

III. THE LIBERAL CHURCH INCORPORATED, 1939

By

Lowell B. Swan, A.B., Th.M.

For nearly seventeen years there has existed in the City of Denver, a comic opera church organization under the name of the Liberal Church, Inc. This is the fifth report written on the investigations made, and rather than attempt a repetition of these very complete and well-written documents, the author wishes to bring the study of this organization up to date from the last report by H. E. Sortor in July, 1937. At this time Mr. Sortor reported that the Church was located at 1438 15th St., in the basement of the Inter-Ocean Hotel. There is the same location now and is called the Workingmen's Universal Mission of America.

1. A Typical Service

After some difficulty, the writer got an opportunity of seeing Bishop Rice while he was holding one of his celebrated "Divine Worship" services when he serves beer and apples. The service was scheduled to begin at 2 P.M. and the writer was present with about a dozen other vagrants. Apples and paper cups were distributed to all at the doors, and the announcement was made that the beer was on the way.¹

The room in the basement of the hotel was about fourteen by fourteen feet and furnished with chairs and benches and in one corner a desk and chair and table and numerous files--this being the diocese

¹See item for January 1, 1936, in Appendix on officially designated beer.

office of the "pontifex maximus." The walls were papered with the issues of the Life magazine, which tended to cheer the rather dismal place. The art work (paper hanging) was done by the archbishop of the diocese of art, Rice informed me. He added further that this man just barely escaped being put on the World's Fair commission. In one corner of the room stood a rather dilapidated barber chair, which the bishop pointed out as the chief sinner's chair.

At this time Bishop Rice introduced a man whom he called Reverend Hansen, who had come down to preach to the men in an orthodox manner. This man began to preach along this line: "How many want to go to Heaven?" (All hands were up.) "Well, then believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved." He sang several songs ("Let Jesus Come into Your Heart" and "The Old Rugged Cross") and continued to preach in this very "novel" way. At the close of his talk, he asked how many wanted the prayer to be offered for him (again, all hands shown) and the godly man prayed. However, the prayer was given in a rather difficult moment because down the stairs came the keg of beer bouncing off each step and finally landing with a loud noise on the floor. The reader no doubt could understand the handicap under which the prayer was offered.

During Hansen's talk men came floating in, and Bishop Rice met them at the door and gave them a cup and some apples. When the beer arrived, Reverend Hansen beat a hasty retreat even though the Bishop and the congregation urged him to stay for beer. At this time the room was unpleasantly filled with men of all ages and conditions of poverty. Two blind men came also, and they were very courteously treated by all. One was called Archbishop Coomer, the blind philosopher of the Liberal Church, who refusing a blind pension sold whiskbrooms for a living. He spoke in an Andy Devine voice and would sit in the corner repeating

philosophical gems interspersed with amens and hallelujahs.

By this time the keg was open, and all began to fill their cups. Several waited on the blind, and it was all in fairly good order--almost as decent as an Iliff picnic.

During this pleasant interlude, Bishop Rice introduced several men, who spoke. The first was Archbishop Wolfram, who delivered the Workingman's Prayer. This was very well-done and well-received. After this came the Archbishop of the Bull-pen, who was introduced as one who had been in jail more times than any one in the room. He gave a short poem on how to walk down Larimer Street without weaving so as to avoid arrest. This was received with loud applause by all. Following this Bishop Van Brunt was introduced as a true humanitarian, and his talk concerned itself with praises of Bishop Rice and the work of the Liberal Church. He was interrupted several times by loud applause. When he finished, Archbishop Coomer, the blind philosopher, was asked to speak; and he gave a talk on how he finds his way around the city to sell his brooms. He told how he refused to accept the blind pension because he could do better by himself. He said that he had gone out that morning and made four dollars. He pled for blind pensions for all who were unable to make a living on their own, and his talk was also well-received.

Bishop Rice concluded the speeches with a jolly harangue about the Iliff School of Theology supposedly for my benefit. He said that the professors out there could teach these young squirts from Nebraska and Arkansas how to preach, but that they could not preach a sermon using words that could be understood. He continued that all they knew how to do was teach these boys to lead the poor farmers to give their hearts to the Lord and their pocketbooks to the preacher. Several, not knowing who I was, nudged me and said, "That's the truth, that's fine,

isn't it?". I do not care to reveal my answers at this time. The Bishop closed his remarks by saying that he believed that God was the Great Mathematician and that he approved only of prayers that were mathematically accurate. Thus, he had to use an adding machine to pray.

By this time the beer was all gone, and the man began to leave. Rice announced that there would be another service at eleven o'clock the following Sunday morning, with apples and maybe beer though he would not promise the beer. I noted that as the men left most of them thanked the Bishop for his treat and promised to come back next Sunday. Some men lingered, and the cleric shooed them out with the remark that he had an appointment to take a million dollars away from a man present.

I looked about me and discovered to my amazement and amusement that he meant me, so fingering the lone dime, I awaited the interview.

2. The Interview

The interview consisted mostly in gathering printed matter that had been distributed since 1937 and gaining a resume of the work done. The writer found the same difficulty in interviewing Bishop Rice as the other students reporting because of his rambling indefinite way of thinking and speaking. Much joking and fun-making went on, and very little information outside of printed matter was received. I asked him how he was able to get the printing done and intimated that it must involve money. His answer was characteristic, "Oh, I put the bee on several of these printing devils. I hypnotize them for theurapeutic purposes, and they print the material." However, Rice does receive money from business and professional men downtown; and while it perhaps doesn't amount to large sums, it no doubt is adequate to keep him and his family and do some things for the boys.

He remarked that the finest contribution made by his church in the past two years was the establishment of Mrs. Santa Claus, Inc.² He claimed to have a female impersonator who went around to the children in the Larimer Street district whom Santa Claus had missed, and "she" would tell the children that Santa Claus had passed them by because of his advanced age and its accompanied forgetfulness of names and addresses. Then "Mrs. Santa Claus" would distribute free tickets to the movies and try to cheer by the promise of next year's Christmas. Also, he claimed to take groups of five to fifteen children to such hotels as the Brown Palace, Albany, and Park Lane for a dinner party. This was in some way to make up for a forgotten Christmas. He further gave cards good for twenty-five days to men who would solicit for Mrs. Santa Claus, Inc. and who could keep what they needed for themselves and remit the remainder to the club. He quickly added that he knew this to be successful because of the large number of renewals after twenty-five days. No mention was made, however, of remittances.

A new organization called the Roosevelt Church of Social Justice was started in the hope of bringing together the followers of Roosevelt and Father Coughlin. This group was also combined with the Public Ownership League, Inc., and its eight principles formed the platform for the new church.

In organizing new churches, Rice told me that he had discovered that a new business name could be filed for the sum of twenty-five cents. Thus a church with a business name could likewise be filed for this amount, "You tell the men at Iliff that, and they won't believe it, but it is the truth," he said.

²See appendix for article on Mrs. Santa Claus, Inc.

When Roosevelt began to hammer away at the Supreme Court, the Liberal Church offered a horse and buggy to each retiring justice, and such an offer was printed and circulated, but he had none on hand for the writer. Whether any accepted the offer was never learned.

Bishop Rice questioned me at length about what was done about the reports of the Liberal Church. I informed him that they were bound and kept in the library for reference. He seemed greatly pleased, and for a moment I was afraid that the entire files of the church would be given to Iliff for safe keeping.

The writer was also closely questioned about a tragic affair involving a Methodist minister recently, and he tried to explain it as carefully as possible to the bishop, who rose and walked the floor cursing the adverse publicity and circumstantial evidence that could hang a man.

The question of a successor to the Supreme Pontiff in the event of his death was brought up, and he asked me if I cared to file an application for the position. To my dismay, however, he did not mention it again.

Rice mentioned the time that he ran for mayor and the board of the church closed the mission. He called them to confess their sins and recant, and they finally surrendered.³ He mentioned casually that it might have been due to the fact that he was keeping a majority of the board at the Inter-Ocean Hotel, paying for their beds.

The Bishop kindly asked me what degrees I could use; and, being very modest, I, of course, could not answer. So he offered to make me the bishop of the Swedish Methodist Diocese of the Liberal Church and confer on me the Ph.D., D.D., L.L.D. degrees. Who said modesty doesn't

³See "We Surrender" in appendix.

pay?

Being very much interested in lifting the quality of students in Iliff, he sent his altar boy, Albert Nawyn, to enroll. He was refused because he did not have a college education. The bishop, however, awarded him a Th.D. degree to compensate him for this closed door to higher learning.

At the close of the interview, the bishop said, "I guess we're all nuts down here, but we try to do good." With this in my ears I stumbled up the stairs, having spent four hours that afternoon with the Liberal Church, Inc.

3. An Evaluation

The other students reporting on Bishop Rice have nearly all agreed on his sincerity in his social work. He is trying to help the unfortunates and downtrodden of our city and ought to be recognized for the same. His wit and humor helps a great deal to cheer up this group, and he gives them an outlet for their feelings, which is necessary. He provides a type of recognition to these unnoticed and unheralded sons of the gutter, which any human being craves. He makes light harmlessly of the existing conditions and institutions, and a while with him gives one a certain slant on our world seen from down under. Endowing each man with a title or degree gives each man a feeling of equality and importance, which many more finely educated love to exhibit. Furthermore, I doubt seriously whether there is any minister in Denver who is so thoroughly enjoying his work.

You could very easily build up a case picturing Rice as an agent of the so-called capitalistic system to jolly and partially alleviate the misery of the poor. Of course this is not true, but the result is

the same. Perhaps many business men do give to Bishop Rice, realizing that fact.

The function of the church is to help the poor. Providing food, shelter, and clothing and an opportunity to voice their feelings; aiding them in their encounters with the police and other authorities; and giving them hope in the future, are means of performing this function.

The reinterpretation is negligible. The bishop's statement about God as the great mathematician is about as far as he would be able to go. He does believe that fear is the great difficulty of mankind, and he believes this is due to a lack of understanding of the universe. He desires to drive out fear from people's minds. His trinity is food, shelter, and clothing.

The techniques of the group are begging from various people who are willing to contribute. Using an adding machine for prayer might come under that heading. His "divine worship" is supposedly a technique, and the carrying of good luck charms is allowed if not encouraged.

In evaluating Bishop Rice and the Liberal Church, I must return to the social work and allow him and his creation to stand and fall on the value of his social work. To many it would seem like sweeping back the ocean and a rather superficial method at that. But the conditions that have produced the large percentage of this nomadic population are the same that produced this curiosity, and one cannot help admiring his efforts.

EDUCATION - MORALITY - TRUTH - PROGRESS - HAPPINESS

INTELLIGENCE - REASON - JUSTICE - LIBERTY - CIVILIZATION

THE LIBERAL CHURCH, INCORPORATED

Founded at Denver, Colorado, February 23, 1923 by Frank H. Rice

Our Principles: We believe in the United States -
Our Religion is to do good.

December 2, 1939

LOWELL BENJAMIN SWAN, upon due recommendation and prayer of the House of Bishops, and good and sufficient recommendation as to his citizenship and character, I hereby duly ordain, license, commission, baptize, and consecrate Lowell Benjamin Swan, a citizen of the United States, of lawful age, a minister, pastor, clergyman and bishop in and for the Liberal Church, Inc., also known as The Liberal Church of America (See Religious Bodies, Separate Denominations United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census, A. D. 1926, Volume II pages 694-95, in conjunction with provision of the Census Act, approved March 6, 1902, as amended by the act of June 7, 1906, and as further amended by the Fourteenth Census Act, approved March 3, 1919).

Also the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, and the degree of Doctor of Divinity, and the degree of Doctor of Laws (Ph. D., D. D., L.L.D.) are duly conferred on the said Lowell Benjamin Swan, with all rights and privileged appertaining thereto, both here and everywhere.

Also the Diocese of Swedish Methodism is hereby duly created and established and the said Bishop Lowell Benjamin Swan, Ph. D., D.D., L.L.D., is granted full and complete legal and religious control over the affairs of said diocese.

Done this second day of December, 1939, by virtue of my legal and divine authority duly cited and shown hereon. Amen!

Signed _____

President The Liberal Church, Inc.
and the Liberal Church of America.

State of Colorado,))
County of Denver) ss.

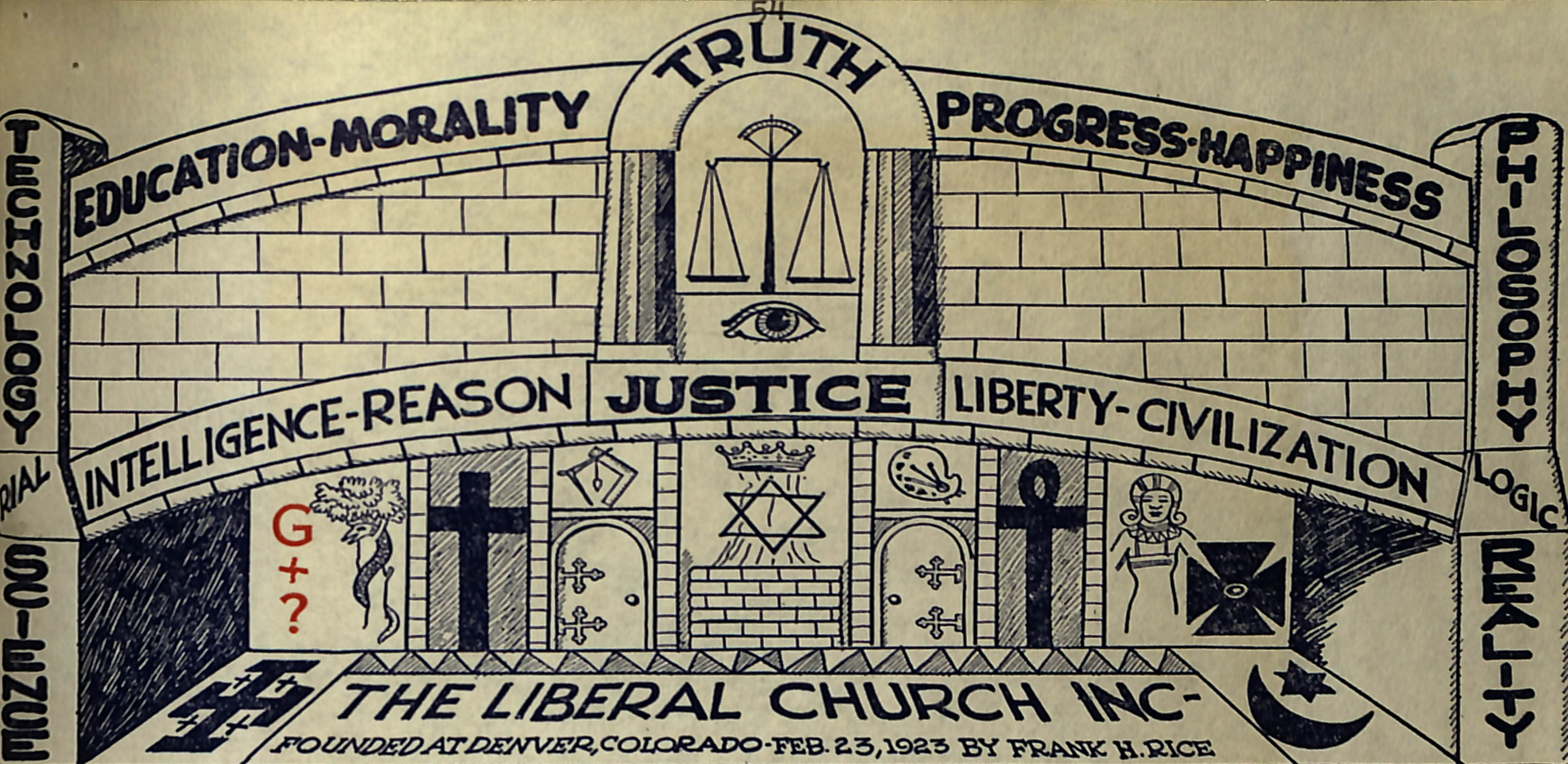
I, the undersigned, hereby accept the within and foregoing ordination, degrees, and leadership of the diocese of Swedish Methodism and agree to be governed by the Articles of Incorporation of The Liberal Church Inc., and to obey the criminal and civil laws governing religious societies.

Signed _____

Affirmed to before me this _____ day of December, A.D., 1939.

Notary Public

My Commission expires _____.



BISHOP FRANK H. RICE, PRESIDENT

POST OFFICE BOX 1243

Our Principles: We Believe in the United States — Our Religion is to do Good

1. For legal and divine detail about the Liberal Church see Articles of Incorporation recorded with Secretary of State of Colorado.
2. Book 3929, Page 367, Clerk and Recorder's Office, City and County of Denver, State of Colorado.
3. No charge for funeral services and for solemnizing marriages.
4. See "Corpus Juris" in any law library under "Religious Societies".

January 1, A.D. 1937.

BISHOP GEORGE HENRY HOHL, D.D., upon due recommendation and prayer of the House of Bishops, and good and sufficient recommendation as to his citizenship and character, I hereby duly ordain, license, commission, baptize and consecrate George Henry Hohl, a citizen of the United States, of lawful age, a minister, pastor, clergyman and bishop in and for The Liberal Church, Inc., also known as The Liberal Church of America. (See Religious Bodies, Separate Denominations, United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census, A.D. 1926, Volume _____, Pages Nos. _____, in conjunction with the provision of the Census Act, approved March 6, 1902, as amended by the Act of June 7, 1906, and as further amended by the Fourteenth Census Act, approved March 3, 1919.)

Also the degree of Inspired Artist, and the degree of Doctor of Divinity, and the degree of Master of Arts (I.A., D.D., M.A.) are duly conferred upon the said George Henry Hohl.

Also the Diocese of Sacred Art is hereby duly created and established, and the said Bishop George Henry Hohl, I.A, D.D., M.A., is granted full and complete legal and religious control over the affairs of said diocese.

Done this first day of January, A D. 1937, by virtue of my legal and divine authority duly cited and shown hereon. Amen!

BISHOP FRANK H. RICE,
President The Liberal Church, Inc.
and The Liberal Church of America.

State of Colorado, }
County of Denver. } ss.

I, the undersigned, hereby accept the within and foregoing ordination, degrees and leadership of the diocese of Sacred Art and agree to be governed by the articles of incorporation of The Liberal Church, Inc., and to obey the criminal and civil laws governing religious societies.

Signed _____

Affirmed to before me this _____ day of November, A.D. 1938.

My commission expires _____

Notary Public.

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January 26, 1934

HITLER EXCOMMUNICATED

Frank H. Rice, "bishop and supreme pontiff of the Liberal Church," has given the final word on Adolf Hitler, in an oath of ex-communication he composed and published this week. Anathema pronounced on the mad dog of Germany warns all not to approach Hitler "within four cubits length of him," to shun him entirely, and calls down on him all the maledictions of heaven.

Following is the copy of the pronouncement of anathema:

By Virtue of my Divine Authority, cited and shown hereon, I hereby duly pronounce anathema upon Adolf Hitler of Germany.

The Heads of the Council of Divine Righteousness and Holy Justice hereby make known that, already well assured of the evil opinions and doings of Adolf Hitler, they have endeavored in sundry ways and by empasioned entreaties to turn him from his evil courses. But as they have been unable to turn him to any better way of thinking; on the contrary, as they are every day better certified of the horrible heresies entertained and avowed by him, and of the insolence and ignorance with which these heresies are promulgated and spread abroad, and of the innumerable worthy who have from this suffered and bled, with their tears and hearts bearing witness, he has been fully convicted of the same.

Review having therefore been made of the whole matter before the Chiefs of the Council of Divine Righteousness and Holy Justice, it has been resolved, the Councillors assenting thereto, and approved by His Holiness, the Supreme Pontiff of the Liberal Church, to anathematize the said Adolf Hitler, and to cut him off from the peoples of Reason, and Truth, and Justice, and Love and Beauty, that wherever the Faithful in these reside, wherever men are Reasonable and True and Just, that wherever there is Love and Beauty, the Pillars of our Cult, the Blood of our Church; there let him be cut off, and from this hour in the universal Scheme let him be placed in Anathema, and may His Holiness, the Supreme Pontiff, pro-

claim the Malediction as the depth of his Wisdom reveals it.

And the Supreme Pontiff of the Liberal Church hereby proclaims the following malediction:

With the judgment of the Angels and the sentence of the Saints we Anathematize, Execrate, Curse and Cast Out Adolf Hitler, the whole of the sacred community assenting, in the presence of the Sacred Books, the Holy Revelations, and the Pillars, Intelligence, Reason, Justice, Liberty and Civilization, pronouncing against him the malediction wherewith Elisha cursed the Children, and all the maledictions written in the Book of Law.

Let him be accursed by Day and by Night—Let him be accursed in his lying down and getting up—accursed in going out and coming in. May the Lord of the Good never more pardon or acknowledge him; may the Lord load him with all the curses written in the Book of the Laws, and blot out his name from under the sky; may the Lord sever him for his evil from all the tribes that subscribe to the Civilization we exemplify in our holiness weight him with all the maledictions of the firmament contained in the Book of the Law, and may ye who are obedient to our God, the Lord, and His Holiness the Supreme Pontiff of the Liberal Church be saved this day.

Thereby then are all admonished that none hold converse with him by word of mouth, none hold communication with him by writing, that no one do him any service, no one abide under the same roof with him, no one approach within four cubits length of him, and no one read any document dictated by him, or written by his hand.

BISHOP FRANK H. RICE,
(Signed) President and Supreme Pontiff of the Liberal

Church, Inc.

CARL C. BRIM,
Bishop Coadjutor.

State of Colorado, City and County of Denver—ss.

Affirmed to before me this 23rd day of January, 1934.

(Seal) Leonard H. Rosenfield,
Notary Public.

My commission expires Feb. 11, 1937.

To Mr. and Mrs. You

The forgotten, undeserving, unworthy, sinning and not always sober poor are going to have an eating and drinking party Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 24, 1938, at 2 P. M., at 1438 16th St.

Some of us have for various reasons heard the Judge say "——— years in jail" chiefly because we were broke or had a lawyer unpopular with the judge.

We will meet at the temple, church and synagogue of said poor at 1438 16th St.

We hope and pray with some doubt that **MR. AND MRS. YOU** will provide us with: Shoes, socks, hats, overcoats, blankets, underwear, toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, laxatives, physics, and canned food. Also cigars, cogarettes, pipes, tobacco.

We hope and pray there will be many 50c pieces, and crisp new \$1 bills, or bills of larger denomination. We expect these articles to be given direct to said poor. We hope this comes direct to us and not through a third person. Our past experience is such, **MR. AND MRS. YOU**, forgive us if we are wrong, that in many instances there is considerable shrinkage when gifts are transferred from **MR. AND MRS. YOU** through a third party to us poor. We will appreciate the omission of preaching and sermons.

A very small percentage of us would appreciate a new or used Bible, with certain selected marked passages, presented to us personally by some sincere Bible-believing, Bible-reading citizen.

We have invited the Commissioner of Safety to provide us with sufficient competent peace officers with the request that if any of us should disturb the peace we shall be immediately taken in charge by said peace officers and dealt with justly according to the District Attorney's Bible as interpreted by himself.

If we have enough to eat and drink and are not in need of help we will be absent.

Now, **MR. AND MRS. YOU**, you must know there is no perfect poor. You must know that the Holy Writ, not the New Deal, says "The poor ye have with ye always."

Sauerkraut, apples, fruit and 3% sweet cider, not over 6% alcoholic content, would cheer us greatly. We hereby petition Bishop Frank H. Rice, Pontifex Maximus, of the Liberal Church, Inc., to explain our wishes to you.

Signed by the **FORGOTTEN, UNDESERVING, UNWORTHY, SINNING AND NOT ALWAYS SOBER POOR.**

Mrs. Santa To Be Local Girl

Corporation Planned
To 'Build Up'
Mrs. Kriss Kringle

Mrs. Santa Claus has been neglected for a long, long time in the opinion of Mrs. June H. Deets of 1119 10th st.

And so Mrs. Deets is going to do something about it. Not that the gentleman in red hasn't been doing all right during the past few hundred years, but Mrs. Deets believes Mrs. Santa Claus might be little more solicitous about the needy children.

Today Mrs. Deets will file with the secretary of state papers of incorporation for Mrs. Santa Claus, Inc., whose purpose will be to make Mrs. Santa Claus "as real in the minds of children less than six years of age as the traditional Santa Claus."

Will Aid Children

The papers provide also that the good wife of old Kriss Kringle be given the Fourth of July, along with all other days in the year, when it will be "her voluntary duty, when possible, to bring or send presents to poor, needy, neglected and unfortunate children whom Santa Claus in his painstaking and honorable efforts failed to find."

But Mrs. Santa Claus and Mrs. Deets aren't going to stop there. Together they are going "to do everything lawfully possible to encourage the Postmaster General to establish a United States postoffice under the name of Mrs. Santa Claus, Colo., near Denver."

Seeks Postoffice

In this way Mrs. Deets points out, Mrs. Santa Claus will be made a beneficent, glorified, useful and imaginary personage of renown.

Mrs. Deets believes the postoffice, if established, will rival the present Santa Claus, Ind., in mail receipts, only at a different season of the year. Requests made in letters sent to the proposed postoffice will be fulfilled, Mrs. Deets said. Mrs. Deets has the land for the building.

Principal office of Mrs. Santa Claus, Inc., will be in Denver and subsidiary clubs will be established, the incorporation papers say.

Workingman's Prayer

By Rev. Chas. E. Wolfram, D.D.

President, Life Mission, Inc., a Colorado Corporation.

Oh Lord, we come to Thee this day and seek Thine assistance. We ask Thee to rectify some of the great evils that exist in this old world which Thou hast created, and to remove the cause of misery, starvation, privation, degeneration and poverty from the "Land of the free and the home of the brave," for the life of the working man is burdened with many troubles and a large load of blankets.

Give him Thine aid, oh Lord, that he may connect with three square meals a day, and not have to eat yesterday's breakfast for supper the day after tomorrow. Protect him, oh Lord, that he may not fall afoul of Judge Humpty Dumpty, who dreams in gloating glee of the victims that he has sent to the louse-infested cells of an unsanitary jail. Deliver us from the greed and graft of this Nation, and from the parasites who neither toil nor spin, yet bedeck their persons in finery until they glitter in the gloaming like a rotten dog salmon afloat in the moonlight. Oh Lord help us, for we have paupers, criminals and industrial cannibals whom we call business men, who receive their salaries and convictions from the same source. Verily, our institutions are badly mixed, for we have thieves and theologians, Christians and confidence men; also prisons and politicians, scabs and scallawags, ounces of virtue and tons of vice; we have trusts and tramps, money and misery, homes and hunger, salvation and soup, and hypocrites who expect to pave their way into Heaven by begging old pants, coats and hats and selling them to the poor.

Give us Thy protection, oh Lord, and deliver us from the Grocers' Association, who holds us up while poverty holds us down. Deliver us from those who make canned beef out of sick cows, horses and mules, and corpses out of those who eat it; may the price of hamburgers, beef stews, waffles and holy doughnuts come down and our wages come up to meet them; and may we be permitted to partake of these luxuries three times a day, for to be without them causes great pain in our gastric region.

Oh Lord, we do not understand why poodle dogs have private baths, are attended by maids and by valets, are shampooed, manicured and kissed, are fed choice steaks and drink cream, while thousands of little children are living out of garbage cans. Christ never said, "Suffer little poodle dogs to come unto Me."

Rid us, we pray Thee, of the employment sharks who are licensed by the Government to charge a working man for a job, and have contractors who fire them the next day. Men are sent to jail for not having the means of support, and to the chain gang for not having the price of a job. Deliver us from the country where man is damned for the dollar, and the dollar is deemed the man, where the press is paid for suppressing the truth, and gets rich by telling lies.

Now, oh Lord, we ask Thy richest blessing to rest upon the blanket stiff, such as loggers, muckers and skinnners; may they be permitted to make at least seven dollars and six bits before they get fired; and may their Mulligan be of better class, and contain no old shoes, gum boots, or scrap iron; and may their blankets rest lightly on their blistered backs, and contain no insects which may discommode them. May the farmer plant his spuds more closely to the railroad track, and his chickens roam near the jungles, and we will be ever grateful to Thee.

AMEN.

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1822 Stout St.,
Denver, Colo.

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United States of America }
 State of Colorado } SS:
 County of Denver }

**CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT
 AS CAMPAIGN MANAGER**

M _____ Street
 is hereby appointed Campaign Manager for one-quarter of
 the block in which the above appointee resides. Said ap-
 pointee to serve during campaign for Mayoralty election to
 be held in Denver, May 16, 1939. **No pay.**

No charge.

Bishop Frank H. Rice
 P. O. Box 1243

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Liberal Church, Inc.

BISHOP FRANK H. RICE

1438 Sixteenth Street

Sunday, September 24, 1939, at 11:00 A.M.

OPEN FORUM

— on —

“European War and U. S. Congress”

Public Invited — No Collection

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BISHOP FRANK H. RICE
PERPETUAL CANDIDATE FOR
UNITED STATES SENATOR
OF COLORADO

HORSEFEATHERS AND APPLESAUCE SOCIETY
(SCIENTIFIC)

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The most prominent unsuccessful candidate for all offices in Colorado
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Bishop Frank H. Rice, D. D.

PRESIDENT AND FOUNDER OF THE LIBERAL CHURCH, INC.

INVITES YOU TO ATTEND A SPECIAL

Christmas Morning Show

GIVEN BY THE

LIBERAL CHURCH

AT THE

STATE THEATRE

1630 CURTIS STREET

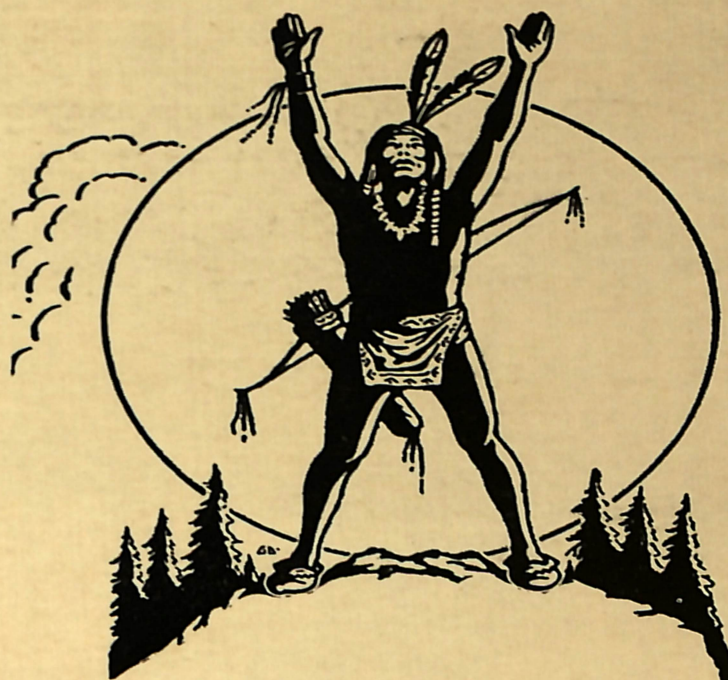
FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 23RD

AT 10:00 A. M.

THIS TICKET WILL ADMIT ONE

BISHOP FRANK H. RICE, D. D.

State Theatre



All members of The Liberal Church are duly directed to robe in sack cloth and ashes and join President Roosevelt for one hour in prayer for peace, starting at sunrise Sunday, October 2, 1938, and then appear at 23rd and Welton [baseball grounds] and put their sins on the goat, as provided in Holy Writ. Amen!

**BISHOP FRANK H. RICE,
Pres. Liberal Church, Inc.**



WE SURRENDER!

October 12, 1938.

To His Eminence Bishop Frank H. Rice,
President and Supreme Pontiff Liberal Church, Inc.,
Sixteenth and Blake Streets, Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

We, the undersigned directors, having surrendered to your valid order suspending church services until after election, do hereby respectfully petition you to reconvene the church immediately.

We give our word of honor that we will refrain from all discussion of politics during church services and prayer.

Attest:

C. C. BRIM,
Secretary of Corporation.

C. W. WOLFRAN	}	Directors
JOE NAVARRO		
ALBERT NAWMAN		
GEORGE ULRICK		

Eden Lewis . . .	Server of Sacramental Wines
John Deets . .	Superintendent of Sunday School
John Dooga	Captain of Altar Boys
June Hoffines	Church Secretary

Prayer

By REV. CHAS. E. WOLFRAM, D.D.

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we bless Thee for our creation, preservation and all the blessings of this life. O Lord, open Thou our lips, and our voices shall show forth Thy praise. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. God be merciful unto us and bless us that Thy way may be known upon earth. Endow Thy ministers with righteousness and make Thy chosen people joyful. Lighten our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord, and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers. Almighty God, whose kingdom is everlasting, and power infinite, have mercy upon this whole land.

Good Lord, deliver us from all sedition, privy conspiracy and rebellion; from all false doctrine, heresy and from hardness of heart. Good Lord, deliver us from all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred and malice, and all uncharitableness. Let Thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Thy humble servants; make them to ask such things as shall please Thee.

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech Thee, the spirit to think and to do such things as are right. Pour into our hearts such love toward Thee that we, loving Thee above all things, may obtain Thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire. O God, the protector of that trust in Thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, increase and multiply upon us Thy mercy, that Thou, being our Ruler and Guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal.

Lord, we beseech Thee mercifully to hear us; and grant that we, to whom Thou hast given an hearty desire to pray, may, by Thy mighty aid, be defended and comforted in all dangers and adversities, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, amen.

Former Bellboy Recalls Big Tips Of Senator Tabor

C. E. Wolfram Says Eugene
Field and Bill Nye Were
His Poker Companions

The life of a bellboy was a pleasant life when the late Senator H. A. W. Tabor was on the tipping end.

Charles E. Wolfram, 1757 Franklin st., recalled yesterday his days of service with the Windsor Hotel and the generosity of Tabor and other prominent men of the day.

"I went to work as a bellboy there shortly after Senator and Mrs. Tabor had returned from Washington, where



C. E. Wolfram were married," he said, "and I can see them now. They were a handsome couple. She was elegantly dressed and clung to his arm as they came in or out of the hotel."

Every day they went for a drive in their fine carriage, Wolfram recounted, and at night they were often out until late attending the opera or a party.

Tabor enjoyed playing poker and, as the bellboys of that day waited on the players, Wolfram, who was then only 14, saw many famous games and many illustrious personages playing high stakes.

"Joe Bush, who was manager of the hotel, Eugene Field and Bill Nye were Tabor's favorite companions at poker," Wolfram said. "They played in Bush's office on the main floor in what is now the barber shop."

Wolfram's memories of the famous couple are centered around Baby Doe's beauty and Tabor's generosity.



THE STATE OF COLORADO
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DENVER

GEORGE E. SAUNDERS
SECRETARY OF STATE

WILLIAM B. MCLEAN
DEPUTY

January 12, 1939

Bishop Frank H. Rice, Founder and President,
The Liberal Church,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your request, we have made a search of the records of this office and find documents of THE LIBERAL CHURCH have been filed and recorded as follows:

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION filed on January 23, 1923, and recorded in Book 218, Page 446.

CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT filed on March 17, 1923, and recorded in Book 219, Page 323.

CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT filed on October 8, 1923, and recorded in Book 225, Page 135.

NEW CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION filed on April 2, 1924, and recorded in Book 231, Page 245.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPRESSION OF CORPORATE SEAL filed on December 23, 1926, and recorded in Book 269, Page 113.

A certified copy of the above documents under one certificate can be furnished for \$9.00.

Very truly yours,

George E. Saunders.

Secretary of State.

LIBERAL CHURCH

WINDSOR HOTEL

1815 - LARIMER ST.

SUNDAY - 11-A.M.

FEB. 23, 1936 ^{A.D.}

Speaker

FIELDER W. COOKS

----- PROMINENT DENVER LAWYER -----

Subject:

"God, the Supreme Court
and the Tennessee Valley Act"

QUESTIONS

Bishop Frank H. Rice - president

LIBERAL CHURCH, Inc.

----- NO COLLECTIONS -----

BOUQUETS & BRICKBATS

Sunday, February 7, 1937, 11 A.M.

Windsor Hotel, 1815 Larimer St.

BOUQUETS & BRICKBATS FOR LEE TAYLOR CASEY

Joe Navarre, Bouquet Committee

Rev. Albert Nawyn, Brickbat Committee

**The Commissioner of Safety is hereby requested
to send two or more police to keep order**

OPEN FORUM DISCUSSION

BISHOP FRANK H. RICE, Chairman

President Liberal Church, Inc.

Dr. Townsend Church, Inc.

Exact legal name is TOWNSEND OLDSTERS ANOINTED PROPHETS REJUVENATED
CHURCH OF ALMIGHTY GOD AND JESUS CHRIST, INC.

A Colorado corporation, not for profit, legally known as a Religious, Educational and Benevolent Society
(For legal details see records of office of Secretary of State of Colorado, Filing No. 100623)

PUBLIC DEDICATION SERVICES

Sunday, June 7, 1936, 11 a. m.

1815 Larimer Street, Denver

Dedicatory Address by Rev. Chas. E. Wolffram, D.D.

Crusading Religious Singing led by Albert Nawyn, Choir Leader, assisted by Young Ladies' Choir
Special Violin Solo by Joyce Bittner

An Address on

"GOD AND THE TOWNSEND CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION"

will be delivered by BISHOP FRANK H. RICE, Founder

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Townsend Oldsters Anointed Prophets Rejuvenated Church of Almighty God and Jesus Christ, Inc.

ROOM 112, 1815 LARIMER STREET, DENVER, COLORADO

Date _____ 193_____

To the Directors of Said Church: Please enroll my name as a member of said church with the understanding that there is to be no financial obligation in connection with this application. If accepted as a member of said Church, I agree to obey the civil and criminal laws governing churches and religious societies, and to work in my way for old age pensions. Please mail my membership card to:

Witnessed by _____

Signed _____
(Name in full)

Approved this _____ day of _____, A. D. 1936.

Address _____
(Street number and city)

Attested by _____

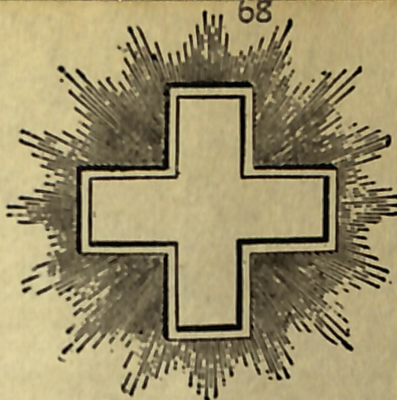
Corporation Secretary.

President.

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ALBERT NAWYN, PASTOR



Pastor's Study
TELEPHONE TABOR 5978

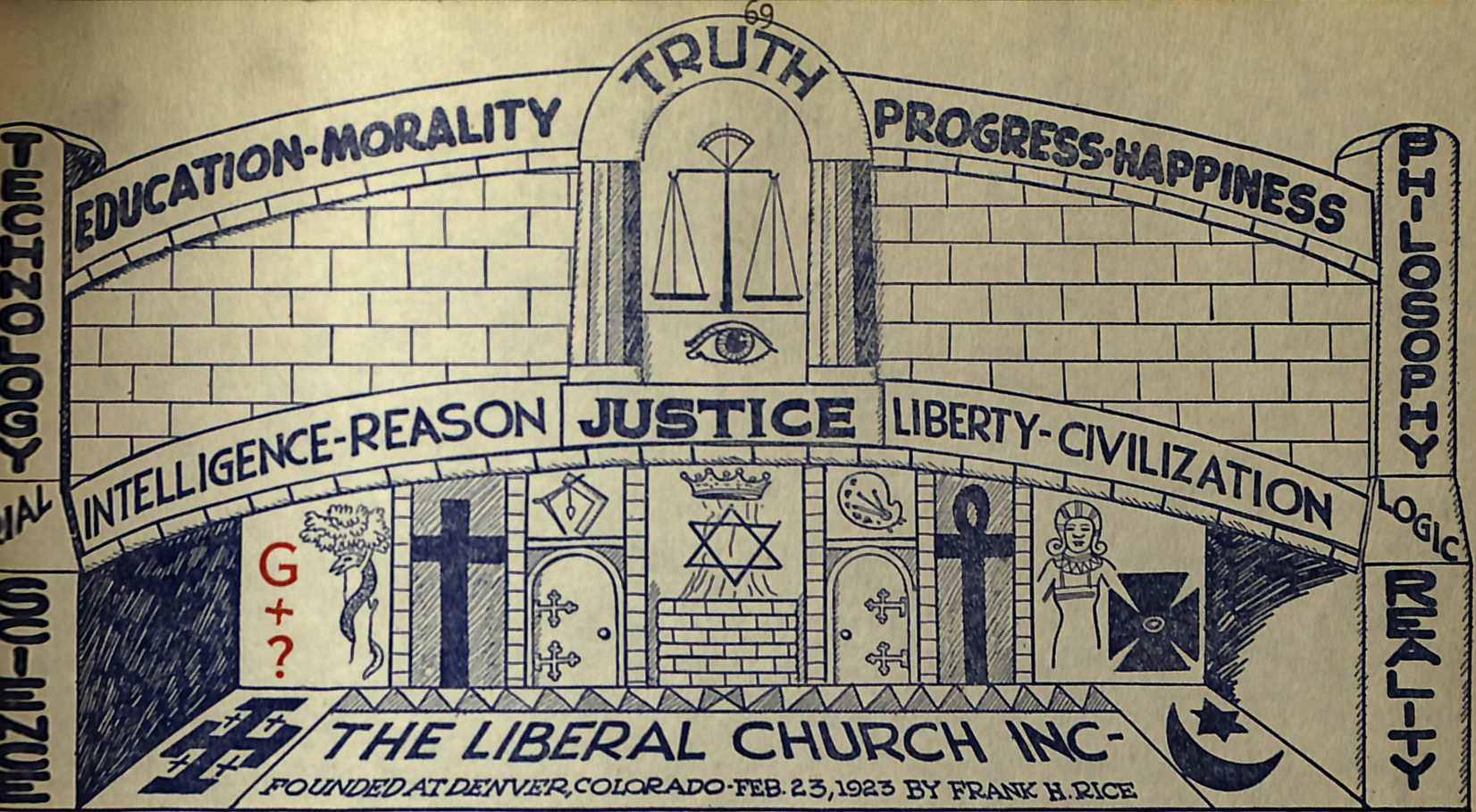


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2218 LARIMER STREET ▼ DENVER, COLORADO

Our Religion is the Golden Rule

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."



CHURCH LOCATED AT WINDSOR HOTEL
EIGHTEENTH AND LARIMER

BISHOP FRANK H. RICE, PRESIDENT
PHONE KEYSTONE 7747

Our Principles: We Believe in the United States — Our Religion is to do Good

1. For legal and divine detail about the Liberal Church see Articles of Incorporation recorded with Secretary of State of Colorado.
2. Book 3929, Page 367, Clerk and Recorder's Office, City and County of Denver, State of Colorado.
3. No charge for funeral services and for solemnizing marriages.
4. See "Corpus Juris" in any law library under "Religious Societies".

Resolution Passed by The Denver Church Publicity Club, Inc., and The Liberal Church, Inc.

BE IT RESOLVED by The Denver Church Publicity Club, Inc., and The Liberal Church, Inc., that these associations go on record as being opposed to any movement on the part of the Colorado General Assembly to put the State of Colorado in the liquor business for the following reasons:

(a) It is our firm conviction that temperance on the part of our population utilizing intoxicating liquors can best be secured by having the sale of intoxicating liquors handled through private agencies and business enterprises as at present.

(b) That the general welfare of the public will be best subserved by having the sale of liquors handled through private agencies.

(c) The placing of the State in the liquor business would virtually confiscate the public investment of thousands of persons in our State and would remove more thousands from legitimate sources of private employment.

(d) The placing of the State in the liquor business involves the handling of this commodity by political appointees of the State government, and we strenuously object to any law which would unite politics and the liquor business. We believe this situation would lead to gross inefficiency in enforcement.

We believe the present laws governing the sale of intoxicating liquors have not been on the statute books long enough to be given a fair trial, and that they are sufficient to control the sale of liquor, provided serious consideration is given by the law enforcement agencies of the State to proper enforcement of the law.

Adopted at Denver, Colorado, this 17th day of January, 1937.

DENVER CHURCH PUBLICITY CLUB, Inc.,
By Albert Nawyn, Secretary,
1453 California Street.

THE LIBERAL CHURCH, Inc.,
By Bishop Frank H. Rice,
1815 Larimer Street, KEystone 7747.

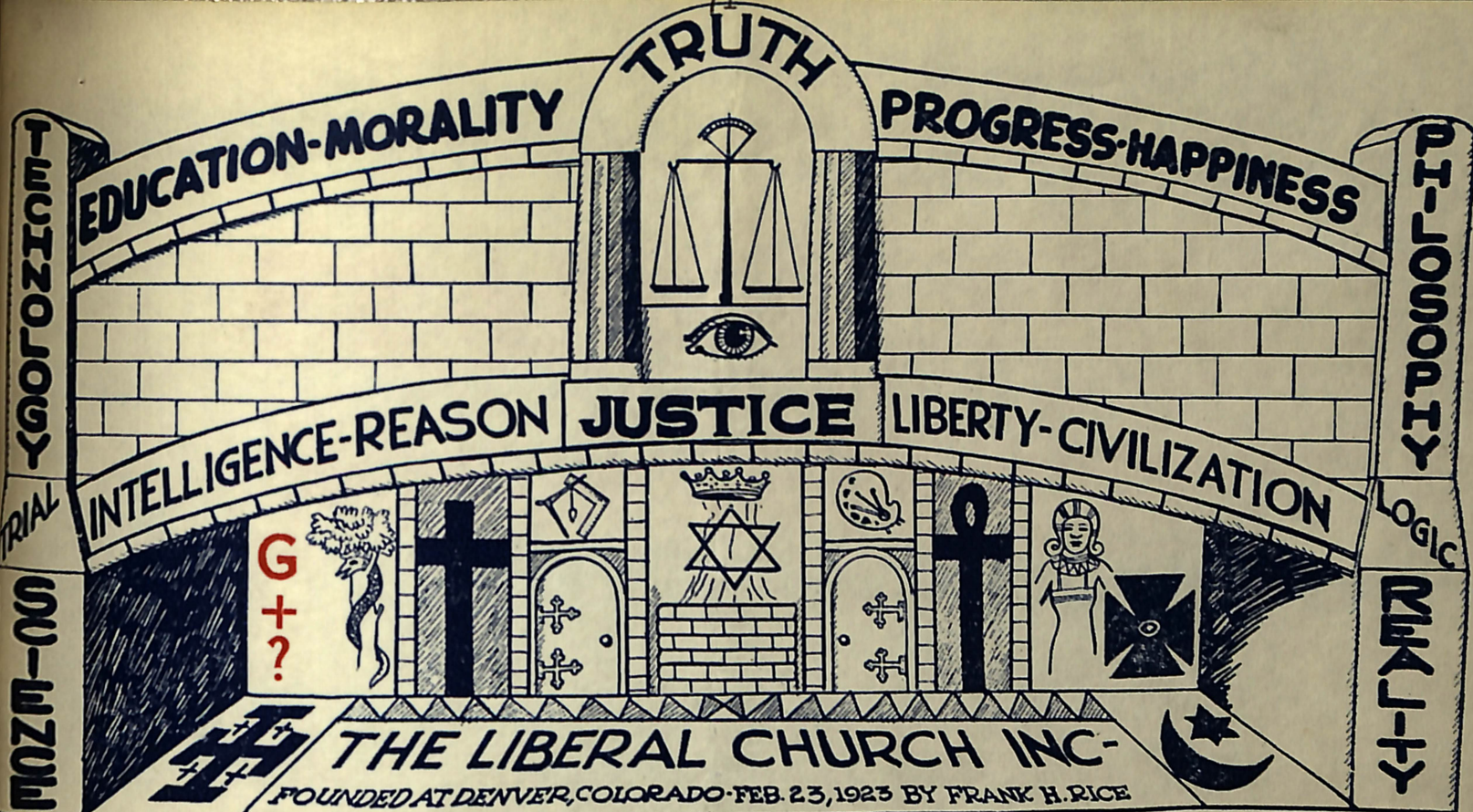
**CLOSED
BY GOD**



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This Church closed by order of God, as revealed in Book 3929, Pages 367 to 370, inclusive, records of the City and County of Denver, and Book 385, Page 323, records of the County of Arapahoe, Colo.

It shall be reopened when the presiding and acting minister preaches and practices the Ten Commandments and Divine Healing, as revealed and explained in the Holy Bible. Amen!



BISHOP FRANK H. RICE, President

POST OFFICE BOX 1243

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Thanksgiving A. D. 1939

This is an earnest request for a contribution to The Liberal Church, Inc., which is to be used for the purpose of providing meals, lodging and clothing for homeless men.

Any contributor so requesting may have an itemized statement of the use and distribution of his donation, detailed as to age, address and signature of the recipient.
















No part of this fund will be used for overhead expense. Your contribution will be personally distributed by Bishop Frank H. Rice, President of The Liberal Church, Inc., 1438 Sixteenth Street. Bishop Rice is experienced in dealing with and assisting homeless and destitute men, and destitute families with children. You are earnestly requested to assist him in his efforts to cheer and feed and clothe the many sober and worthy but unfortunate persons who will have no other friend on this Thanksgiving Day. **THE NEED IS VERY GREAT!**

May you enjoy a healthy and happy Thanksgiving, and may God bless you.
Amen!

C. C. BRIM, Secretary to the Corporation

(Check may be made to The Liberal Church, Inc., and mailed in the addressed envelope enclosed herewith.)

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Denver City Election May 16, 1939

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● When Bell built the first telephone he was ridiculed and considered a fool.

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RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by THE LIBERAL CHURCH, INC.:

THAT the Liberal Church is based upon justice, reason, and liberty. We are alarmed at the growth of systems of so-called government under the guise of dictatorships, which are undermining these basic principles of our Church. For twenty years we ourselves have been the object of persecution and attack because of our belief that all government must emanate from the people and be administered by the people. To our doors we have welcomed the non-Conformists and the intelligent, progressive thinkers who have in all ages of the world been its leaders, and through whose self-sacrifice all progress in civilization has been made. Under the shelter of our roof may be found those who believe in the universal brotherhood of man, and in the universal Fatherhood of God, not the one God of one self-constituted authority, but the God of all the peoples.

We look upon it, therefore, as our duty, to come to the relief of those minorities in many lands today who, because of their religious or political beliefs, or because of their racial or blood affinities, have become the object of persecution. Minorities are always entitled to be heard, and their rights must be respected. The theory that any one nation, or any one state, must be superior to all other nations or states, or that through the veins of its people there courses a better blood is repugnant to us. We are all brothers alike, and we deplore the tendency of any people to bow down to living idols called dictators.

The Liberal Church Incorporated and The Liberal Church of America are resolved that such persecutions of the Jewish people as have been conceded to by unofficial Germany, and as have been conceded and enacted into law by official Germany are direct and intolerable transgressions of the principles of justice, reason and liberty which form the basis of the Liberal Churches.

It is, furthermore, personally repugnant to the members of the Liberal Church that Jews or any other peoples should be forbidden by law, decree, or by organized bands, to have access to public streets, boulevards, highways, buildings, stores, schools, theaters, colleges, or to have professional rights, and liberties inherent to and in keeping with good judgment, reason and intelligence.

It is high time that all thinking people everywhere publicly protest against a situation which, if permitted, will lead us back into the Dark Ages of barbarism and uncivilized people, subject to the despotic will of insane despots.

We pledge ourselves, therefore, with all our energy, to the extent of any sacrifice whatsoever, to maintain the system of free government which has been established in the United States of America, to extend its principles throughout the world, and that we shall not rest until the spirit of persecution, bigotry, and intolerance which now pervades European nations shall have been subdued, and until the keystone of life shall again be truth and justice to all alike. To this end we pledge ourselves until the onward and upward march of the human race as a whole will justify us in our demand for equal justice and equal rights to all.

Duly Attested by:

C. C. BRIM,

Secretary of the Corporation.

Signed this 1st Day of January, 1939.

BISHOP FRANK H. RICE,

President and Founder, Liberal Church, Inc.

TO HIS HONOR, THE PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT,
DENVER, COLORADO

We the undersigned citizens of Colorado, and the City and County of Denver, do hereby and herein respectfully petition the Judge of the District Court, in Denver, to call and summons a Grand Jury whose specific duty it shall be to investigate the actions, the results of the actions, and the written and unwritten rules and regulations of the Bureau of Public Welfare, 650 Cherokee Street, Denver, Colorado.

Further: That the Honorable Judge of said District Court make known to the Citizens of the City and County of Denver the findings of the aforesaid Grand Jury investigation relative to the extent of deaths in the City and County of Denver due to starvation and/or malnutrition, as well as to allied causes. And that if any violations of law are disclosed that the guilty persons be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

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