

"LOOK TO THE HILLS"

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"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills"—Psalm 121:1
One summer our family had an experience which gave a faint suggestion of the physical background of Psalm 121.

We were riding through the central part of the state in the direction of Olsego and Cheboygan counties. That day the temperature was every degree of the word hot—hot, hotter, hottest, so that riding along through that lowland region one's body begins to droop and the mind to wilt. Then continuing northward you presently catch glimpses of the hill country. Then what a change comes over your spirit, you lift up your eyes unto the hills and begin to feel refreshed. Your body renews its strength, your mind regains its alertness.

Ancient Hebrew pilgrims, traveling through hot and dry regions on their way to some national festival, finally came within sight of the mountains round about Jerusalem. Then they lifted up their weary eyes unto the hills and began to feel refreshed. They lifted up their minds above the earth and their drooping spirits revived. Hot, but hopeful, they thanked their religious faith:

He will preserve thy life.
The Lord will protect thy going out and thy coming in
From this time forth and forever more.

IF WE LIFT UP our eyes unto the hills we will find God and hope and help. But if we fix our eyes upon molehills we are destined to miss the grandest sights and insights which this world affords; the sun will smite you by day and the moon by night and the Lord will not keep your going out and your coming in, but every time you go out you will have your feelings hurt and every time you

come in you will feel sorry for yourself.

This practice of setting one's eyes upon concerns of small moment until they look as big as mountains is surely one of the most wasteful habits a person can form. In a multitude of cases it is the chief cause of group and family friction. It is likely of some consequence whether a certain evening be spent at home or away from home; but surely it is not of such consequence as to justify a family fuss which results in its being spent wretchedly either at home or away from home. And although, no doubt, it is a matter of some moment whether an automobile should be driven in this way or that, not often is it a matter of such moment as to justify a chain of explosions which leave two people feeling deeply hurt and very upset.

IN ADDITION to this friction caused by letting one's mind dwell on trivialities, this habit also produces a molehill view of life. Any person who permits himself to get all worked up over petty annoyances is bound to become a petty personality. The trouble with most of us is not that we are full of anxiety but that our anxiety is always over something small, not over something great.

When a person is inclined to fix his mind on trifling concerns, he needs to lift his eyes unto the hills. Looking at the hills you are not so likely to quarrel over the molehills or become irritated by them and fret over them.

The hills seem to say, "Hold yourself." They strongly advise, "Keep your eyes fixed upon the high places, the things that do matter tremendously."

THE HILLS have power to rest you, to quiet and soothe you, to rebuke your pride and heal your hurt, to clear your vision and to lift up your spirit.

A person ought, therefore, every day of his life to lift up his eyes unto the hills; and this he may do, for hills are formed not of earth and quartz and granite but of ideas and ideals. Wherever we live, let us lift up our eyes unto the hills, and if we do the sun will not smite us by day nor the moon by night, but the Lord will keep us from all evil. He will guard our going out and our coming in from this time forth and forever more.



THE LADIES of the First Baptist church are going a bit dramatic this summer, scheduling a few plays to lighten the mood and heighten the fun. A recent production of "The Cartwright Family" deals with three mother-daughter generations in which each daughter is constantly urged to emulate her socially-ambitious namesake, Lucy. Shown above are left to right, family portraits portrayed by Mrs. June Thurston and Mrs. L. Ackery, who look down upon a discussion between Mrs. Viola Minks and Mrs. Helen Miely, current mother-daughter team.

SUNDAY SERMON TOPICS

Sunday, July 20
SUNDAY, JULY 27

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

"Truth" is the topic of the lesson-sermon at this church, based on 1 John 5:8. "It is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth."

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Continuing his sermon series on Isaiah, the Rev. W. Glen Harris, Ph.D., has selected for his text, "Therefore as the fire devoureth the stubble, and the flame consumeth the chaff, so their root shall be as rottenness and their blossom shall go up as dust; because

they have cast away the law of the Lord of hosts" and depicted the work of the Holy One of Israel. "The title of his sermon will be "Man Questions God."

UNITY CENTER
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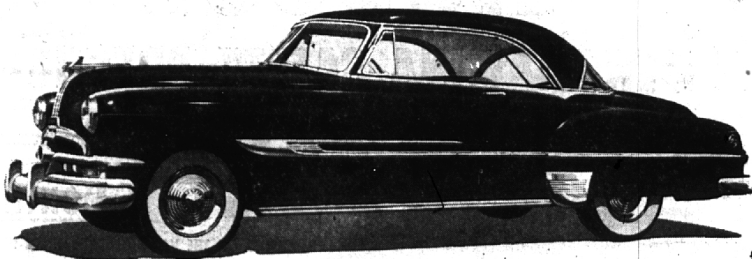
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