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SUBJECT: The Church of The  
Open Door

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The question asked - <sup>from</sup> <sup>refused</sup> friends } why you said refuse? Now  
accept!

3 reasons.

### A. Why refused

1. Not feel it to be God's will  
possibly not fully explain. my classmate. They, but not I.

2. My own unwillingness.

3. Would shut our church  
(1) Dr. G. Dr. Truitt. of the President, or both  
(2) Race

### B. Why now accept

1. Felt it, God's will  
"no" now. i. ... friends were here...  
Appeal: "Let God say: is your willingness; is your 'no'?"

2. My maturity.

Dedication of my life. A new incarnation as when a boy refused  
to be called a 'child-teenager' with  
young man.

### 3. The Church. Hunt?

(1) Done.

But our people the more faithful: staff, deacons, lay, teachers.

(2) Race.

A. "Why no ugly, bitter racial incident?"  
We a main target: the church, its pastor.  
But ~~has~~ never feared. Prayer. God's assurance.

B. Watching the church. <sup>anxious</sup>  
Races: Japanese, Chinese, Indians, Mexican  
: Colored - mixed blood (1) same type blood?  
: - Hongkong black men  
: - Negroes.  
: always, open hearted.

C. The presidency  
Letter from Fresno. Happened to meeting & Frisco committee.  
Had refused to consider. Answer on day of Sunday school.  
"Sincerely, sometimes forward now. Sincerely, as usual."

Answer neatly. For an hour, 2 hours of heart.

1. Our institutions - but negro? "let the man?"  
Berkley Home. Orilla B. ...  
Cyril Hospital... Mary School... Central City  
Retarded children. "let the man?"  
All our institutions: Ministry Boards.  
Picture on gov. map: "can't separate land from institutions."

2. My preach.

Please. Then afraid, response  
f. a Berkeley child. How explain?  
"let the man." How it) let to see?  
"let the man?" For preach of gospel 7th day?  
For response to the preach of the King?  
"let the man?"

Response to deacon. Stand: heart. Sub: "most spiritual man."

3. The open door: 1st 5:1, 2  
with 11:29  
II R. 3:9 Rev 22:17

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### Chapter 3 . . .

CONTENTS: The letters to the churches continue. These three while being actual churches and having the problems met here also represent GREAT church systems. Sardis refers as well to the church of the Reformation. Philadelphia to the great missionary church from 1700 to the present day. Laodicea the liberal, modernist church of the end times.

- The word Sardis means "remnant." It was a church with possibility but little accomplishment. There was soundness of doctrine but no zeal in experience. To these Christians the risen Lord gives both warning and encouragement. Sardis also stands for the great church of the Reformation. Coming out of the falsity of Roman Catholicism they became lost in cold orthodoxy. With unprecedented opportunities before them, they were failing to meet the challenge. While the Roman Catholic church thundered anathemas of excommunication, our Lord promises that He will not blot out their names from His Book of life.
- The term Philadelphia means "brotherly love." Here was a church no doubt filled with people which had true affection for one another. It was a working church and one that laid emphasis upon the Bible as the Word of God and upon the centrality of the Person of Christ in Christian experience. Because of their faithfulness, the risen Christ promises deliverance from the hour of temptation. This also symbolizes the great Tribulation period which was and is to come. This is the one letter where no censure is given.
- The Philadelphia church stands as well for the great missionary movement of the present day. They are not possessed of great power, but they are promised an open door to missionary endeavor the world around. Also to this church the risen Christ promises a swift return and many wonderful blessings.

City of ancient Lydia.  
On Loganus River, 107 miles from Smyrna.  
Built upon a terrace 650' above the sea.  
Name given it in honor of Attalus II because of his  
loyalty to his uncle, brother Eumenes II, King of Lydia.  
Modern name Ala-Schelis - likely from the nearby  
water / the rail.  
Earthquake destroyed in 1700 / Tabernacle rebuilt.

Philadelphia - mainly pop. because of earthquakes.  
Ispahani ordered a letter to the Philadelphians