalm 61:3; John 14:2

SECURITY: II Timothy 2:19; II Peter 1:10, 11

TEACHING: Isaiah 54:13; John 6:45

GUIDANCE: Isaiah 58:11; Matthew 4:19; John 16:13 CHASTENING: Hebrews 12:6, 11; Revelation 9:19

SYMPATHY: Isaiah 53:4; Psalm 103:13; Matthew 11:28-30 FORGIVENESS: Isaiah 63:9; Psalm 103:12; Ephesians 4:32;

Matthew 6:12

ENCOURAGEMENT: Isaiah 41:10; John 10:27-29; Luke 12:32

EVERLASTING

LIFE: John 3:16

LIVING FOR HIM

.... based on II Corinthians 5:14-15

He died for me -Then how can I
Withhold from Him
The life He bought?

He lives in me -Then gladly I
Will yield to Him
The life He sought.

THE SECRET - a morning thought by Ralph Cushman

I met God in the morning
When my day was at its best,
And His presence came like sunrise
Like a glory in my breast.

All day long the Presence lingered All day long He stayed with me, And we sailed in perfect calmness O'er a very troubled sea.

So, I think I know the secret learned from many a troubled way, You must seek Him in the morning If you want Him through the day.

THE ANSWER - an evening thought by Charlotte G. Johnstone

I thanked God in the evening
When the day was past and gone,
And praised Him for His Presence
Guiding me from early dawn.

Many were the cares and problems
There arose, unseen, to meet,
But His Presence was my pilot,
Calmly sailing o'er the deep.

So, I lay aside earth's problems,
Now the shades of evening fall,
Thus in peace and faith to slumber,
With His presence over all.

To the King of ages, Who is immortal, invisible, the one only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen

(1 Timothy 1:17)

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