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For Such a Time as This . . .

"As a Man Thinketh . . ."

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ALTHOUGH the adage "Actions speak louder than words" has become a cliché, nevertheless it serves to emphasize a fact stated by the ancient Greek philosopher, Marcus Aurelius, which says, "Your life is what your thoughts make it."

As the mind is unable to control the forces which influence its action, it is up to the individual to do so. "The mind, the soul, is built up by that upon which it feeds, and it rests with us to determine upon what it shall be fed. It is within the power of everyone to choose the topics that shall occupy the thoughts and shape the character."—*Education*, pages 126, 127.

The mind has been likened to a garden. Just as a well-cultivated and nourished garden produces prize fruit and flowers, and the neglected garden grows weeds, so is it with the mind. The law of natural propagation is true in the spiritual realm as well. Good thoughts bring forth good works. Bad thoughts bring forth bad works. Good thoughts never produce bad works. Therefore the excuse "I wasn't thinking really means, "I wasn't thinking right thoughts."

"A noble God-like character is not a thing of favour or chance, but it is the natural result of continued effort in right thinking, the effect of long-cherished association with God-like thought.

"An ignoble and bestial character, by the same process, is the result of the continued harbouring of grovelling thoughts."—*As a Man Thinketh*, page 10.

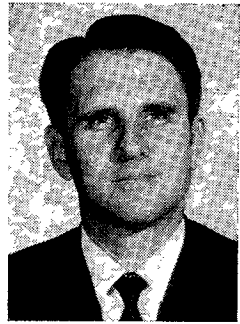
A certain philosopher, James Allen, put it this way: "A man is literally what he thinks, his character being the complete sum of all his thoughts. . . . Action is the blossom of thought and joy and suffering are its fruits."

Many of us do not relish such plain talk. We tend to blame circumstance or people, environment or background for our mediocrity and smallness. We find it difficult to accept the fact that we are directly responsible for what we really are. We do not like to accept the fact that our actions are governed by our thoughts, and yet when we are brought face to face with a problem and we are compelled to do some "heart searching" we will find that our reactions are governed by our

thoughts (even though they may be hidden in some far corner of the mind). Our reaction to problems makes us big or small, noble or base, as the case may be. Ulterior motives, suspicions, jealousies, criticisms, although well tucked away, tend to flare up under stress, while a well-cultivated and carefully nurtured mind will react in a large-hearted, Christ-like manner. "As you think," said William James, a notable psychiatrist, "so shall you be."

We cannot afford to neglect the cultivation of the mind for we are told that "The mind occupied with commonplace matters only, becomes dwarfed and enfeebled."—*Education*, page 124.

We are challenged by the words in *Ministry of Healing*, page 498 which say, "Be not satisfied with reaching a low standard. We are not what we



might be, or what it is God's will that we should be. God has given us reasoning powers, not to remain inactive, or to be perverted to earthly and sordid pursuits, but that they may be developed to the utmost, refined, sanctified, ennobled, and used in advancing the interests of His kingdom."

How distressing it is to see members of God's family here on earth, who are preparing for His coming, disagreeing with each other, having misunderstandings, accusing each other of ulterior motives, tearing each other apart with criticism, accusing each other falsely, reading into each other's actions motives that are unkind and unfounded. Although we have probably all memorized the beatitudes, it seems many of us have forgotten about the blessings promised to the pure in heart, the merciful, the peacemakers.

We would all benefit by taking time to search our hearts, to probe the dark corners of our minds, to unearth those half-hidden and almost subconscious thoughts which cause us to act in an "ignoble and bestial manner." "In handling our problems we so often try to justify ourselves, to cover guilt, and to make compromise stand for victory . . . there are things that should be forever settled, for as long as they are left dangling, there will be tension. Neither should they be repressed. They need to be completely cleared up. Right thinking should set the mental house in order and keep it so."—*Mind, Body and Religion*, page 69.

As we face the final days of this earth's history, now is the time for us to have "right thinking." As we endeavour to live a perfect life, it would be well for us to consider the words of Paul when he wrote, "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." *Philippians 4:8*.

THE SET OF THE SAIL

*I stood on the shore beside the sea;
The wind from the west blew fresh and free,
While past the rocks at the harbour mouth
The ships went north and the ships went south,
And some sailed out on an unknown quest,
And some sailed in to the harbour's rest,
Yet ever the wind blew out of the west.*

*I said to one who had sailed the sea
That this was a marvel unto me;
For how can the ships go safely forth
Some to the south and some to the north,
Far out to sea on their golden quest,
Or into the harbour's calm and rest,
And ever the wind blew out of the west?*

*The sailor smiled as he answered me,
"Go where you will when you're on the sea,
Though head winds baffle and plans delay,
You can keep the course by night and day:
Drive with the breeze or against the gale,
It will not matter what winds prevail,
For all depends on the set of the sail."*

*Voyager soul on the sea of life,
O'er waves of sorrow and sin and strife,
When fog bewilders and foes betray,
Steer straight on your course from day to day;
Though unseen currents run deep and swift
Where rocks are hidden and sand bars shift,
All helpless and aimless you need not drift.*

*Oh, set your sail to the heavenly gale,
And then, no matter what winds prevail,
No reef shall wreck you, no calm delay;
No mist shall hinder, no storm shall stay;
Though far you wander and long you roam
Through salt sea spray and o'er white sea foam,
No wind that can blow but shall speed you home.*

—Annie Johnson Flint

COVER PHOTO: The Set of the Sail."

Farewell:

Pastor M. E. Lind, now president of the Afro-Mideast Division, with Mrs Lind and their son, Leif. Pastor and Mrs Lind have given 29 years of fruitful and dedicated service to Africa. Except for the past five years their work has been carried on in Kenya and Uganda, and as the years have passed, the Linds have passed from mission station director, to district leader, to field president, to union president, and lastly to secretary of the Trans-Africa Division. Each position has ended with full credit on the Lind's side for work faithfully and loyally done, and done as only Pastor Lind would have it done—thoroughly, colourfully, with a touch of the dramatic, and overlaid with a keen sense of humour before which the pressure of weighty problems gave way. They have served long and well, and are greatly beloved and respected throughout Trans-Africa.



Welcome:

Pastor and Mrs Roy E. Clifford who will fill the place left vacant by the Linds, both in the Division office and at "Kianga." Pastor Clifford, eldest son of Pastor and Mrs F. G. Clifford, has spent all the years of his service thus far in South Africa, occupying positions of trust as secretary-treasurer and president of organizations in that country. Mrs Clifford is a member of the Tarr "clan" and with her husband, has a rich heritage of Adventist background. We welcome them warmly and sincerely, and believe the work of the Lord assigned to them will go forward as they join forces at headquarters.

Farewell:

Pastor and Mrs Bob E. Jacobs to whom we have said farewell as they have left us to take up their new work in the Far Eastern Division. Pastor Jacobs has won a warm and lasting place in the hearts of young people around this Division as well as the respect and esteem of MV secretaries and other leaders. Mrs Jacobs has served faithfully as an office secretary in the Division office and has endeared herself to all with whom she has been associated. Their dedicated work and godly influence, while here, bespeak fruitful and successful service in the Far East.





Left: During the past few years several buildings have been added to the Maluti Hospital plant. On March 2, 1970, the Minister of Health and Welfare opened two new additions to the hospital. The new well-equipped maternity ward will make it possible to add maternity training to the present nurses' training program.



Below: Mr E. Hogge, representative of the Chamber of Mines, cutting the ribbon at the opening of the new maternity ward with the Minister of Health looking on. The friendship and interest of Mr Hogge has meant much to the hospital, for through his influence handsome contributions have been donated towards building extensions at Maluti.



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by P. H.
President, S

DREAMS are realized in this small field. At a Union Session in 1967 action was taken to concentrate on the advancement of the work in this area. Despite unrest in the country, continued success was experienced in practically every phase of the work.

First the Lesotho Field was organized with a very small band of workers. Pastor J. C. Schoonraad was elected as president and with the help of sister Schoonraad had to care for the treasury work as well. Today the picture has changed. Several new workers have been added to the administration of the field. Pastor David M. Malotle, known for his dynamic leadership, has taken over as president. Pastor E. L. Nteso is caring well for the finances. Pastor D. W. Chalale is heading up a strong evangelistic program for the field, and Brother J. W. Mohapi is assisting with the departments. In adding new workers to the field administration the pastoral work did not suffer. Every district is manned and baptisms are increasing.

Emmanuel Mission has now been upgraded to a secondary school. During 1970 we are planning to put up new classrooms as well as adding teachers' accommodation to the present plant.

Great things are happening in Maseru, the capital. A new church is under construction. The field headquarters will soon be moved from Emmanuel Mission to Maseru where the field offices are in the process of being built. At the same time a new house is being erected for



Left: A recent nurses' graduation service was conducted by Pastor Vic Kluzit. In the background from the left are Dr Keith D. Gunston (medical superintendent), Miss Phyllis Collins (sister-tutor), Dr L. J. Ramages, Miss Mima Burger (matron), and Dr H. Muller-Grotjan (ophthalmologist). In front of Dr Gunston is Sister Margaret Fondling of the Good Hope Conference with staff nurses and students.



Above, right: Seen here congratulating P. M. Mawela on his ordination are P. H. Coetzee, president of the Southern Union, Pastor David M. Malotle (left) president of the Lesotho Field, and Pastor E. L. Nteso, secretary-treasurer of the field. Pastor Mawela is the chaplain at Maluti Hospital.

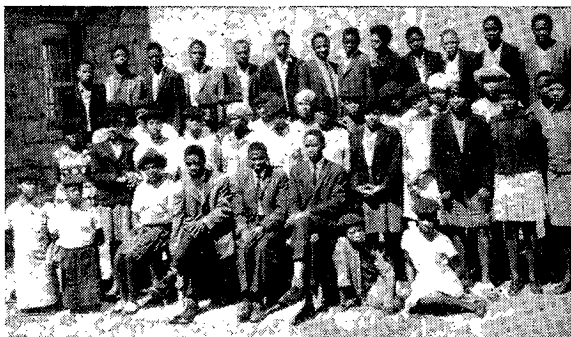
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resident. Maluti Hospital is also going out into Maseru. A new ophthalmic clinic will soon be completed. A modern building will provide for a dental clinic, a dentist and a well-ventilated section for eye work. All these projects are going up on a spacious plot of ground donated to us by the Lesotho government.

Medical work at Maluti Hospital and many clinics have much to do with the good public relations we are building in Lesotho. Maluti is known all over the country and is serving as an example and wedge in this Catholic stronghold. During the past few years a comprehensive program of building operations have shown progress at the hospital itself. New buildings have been erected and spacious additions added to the hospital. A R15,000.00 donation from Anglo-South African Corporation together with a further R12,000.00 at Maluti Hospital will be possible to provide electricity for the buildings at the hospital. Dr Keith D. Gunston, our medical superintendent, is expecting another large donation within the next few weeks and is planning to add a new children's ward to the existing

By the blessing of the Lord has achieved the labours of our consecrated workers in this small country. To God be all the praise and honour for His merciful guidance in building up the church in this area and with His blessing our workers and laymen are determined to put their hands in finishing the work.



Right: Welfare societies all over South Africa regularly send warm clothes for the orphan children in the Mary Martin Children's Home at Emmanuel Mission. Many hands are knitting to keep these little children warm. This labour of love will not go unnoticed, for the Master Himself said, "I was naked and ye clothed me."



Left: Peter Lichaba, acting principal of Emmanuel School, started the secondary school with 46 students in Form I. This year four classrooms will be built in readiness to start Form II in 1971.



FOCUS ON—

A Challenge to Our Temperance Cause

by R. S. WATTS,

Former Vice-President, General Conference

TODAY the temperance ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church is realizing its greatest opportunity. Never have the results of intemperance been more devastating and destructive, and the church is stepping into the breach presenting a positive answer to a better way of living—real life—physical, mental, social, and spiritual.

Around the world we are witnessing a renewed awareness on the part of many governments of social deterioration and upsurge in crime due to the increased use of alcohol, tobacco, and narcotics.

Research in laboratories in many countries has unmasked tobacco as an insidious but sure poison, a killer, a cancer producer, and an enemy to health and society.

Alcohol's influence on crime, mental problems, and increased road death tolls has created national and international alarm.

Youth of all ages are turning to drugs, to dope-peddling, to addiction at alarming proportions, giving the world a horror complex.

In a decadent, intemperate society the role of Seventh-day Adventists in prevention, education, and rehabilitation activities should be vigorous and energetic. We must emerge in society as a people—a church, with a positive program which will attract world-wide appreciation and approval.

The avenues of opportunity to provide the temperance answer are unlimited. Today we have a church temperance department which is geared and organized to combat the evils of intemperance within and without the church.

My purpose in writing this article is to appeal to all our workers and believers to give a generous temperance offering on October 10, 1970. This

day has been designated Temperance Sabbath in all our churches throughout Trans-Africa.

At a time when governments, educators, and social workers are receptive to our programs for combating the evils of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, let us meet the challenge by giving of our means to support our temperance cause.

CHURCH DEDICATED IN GITEGA

by PHINEAS MANYORI, President, East Burundi Field

A NEW CHURCH has been erected to the glory of God, this time in Gitega, Burundi, where the East Burundi Field headquarters are also located.

During the dedication of this church there could be seen among the visitors the Administrator of Commune Gitega and his family, and the Assistant Governor who represented the Governor since the latter was out of town for this occasion. The Assistant Governor was heard to remark that he was very pleased to have been invited to attend the special service of dedication and he appreciated having such a fine building in the city of Gitega. He requested to be invited to other services in the church.

Among the Central African Union

personnel in attendance were Pastor P. G. Werner, president, Pastor Derek C. Beardsell, secretary of the Lay Activities and MV departments before his permanent return to England, and Pastor E. Munyankiko, president of our sister field, the West Burundi Field.

This dedication service has interested many of our neighbours and friends, especially some in the government, and it is planned that a Gift Bible program be conducted here as a follow-up measure.

We request readers of the OUTLOOK to join their prayers with ours that the work of God shall prosper and go forward in this important city of Gitega.

PROFILE



PASTOR AND MRS. A. G. KOHEN who after 33 years of full-time and 8 years of self-supporting service in the cause of God now live in retirement in Pretoria. "Retirement," however, is hardly the right word, for they are as busy as ever in soul-winning work for the Master. Their labours in past years have been in the South African Union, the Cape, and the Good Hope conferences, and included a term of service on St Helena Island in the Atlantic Ocean. They have been married for 42 years.

Andrews University, U.S.A.

wants to know . . .

Whether anyone reading the OUTLOOK knows of students and faculty who helped with radio production and programming at KFGZ or WEMC during the years of its operation (1923-1929) at Emmanuel Missionary College, Berrien Springs, Michigan?

H. J. Shaw, director of Alumni Affairs, writes that it is hoped to place a historical plaque honouring such individuals in the new WAUS-FM studios under construction this summer in the Student centre. It will be appreciated if anyone can provide present addresses of such persons mentioned above for historical verification.

TEMPERANCE DAY — OCTOBER 10

REPORTING ON PEOPLE AND EVENTS

The South African Union Conference is arranging to have its Quadrennial Session from October 1 to 5, at which time a new president for this large union will be elected. The date of this session has been brought forward to October from February next year in order for this important appointment to be made, since the appointment of Pastor Roy E. Clifford as secretary of the Division has left this union without a president. Pastor Kenneth Webster is carrying on in the dual capacity of secretary-treasurer and acting chairman of the SAUC Committee.

Accessions recorded during the second quarter of this year amount to 5,741. This figure naturally includes the Tanzania Union, although this will be the last time this union's statistical figures will be added to ours.

Dr and Mrs Kenneth W. Hart are new missionaries serving at Mwami Hospital in Zambia. Dr Hart is a son of Dr Lewis Hart who is serving at the Blantyre Clinic in Malawi. Another son, Dr Richard Hart, is under deferred appointment to the Trans-Africa Division. This trio of doctors are known as "The Three Harts (Hearts)." We are glad to have them helping to finish the work in Trans-Africa.

Brother and Sister Gerald Bristow have transferred from Bethel College to Malamulo College in Malawi. This country is not new to Gerald since he grew up there. His parents, Pastor and Mrs Albert Bristow, have served as missionaries in Malawi for many years. Now, Gerald is taking his young bride there.

Pastor Willem Marais is the acting director of the Bible Correspondence School in Cape Town. This position became vacant when Pastor J. D. Coetzee accepted a call to serve as president of the South-West Africa Field.

The Bible and Reformation Lands tour which the South African Union was arranging to take place in 1971 has been postponed until 1972.

A former Rhodesian, Brother Dudley Inggs, and his wife are accepting mission service in Korea. They have been working at Pacific Union College in California since leaving Africa.

Brother and Sister Ian G. Hartley of Malamulo College are now overseas studying at Andrews University, as is also Brother J. J. Mthombeni, the newly elected associate Publishing Department secretary of the Division.

Plans are well under way for the Andrews University Seminary Extension School which is to be held at Helderberg College during December and January. Guest lecturers are Dr Walter F. Specht of Andrews University who will head the school, and whose subject will be "Theology of the New Testament," Pastor N. R. Dower, secretary of the General Confer-

ence Ministerial Association, whose subject will be "Church Organization and Administration;" and Dr Daniel Walther of Helderberg College whose subject will be in the Church History area. It is being arranged within the unions and Division institutions that about 85 students will be in attendance at this Extension School.

The Desmond B. Hills family and the Ivor Petrie family, both from Australia, will be arriving in Durban early in October and will proceed to Salisbury to take up their new work in the Division office.

Before leaving the Central African Union to return permanently to England, Pastor Derek Beardsell wrote to Pastor H. W. Peterson, Division Lay Activities secretary: "We had an excellent underprivileged children's camp at Karora. We had 75 children and a staff of nearly 30 to care for them. Perhaps this kind of camp is the most rewarding when one sees the changes which take place in the children and feel with them the pleasure of good food and wholesome activities. I believe many of them will be looking for Adventist churches when they return home."

Pastor and Mrs Caleb Bru, formerly of the Seychelles Field, have now arrived in Bujumbura, Central Africa, to step into Brother Beardsell's place. The Beardsell's are now on the staff of Newbold College but the good work they did while in this Division continues to remain with us and be a blessing to the believers.

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SUNSET CALENDAR

OCTOBER 1970

	2	9	16	23	30
Cape Town	6.49	6.54	7.00	7.05	7.11
Johannesburg	6.08	6.11	6.15	6.19	6.23
East London	6.10	6.15	6.21	6.26	6.32
Port Elizabeth	6.21	6.26	6.32	6.37	6.43
Bloemfontein	6.16	6.20	6.24	6.29	6.33
P'maritzburg	6.00	6.04	6.08	6.13	6.18
Durban	5.58	6.02	6.06	6.11	6.16
Windhoek	6.50	6.53	6.56	6.59	7.02
Bulawayo	6.03	6.05	6.07	6.10	6.13
Salisbury	5.51	5.53	5.54	5.57	6.00
Gwelo	5.56	5.58	5.59	6.02	6.04
Lusaka	6.04	6.05	6.06	6.07	6.09
Blantyre	5.37	5.38	5.39	5.40	5.42
Lubumbashi	6.06	6.06	6.07	6.07	6.07
Nairobi	6.26	6.23	6.22	6.19	6.19
Mombasa	6.14	6.13	6.12	6.10	6.09
Kisumu	6.36	6.32	6.30	6.28	6.27
Kampala	6.44	6.41	6.39	6.36	6.36
Dar-es-Salaam	6.19	6.17	6.16	6.15	6.15
Tabora	6.43	6.41	6.41	6.39	6.39

NOVEMBER 1970

	6	13	20	27
Cape Town	7.18	7.25	7.31	7.38
Johannesburg	6.27	6.32	6.37	6.43
East London	6.38	6.45	6.51	6.58
Port Elizabeth	6.50	6.57	7.03	7.10
Bloemfontein	6.39	6.44	6.50	6.56
P'maritzburg	6.24	6.29	6.35	6.41
Durban	6.22	6.27	6.33	6.39
Windhoek	7.06	7.11	7.15	7.20
Bulawayo	6.16	6.20	6.24	6.29
Salisbury	6.03	6.07	6.10	6.14
Gwelo	6.08	6.14	6.19	6.24
Lusaka	6.10	6.14	6.18	6.22
Blantyre	5.46	5.50	5.53	5.56
Lubumbashi	6.10	6.13	6.15	6.18
Nairobi	6.21	6.22	6.22	6.24
Mombasa	6.12	6.13	6.14	6.16
Kisumu	6.28	6.29	6.29	6.30
Kampala	6.37	6.38	6.38	6.38
Dar-es-Salaam	6.17	6.20	6.21	6.23
Tabora	6.41	6.43	6.43	6.45

Stay in Line

Part II

by MERLE L. MILLS
President, Trans-Africa Division

IT IS a grave mistake to ignore and challenge a policy or decision which has been made either by the local church, mission, conference, union or General Conference. Notwithstanding one's contrary opinion, he must accept and be amenable to the majority opinion. In this way alone can there be unity and strength. The church is God's appointed agency to bring the gospel of hope to a lost world and He has seen fit to place man in the leadership of His church. Despite the frailty and imperfections of human nature God has no other choice than to work through men if the church is to fulfil its mission. And that His church has been given authority, there can be no doubt. There can also be no doubt that respect for and acknowledgement of its leadership has been commanded. "God has invested His church with special authority and power which no one can be justified in disregarding or despising for he who does so despises the voice of God."—"The Acts of the Apostles," page 164.

Some may rejoin by saying that the decisions of the majority are not infallible. To this we readily agree. But, unless moral principle is involved we are duty bound to honour such a decision. When tempted to take issue with a majority action we must make certain that we do not equate policy for principle, opinion for conviction, and independence for liberty. Lines of dissent must not be allowed to exceed the bounds of authority. This will result in fragmentation, division and a loss of cohesion and discipline. Even Caleb and Joshua, who differed with the majority opinion of the spies, respected the consensus until such a time that circumstances changed. Had they persisted in pursuing their independent judgment under the prevailing circumstances, they would have failed.

Though we may not understand or agree with all the actions and policies of the church body, as long as we are members we are duty-bound to be loyal and co-operative, giving such support as will contribute to the objectives and ultimate victory of the church. We have no right to oppose a decision of a majority body. If the decision is made in error, which will happen at times, we must abide by it

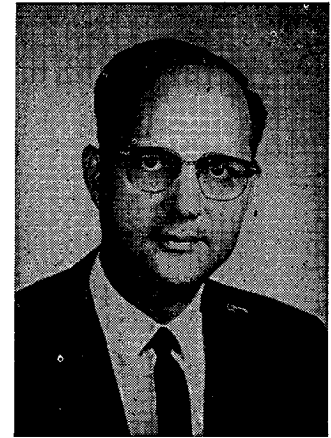
until such a time as God sees fit to change it, which He will do as history testifies in His relationship with ancient Israel. But there can be no other way for God to implement His plan than to work through the church, enfeebled and defective though it may appear. To give the right to an individual to accept or reject a majority action would not only frustrate God's plan but would make His church impotent and ineffectual.

"While it is true that the Lord guides individuals, it is also true that He is leading a people, not a few separate individuals here and there, one believing this, another that."—"Testimonies to Ministers, page 488.

"Stay in line" is timely admonition, not only as it applies in the realm of church polity and doctrines, but in Christian ethics and moral behaviour. The new morality now being advocated, the spurious philosophy of existentialism with its situation ethics, and the rising tide of resentment and defiance of law and order are being reflected in the wilful disregard of all barriers of moral restraint. Never have we witnessed social problems and sexual misbehaviour as we do today. Clergymen, social workers, and public officers are becoming alarmed at the increase of pre-marital relations, abortions, venereal disease, and drug addiction.

Strange and siren voices would have us believe that the time has come to break with the past and enjoy the new "freedom" of our era which unshackles us from the guidelines of modesty, purity and chastity. These qualities are regarded as throwbacks from the repression of the Victorian Age.

Let us not be deceived nor enticed to leave the prescribed course so clearly revealed to man in the Bible. Let none be so foolish as to believe he can ignore and defy with impunity the high standard of morality God has designed for the happiness of the human family. All of nature is inhibited and restricted by law. If it were not so, life on this earth would become chaotic and unbearable. The cells of the body must stay in line and develop within prescribed limits, otherwise cancer develops. Vegetation and the growth of life on earth are forced by



law to develop within certain restraints. The sun, moon, and galaxies of the heavens must operate within certain patterns, otherwise the universe would run amuck. So it is with man's relationship to the opposite sex. If social behaviour is to contribute to an orderly society and to man's happiness it must be controlled by restrictions imposed by moral law. Otherwise the sanctity of the home, the vitality of our nation, and the moral fibre of our society will be seriously threatened and inevitably followed by a train of misery, tears, sorrow and broken hearts. We have been warned that such will be the conditions which will prevail in the last days, for Christ predicted that as it was in the days of Noah and Sodom and Gomorrah, "so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man."

Let us then not resent nor oppose the prescribed way, realizing that what God requires of us is for our own welfare and happiness.

To "stay in line" is not an arbitrary, peremptory command but a solicitous appeal and admonition to co-operate with and submit to the standards, doctrines and authority of God's church revealed through His holy Word. As God prescribes an orderly and fixed course for the planets and stars of the universe, to preserve the happiness and well-being of the inhabitants of this planet, so He has prescribed a course for us to follow as revealed in His Word.

Reader of mine, the course the Lord would have you follow is clearly marked. How you relate yourself to this course will determine your destiny. If you fail to stay in line, the Lord has warned, "Disobey and die." If you stay in line you have been assured, "Obey and live."

Which course will you follow?