

Charles M. Sheldon and Central Congregational Church correspondence

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Charles M. Sheldon (1857-1946) served as minister of the Central Congregational Church in Topeka, Kansas from 1889 to 1920. He was also an author of the international best seller, *In His Steps*, which was published in 1897. A series of correspondence, presented here, is arranged in chronological order. A complete description of the entire collection is available through a link below. The correspondence consists of letters, postcards, cards, one notebook containing letters and newspaper clippings, and assorted personal items such as his self-portrait drawings. The majority of the correspondence consists of handwritten and typed letters to and from individuals, members or groups related to the Central Congregational Church, and organizations associated with his lifelong activities as a pastor and author, including Theo Peers, Ethel Peers, Anna Heartburg, Dorothy Heartburg, Helen T. Capps, Lida R. Hardy, May Flickinger, Charles Warren Helsley, Luther D. Whittemore, Hamilton Holt, Robert Thomson Jr., Norman J. Rimes, Lloyd George, James Wise, Arthur Capper, Michael I. Pupin, Alf M. Landon, Roy B. Guild, Arthur E. Hertzler, Samuel J. Crumbine, Wilbert E. Dull, M. de Arrude Camargo, Frank J. Warren, Beatrice Hoover, Samuel C. Spalding, H. T. Chase, Bishop Wise, The Emporia Gazette, Green Gables (the Dr. Benjamin F. Bailey Sanatorium), The Atlantic Monthly, The World's Christian Endeavor Union, Plymouth Congregational Church, University of Illinois at Urbana Department of Physics, Abraham S. Hoyo, Harry Emerson Fosdick, International College in Turkey, Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, Rollins College in Florida, The Topeka City Commission, Students' Christian Association of South Africa, Crosset & Dunlap Inc. Publishers in New York, Christian Herald Association, The Texas Herald, The Henry F. Henrichs Publications, Frankfort Rotary Club, and Notre-Dame de France/Jerusalem. There are letters involving other individuals, including Charles W. Helsley, Emma Crabb, H. J. Colburn, Robert Stone, Arthur G. Sellen, Henry F. Henrichs, Logan Shoop, Frank Jacobs, Hugh F. McKean, Lee Braxton, Cady Hodge, Charles S. Lawrence, Elizabeth Turner Rawlings, Elisabeth Ebright, R. L. McNatt, Gale L. Beck, John H. Lehman, Helen Bradford, and Everett R. Daves. Charles W. Helsley was a minister at the Central Congregational Church after the passing of Charles M. Sheldon, and Emma Crabb was in charge of the Sheldon Collection at the Central Congregational Church.

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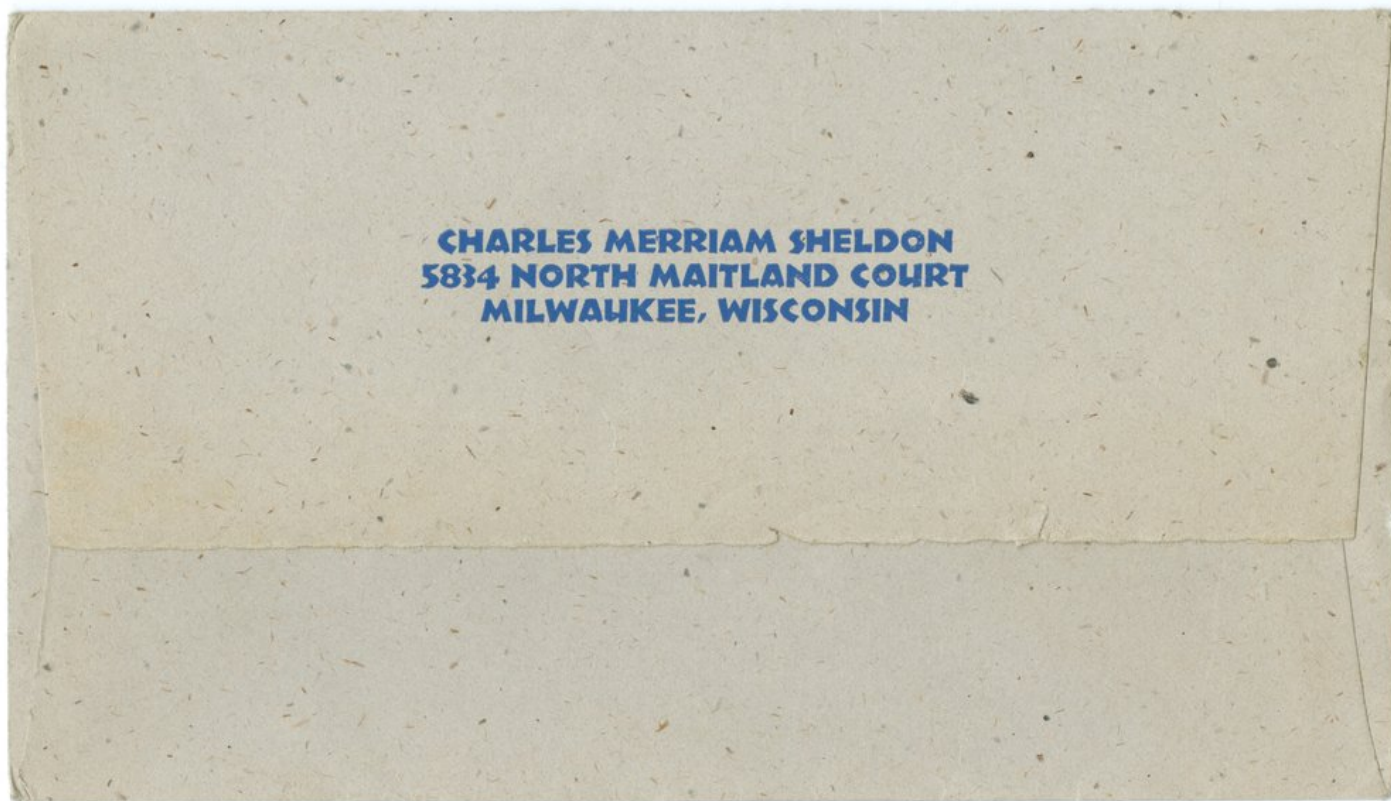
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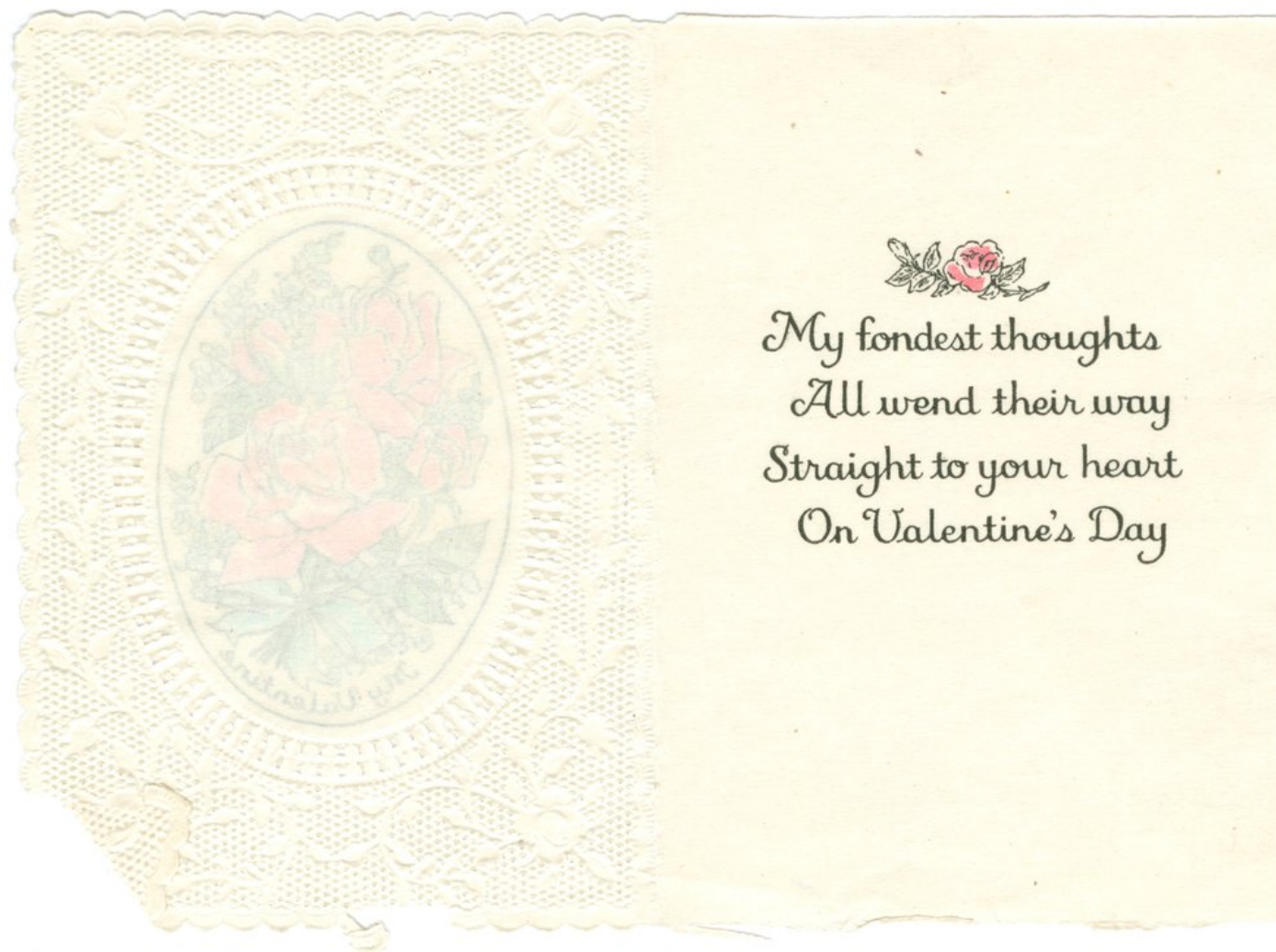
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My fondest thoughts
All wend their way
Straight to your heart
On Valentine's Day

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Dear Dr. Sheldon:

The very best of good wishes
come to you for your birthday from
all your friends in the Altruist
Club of Central Church.

Sincerely

Wilma Harshbarger (Dec)



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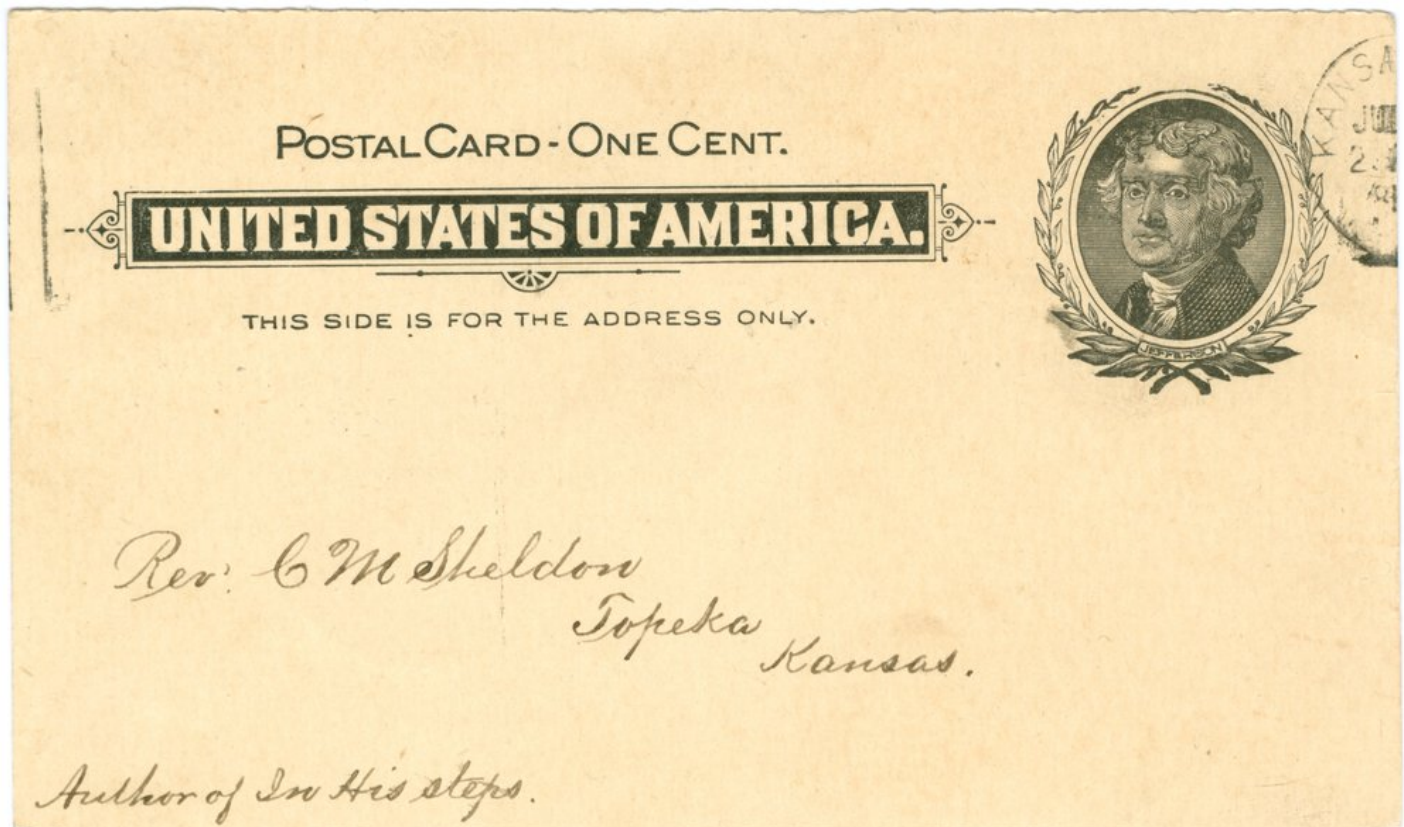
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Dear Father, Please shave off that moustache.

Under the old Law the Priest wore a full beard, which custom may have prevailed until the time of Constantine or until the Apostolic religion became merged with the rules of the Roman Catholic Church.

For more than a thousand years before the renegade, Luther, the Priest has worn a smoothly shaven visage, a type of the illumined glory of the eternal morn. The moustache belongs to the Crusader, and Knight Errant and is universal with the modern rake. Take it off, sir. If you would walk in his footsteps, adorn yourself with a Crown of Thorns, or some more fit emblem. Thackeray, in his Vanity has left a lasting portrait of the only Priest who could harmonize with the moustache. It goes with horse-racing, cards and champagne, sir. O villainous moustache to what straits of madness has not my lady been driven by your arts!

The fellow, caught breathing vows, out with his rapier, cries one, two, three, and at the first pass counters on his adversary with a thrust in some vital part, all because of the moustache. Take it off

C. R. Oliver

Kan. City Mo -



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"THE LAST SUPPER" WINDOW is a recreation in stained glass of Leonardo da Vinci's immortal painting. It is enshrined in Memorial Court of Honor at Forest Lawn Memorial Park.

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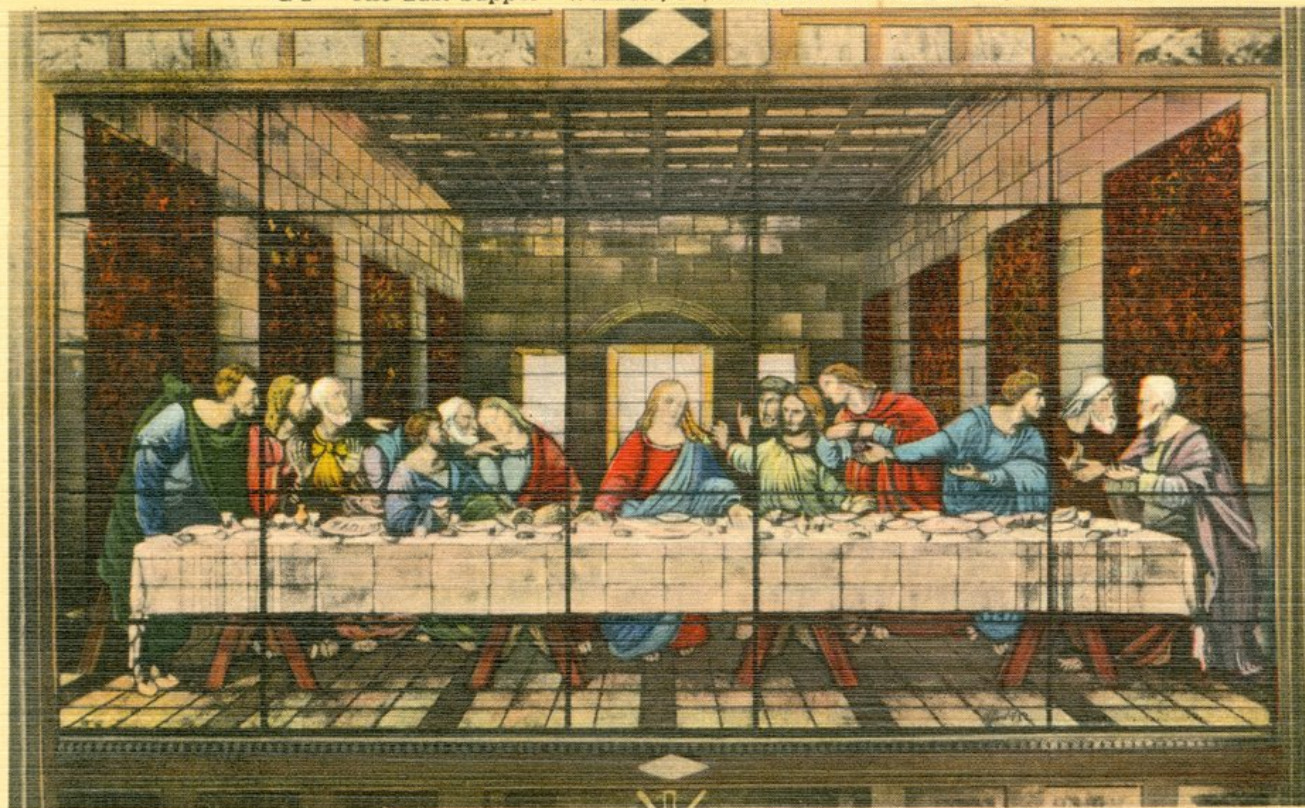
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Mr. & Mrs. Charles Sheldon
1621 College Ave.,
Topeka
Kansas.

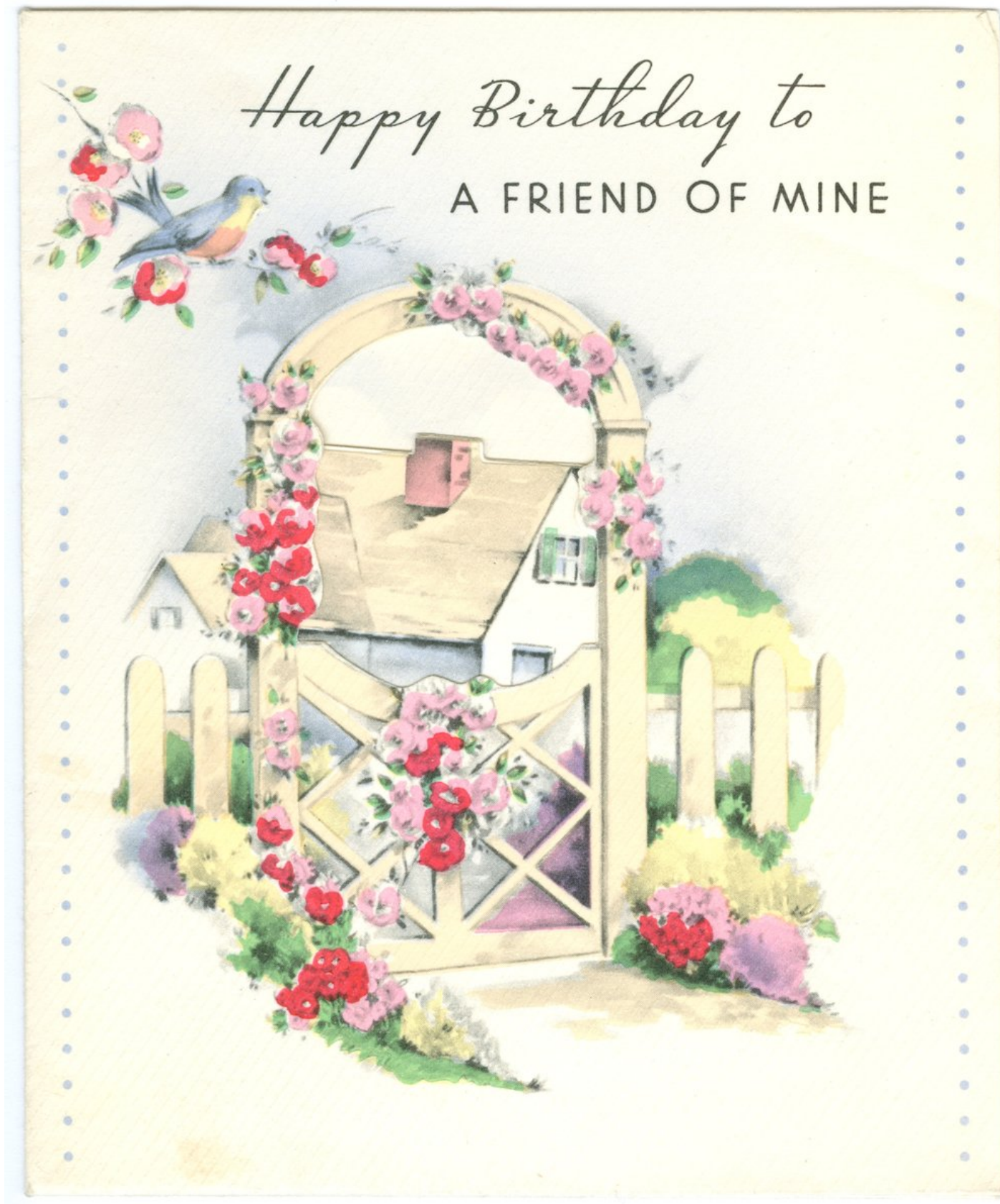
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G-2—"The Last Supper" Window, Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, California



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I found this among some Sheldon papers which came into my possession. The notation "Arlington, Va" is in Dr. Sheldon's handwriting. I do not know the date but the writing shows he must have been pretty weak - you may remember I thought you might like to get it back L.H.

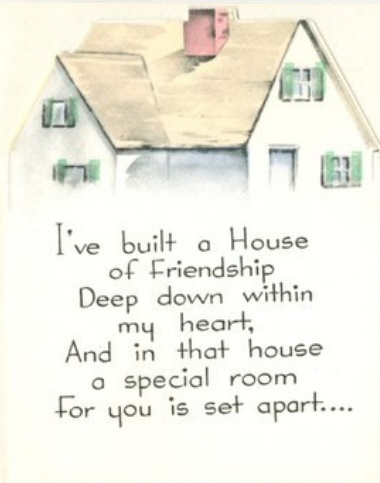


A Greeting Especially for You

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I've built a House
of Friendship
Deep down within
my heart,
And in that house
a special room
for you is set apart....



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And in that House
of Friendship,
When this glad day
is here,
I visit you,
in friendly thought,
And wish you
Birthday cheer!

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Born Feb. 26 - 1857 died Feb. 25 - 1946

Dear friend & my old pastor -

Time can never erase the memory of happy days & associations of years I lived in Topeka & was a member of Central Church & the friendship so dear to me of Mrs. Sheldon & your self.

I've always been so proud of the fact I was in Washburn & Central that winter you read to us "In His Step" - What a lasting & eternal help that has been to so many of us.

God bless you richly this birthday & all your days.

Grington Va.

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Sincerely
Mayrtle Flickinger



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February 14.

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Sheldon:

It is real now, the sermon on the Mount of Olives by the dear friend whose daily life was epitomized by the words that he spoke straight into the hearts of an audience who was fed as truly as the multitude was fed almost two thousand years ago. It is wonderful to have lived so truthfully the teaching of the Master that people felt perhaps as never before the simple, every day common places of life glorified as the true home of Christ.



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As you spoke, I not only heard,
but saw your own love, the
glory of human love, which is our
best way to understand God's love,
and I was glad as never before
for the joy of your friendship.
Without the love and encouragement
of Mrs. Sheldon's ideal womanhood,
I can't quite think even Dr.
Sheldon could have preached a
Rev. Tue sermon on Mount Olives.

I wish you could hear all that
people have told me, and then
you would know how much
your sermon on the Mount meant.

Loveingly,

Carrie.

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Our tourists never will
forget the day they rode
on camels to the Pyramids

Some of our friends at the
Mosque of Omar, the site
of the Temple, in Jerusalem



Below, the Chris-
tian Herald party
assembled on the Republic

Dr. Sheldon and
Mr. Patterson con-
ducting the service on
the Mount of Olives (in oval)

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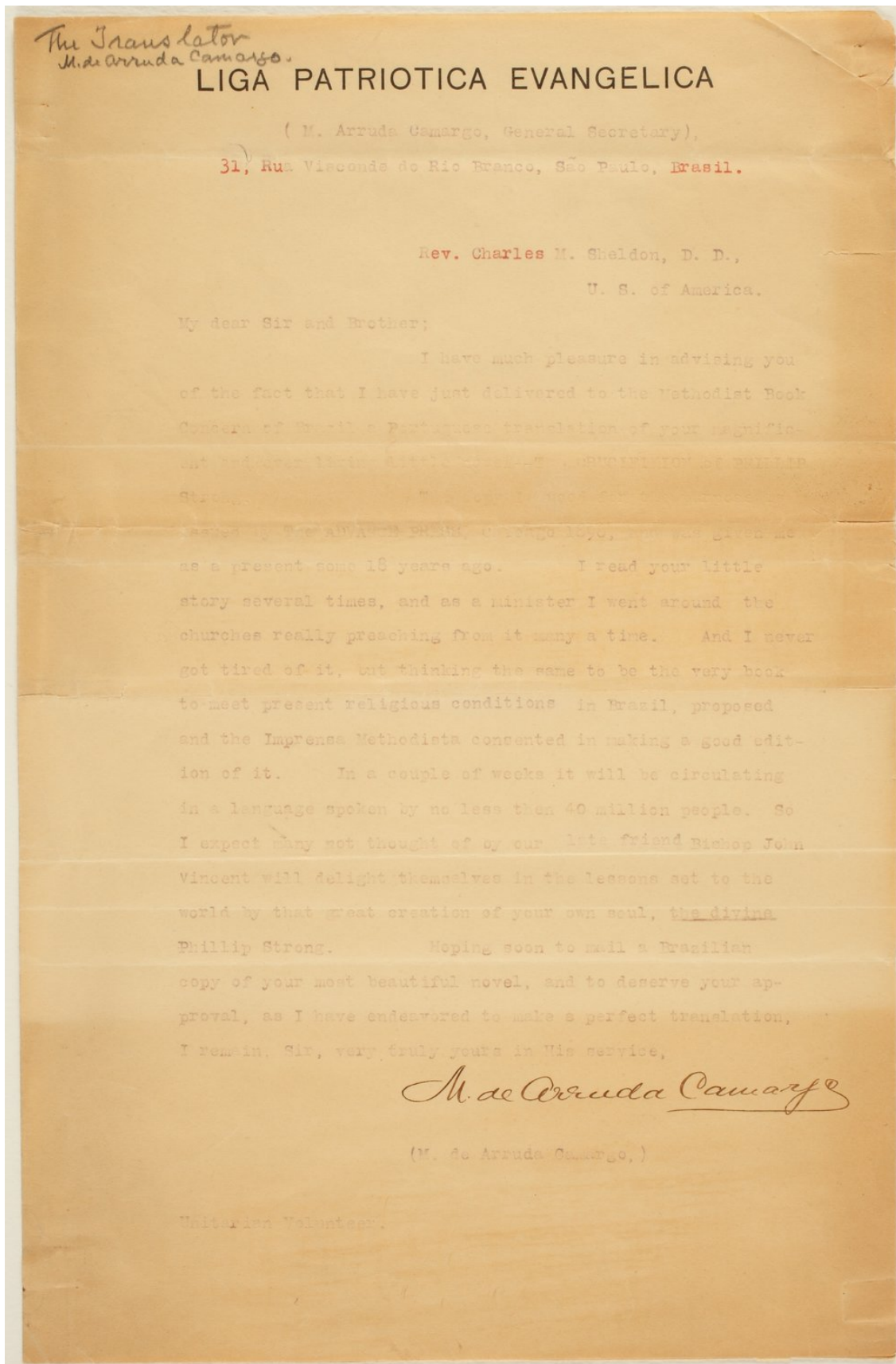
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The Acropolis in Athens

A Group of the Christian Herald Tourists may be seen in the lower left-hand corner

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PROCLAMATION

Dr. Charles M. Sheldon

WHEREAS, Our entire community, our State and our Nation mourn the passing of our beloved and admired friend, Dr. Charles M. Sheldon, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sheldon's life was effectively devoted to the welfare of all men, regardless of their station in life, and

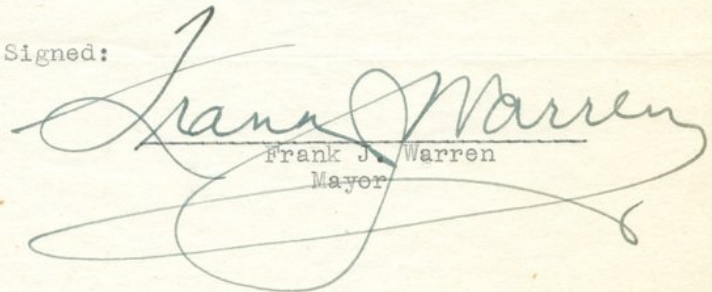
WHEREAS, Dr. Sheldon exemplified in his everyday life-experiences and contacts the true greatness with which he was so generously endowed by his Creator, by his efforts, and by his achievements, and

WHEREAS, His life's work will stand as a memorial to a high order of American Christian Citizenship,

THEREFORE, I, Frank J. Warren, through action of members of our City Commission, hereby proclaim the period of time extending from now to and after the funeral services on Tuesday, February 26th, 4:00 P. M., as a period of respect and mourning for our departed friend. I sincerely ask that all United States flags in our City be at half-mast during this observance in memory of a truly great man, Dr. Charles M. Sheldon.

DONE at my office this twenty-fifth day of February,
Nineteen Hundred and Forty-six.

Signed:



Frank J. Warren
Mayor

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February 27, 1946

Prof. H. J. Colburn,
1630 Wayne Ave.
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Professor Colburn:

I am asking the following committee of the Fort-
nightly Club to prepare a memorial statement on the
life of Dr. Sheldon:

Prof. H. J. Colburn
Mr. Robert Stone
Mr. Marco Morrow

There should be three co pies--one for the State
Historical Museum, the second for Mrs. Sheldon, and the
third for our own records.

If possible, will you please have this ready to
present to the Fortnightly Club at the next meeting on
March 12th.

Cordially yours,

Charles W. Helsley, Minister

CWH/hc

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(One of these copies sent to Mr. John Kirk)

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Mr. Robert Stone,
National Bank of Topeka Bldg.
Topeka, Kansas.

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Dean Arthur G. Sellen,
Washburn University,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Dean Sellen:

Thank you so very much for your letter of February 26th. I am especially delighted to know that you felt that the service expressed the real spirit of Dr. Sheldon. That's what I so much wanted it to do. I wanted his service to express the spirit of triumph, and it seemed to me the playing of the Hallelujah Chorus made that not indeed the final emphasis.

I do appreciate your kindness in writing to me.

Cordially yours,

Charles W. Helsley, Minister

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Box 342, Laconia, N. H.

Feb. 28, 1946.

My very dear Mrs. Flickinger:-

When I saw in the paper the brief notice of the passing from this life of Dr. Charles Sheldon, my thoughts turned to you and I felt what a great bereavement had come to your heart. This is my first minute to write to you, but I wish to send my loving sympathy.

I am so glad I knew Dr. Sheldon even a little. I loved and honored him deeply. His work for the Lord will go on and on.

What a welcome was waiting for him when he entered through the gates into the City! How many must have crowded

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around him to tell him of his instrumentality
in their salvation and Christian experience!
But the word from the Master's own lips:
"Well done, good and faithful servant; enter
thou into the joy of thy Lord"! It was given
with a radiant smile I am sure, and the
"fulness of joy" began and will go on forever.
He will find delight in the heavenly service
for "His servants shall serve Him, and they shall
see His face and His name shall be in their
foreheads".

We can only rejoice with him in the com-
pletion of his earthly service and the beginning
of that higher service, with tireless powers and
unerring judgment. So we thank God and
take courage to go on "In His Steps", till we meet
above.

Much love from

Your

"Dr. Mary" F. Leuchman.