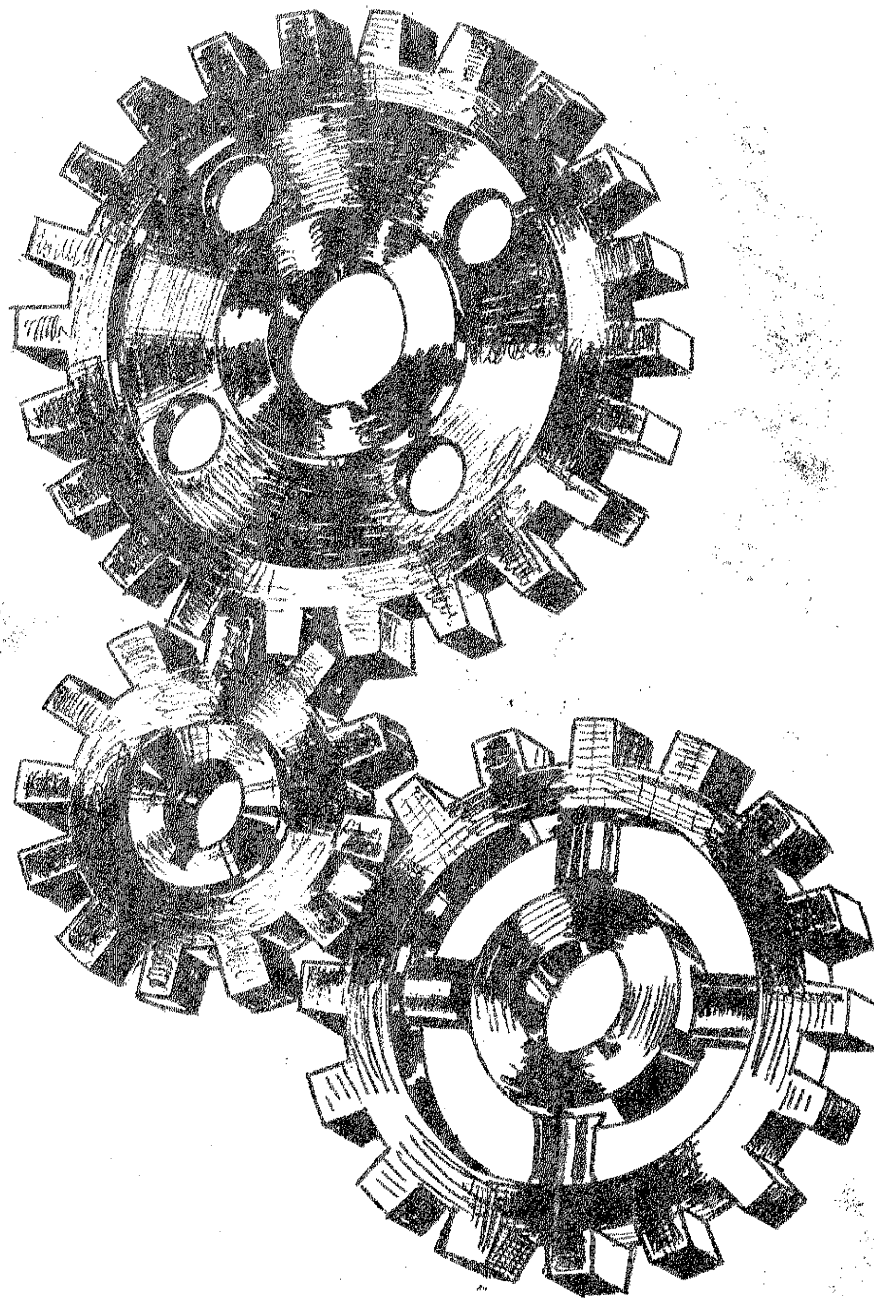
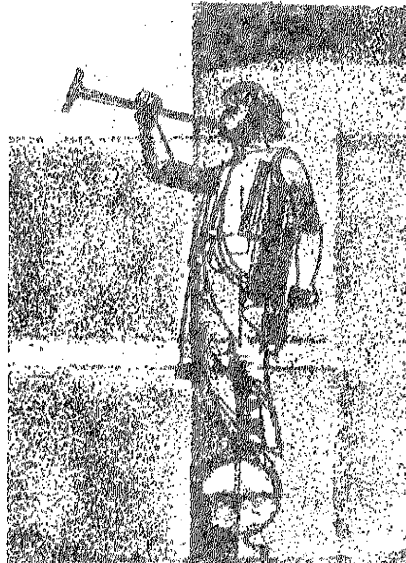


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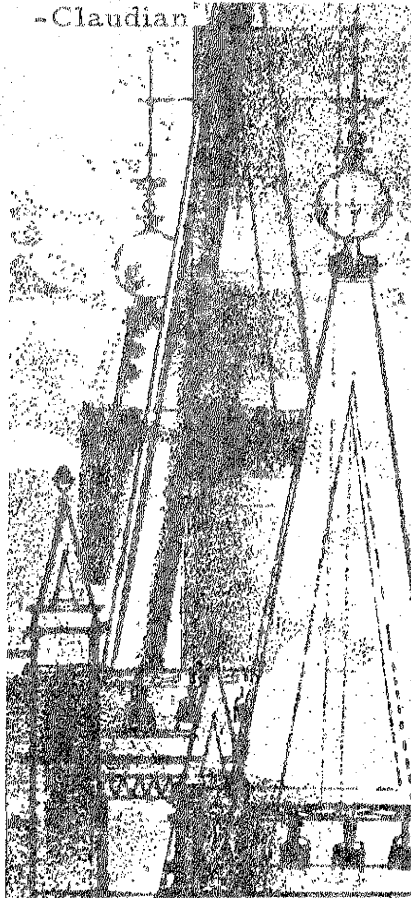


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"He is next to gods who reason and not passion impels."  
-Claudian



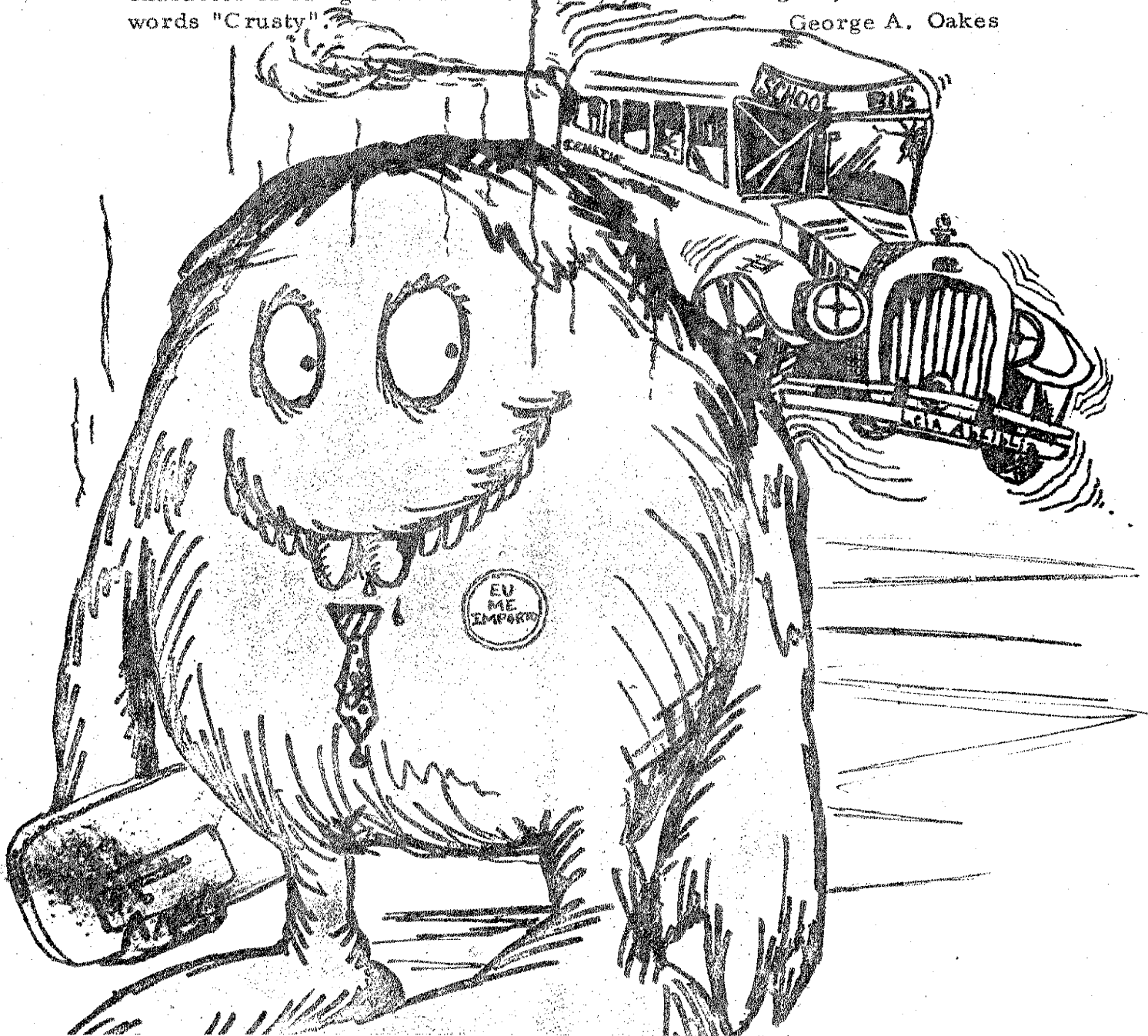
# - Official Definition of Crust -

We have often discussed what it means to be "Crusty." Basically it has come to mean the extra effort, sacrifice dedication and service with all our heart, might, mind and strength. But, we've to date lacked an official definition, therefore, I propose the words of Brigham Young assume that role. They were expressed by him in regard to his missionary life and they are as follows:

"How I have had the headache, when I have had ideas to lay before the people, and not the words to express them; but I was so gritty that I always tried my best." (Brigham Young, The New Era, January, 1972)

When we see our bus or our mascot "Crust" let's remember the character of our great leaders. I pray you will be "gritty" or in our words "Crusty"

George A. Oakes



# On Sacrifice

Dear Missionaries:

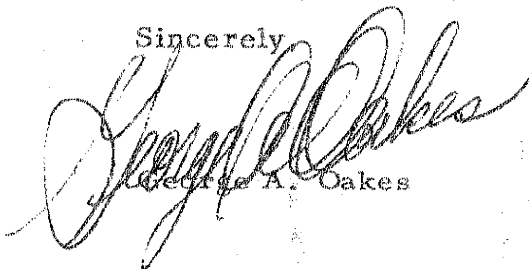
"Sacrifice brings forth the blessings of heaven; Earth must atone for the blood of that man. Wake up the world for the conflict of justice. Millions shall know 'brother Joseph' again. Hail to the Prophet, ascended to heaven! Traitors and tyrants now fight him in vain. Mingling with Gods, he can plan for his brethern; Death cannot conquer the hero again." Praise to the Man, William W. Phelps.

No truer words were ever spoken. Joseph Smith, Jr., whom we proudly represent to the world for good, is a Prophet of the living God. He gave his life to seal his testimony and even before that great gift, he sacrificed daily and suffered many hardships and indignations for the sake of the gospel and the saints he loved with all of his heart. Can we give any less than our all for the prophets, both living today and dead? Your calling is to preach the gospel of love to all of the world and especially now to the Brazilian people. If you fulfill your calling in dignity and with power, you will enjoy the blessings of heaven forever.

We have dedicated ourselves to an extra effort this month. Eighty proselyting hours a week and an increased number of lessons is our challenge. Could this compare to the sacrifice of our pioneer forefathers? Yes, if given with a pure heart and pure intentions. We often say, "Oh, if I could have lived in those days, it would be different." As you live each minute of your life, nothing will change or or would change if the time and setting were different. It is your obligation to do the very best with what you have and under the conditions which govern at the time. Only then can you be sure that you would have been valiant in the past or will be valiant in the future. Now is the time to make yourself worthy of the Lord. Now is the time to represent the prophets well.

We know that Jesus Christ is the Savior of the World and we delight to represent him to all men. We do this through a strong testimony that Joseph Smith, Jr. was and is the head of this the last dispensation of time. We know that Christ overcame all things. That he put beneath his feet all his enemies and glorified his Father in Heaven in every respect. Our goal should be as lofty and great. Our efforts to reach that goal should be unceasing. May this be our lot, may we sacrifice joyfully. I pray in the Lord's name.

Sincerely

  
George A. Oakes



## WHAT MANNER OF MEN...

In his later years, Solomon, like Alexander the Great, forgot what manner of man he ought to be, and because he lived contrary to the law of the Lord, his great gifts were withdrawn. The record describes the tragic end as follows: '...and Solomon did evil in the sight of the Lord, and went not fully after the Lord as did David, his father ...and the Lord was angry with Solomon because his heart was turned from the Lord, God of Israel which had appeared unto him twice.' (I Kings 11:6,9) When the wise Solomon quit asking himself Peter's question, '... what manner of people ought ye to be?', he ceased to be wise, then like Alexander the Great, he fell from his high place. This was not because he didn't know the answer, but because he didn't keep the question sufficiently in his mind.

The year before the death of the multi-millionaire, J. P. Morgan, he made a will containing 37 articles and 10,000 words. Some of his testamentary dispositions effected such large sums of money that the execution of his will almost upset the financial equilibrium of the world. But Mr. Morgan's will left no question as to what he considered to be the most important thing in life. His will said in part, 'I entreat my children to maintain and defend at all hazards and costs, the blessed doctrine of the atonement of Jesus Christ.' It was Mr. Morgan's faith that he who gave us the gift of life here, could also give us an even greater gift of the life hereafter. But even exaltation is not possible until we make up our minds and wholeheartedly give ourselves over to its realization. Our personal improvement can be steady and permanent if we establish the answer to Peter's question as a dominant motive in our lives.

Abraham Lincoln once said, that he didn't think much of a man who wasn't wiser today than he was yesterday. Dr. Henry C. Link said, 'Nothing puts so much order into our lives as a set of sound principles,' and the soundest set of principles are the principles of the gospel.

(Sterling W. Sill, The Way of Success, pp. 314-315)

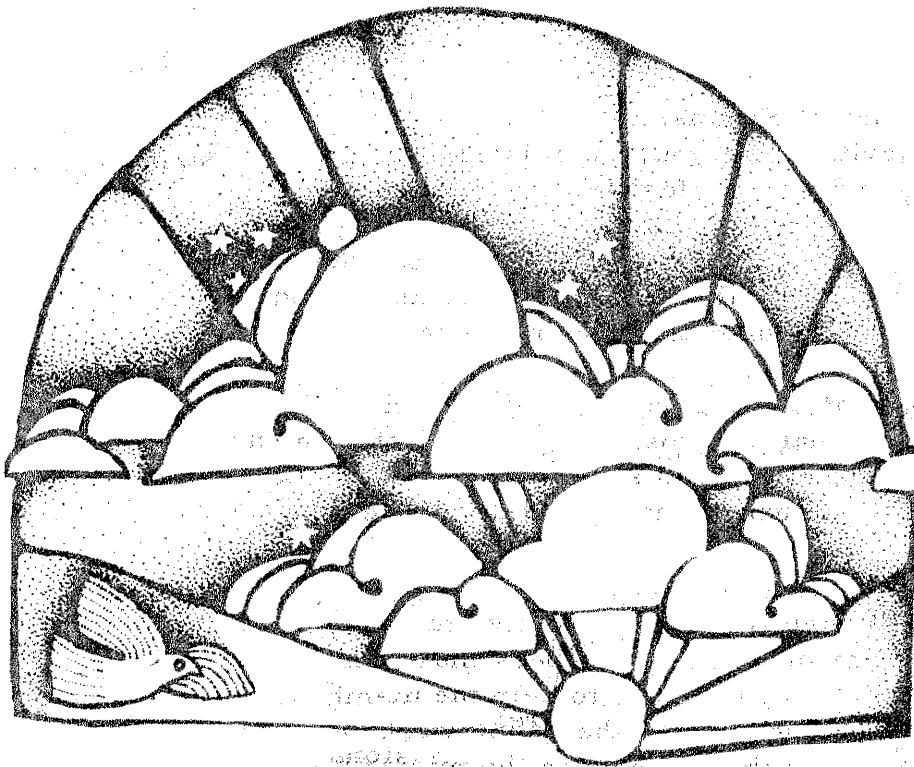
...ought ye to be?

Dear Fellow Servants:

It is humbling for me to work with you . . . a corp of the finest youth of Zion. I admire your dedication, your consecration, your talents and abilities and especially that quality you have that is exemplified in the following poem:

You never hear the robins brag about the sweetness  
of their song,  
Nor do they stop their music gay when 'er a poor  
man comes along.  
God taught them how to sing an' when they'd  
learned the art, He sent them here  
To use their talents day by day the dreary lives o'  
men to cheer,  
An' rich or poor, an' sad or gay, the ugly and the  
fair to see  
Can stop most any time in June an' hear the robins'  
melody.  
I stand an' watch them in the sun, usin' their gifts  
from day to day,  
Swellin' their little throats with song regardless o'  
man's praise or pay;  
Jes' bein' robins, nothin' esle, nor claimin' greatness  
for their deeds,  
But jes' content to gratify one o' the big world's  
many needs,  
Singin' a lesson to us all to be ourselves an' scatter  
cheer  
By usin' every day the gifts God gave us when He  
sent us here.  
Why should we keep our talents hid, or think we  
favor men because  
We use the gifts that God has given? The robins  
never ask applause,





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Nor count themselves remarkable, nor strut in a superior way  
Because their music sweeter is than that God gave unto the jay.  
Only a man conceited grows as he makes use o' talents fine,  
Forgettin' that he merely does the workin' o' the Will Divine.  
Lord, as the robins, let me serve! Teach me to do the best I can  
To make this world a better place, an' happier for my fellow man.  
If gift o' mine can cheer his soul an' hearten him along his way,  
Let me not keep that talent hid; I would make use of it today.  
An' since the robins ask no praise or pay for all their songs o' cheer,  
Let me in humbleness rejoice to do my bit o' service here.

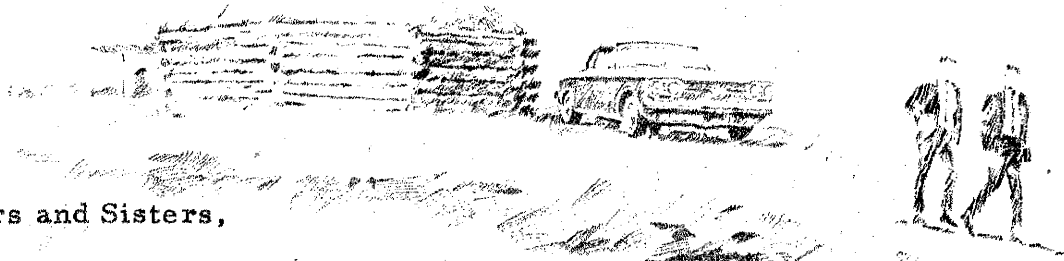
-Edgar A. Guest

As the robins, you do serve . . . never asking applause, nor claiming greatness for your deeds, nor praise or pay. What a blessing it is for each of us to just be here to do our bit of service! May your "All Systems Go Month" provide many opportunities to "swell your throats" as you preach with the Spirit, and may the melody of Mormonism be heard throughout this great land.

I love you—

*Jeannette N. Oakes*

Jeannette N. Oakes



Dear Elders and Sisters,

As we launch into "The Era of Expansion", we are so grateful for the dedication and sacrifice that you, the missionaries, are putting forth. The unity and love we feel for one another, our spiritual growth through prayer and obedience are pleasing to Our Father in Heaven. He is pouring out His Spirit upon the mission and we rejoice in the fulfillment of prophecy as we see the gospel roll forth in triumph unto the ends of the earth.

"The keys of the Kingdom of God are committed unto man on the earth, and from thence shall the gospel roll forth unto the end ends of the earth, as the stone which is cut out of the mountain without hands shall roll forth, until it has filled the whole earth," (D&C 65:2)

As we strive to sanctify ourselves we must realize that in order to truly build the Kingdom of God our members must also be sanctified. It is our choice opportunity to help the members sanctify themselves by involving them in the great work of spreading the gospel. Through involvement in the missionary work the members will draw near to the Lord and receive into their lives the joy that comes from seeing the gospel affect the lives of others.

May we unite with the members and "Call upon the Lord, that His kingdom may go forth upon the earth, that the inhabitants thereof may receive it, and be prepared for the days to come, in the which the son on Man shall come down in heaven, clothed in the brightness of his glory, to meet the Kingdom of God which is set up on the earth." (D&C 65:5)

May we continue to be worthy to receive the blessings of the Lord in this great work.

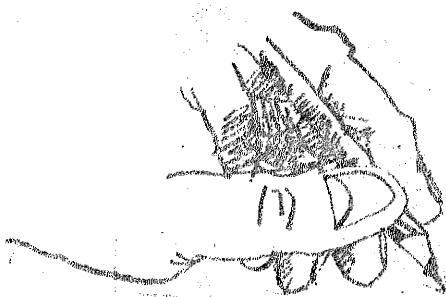
*Elder Fails*

Assistant to the President.



"Work for some good, be it ever so slowly  
Cherish some goal - be it ever so lowly  
Work - for all labor is noble and holy  
Let thy deeds, be as prayers to thy God."

-Francis Sargeant Osgood



Dear President,

Dear Pres:

Last night we were praça preaching. We started off by singing "We Thank Thee O' God For A Prophet". Lots of people started to gather around and they were curious to hear what we had to say after the song. When it was over, there stood a young soldier or student, that wanted to hear our message. We stood under a tree that was almost without leaves and taught him the first discussion. About the whole time we were preaching it was raining, and the funny thing was that everyone else had gone away running and everything was wet except where we were standing. There it had hardly rained at all and we were dry. We just kept giving the discussion and near the end it began raining really hard and still we didn't get wet where we were. But, finally we decided to go across the street where there was some shelter. The young man was very faithful and went with us to the other side of the street where it was dry under the roof of a theater. We finished an excellent discussion and marked back to teach him some more.

Thanks to Sisters Briggs, Alexandria and Ennes

After conference on Monday we decided to use the new member program right away. So the very next day we started using it with fine success. We presented it to five families. We set up three family home evenings and got seven referrals right away. We got one good reference from a non-member who had been taught by Sister Ellis and Mayo some time ago. That referral gave us a good first discussion and really shows how referrals and member work improves your proselyting. Friday we had one of our family home evenings. The lady who set it up is so very faithful. She had seven investigators there to meet with us. She had invited others who could not come. We are looking forward to meeting with the others that weren't there.

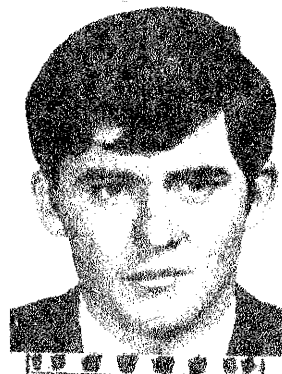
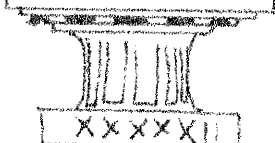
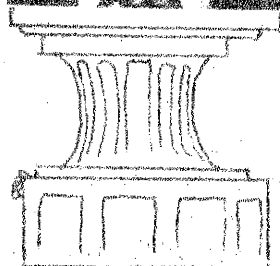
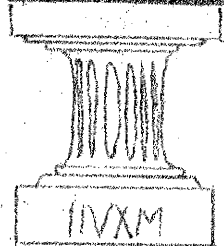
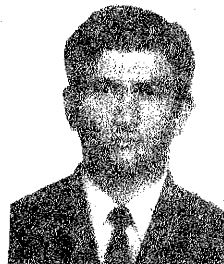
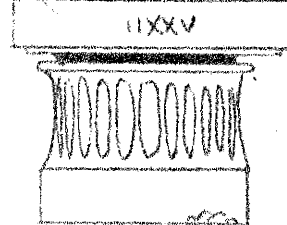
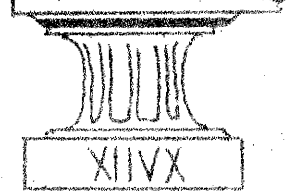
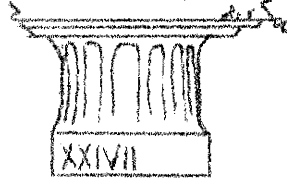
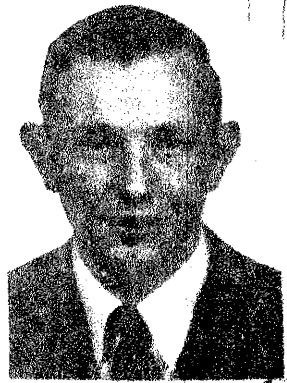
From the letter of Sister Nielsen.

Two thoughts for a day:

God isn't dead, just unemployed by some people.

If you are farther from God today than you were yesterday, guess who moved?

From a letter from Elder Hayes



Top ten "Proselyting hours"

- 327 1. Elder Robinson E.
- 312 2. Elder Farnsworth
- 312 3. Elder Shilling
- 309 4. Elder Sargent
- 308 5. Elder Furness
- 304 6. Elder Dyches
- 304 7. Elder Furiman
- 303 8. Elder Wilson
- 301 9. Elder Armstrong
- 300 10. Elder Higginson

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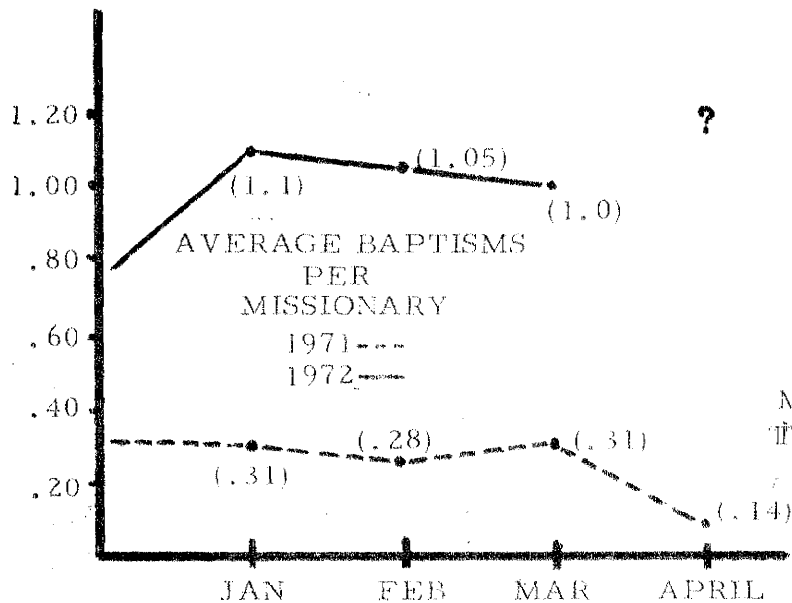


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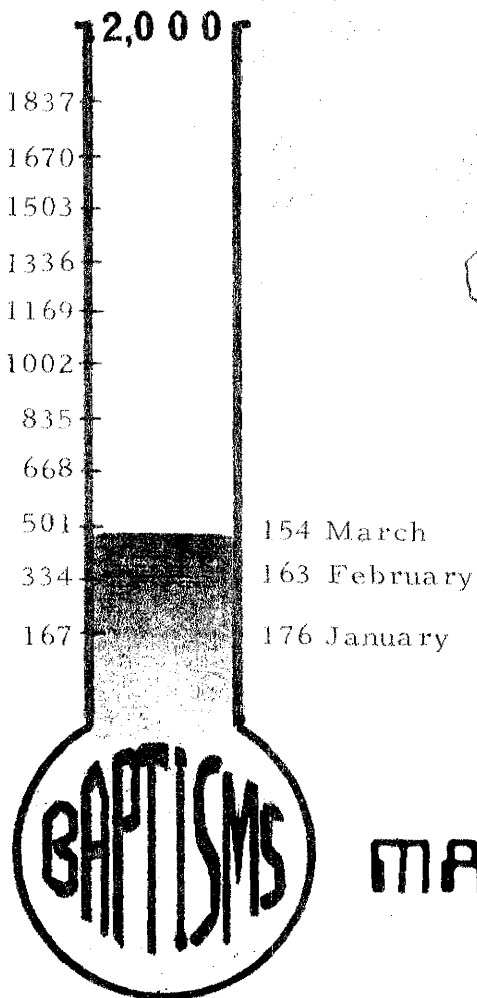
- 66 1. Elder Edwards
- 61 2. Elder Robinson, E.
- 52 3. Elder Fuhriman
- 51 4. Elder Benedict
- 51 5. Elder Higginson
- 49 6. Elder Dyches
- 47 7. Elder Fuzeto
- 47 8. Elder Lewis, G. E.
- 47 9. Elder Lopez
- 46 10. Elder Shilling

**TEACH:**

# BAPTISMS



ESTADO DO RIO.....	34
CEARÁ.....	17
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MÉIER.....	10
ANDARAÍ.....	7
ENGENHO DE DENTRO.....	7
GOIÁS.....	7
CASCADURA.....	6
MONTANHAS.....	6
PARAÍBA.....	4
RAMOS.....	4
VITÓRIA.....	4
PERNAMBUCO.....	3
MINAS GERAIS.....	3
TOTAL.....	154



MARCH

PERNAMBUCO

Madalena

Huffaker DL ZL Robinson, E.  
Stimson Dance

Boa Viagem

Wheeler DL Walters  
Thatcher Phelps

Olinda

Higley DL Dixon  
Allison Enger

PARAÍBA

João Pessoa

Thomas DL ZL Deuel  
Stanger, L. Mills

Campina Grande

Monteiro BP Abraham

CEARÁ

Fortaleza

Carver DL Thiriot  
Edwards Nielsen

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DISTRITO FEDERAL

Asa Norte

Webb DL Armstrong  
Broadbent Hindmarsh  
Taguatinga

Chlarson DL Keller  
Hunter Bradshaw

Asa Sul

Proctor DL ZL Swenson  
Sorensen Foster  
Rosales Malhorquim

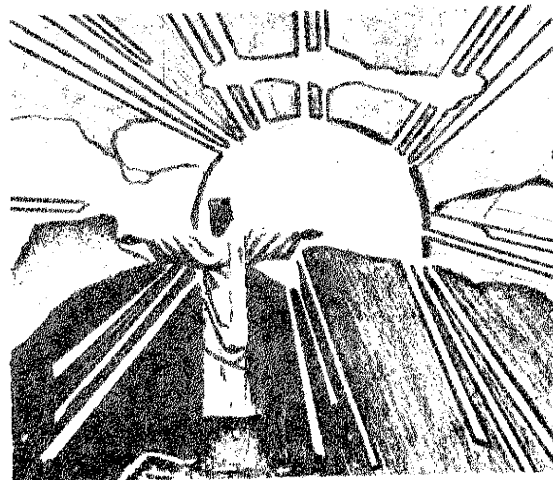
GOIÁS

Goiânia

McMillan DL ZL Dunn  
Welch Warcup

Anápolis

Heaston DL Potter



ESTADO DO RIO

Niterói

Lopes DL Hardesty  
Barney Svedin

São Gonçalo

Frei DL ZL Wilson  
Fuhriman Lass

Nova Friburgo

Nassar BP Tresnak  
Volta Redonda

Higginson Fuzeto

MÉIER

Boca do Mato

Speed DL ZL Wilford  
Robinson, D. Clarke

Todos os Santos

Solomon DL Packard  
Olsen Hayes

São Cristovão

Ashby DL Lewis, GE.  
Woffinden Joyner

VITÓRIA

Vitória

Ehat DL Rich  
Furness Maughan  
Villa Velha  
Gaertner BP Boswell

CASCADURA

Madureira

Brown DL ZL Burlingame  
Dissel Hortin

Jacarepagua

Gagon DL Crismon  
Briggs Alexandria

Irajá

Toone DL Gilgen  
Johnson Recksiek

RAMOS

Penha

Robertson Lewis, GM.  
Ilha

Wiggins DL ZL Booth  
Milner Peterson

ANDARAÍ

Villa Isabel

Swensen DL ZL Taggart  
Barclay Arnold

Grajaú

Andelin DL Baird  
Baldree Robeck

TIJUCA

Saenz Peña

Zahrt DL Mendenhall  
Sorensen Sargent

Santa Tereza

Southwick DL ZL Farnsworth  
Rex Davis

JARDIM BOTÂNICO

Lagoa

Graden DL Larson  
Baumgarten Benedict

Botafogo

Wilde ZL Echols

HEADQUARTERS

Laranjeiras

Tyler Henrie Ennes  
McIntire Owens Wiscombe

ASSISTANTS TO PRES.

Trost Shillig  
Fails Biehl  
Hart Wood  
Hammond Fackrell

MONTANHAS

Juiz de Fora

Wing DL Barzee  
Elggren Anderson

Teresópolis

Forsyth Dyches

Petropolis

Hansen DL ZL Stanger, D.  
Hall Reimschussel

Sis. Nielsen Sis. McCurdy

MINAS GERAIS

Floresta

Wooters DL Sherman  
Giblette Metcalf

Belo

Davis ZL Grimm  
Taft DL Wangemann  
Smith Roberts

TO ALL HARDWORKING ASSISTANT  
DLS AND ZLS:

We would like to bring to your attention some new information concerning filling out of reports.

1- There will be no more fractions or decimals used in the reports. Figure out the answer and then round it off in the following manner. All sums  $1/2$  or larger go up to the next whole number, all sums lower than  $1/2$  are to round down to the whole number, for example:

- a.  $1.25=1$
- b.  $1\ 3/4=2$
- c.  $17.70=18$
- d.  $20\ 1/5=20$

## MISSION MEMOS:



2- Monthly figures should be filled out and sent in with the last week; report, not on the first week of the next month.

3- With respect to your weekly reports the month always ends on the last Saturday of that month, even if most of the week is still during the previous month. Usually the count for baptisms will also end on the last Saturday of the month, unless otherwise indicated by the Assistants, or the President, by way of conferences, desafios or other means.

4- The Baptismal Goal should be included with the month's first weekly report, therefore you will have to look ahead a bit to get it in on the first week.

### REFERRALS:

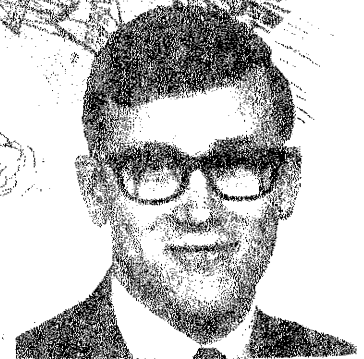
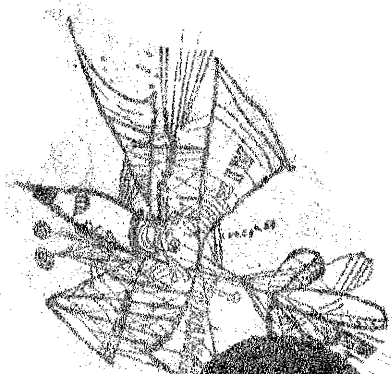
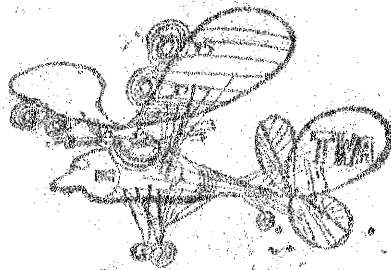
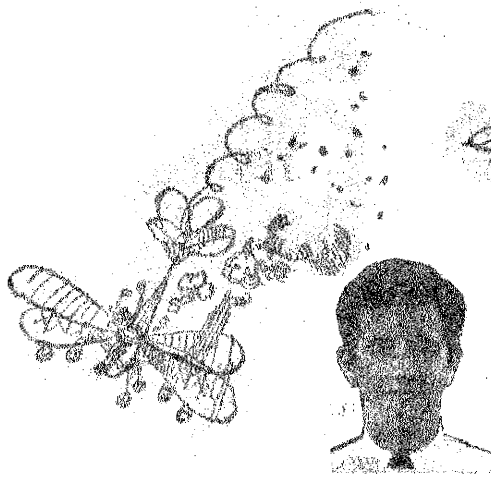
Once again we would like to remind you about the system on referrals. All referrals from the city of Rio or to the city of Rio should be sent to Elder Henrie at the Mission Home, unless you can personally give them to the correct person. We distribute these referrals at the weekly ZL-DL Meeting.

All referrals from the Interior to the North or from the North to the Interior should be sent directly to the missionaries and not to the M. O. If the referrals are good they should be sent immediately, if they aren't don't send them. Make sure all information is accurate and complete, such as spelling, name of the Bairro, if they are married or not, any useful comments, telephone number, best hours to contact them and if you want a return answer on what became of the referral. Use a referral card if possible. Thank you, Elder Henrie.

Since the 110 FP cards are no longer in use I am not receiving certain information needed. On the Recomendação do Batismo, please write the DISTRICT NAME, HOW FOUND, WHO GETS THE CREDIT, and if it was a CONVERT or CHILD baptism. There is space to write all this just under the line for the confirmation.

Elders, in filing out the Recomendações do Batismo e Confirmação, please print your full name in the space for who baptized and confirmed the person. Do not put Elder tal e tal.

Thank you. Elder Tyler



# Wings Award

March 27, 1972  
Elder Robert Christenson  
Elder Franklin Lovell  
Elder Douglas Richardson  
Elder Keith Bame



Get your Big "G" shot  
now, before it's too late



Elder Big "G" [shot] says:

Note:

Dr. Mason, Church Commissioner of Health, has informed us that the following "Big G Shot" is adequate for our mission--

Every three months, (2 cc or 2 ml) of  
320 mg Gama Gobulin or 1 box like this

**Gama  
Globulina**

"Behring"

320 mg



Remember to use only disposable needles and that other brands are acceptable if this type is not available to you.

The following elders and sisters are due during this fine month of APRIL:

Armstrong	Elggren	Robinson, P.
Arnold		Sherman
Baird	Frei	Shillig
Baldree	Giblette	Solomon
Barney	Grimm	Southwick
Barzee	Johnson	Speed
Baumgarten	McIntire, T.	Svedin
	McMillan	Swenson
Booth	Metcalf	Thomas
Chlarson	Nielsen, M.	Thiriote
Crismon	Peterson	Tresnak
Dance	Phelps	Trost
Davis, R.	Potter	Walters
Dissel	Proctor	Wheeler
Dixon	Rex	Wilde
Enger	Roberts	Wilford
Edwards	Robinson, E.	Wilson

# April...

The whispering of spring  
comes with April's green  
Reawakening the dormant world  
Causing the heart to sing again.

The world quietly transforms,  
Green, tender shoots appear  
quietly, softly in rich brown ground,  
Rainbow's colors come again  
in snow fields and hidden places.

As the world begins anew  
The mind reaches back...back  
to other beginnings,  
to births and rebirths  
Capturing memories of new life;

The day I first realized  
what it meant to be alive  
as I felt the life within me  
reaching out to take hold  
of all other life...

The day I was born again of  
of water and of spirit  
as I took upon me  
the name of everlasting life.

The day I grasped resurrection's meaning  
He is risen! He is risen  
Oh! Now life eternally!  
New life for all.

Others, also sons of our Father  
die before they're even born,  
burned out inside,  
never knowing spring,  
never feeling life.

But I-- I will drink fully forever  
of the water of the well  
of everlasting life...

I am alive... I am living... I am  
a part of spring, of April's promise...  
Eternally.

Sister Maria Elena McCurdy





"With all thy getting get reason."  
-paraphrase of Solomon



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