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OUR THOUGHT FOR EACH DAY

By Mary Baker Eddy

“Every day, every hour, our work increases in effectiveness and power.”

THINK UPON THIS

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

II Chronicles 7:14

A QUOTE FROM THE PAST

It is impossible to rightly govern a nation without God and the Bible.

George Washington

GEMS FROM OUR HERITAGE

Sermons and Articles p. 30

By Doris White Evans

Every time error assails us, the first thing we have to remember is that Satan is always a liar. And the second thing to remember is, with every attack, we get stronger.

JIM'S CORNER

Which city hosted the first official Independence Day celebration on July 4, 1777?

Answer: Philadelphia

QUOTES FROM Mary Baker Eddy

A man has no right to do wrong. His right is to do and think right. Independence consists in his liberty and right to do right.

*Divinity Course and General
Collectanea, p. 161*

QUOTES FROM PETER V. ROSS

Vital Principle is operating in you and through you in that omnipotent way which makes abnormal conditions impossible.

You cannot be held down or made helpless. God is working through you to will and to accomplish His purpose. His will and purpose for you is a free and active and useful life. Nothing can frustrate that purpose.

Leaves of Healing, p. 81-82

QUOTES FROM Bicknell Young

The whole and sole motive and mission of the United States of America is Christian Science.

Collected Writings, p. 178

“A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD”

**A visit to
The Drake House**

by Bruce

**in celebration of the
250th Anniversary of the
United States of America**



Plainfield has a long history and the Drake House museum is a link to Plainfield's role to the revolutionary period of our country. Originally the Drake House was a typical colonial family house, dating back to 1746 when Isaac Drake gifted the house to his son Nathaniel.



Later in 1864 John S Harberger, president of Manhattan Banking Company (later known as Chase Manhattan Bank) purchased the house and remodeled it with the Victorian flair as seen today, which is in keeping with several neighborhoods in Plainfield having Victorian era homes.





(Below: The room where George Washington and his officers planned military movements.)



In the revolutionary period loyalty to the British crown versus colonial independence was a contentious issue. The Drake family was a firm supporter of colonial independence and their home welcomed George Washington and his officers where military movements in northern New Jersey were planned. The Drake house served as Washington's headquarters during the Battle of Short Hills which took place in the outskirts of present-day Plainfield towards the southeast.



Today the Drake House is a city-owned historical museum open to the public, having on display historical artifacts including the original lean-to kitchen where cooking was done in a fireplace built for that purpose. Other artifacts include a civil war era canon, a map of Plainfield dated 1874, and a rare taxidermied Heath Hen, a bird that became extinct in the 1930's. A tour of the Drake House was graciously conducted by a well-informed tour guide.

United States Constitution

For a goodly number of years, it has been a tradition for me to read the Constitution of the United States of America each Fourth of July. If you did not read it on the Fourth, I hope you will make up for the loss by reading this document at your convenience. One of the most rewarding methods of celebrating this day is to study our most cherished document — The Constitution. How important it is, especially at this time, to devote two hours of study to better understand the basis of our government.

Jim Dible (WWII Veteran)

ADDRESS AT ANNUAL MEETING, JUNE 6, 1899

My Beloved Brethren: — I hope I shall not be found disorderly, but I wish to say briefly that this meeting is very joyous to me. Where God is we can meet, and where God is we can never part. There is something suggestive to me in this hour of the latter days of the nineteenth century, fulfilling much of the divine law and the gospel. ...

Oh, may this hour be prolific, and at this time and in every heart may there come this benediction: Thou hast no longer to appeal to human strength, to strive with agony; I am thy deliverer. “Of His own will begat He us with the word of truth.” Divine Love has strengthened the hand and encouraged the heart of

every member of this large church. Oh, may these rich blessings continue and be increased! Divine Love hath opened the gate Beautiful to us, where we may see God and live, see good in good, — God all, one, — one Mind and that divine; where we may love of our neighbor as ourselves, and bless our enemies.

Divine Love will also rebuke and destroy disease, and destroy the belief of life in matter. It will waken the dreamer — the sinner, dreaming of pleasure in sin; the sick, dreaming of suffering matter; the slothful, satisfied to sleep and dream. Divine Love is our only physician, and never loses a case. It binds up the broken-hearted; heals the poor body, whose whole head is sick and whose whole heart is faint; comforts such as mourn, wipes away the unavailing, tired tear, brings back the wanderer to the Father’s house in which are many mansions, many welcomes, many pardons for the penitent.

Oftimes I think of this in the great light of the present, the might and light of the present fulfilment. So shall all earth’s children at last come to acknowledge God, and be one; inhabit His holy hill, the God-crowned summit of divine Science; the church militant rise to the church triumphant, and Zion be glorified.

Mary Baker Eddy
Miscellany, pages 131-133

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