

Religious Notice.

Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson, New York City.

Dear Madam:— I have spent some moments of deep satisfaction before the banner on your house, and I am prompted to take the liberty of asking you to give me, if you will, an explanation of some of its outstanding features.

I suppose an Englishman, away from his home (as I am) always feels a little thrill on seeing his country's flag; but when I saw my flag side by side with the Stars and Stripes, and with those clasped hands below, I was conscious of an exultation not easy to describe.

I know the story of Joseph's sons and the ideal of their ultimate unity; I would greatly appreciate your application here.

Then the "unfinished pyramid" and the "all-seeing eye" are, as I understand, the reverse of the Seal of America. Why was this Seal never cut, when its symbol and superscription speak such spiritual sentiment?

And then I am told, that this banner has been on your house-front for some years. When I recall the troublous times through which we have been passing, I ask myself, what mysterious protection has guarded it?

And so I am prompted to write to you. If you knew my real satisfaction, you would pardon the liberty I take in asking you to explain this noble conception to me.

Sincerely yours,

F. E. SCARLETT.

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The light of the body is the eye thy whole body (politic)

"I am the Lord your GOD which have



if therefore thine eye be single shall be full of light.

CHRIST JESUS separated you from other people." LEVITICUS 20-24

"NOVUS ORDO SECLORUM" TRANSLATION

A NEW ORDER OF AGES IS BORN—A NEW OFFSPRING IS LET DOWN FROM LOFTY HEAVEN—THE COMING MAN, IN WHOM THE IRON AGE ENDS AND THE GOLDEN AGE ARISES IN THE WHOLE EARTH



MANASSEH BROTHERS AND JOHN EPHRAIM

"I believe strictly in the Monroe doctrine, in our Constitution, and in the laws of God." MARY BAKER EDDY

Hail brother! fling thy banner To the billows and the breeze; We proffer thee warm welcome With our hand, though not our knees. Brave Britain, blest America! Unite your battle plan; Victorious all who live it, — The love for GOD and man. MARY BAKER EDDY

ONE GOD ONE LAW DIVINE DEMOCRACY UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD

Shield displayed on the facade of the home of Augusta E. Stetson, C. S. D., at the top of which is the REVERSE OF THE SEAL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

HISTORY OF THE REVERSE OF OUR SEAL.

(Compiled from an official brochure, entitled "The History of the Seal of the United States," published by the Department of State, at Washington, in 1909.)

The original act, creating the Seal of the United States, was passed in 1782, and authorized both the obverse and the reverse, but the die for the reverse of our Seal has never been cut, and the design is rarely shown in dictionaries, or other reference works. The wording of the act, regarding the reverse, is as follows:

REVERSE—A pyramid unfinished. In the zenith, an eye in a triangle, surrounded with a glory proper. Over the eye these words, "ANNUIT COEPTIS." On the base of the pyramid the numerical letters "MDCCLXXVI." And underneath the following motto, "NOVUS ORDO SECLORUM." —JOURNALS OF CONGRESS, vol. 4 [ed. 1823], p. 29.

In 1841 an act was passed to bring forth the reverse of the Seal, and in 1884 the sum of \$1,000 was appropriated, part of which was to be devoted to this purpose (23 Stat., 394), but those to whom the work was entrusted failed to carry out the provisions of the law, and seem not to have had the slightest glimmer of understanding as to its meaning, declaring that "it can hardly look otherwise than as a dull emblem of a masonic fraternity, and suggesting that 'if it can be kept in the dark as long as it seems to have been kept, why not keep it so?' But I affirm that God, who is Light, and in whom is no darkness at all, is revealing the reverse of the Seal of the United States.

The aggressive resistance to the reverse of our Seal is described in the official brochure, which states: The act of 1782, but went unnoticed. The act of September 15, 1789, continued the seal as prescribed in 1782, but no effort was then made to design or cut the reverse. When the seal of 1841 was made it was still ignored, and in 1883 it was definitely determined, after designs had been drawn, to abandon it. The act of July 7, 1884, made appropriation "to obtain dies of the obverse and reverse" of the seal, the act following the State Department's request, and it had undoubtedly been the intention of the Department, when the appropriation was asked for, to cut the reverse; but its purpose was changed after fuller consideration, and it felt at liberty to leave this part of the new law unexecuted. It may be added that when the exhibit of the State Department was prepared for the Chicago Exposition in 1892, large embossments of the obverse and reverse of the seal were painted, but the reverse was never hung.

The meaning of the symbols and mottoes on the reverse of our Seal is given in the explanation of the shield, which follows.

EXPLANATION OF THE SHIELD.

The first inscription reads: "The light of the body is the eye; if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body [politic] shall be full of light." —CHRIST JESUS.

The single eye signifies a steadfast purpose to reflect only God, good, Life, Truth and Love; and this course brings to the individual, or nation, light, or divine illumination, wisdom, and intelligence from on High; whereas the dual eye, or mortal vision, sees and knows good and evil, life and death, truth and error, love and fear, and loses its grasp upon God as All and omnipotent.

The second quotation is: "I am the Lord your God which have separated you from other people." —LEVITICUS, xx, 24.

In the Biblical allegory of the twelve sons of Jacob, typifying the twelve tribes of Israel, Joseph, representing the Anglo-Saxon race, was "separated from his brethren," in obedience to God's decree. As the first-born child of Joseph, or branch of the Anglo-Saxon race, Manasseh, or other people, as embodied in the national motto, "E Pluribus Unum"—out of many, one.

should be great nations. Thus the favored tribe of Joseph was divided into two branches, typified by Manasseh and Ephraim (America and Great Britain); and even as Joseph had been separated from his brethren, so was the Anglo-Saxon nation "separated" and distinct from the other nations. Manasseh, being the first-born branch, is the first to demonstrate its God-ordained separateness.

At the time of Jacob's passing on, he called together his twelve sons, and described the destiny of each. Joseph had the richest blessing of all, for Jacob declared:

Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall: The archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him, and hated him:

But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob: (from thence is the shepherd, the stone of Israel;) (Christ)

Even by the God of thy father, who shall help thee; and by the Al-

The Reverse of the Seal of the United States bears at the top the motto, "ANNUIT COEPTIS," which means "God has prospered our endeavors." The eye in the triangle is an ancient symbol for God, and was intended as such by the designers of our Seal, who referred to it as "The Overseeing God" and "The Eye of Providence," watching over our country. It also forms the capstone or head of the pyramid, which is the traditional symbol for the spiritual man, made in the image and likeness of God—I, e., Christ and them that are Christ's. Before the original design for the reverse of the Seal was adopted in 1782, the lines of the pyramid in the sketch were corrected by Charles Thomson, then Secretary of State, to correspond with those of the Great Pyramid of Gizeh, in Egypt. When the four sides of the pyramid are conceived of as prolonged indefinitely, the symbol is used to represent the infinity of the spiritual universe, as created by God. As man is created in the "image" and "likeness" of God (Genesis, I, 26), so the headstone of the pyramid is a perfect model for the entire structure, and being the capstone, or "head of the corner," it is perforce "rejected" until the rest of the structure is prepared to receive it. (Matthew, xxi, 42.) The thirteen courses of stone typify the thirteen original States. The motto "NOVUS ORDO SECLORUM" is explained on the shield and indicates that the founders of our nation, with divine illumination, discerned that the birth of America dated a new era in the progress of man's redemption of his birthright as a child of God.

The Seven Pointed Star is a Biblical symbol for Christ, who said: "I am the root and offspring of David, and the bright and morning star." —REVELATION, xii, 15.

The Eagle, chosen as our national symbol, is a type of immortality, as it is reputed never to die of old age. It represents courage, power of vision, and lofty aspirations, as it seeks the highest spaces for its flight and the topmost crags for its nest. In Cruden's Bible Concordance it is recorded that "Between the eagle and the dragon there is constant enmity, the eagle seeking to kill it, and the dragon breaking all the eagle's eggs it can find." The eagle is used throughout the Bible as a type of God's power. In St. John's vision of the woman in the Apocalypse, persecuted by the dragon, who sought to destroy her child, Holy Writ states:

"And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent." —REVELATION, xii, 14.

The wings, overspreading both America and Great Britain, indicate that the divine power is protecting both Manasseh and his brother Ephraim.

The Clasped Hands symbolize the God-ordained unity of the Anglo-Saxon race, a member of which race—Leif Ericson—discovered America in the year 1000, and the two branches of which are destined to come together as brothers Jonathan and John, or Manasseh and Ephraim, as foretold in the Biblical history of Joseph, related in the accompanying letter.

The quotations below the Clasped Hands are from the writings of Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, who perceived the divinely ordained unity of Anglo-America and expressed it in her poem, "The United States to Great Britain," which is given in full on pages 337-338 of her book, entitled "Miscellany." She saw that our Constitution was a heaven-inspired charter of man's liberty and conformed with the laws of God; and in the Monroe Doctrine she discerned America's obedience to the injunction to be "separated" and to prevent any interference or adulteration from European nations.

ONE GOD, ONE LAW, DIVINE DEMOCRACY, UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD—these words set forth the spiritual law of God, which "will eventually rule all nations and peoples—imperatively, absolutely, finally—with divine Science."—MARY BAKER EDDY. (Science and Health, p. 565.)

I have learned a great lesson as the result of my obedience to God's guidance, in putting forth this shield, viz., that the hour has arrived when the people are awaking to the fact, that a subtle influence has been exerted upon genuine Americans in our nation, to prevent them from considering the greatness of the reverse of the Seal of the United States of America, with the All-Seeing Eye, typifying God; the pyramid, in symbol of the spiritual man, of God's creating—Christ and them that are Christ's,—and the motto declaring a new era, which promises peace and prosperity for Anglo-America. This symbol,—the pyramid,—crowns the obelisk which forms the spire of my church, First Church of Christ, Scientist, New York City, which I, with my students, erected, and in 1902 dedicated as a tribute of love and gratitude to our Leader, Mary Baker Eddy.

It has been my privilege to converse with many of the most intelligent business and literary men in New York City, on the question of the reverse of our Seal, and I have not found one

who had given it any thought, and very few seemed to consider the cutting of the reverse of the Seal to be important, at the present moment.

I believe—and I am entitled to my conviction—that this is the psychological moment, when Americans must awake to the demands of God and defend our country from the mental, soporific influence of the evil mind, which opposes God and His Christ, and would lull both America and Great Britain into apathy. This would prevent them, as brethren and sons of Joseph, from clasping hands in unity and brotherly love, over continent and ocean. With the united wisdom, strength, and power of divine love, with which the God of Love fortifies all who obey His law, the representatives of these two nations, who are chosen by the people, should rise to their countries' needs, and peace and the power of spiritual "dominion," would be the portion of all nations. This will finally be demanded.

For years, human autocracy has insidiously paraded in America as democracy, until the righteous cry out for the God of the universe to save our country and enable Americans, by example, to teach the nations the way to universal brotherhood, which will restore universal peace and prosperity. The father of our country, George Washington, lives! The great emancipator, Abraham Lincoln, lives! The voices of these God-inspired men have rung down the years, and to-day, Washington is calling, in clarion tones:

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And Abraham Lincoln has not ceased to proclaim: This nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, no government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth. (Gettysburg Address.)

The hour has arrived for emancipation from mental slavery, or the tyranny of the so-called carnal mind, with its destructive qualities of greed, avarice, lust, fear, envy, personal aggrandizement, or pride of place and power, hatred, and revenge. The time is at hand for the deliverance of America from ignorance of the cause of the present chaos and insecurity, which threatens to paralyze our country. God is declaring, through His Christ:

I will overturn, overturn, overturn it: and it shall be no more, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it him. (Ezekiel, xxi, 27.)

The motto of the United States of America is composed of these words: "In God We Trust." In what do Americans put their trust? Let each realize his responsibility for his loyalty to God, to his country, to the Constitution, and to the courage of his own convictions.

"God give us men! A time like this demands Strong minds, great hearts, true faith, and ready hands; Men who possess opinions; a will; Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog; For while the rabble, with their thumb worn creeds, Their large professions and their little deeds, Mingles in seash strife—lo! Freedom weeps, Wrong rules the land and waiting Justice sleeps!" (J. G. Holland.)

Is not this the God-appointed hour for true Americans to demand that the reverse of our Seal be cut, understood and obeyed? "One with God is a majority." Men who trust in God compose a majority, for God's law finally compels obedience. Those whom the people have entrusted with the weal of our nation, are called to awake to their responsibility as Americans, or abandon their claim to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," and allow themselves to be classified as opponents of the laws of our nation.

A national anthem, the words of which are by Alice Morgan Harrison, is most expressive of the sentiments of this nation: America, America, thou gavest birth To light that lighteth all the earth. God keep it pure! We love thee, O my country, leading light: We will defend it with our might; It shall endure!

At the present moment, America is passing through a condition of chaos and horror, fear, doubt, and uncertainty, according to the press reports. Is this the mental condition of men who put their trust in God, obey His law, follow the teachings of Christ Jesus, and subscribe to our nation's Seal? America, America, our love of thee Is freemen's love of liberty, The Spirit-love, Which holds high happiness in store, When Right shall reign from shore to shore, From East to West.

Genuine Americans are no longer in the valley of indecision. They have caught the inspiration of the oncoming Christ, and are standing on the mount of spiritual vision. They clearly discern the heights of brotherly love and prosperity to which America and Great Britain will ascend, when they unite in fulfilling this law of God: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. (Matthew xxii, 37, 39.)

In consummation of Biblical prophecy, Manasseh and Ephraim are destined to yield obedience to the demands of God. Yielding, they will break the mental fetters, which have bound them to a merciless despot, the so-called carnal mind, an element which has no right to our inheritance, and which rich inheritance they only can claim,

who obey the laws of God. United in this purpose, they will ultimately bring all nations into unity, peace, and prosperity, the inheritance of the nations which are guided by righteousness. America, America, thy seer-groved seal Foretells the perfect Commonwealth Of God-made men; Its eagle with unwearied wings Is symbol of the thought-seen things Of prophets' ken.

In Miscellany, page 282, Mrs. Eddy states: "I believe strictly in the Monroe Doctrine, in our Constitution, and in the laws of God." Every true American responds with all his heart to this declaration. A mighty struggle seems inevitable and necessary to redeem our country from the influence of the lawless. As humanity ceases to resist God's eternal law of "Truth, omnipotent Love, and Love, our Father-Mother God, precipitates the re-birth of our nation.

America, America, on pressing van Of all the hopes of waking man, We love thy flag!—thy stars and stripes, Thy stately flag of steadfast stars, And white, close held to heart-red bars, Which none shall drag!

Again I ask, has not the hour arrived when the reverse of the Seal of the United States should be cut, understood, and obeyed? I am convinced that God is repeating the same imperative command which He has uttered through His prophets, Jesus the Christ, and His disciples, and in this age, through His mouthpiece, Abraham Lincoln, and which command it were impious to disregard:

THIS NATION, UNDER GOD, SHALL HAVE A NEW BIRTH OF FREEDOM.

To-day, those who are chosen by the people to make, protect, and enforce our laws, are called upon to assume this grave responsibility.—the defense and prosperity of our beloved country. God's irrevocable demands will be met. This sacred charge is in the hands of those who have assumed, and will be held accountable for the safety and welfare of our nation. Let the twentieth century thinker, who has advanced with the progress of science, ponder this vital question regarding Anglo-Saxon America.

AUGUSTA E. STETSON.