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Consider how great To be hath done
for you -

Subject, Great Things done for us.

Great Things Done For Us.

"For consider how great things he hath done for you." I Sam 12²⁴.

Thank comes from the past tense of the old English verb, "to think." Thankfulness is thinkfulness. A thank you that does not spring from a grateful heart is a thankless expression. To appreciate rightly God's good hand during the year it is necessary to consider carefully his dealings with and for us.

There have been two great disasters. The people of the Pacific coast were awakened one morning by the mighty

tremblings of the earthquake
that left them in shattered
homes, and the people of
the Gulf coast were blown
and washed away by a
storm. But we can thank
God that so few lost their lives,
so few considering the eminent
danger ^{of the many}. Had the earth-
quake at S. Francisco occurred
at noon-day what a deathly
track it would have left!
Let's thank God that it occurred
when the streets were empty.

The deaths ^{of the illustrious} of the year are many,
among whom may be mentioned
Marshall Field and Russell Sage
of the financial world; Gen. Lee

Wallace a civil war veteran &
the writer of Ben Hur; Mrs.
Jefferson Davis, ^{widow} ~~wife~~ of the
Presid. of the Confed. States;
Gen. Jos. Wheeler, ex-confederate
cavalry leader and, since the
war with Spain, a Brig Gen.
in the U.S.. For seven terms
he served as Senator from
Alabama, and his speeches
covered more space in the Cong.
Records than ^{those of} any other man dur-
ing his time. One day while
driving he overtook a mail
carrier afoot. Mr. Wheeler asked
him to ride ~~with him~~ and
enquired of the carrier why

he had not a horse. ~~to ride~~.
He carried upland. "I did
have a horse but old Wheeler
sent down so many documents
from Wash. that it killed
him in trying to deliver them".
And there is J. Addison Henry
Ex Mod. of the Gen Assembly,
Dr. Edw. B. Hodge, and Francis
Willard of Alaska and many
others of our ~~country~~ ^{and} who
might be mentioned, ~~for~~ to
whose lives we were greatly
indebted and ~~for whom we~~ ^{for whose}
~~are greatly grateful~~ ^{beneficent influence} ~~we~~
are grateful today ~~for their~~
~~beneficent lives influence~~
As a nation our losses here

from few compared with
our gains. No great epidem-
ics has ravaged our land
this year; no depression
in the financial life to hamper
us and our work; no strikes
of any import to ~~con-~~
sturb the markets.

But progress and prosper-
ity ^{Oklahoma admitted into the union.} every where. Deserts re-
claimed and converted
into gardens and where once
sand ^{of the arid plains} & drifted sand stand sugar
factories and flows water,
~~in ditches at ~~times~~ will.~~

^{the} Corn crop is 30.2 b. per acre
or five bus. above the previous

ten years' average. Potatoes
102.5 ^{b. per acre} or 18.1 b. above the previous
10 yrs ago. Cellars filled
to overflowing with fruit,
cribs bursting with corn,
hay mows full and long
stacks of feed serving as
wind breaks on north side of
barnyards; cattle, sheep and
hogs and horses fat; ~~and~~
~~satisfied~~; chickens in full
plumage; cotton gins run-
ning day and night to bale the
crops; mills of all kinds with
their thousands of wheels whirl-
ing, at work on our woolen,
cotton and silk goods, ~~and~~
^{lumber and groceries}
turning out the world's supply
~~mills of dry goods, lumber and~~

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~~groceries. Cattle and sheep~~
~~and hogs enough to supply~~
~~our demand for years. Gold~~
in Alaska & California, silver
in Colorado & Nevada, iron
in Pennsylvania, copper in
Michigan, lead in Idaho,
oil in Texas and Oklahoma,
phosphate rock in Florida,
turquoise in New Mex.,
salt in Kansas, & coal
underlying the whole con-
tinent. (and lots of crude
material ^{for misc. & others} in Porto Rico!)

People are coming by the
thousands per annum to
share with us our liberty.

Strong men to take the lead
in public life, an aroused
public sentiment for law
enforcement. Schools,
colleges and universities
for the young, homes for
the poor, and public in-
stitutions for our better-
ment with a hearty wel-
come to all. Hills and
valleys and rivers and
broad green prairies a-
bounding in blessings.

Oh where in history ^{or time} can you
find a country so signally
blessed!

My country! 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing.

Land where my fathers died;
Land of the pilgrim's pride;
From every mtn. side,
Let freedom ring!

2. My native country, Thee!
Land of the noble free,
Thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills,
Like that above.

3. I love thy inland seas,
Thy groves of giant trees,
Thy rolling plains;
Thy mystic canyons deep,
Thy mighty rivers sweep,
Thy mountains, wild and steep,

all thy domains!

4. Thy silver Eastern strands;
Thy Golden Gate that stands
Fronting the West;
Thy flowery Southland fair,
Thy sweet and crystal air,
O land beyond compare,
Thou I love best!

5. Let music swell the breeze,
And ring from all the trees
Sweet Freedom's song!
Let mortal tongues awake,
Let all that breathe partake,
Let rocks their silence break,
The sound prolong!

6. Our fathers' God! to thee,
Author of liberty!
To thee we sing;

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Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light,
Protect us by thy might,
Great God, our King!

Now do we forget what God
has done for us as a church.
We have had a noble record.

79,589 received on confession
of their faith, 950,336 by letter.
41,503 have been dismissed &
13,652 have died, leaving a
net gain in membership of
43,000. We have organized
144 churches, one synod,
Besides we have rec'd into
our number 145,411 from the

He ~~united~~ Cumberland
union with us. We are
now as a Presbyterian church
1,304,073 strong, and
contributed for the advancement
of the Kingdom last year 21
millions of dollars. And we
must remember in our praise
and thanks that our church
is but one of the many that
are doing great things through
His name.

The spirit of union is in
the air. Three great bodies in
Canada have united. The
various Reformed churches
have united in Mexico,
Brazil, Japan, Korea, China
and India. The union of

Protestantism or Evangelical
church is sure to come.
Calvanism eat gulps down
Arminianism nor Armi-
nianism Calvanism. That
is certain also. But they both
conund will work together in
union for and to the glory of God.
~~Let us thank Torrey and~~
Chapman meetings are set-
ting ^{on fire} the prairies and forests
of dried up spirituality,
while the clarion ^{call} notes of
the gospel rings out in clearer
tones ^{from pulpits} all over our land.
Let us thank Him for a wide
awake church - a herd at work

Church, - a warring Church -
"Like a mighty army
Marches the Church of God;
Brothers, we are treading
Where the saints have trod;
Hell's foundations quiver
At the shout of praise;
Brothers, lift your voices
Loud your anthems raise."
"For consider how great things
he hath done for you."

Now can we forget our
own personal blessings during
the year. Our condition viewed
in heaven's light is glitteringly
gloriously beautiful. Trials?
Yes, but Trials are the soul's fur-
nace to drive out the dross.

If we can not see how that every
thing that has come into our
life was for our good we can
at any rate ^{see and} thank him that
the reverses were no worse.

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Had it not been for his restrain-
ing power the wrongs and
ill workings of life might
have devoured us. ~~So~~ Many
things are planned by the evil
one for our ruin, and just
as often may we be thankful
that underneath are the ever-
lasting arms.

Things are not what we wd.
have them to be sure. I hope
they may never be perfectly
satisfactory to you. How
true is Augustine in his
lines - "Thou hast made us
for thyself, and our hearts are
restless, till they rest in thee."

This old world is no pillow
but a sword, no garden
but a broad battle ground,
no swing that wafts us
~~from~~ through delights and
joys only but a crackling
fire behind us and sharp
thorns beneath our feet to
hasten us on in our battle for
the victory. Nothing can
come to you but what is
or may be made for your de-
velopment and growth
and the advancement of
the Kingdom. "The Lord reign-
eth let the earth rejoice!"

Think of the joys that have
been ours! Think of the sky
and stars above, of the flowers

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and birds beneath, of the beautiful mountains and green fields, of your many friends encircling the globe, and of His love and thoughtfulness of you when you are lonely.

Think of your homes and thank him for them. Think your church and thank him for it. Think of your country and thank him for it.

To him who has placed us in this ~~world~~^{life} and keeps us by his yonder stern faith, who has given us this blessed old world of joys with enough ^{exercise} of sorrows to strengthen.

strength, who gave his only
~~son~~ ^{himself} to save us from shipwreck
in our voyage home, who
awaits us with a welcome,
to such a One will we sing
and give thanks today and
will to the eternities of
eternities. "For consider
how great things he hath
done for you."