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CLOSE-UP OF PAST AND  
PRESENT.

Comparisons often bring out  
startling and interesting facts.  
Changes in social, business and  
community relations usually come  
about so gradually that one does  
not realize what changes have  
been wrought by the passage of  
time until some circumstance  
closely joining the past with the  
present. The running across of  
of an old bill of goods purchased  
in the eighties is apt to bring this  
result. These reminders of the  
past invariably show that the  
"dollar of our daddies" went quite  
a stretch in the purchase of food  
and clothing while the "nimble  
nickel" would secure a loaf of  
bread.

The farm is not the farm it was  
although the name remains the  
same. This fact was brought  
forcibly to the mind of Fred Hyde  
who, last week, had bills printed  
at The Enterprise office for an  
auction of his farm stock and  
equipment. In looking over some  
old papers the other day he found  
an auction bill which he had  
printed at The Enterprise office in  
1895.

At that time he had but few  
cows on his farm, but many horses.  
Today dairying is the big end of  
the farm industry with a large  
herd of cattle, while horses are  
few. In 1895 his auction was  
well attended by a large number  
of farmers living within a radius  
of five miles who came in horse-  
drawn vehicles, while yesterday  
those present came in autos from  
greater distances.

Mr. Hyde was well satisfied  
with the prices at which his stock  
and tools sold in 1895. The same  
prices today would spell ruin.

#### THE BODY TRUCK NUISANCE.

The long body trucks that  
monopolize a considerable portion  
of the highway are considered by  
autoists the biggest nuisance and  
danger they encounter, yet these  
trucks are permitted to operate  
over the roads in reckless dis-  
regard of all traffic regulatory laws.  
Officials who are keen to note lack  
of compliance with rules of the  
road on the part of the ordinary  
autoist for some reason fail to note  
violations of the auto truck oper-  
ator. One evening last week seven  
of these trucks, each carrying  
eight or nine auto bodies, passed  
through Farmington and but two  
of them were equipped with rear  
lights.

In the first place these trucks  
should not be permitted on crowd-  
ed thoroughfares, but if permitted  
owners and operators should be  
compelled to use the utmost care  
and provide the trucks with proper  
lights and other devices for less-  
ening danger of collision.

Something should be done to  
impress upon the minds of these  
drivers that the highways were  
primarily constructed for the use  
of all the people and not solely for  
the use of a few individuals or  
corporations.

#### TRUST BUSTING NOT NECESSARILY PRICE BUSTING.

After many months of probing  
and investigating the U. S. de-  
partment of justice has succeeded  
in indicting a score or more of  
lumber, manufacturers and what-  
ever else in building material  
on a charge of conspiracy in re-  
straint of trade. Most of these  
alleged law violators are citizens  
of Michigan; many of them well-  
known and a few of them have  
been prominently in print with  
plausible reasons for the exceed-  
ingly high price of lumber.

That anything serious will hap-  
pen to these gentlemen is not  
likely. If convicted some fines  
will be turned over to the govern-  
ment and the poor devils who are  
saving up a few dollars with  
which to build a home will pay  
the shot.

While the government is dis-

solving, the trusts will be resolv-  
ing upon new methods of main-  
taining the high cost of building  
material.

#### NEW HOME FOR WALLED LAKE MASONIC LODGE

The Masonic lodge at Walled  
Lake has purchased the school  
property on West Main street and

#### "OUR SUNDAY SERVICE AT HOME"

Conducted by the Ministers of Farmington for the Sick, Aged and  
Others Who are "Shut In"

Rev. J. BOLLENS, Pastor of the  
Evangelical Church.

##### OPENING HYMN—

Anywhere with Jesus I can safely  
go,  
Anywhere He leads me in this  
world below;  
Anywhere without Him, dearest  
joys would fade,  
Anywhere with Jesus I am  
not afraid.  
Anywhere! Anywhere! Fear I  
can not know,  
Anywhere with Jesus I can  
safely go.  
Anywhere with Jesus I am not  
alone.

Other friends may fail me, He  
is still my own;  
Tho' His hand may lead me over  
drearest ways,  
Anywhere with Jesus is a  
house of prayer.

##### OPENING PRAYER—

O God, we thank Thee for the  
privilege of calling Thee Father.  
We come unto Thee like children  
and pray for the spirit that not  
only loves but trusts and obeys.  
Make us content with our lots and  
ever willing to suffer or to serve,  
as may please Thee. Save us  
from the intellectual pride that in-  
sists on having its own way.  
Speak, Lord; thy servant heareth.  
What wilt Thou have us to do?  
We are under commission to do  
good as we have opportunity. If  
we can not go, let our sympathy  
and prayers go for us. Pardon us  
our shortcomings. Give us bright-  
er hopes, clearer visions and holier  
aspirations. Let us ever keep in  
mind that Thou Jesus art our  
great Exemplar, and enable us to  
draw nearer to thy likeness every  
day. And the praise and power  
and dominion shall be Thine for-  
ever and ever. Amen.

##### SCRIPTURE LESSON—

Psalms 107:1-10.

O give thanks unto the Lord,  
for he is good; and his mercy en-  
dureth forever. Let the redem-  
ption of the Lord say so, whom he  
hath redeemed from the hand of  
the enemy; hungry and thirsty,  
their soul fainted in them. Then  
they cried unto the Lord in their  
trouble, and he delivered them out  
of their distresses. And he led  
them forth by the right way, that  
they might go to a city of habita-  
tion. Oh that men would praise  
the Lord for his goodness, and for  
his wonderful works to the chil-  
dren of men. For he satisfieth  
the longing soul, and filleth the  
hunger soul with goodness.

##### SERMON: John 6:20.

It is I, Be Not Afraid

At the beginning of our chapter  
we have a multitude that followed  
Jesus into the desert. There were  
curiosity seekers, men of aches  
and pains hoping to be cured, all  
of them weary and tired. They  
were ready to faint from their  
long fasting. Their sufferings  
aroused in Jesus tender compas-  
sion and sympathy. When he saw  
that he had bread and two fishes  
their hunger is satisfied and 12  
baskets full are left.

When they see this, they think  
they have struck the right man,  
and want to make him their king.  
But Jesus escapes, and no one  
knows where he went. As it is  
a peaceful evening the disciples  
plan a trip across the lake, and  
when in the middle of this treach-  
erous lake are overtaken by a  
storm, which is so intense that  
they fear drowning, and are cry-  
ing for help.

This life of ours is not to be  
compared with the ride on a lake  
where the billows go high—in this  
world not full of troubles and sor-  
row, so that even those that seem  
to be protected by wealth and  
strength can not escape?

What a stormy world, where in  
the twinkling of an eye thousands  
are made homeless by an earth-  
quake; where we find in every city  
the hospitals filled with afflicted,  
where along the highways homes  
for cripples and orphans are built,  
and where thousands of the poor  
are fought of which the public  
sees little or nothing?

This earth, which should bear  
the motto: "Peace on Earth," has  
become a crucible, certain parts  
are saturated with blood-hunger  
and starvation is staring into the  
face of millions, and many are

will remodel the building for  
lodge purposes.

The Masonic Craftsman's club  
was organized at the meeting last  
week with seven directors: Frank  
Tuttle, P. J. Miller, W. H. Hutton,  
Ira Carnes, Robert Barber, George  
Groll and D. L. Bentley, and the  
following officers: President, Geo.  
Groll; secretary, W. H. Hutton;  
and treasurer, Ira Carnes.

rowing on billows against the wind  
in the night.

In our immediate surroundings  
hearts and souls have broken down  
by sorrow and distress, the good  
cheer and courage has disappear-  
ed; and it seems that there is no  
hope left. But there is still some-  
body who is able to quiet the  
storm. The Psalmist says, "God  
is our refuge and strength, a very  
present help in trouble—therefore  
will I not fear, though the earth  
be removed and though the moun-  
tains be carried into the sea."

Our text brings this truth in the  
form, "It is I, be not afraid."

Think of the storm that rose in  
the life of Abraham, when he was  
told to sacrifice his only son. It  
was by no means a quiet situation  
when Jacob must sleep in the open  
field with a rock under his head.  
The billows are going high, when  
David is fleeing before his son  
Absalom, or when we find Daniel  
in the lions den. What stormy  
world was it, when the first Chris-  
tians were persecuted—burnt at  
the stake, thrown before the tigers,  
or had to serve as torches in Nero's  
garden.

One of the greatest storms history  
ever witnessed arose after  
Martin Luther had nailed the 95  
theses on the church door at Wit-  
tenburg, when he stood before  
5,000 people at the diet of Worms  
and exclaimed: "Here I stand, I  
can not do otherwise, so help me  
God." It was the trust in God,  
the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ  
that gave power to all men and  
women to overcome the various  
obstacles in life.

When the storm was raging be-  
tween the north and south—when  
the great question was before the  
people: Slavery or no slavery; our  
hero, President Abraham Lincoln,  
spoke these words: "Having thus  
chosen our course, let us renew  
our trust in God, and go forward  
without fear and with manly  
hearts." And the result was the  
emancipation of the slaves in the  
United States.

"It is I be not afraid," so the  
Lord is saying today to the in-  
dividual as to the world in gen-  
eral. Men may criticize and try to  
pick up what is in discord; men  
may try to bring in harmony what  
is tangled, but it takes the Lord  
himself—that is: Faith and Trust  
in Him, to bring about content-  
ment and peace.

In various countries men are  
trying to establish a government  
in which the people can live happy  
and in peace, without the worship  
of the Almighty, without the fear  
of the Lord. It has been proven  
there is no success either in the  
government of a nation nor in the  
ruling of smaller circles except  
when Christ is the head. And it  
has been proven in thousands and  
thousands of cases that when  
Christ is the head, and the storms  
of life overtake us, when we do  
not know what road to go, we hear  
the voice: "It is I, be not afraid."

"Christ is with us, if we are  
with him."  
In the following verse we read:  
"They received Him willingly into  
the ship." A word not only for  
those that start life's journey  
when getting married, but also a  
word for everyone at all times,  
especially when we are overtaken  
by a storm, when life seems dull  
and dreary.

The words: "It is I, be not  
afraid," bring cheer in the most  
severe storm and when life's  
journey comes to an end, He who  
said: "It is I," steps very close  
and says: "Be not afraid," for  
even thou' walkest through the  
shadow of death, my rod and my  
staff they shall comfort thee.

##### CLOSING PRAYER—

O, thou Jesus who gavest thyself  
for me, help me to hide myself in  
thee. Be, thou my Lord, my  
saviour, my Saviour and my all.  
Let me rest in thee as in the  
shadow of a great rock in a weary  
land. In my last hour let my life  
be hid with thee, O God.

##### CLOSING HYMN—

"Rock of Ages"

BENEDICT ON—The grace of our  
Lord Jesus Christ, the love of  
God and the communion of the  
Holy Ghost be with you all. Amen.

Commissioners' Notice.

COMMISSIONERS' NOTICE—In  
the matter of the estate of  
WALTER J. SCOTT, Deceased.

The undersigned having been  
appointed by the Honorable ROSS  
STOCKWELL, Judge of Probate  
in and for the County of Oakland,  
State of Michigan, Commissioners  
to receive, examine and adjust all  
claims against the said estate, and  
four months from the 29th day of  
January A. D. 1924, having been  
allowed by said Judge of Probate  
to all persons holding claims  
against said estate, in which to  
present them to us for examina-  
tion and adjustment, notice is  
hereby given that we will meet on  
the 31st day of March 1924, at  
on the 2nd day of June 1924, at  
10 o'clock A. M. of each day, at  
the office of Thomas H. McGee,  
in the village of Farmington, in  
said county, for the purpose of re-  
ceiving and adjusting said claims.  
W. N. MILLER,  
THOMAS H. MCGEE,  
Commissioners.  
1Feb13

Order for Publication—General.  
STATE OF MICHIGAN  
In the Probate Court for the  
County of Oakland

At a session of said Court, held  
at the Probate Office, in the City  
of Pontiac, in said County, on the  
28th day of January A. D. 1924.

Present: Hon. Ross Stockwell,  
Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of  
MARTHA KURZ, Incompetent.  
Isaac Bond, guardian of said in-  
competent having filed in said  
Court his annual account and peti-  
tion praying for the examination  
and allowance thereof;

It is ordered, that the 25th day  
of February A. D. 1924 at eight  
o'clock in the forenoon, at said  
Probate Office, be and is hereby  
appointed for hearing said peti-  
tion;

It is further ordered, that public  
notice thereof be given by pub-  
lication of a copy of this order, for  
three successive weeks previous to  
said day of hearing, in The Farm-  
ington Enterprise, a newspaper  
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