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TODAY

Has it ever occurred to you that today is actually the only day that you have to live? Today is the day that concerns you. It is the day at your disposal—the one day in which you can think and play and work.

It is surprising how many people live as if yesterday or tomorrow were the only time worthy of their attention. Those who turn to yesterday often live in remorse and regret for past actions; for words better left unspoken, for opportunities carelessly cast aside, and for other failures. People live in yesterday when they bemoan the passing of "the good old days" and when they believe that all good things were in the past. They live in emptiness of a dream. They have lost contact with the solid ground of reality.

There are also those who see tomorrow as their only day:—the day when they are to solve their own problems, perform their duties, make their varied improvements, attain their goals, and find their ultimate happiness and success. Those who live in yesterday live in the grave of the past, in a time that has gone never to return. Those who live in tomorrow live in a day not yet born. Today is our day! It is the only day worth living, the only day worthy of our attention. The rock of today stands firmly under our feet. It is within our grasp, moldable to our will. Today we can speak the kind word, do the good deed, accept every good opportunity, and live our best. Today we can forget the past and build our lives anew. The real good is in today. For each one of us the important time is today. Today's deeds and actions will fade into the past; today's influences will determine much of our future happiness.

In today lies our privilege to grasp the gifts of the gospel. Today is the time to build the house of the Lord. Many are waiting for tomorrow when God will raise up men to do His work. However, we have a work—a great work—to perform today:—a seed to sow. We must sow our seeds in order that we may be able to reap the harvest in God's tomorrow. All our future happiness depends on today's diligence, and on our faith and hope in the gospel. Summing all things up

in a few brief words: The past belongs to death and the grave. Tomorrow belongs to God. Today is ours - - - all ours.

—Brother Peter Capone.

MOUNTAINS OF FAME

(Class of Ruth by Grace Landrey)

Mt. Ephraim—The burial place of Joshua. Joshua's name means Deliverer. He was the son of Nun of the tribe of Benjamin, leader of the Israelites after the death of Moses. The first mention of Joshua is in Exodus 24th chapter, where he is called Moses Minister, also when Moses was commanded to go up into the Mount and receive the tables of stone and a law and commandments which God had written. The next we read of Joshua he was speaking to Moses of hearing the shouting of the children of Israel who had influenced Aaron to make an idol while they were up on the Mount. At first he told Moses there was a voice of war in the camp, then as they drew nearer the camp they found the Israelites were worshipping a golden calf. Moses was so angry with them he threw the tables of stone down and broke them.

Joshua was one of the twelve spies that Moses sent out to see the land of Canaan. He and Caleb brought back a true report, also a large bunch of grapes that had to be carried on a staff by two men. They also brought figs and pomegranates and said: "Surely the land floweth with milk and honey. For their truthfulness and faithfulness, God told Moses and Aaron, Joshua and Caleb would be the only ones to go into the land of Canaan, all those who came out of Egypt over twenty years old would die in the wilderness. When Moses days were about ended, he asked God to set a man over the congregation of Israel, one who would lead them into the land of Canaan, he said: "Who may go out, may go out before them. Who may go in before them, Who may lead them out and who will lead them in, that the congregation of the Lord be not as sheep which have no shepherd." The Lord said: "Take Joshua the son of Nun a man in whom is the spirit and lay thine hand upon him, take him before the priest and all the congregation and give him a charge in their sight. Put some of thine honor upon him that the children of

Israel may be obedient." Moses tells him to: "be strong and of good courage for God had chosen him to go with His people to the land He had promised his forefathers, and he also promised Joshua God would go before him and said: "He will be with thee, He will not fail thee, neither will He forsake thee, fear not neither be dismayed."

I will just mention a few outstanding instances in the life of Joshua. It was him who sent out two spies to Jericho who lodged in Rahabs home, where she hid them on the roof of her house from their pursuers and let them down by a cord through a window, for her house was upon the town wall and she dwelt upon the wall. It was in Joshua's time when the Jordan river rolled back. Read Joshua 3rd chapter beginning at verse 7 to end of the chapter, 4th chapter first nine verses. When Joshua was by Jericho he was visited by an angel who said: "he was Captain of the Lord." Joshua was the leader when the walls of Jericho fell down. Another account tells of Joshua commanding the sun to stand still and the moon stayed until the people of Israel avenged their enemies, Joshua divided the land of Canaan among the children of Israel, and he became old and stricken in years and the Lord told him there still remaineth much land to be possessed. So Mt. Ephraim was the burial place of Joshua the servant of God.

INTEGRITY

He who has integrity is a man of great wealth. I speak not of material possessions which one may acquire in this natural life, but of a possession of much greater value. A strong and noble character is a gem of much worth. Let us take one man which we all know, Abraham Lincoln, and analyze his mind and character. Honesty was never found lacking in this noble man. He was honest and sincere with his fellow man, both friend and foe alike. His sincerity came from the depths of his heart, and could be denied by no man. Virtue never stood still in his laboring mind, for he was always willing to help the needy and suffering. He was a man of simplicity who sought never to convey truth with flowery phrases. Indeed, he needed only to speak and

write the truth to others in a plain and simple manner, for what comes from within the heart of a man readily has its effect upon others and needs no acquisition from without. He was sound of mind and judgment, and was tolerable at all times. Above all he had a profound love for his country and friends. He stood always humbly before others, and never sought to put himself above those about him. These things collectively moulded his character, and were the composition of his integrity. I think that you will all agree that because of his high degree of integrity, he was indeed a man of great wealth.

By Brother Donald Curry

The Second Coming of Christ Editor Reflector:

I am going to write a few things about the second coming of Christ. The impression prevails to some extent, that he, who teaches that Christ is coming soon, is acting the role of an alarmist. If this is so, it is certain that the great Teacher has placed Himself at the head of this class. No one has spoken more positively on this point than He. He said, "In my Father's house are many mansions, if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there ye may be also," see John 14-23. That language so plain that a child can understand it means that Jesus will come again. In the 24th chapter of Matthew, the Saviour takes up the subject specifically, and not only affirms the fact of His coming, but also foretells, in explicit language, the events which He would have us recognize as signs of the near approach of His coming and the end of the world.

But Christ's second coming is not sensational in its character. It is a solemn practical truth. It is full of warning and admonition to sinners and worldly professors, and full of comfort to the faithful followers of Christ. When speaking of His second coming, the Saviour said; "heaven and earth shall pass away, but my word shall not pass away," see Matthew 24-25. To disbelieve in His coming, would be to doubt one of the two great features of the gospel plan. What the harvest is to seed time Christ's second coming will be to His first. To doubt that He ever came to

earth would be to subvert the gospel. To disbelieve His second coming would nullify in the mind His first coming, and rob the sacrifice of its glorious reward.

The Apostle Paul speaks of the second advent as "That blessed hope Titus 2-13." Jesus says: "and when these things (the signs of His coming) begin to come to pass, then look up and lift up your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh." The prophet Isaiah anticipated the feelings of God's people, who will witness the event, and expresses them in the following manner: "And it shall be said in that day; lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for Him; we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation." Isaiah 25-9.

At His coming, the dead in Christ will be raised to everlasting life, and the righteous who are living, will be changed to immortality. The hand of our Saviour will wipe away all tears. There will be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain for the former things are passed away.

Before visiting with judgements, God always sends warnings sufficient to enable the believing to escape from His wrath and to condemn those who do not believe. This was the case before the flood. The wickedness of the world at that time had become very great. All their thoughts and deeds were evil. It would seem as if they had forfeited all claims for commiseration, violence and corruption filling the earth. The only way for God to eradicate that evil was to destroy it with its workers. But before doing so, the world must be warned of the impending doom, and there was found one man who engaged in the work. Noah had faith in God and preached the message of warning and salvation. His works also testified with his words at a later period. When the nation had again become sunk in idolatry and crime and the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah was determined, the Lord said: "Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do, seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great nation and all the nations of the earth will be blessed in him," Genesis 18-17, 18. Also notice was given to righteous Lot, who, with his daughters, was preserved at a subsequent time. The sins of Nineveh rose to heaven and Jonah was sent to bear to that proud capital this message: "Yet

forty days and Nineveh shall be destroyed." The consciousness of those sinners told them the message was true, and from the least to the greatest, they humbled themselves and the judgement was averted. Before Christ commenced His earthly mission John the Baptist was sent as the voice of one crying in the wilderness, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord." Many things have been written of His coming, but none are so plain as the 24th chapter of Matthew.

Our Saviour, in His time, saw the destruction of Jerusalem just in the future of that generation, and faithfully warned the people, telling them of signs by which it might be known when the destruction thereof was nigh. Luke 21-12.

Such is the testimony of inspiration regarding the dealings of God with His people in past ages, and the simple fact that He mentions signs of His second advent, is the best proof possible that His people were not to remain ignorant of the event, and He tells them to be awake and watching. Paul also, says that unto them that look for Him, shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation. Heb. 9-28. Again that a crown of righteousness will be given unto all them who love His appearing. 2nd Tim. 4-8. There are a great many other passages of scripture that are very plain on this subject and we are glad that God has not withheld His spirit from us and left us in the dark. He has told us that if we obey Him He would send us the spirit of truth which would teach us all things and show us things to come. The duties of those whom God calls to speak in His great name are clearly expressed by the sacred writers. I will quote from three of them, Isaiah 58-1 says: "Cry aloud; spare not lift up thy voice like a trumpet and show my people their transgressions and the house of Jacob their sins." Joel, 2-1 says: "Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain. Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand." Second Timothy, 4-12 says: "I charge thee therefore, before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom. Preach the word, be instant in season, out of season, reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine." Sister Jeanette Morgan. (copied from The Gospel Reflector of February 1908.)

MY TESTIMONY

I want to tell the whole wide world
 How I came to know and love my Lord;
 For I have not always done His will
 Nor fed upon His Word,
 Once I thought 'twas smart to smoke and dance
 And attend cheap shows, it is true;
 But oh, how I've changed, which just proves
 What the power of Christ can do.

He knew that deep within my heart
 I was so unhappy, so weary of sin;
 He knew it would not be long till I
 Should turn in tears to Him.
 For a still, small voice came to me one night
 As I wept for sinful, wasted years;
 "Thou couldst be cleansed in My shed Blood
 And thine own repentant tears."

"What must I do to be saved, Lord?" I cried.
 In bitter anguish I writhed, and then
 It seemed the answer came, true and clear
 "Ye must be born again."
 "Ye must become a new creature, child,
 Put all thy former sins away;
 Believe on Me, take up thy cross,
 And follow me each day."

"Then the pleasures of a sin-mad world
 Cannot get their cruel clutch on thee;
 I'll keep thee within My Everlasting Arms
 And set thy spirit free."
 I have taken the steps; at last I am His.
 For which I shall humbly give thanks
 Until I have crossed that swelling tide
 And am safe on Eternal Banks.

I've still much to do, there's so much to learn;
 I oft grope about in the dark,
 Although I have not apprehended, yet
 I reach toward the mark.
 Patience and courage, compassion and love—
 I earnestly strive for all these;
 I've backslidden, too, but God's Infinite Grace
 Has brought me again to my knees.

No, it's not easy a true Christian to be,
 The scoffers' cruel taunts oft

make me blue;
 But I gladly forgive — wilt Thou also, Lord?
 They know not what they do.
 The worldly ones seek for some new thrill,
 The joys I know seem foolish to most;
 But they've never been so thrilled as I, when filled
 With the blessed Holy Ghost!

It once seemed I alone ever shed sad tears
 In the night as the world calmly slept,
 Till I recalled that sad, shortest verse in the Book
 Which is simply "Jesus Wept."
 Though I, like Paul, must suffer a thorn,
 When I ask God's help to patient be
 My strength, through weakness, is perfect made
 His Grace sufficient for me.

Lord, direct my feet to the higher ground,
 Not the worldly paths they once have trod;
 Help me build on Everlasting Rock, and wear
 The whole armor of my God!
 Then shall my cares shed their fangs and fade!
 No more worried or fearful I'll be;
 For Thou, Lord, wilt keep in perfect peace
 Whose mind is stayed on Thee.

Father, may I have the faith and grace?
 To help my friends and loved ones see:
 Thou gavest Thy Son that they might have life
 And have it more abundantly.
 Yes, I would share this wondrous gift,
 I've more precious joy than I alone can hold.
 Lord, help me be meek when I should be meek,
 But in Thy works be bold.

May I never be ashamed to claim my Lord!
 In all my life may He hold full sway.
 Then for me there shall be no fear of death
 "Twill be simply "moving day."
 Nor care I where my eternal abode,
 Whether the new earth, or in the new Heaven;
 I know I'll be happy, for I'll be with my God
 With all my sins forgiven!

If these lines, Father, should prove worthwhile

—And (if Thou wilt) please let them be—
 I'll not take the credit, Lord, for I
 Can do nothing without Thee.
 Dear God, may these verses touch some heart,
 May they turn even one lost soul to Thee!
 Oh! that Thou couldst be to every one in the world
 All that Thou meanest to me!
 Velda Barclay,
 Mt. Brydges, Ont.

Nov. 26, 1945

Dear Brother Cadman:

It is my pleasure to write you these few lines. First of all I want to inform the Church, that the number of brothers and sisters in Los Angeles has increased, so that my home seems to be getting too small for the congregation. We have a good number of young people which appears to be our future joy in the gospel, some of them have displayed much affection and respect for The Church of Jesus Christ. We feel much encouraged, seeing that the Lord is planting groups of the saints in various places of the land. There must be a purpose in God in this move, for many have left their home state, sold their possessions and came out to California, and are now making their homes here.

The brethren and sisters of Detroit Branch No. 3 may remember that some years ago, I predicted in their midst that the day was coming when many of us were going to be scattered throughout the land of America for the purpose of spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ. I say, this must be the beginning of that time, even though we have not acquired any new converts, but the church is here and the doors are open to the public. We have had some visitors and still have, but we can see that the real merchants have not come to recognize the Pearl of Great Price; real thirst has not yet apprehended the sons of men to urge them to seek the waters of Life.

In reading 'The Gospel News, I could not help but to admire the article titled Flowers and Thorns. It is a fact that no mortal can equal the qualities of Christ, but all mortals can follow His example by learning of His perfect love and allowing the sound of His words to be instilled within our hearts, as you would others do to you, so do ye likewise, love thy neighbor as thy self. Great were His undying

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EDITORIAL

Sometime ago it was announced in these columns that brother Harry Lorber (blind from birth) was publishing a book of poems, titled "A Pocket Full of Cheer," and would be sold for one dollar per copy, or one dollar and ten cents post paid. To all that like poetry, I believe you will find much in this little volume that will be pleasing to you. It is made up very neat and contains a very nice photo of the Author. Any one wishing to purchase one of these books, may do so by addressing: Harry Lorber Jr. R. D. 1 Monongahela, Pa. If you like poetry, I believe you will enjoy the writings of our young brother. These books are just off the Press.

Prophecy of Nephi: "And now, I would prophesy somewhat more concerning the Jews and Gentiles. For after the book of which I have spoken shall come forth, and be written unto the Gentiles, and sealed up again unto the Lord, there shall be many which shall believe the words which are written; and they shall carry them forth unto the remnant of our seed." (Lamanites). I Brother Cadman appeal to all that may read these words of Nephi of old, let us go down into our pockets, deep down and help to further along the work we have started among the oppressed of Israel. Remember, that the true people of God should be as fathers and mothers to Israel. W. H. Cadman.

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words while in the agony of death. He said forgive them Father for they know not what they do. There is no revenge where perfect love abides. Truly my brethren! I can see no thorns while my garden is blooming flowers, therefore, let us each cultivate our own garden so that thorns may never appear and the flowers ever blooming, filling the air with the essence of sweet smell that will allure the sons of men to a higher principal of a perfect love. He that loves the Lord seeketh other peoples happiness. Our love to all. Brother Rocco

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GOD'S WORD

To His People

And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all His commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God. Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store. Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out. The Lord shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face; they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways. The Lord shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and He shall bless in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. The Lord shall establish thee an holy people unto Himself, as He hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the Lord thy God, and walk in His ways. And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the Lord; and they shall be afraid of thee. And the Lord shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the Lord sware unto thy fathers to give thee. The Lord shall open unto thee His good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand; and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow. And the Lord shall make thee the head and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the Lord thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them: And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them. "!!" Israel's God is the God we adore. A faithful unchangeable friend, Whose love is as

large as His power, And knows no beginning nor end.

But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all His commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee. Cursed shalt thou be in the city, and cursed shalt thou be in the field. Cursed shall be thy basket and store. Cursed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. Cursed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and cursed shalt thou be when thou goest out. The Lord shall send upon thee cursing, vexation, and rebuke, in all that thou settest thine hand unto for to do, until thou be destroyed and until thou perish quickly; because of the wickedness of thy doings, whereby thou hast forsaken Me. The Lord shall make the pestilence cleave unto thee, until He has consumed thee from off the land, whither thou goest to possess it. The Lord shall smite thee with a consumption, and with a fever, and with an inflammation, and with an extreme burning, and with the sword, and with blasting, and with mildew; and they shall pursue thee until thou perish. And the heaven that is over thy head shall be brass, and the earth that is under thee shall be iron. The Lord shall make the rain of thy land powder and dust: from heaven shall it come down upon thee, until thou be destroyed. The Lord shall cause thee to be smitten before thine enemies; thou shalt go out one way against them and flee seven ways before them; and shalt be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth. And thy carcass shall be meat unto all fowls of the air, and unto the beasts of the earth, and no man shall fray them away. The Lord will smite thee with the botch of Egypt, and with the emerald, and with the scab, and with the itch, whereof thou canst not be healed. The Lord shall smite thee with madness, and blindness, and astonishment of heart; And thou shalt grope at noonday, as the blind gropeth in darkness, and thou shalt not prosper in thy ways; and thou shalt be only oppressed and spoiled evermore, and no man shall save thee. Thou shalt betroth a wife, and another man shall lie with her; thou shalt build an house, and thou shalt not dwell therein; thou shalt plant a vineyard, and shalt not gather the grapes thereof.

Thine ox shall be slain before

thine eyes, and thou shalt not eat thereof; thine ass shall be violently taken away from before thy face, and shall not be restored to thee; thy sheep shall be given unto thine enemies, and thou shalt have none to rescue them. Thy sons and thy daughters shall be given unto another people, and thine eyes shall look, and fail with longing for them all the day long; and there shall be no might in thine hand. The fruit of thy land, and all thy labours, shall a nation which thou knowest not eat up; and thou shalt be only oppressed and crushed always; So that thou shalt be mad for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see. The Lord shall smite thee in the knees, and in the legs, wit a sore botch that cannot be healed, from the sole of thy foot unto the top of my head. The Lord shall bring thee, and thy king which thou shalt set over thee, unto a nation which neither thou nor thy fathers have known; and there shalt thou serve other gods, wood and stone. And thou shalt become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword, among all nations whither the Lord shall lead thee. Thou shalt carry much seed out into the field, and shall gather but little in; for the locust shall consume it. Thou shalt plant vineyards, and dress them, but shalt neither drink of the wine, nor gather the grapes; for the worms shall eat them. Thou shalt have olive trees throughout all thy coasts, but thou shalt not anoint thyself with the oil; for thine olive shall cast his fruit. Thou shalt beget sons and daughters, but thou shalt not enjoy them; for they shall go into captivity. All thy trees and fruit of thy land shall the locust consume.

The stranger that is within thee shall get up above thee very high; and thou shalt come down very low. He shall lend to thee, and thou shalt not lend to him; he shall be the head, and thou shalt be the tail. . . . It is written: "Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

Moreover all these curses shall come upon thee, and shall pursue thee, and overtake thee, till thou be destroyed; because thou hearkenedst not unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to keep His commandments and statutes which he commanded thee; And they shall be upon thee for a sign and for a wonder, and upon thy seed for ever. Because thou servest not the Lord thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, for the abund-

ance of all things; Therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies which the Lord shall send against thee, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of all things; and He shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until He have destroyed thee. The Lord shall bring a nation against thee from far, from the end of the earth, as swift as the eagle flieth; a nation whose tongue thou shalt not understand; A nation of fierce countenance, which shall not regard the person of the old, nor shew favor to the young; And he shall eat the fruit of thy cattle, and the fruit of thy land, until thou be destroyed; which also shall not leave thee either corn, wine, or oil, or the increase of thy kine or flocks of sheep, until he have destroyed thee. And he shall besiege thee in all thy gates, until thy high and fenced walls come down, wherein thou trustedst, throughout all thy land; and he shall besiege thee in all thy gates throughout all thy land, which the Lord thy God hath given thee. And thou shalt eat the fruit of thine own body, the flesh of thy sons and of thy daughters, which the Lord thy God hath given thee, in the siege, and in the straitness, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee: So that the man that is tender among you, and very delicate, his eye be evil toward his brother, and toward the wife of his bosom, and toward the remnant of his children which he shall leave; So that he will not give to any of them of the flesh of his children whom he shall eat; because he hath nothing left him in the siege, and in the straitness, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee in all thy gates. The tender and delicate woman among you, which would not adventure to set the sole of her foot upon the ground for delicateness and tenderness, her eye shall be evil toward the husband of her bosom, and toward her son, and toward her daughter. And toward her young one that cometh out from between her feet, and toward her children which she shall bear; for she shall eat them for want of all things secretly in the siege and straitness, wherewith thine enemy shall distress thee in thy gates. If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that thou mayest fear this glorious and fearful name, THE LORD THY GOD; Then the Lord will make thy plagues wonderful and the plagues of thy seed, even great plagues, and of long continuance, and sore sicknesses, and of long continuance. Moreover He will

bring upon thee all the diseases of Egypt, which thou wast afraid of; and they will cleave unto thee. Also every sickness, and every plague, which is not written in the book of this law, them will the Lord bring upon thee, until thou be destroyed. And ye shall be left few in number, whereas ye were as the stars of heaven for multitude; because thou wouldest not obey the voice of the Lord thy God. And it shall come to pass, that as the Lord rejoiced over you to do you good, and to multiply you; so the Lord will rejoice over you to destroy you, and to bring you to nought; and ye shall be plucked from off the land whither thou goest to possess it. And the Lord shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other; and there thou shalt serve other gods, which neither thou nor thy fathers have known, even wood and stone. And among these nations shalt thou find no ease, neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest; but the Lord shall give thee there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind; And thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear day and night, and shalt have non assurance of thy life; In the morning thou shalt say, Would God it were even! and at even thou shalt say, Would God it were morning! for the fear of thine heart wherewith thou shalt fear, and for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see. And the Lord shall bring thee into Egypt again with ships, by the way whereof I spake unto thee, thou shalt see it no more again; and there ye shall be sold unto your enemies for bondman and bondwomen, and no man shall buy you. — This is the third successive article in this paper, titled: GODS WORD To His People. You will find this scripture in the 28th chapter of Deuteronomy.

History tells us about one million and a half of people died in the besiege of Jerusalem in the year of 70, and that women ate their own children. The words of Christ was literally fulfilled: Not one stone was left upon another. Those people have been scattered the world over and have suffered at the hands of most all nations. God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. But how terrible is God when He lets His wrath fall upon the unbelieving and upon those who

transgress His laws. Past history reveals unto us the character of the Mighty God, love, mercy, vengeance and I read that He is a jealous God. I do not read of Him excusing sin in any degree, but He does forgive penitent souls that come to Him. Paul was made to exclaim: "Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord we persuade men." He means of course, that he persuaded them to obedience. He is in another place: "But though or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." The writings of the Apostle reveals the kind of a gospel he preached unto the children of men. Amen.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF NICARAGUA

Esther L. Crain

It was with a rapid pulse, and yet not with fear that I walked down the ramp at the airport in New Orleans and boarded the waiting "Clipper." This was to be my first plane ride, and I wasn't at all sure that I would enjoy it. Once inside the plane, and with my seat-belt fastened, I peered out my little window into the midnight darkness and wondered what it was going to feel like to leave the ground and relax in mid-air. I soon found out, the take-off being so smooth I didn't even notice it, and the next thing I knew we were in the air, the lights of the airport below us reminding me of rows of soldiers on parade. By the time we had landed and taken off from four different places I felt like a veteran flier, and I really enjoyed the bouncing around we received when we hit some air pockets.

Within twelve hours I found myself set down in the midst of a new country, where I was to become acquainted with strange people, hear a comparatively new language, see different customs, and experience varied changes of climate. However, I realized that all this was merely a part of becoming oriented in my freshman year of experience as a missionary, and as such was to be taken in stride. Some of the first customs that I noticed were in direct opposition to the way in which things are done at home. When passing on the street, the greeting is "Adios," or "Goodbye." In the same manner, to wave goodbye, one uses a beckoning motion as you at home would do

to indicate "come here." However, who knows but what the customs here originated first, and that we North Americans are the backward ones?

Even though everything here is new to me, I hesitate to speak of Nicaragua as a "foreign" land. To denote something as foreign is to make it seem distant or remote from that which is familiar to us. Too often that is the case in speaking of Foreign Missions, but there are no "foreign" missions in God's sight. Christ died on the cross to save the soul of every Nicaraguan Indian, as much as He did for you and for me who already know Him. Therefore we, your missionaries here in Nicaragua, are here to point these needy people to Christ while you at home have the same purpose no matter what your location. We are your representatives here, and as you pray for us, you have a part in everything that we do. Please pray for Nicaragua, and for those of us who labor in this portion of the Master's vineyard.

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NEWS ITEM

A letter from Bro. Cotellesse of Muncey, dated Nov. 23/45 says: there is ice on the ponds but they are enjoying the fresh air. The letter was very encouraging indeed. When on my last trip there, we held a meeting on the Oneida Reserve on the opposite side of the river in one of the Indian homes. Since then they have baptized convert from there. Brother and Sister Cotellesse, my prayer is that the Lord will bless your efforts abundantly. It might interest our readers to learn that we sold our first crop of lambs off the farm. There were 21 in the flock and they brought very good prices on the market too. I learned from Brother Burgess of Windsor lately that they had another convert on the Six Nations (Grand River) Reserve. Everybody should pray for the success of the labors of our brethren and sisters on these reservations, also not to forget to help the work financially.

A letter from brother Sam D'Amico of Rochester, N. Y., informs us that his father, Bro. Ishmael is at Lockport, N. Y. helping to repair the church building lately purchased by the saints in that city. It seems as

though brother D'Amico is always very busy in the vineyard of the Master. May the Lord bless him and the folks in Lockport in their efforts to do good in their community. Brother Sam also tells me that they are having very good meetings at Palatine Bridge, N. Y. The state of New York is very big and it seems that our folks are not satisfied in that big city of Rochester, but they are determined to spread around. Well brethren and sisters, keep working while it is TODAY, don't wait until TOMORROW.

A short letter is at hand from Sister Elsie Miller of the Stelton Mission, in which she sends a contribution for the work at Muncey, Ont. Thank you. She also states that they had a very nice M.B.A. service on Thanksgiving night in the New Brunswick church. It would seem that a very nice program appropriate for the occasion, was rendered.

A few lines from brother John R. Benyola of Hopelawn, N. J., informs us that all are getting along fine out his way. I am sure that we are all glad to know that all is going well. The offering which you have sent for the work in Muncey I am sure is very much appreciated I have received a short note from Brother Arcuri of the Metuchen Mission, with an offering towards the work among the Indian people. I want you all to know that these contributions are very much appreciated. May the Lord bless you all.

A Wedding

Mr. Wm. Crall of Monongahela, Pa. and Helen Bobula of Donora, Pa. were united in marriage on November 6, 1945 in a parsonage of one of the Methodist churches in Cleveland, Ohio. The groom is a son of sister Elizabeth Crall of Monongahela and was recently discharged from the U. S. Army after spending two or three years overseas. The bride's home is in Donora Pa. but she has been making her home with her sister in Cleveland, where she is working. The bride's mother, also the groom's mother and brother, James Crall attended the wedding. The groom is employed in Cleveland. The young couple have gone to housekeeping in furnished rooms at 1967-E. 84th St. in sure that all of "Billys" friends will wish him and his Bride all the happiness in the world.

Mrs. Frank Bloom Passes On

Sister Bessie Chester Wergin Bloom, the wife of brother Frank Bloom of the Redstone Branch of the Church, died at her home at Lowber Mine near Fayette City, Pa. early on Sunday morning, December 9, 1945 in the 61st year of her life. She had retired the evening before apparently in her usual health, but her husband noticing something just not right, turned on the light and found that his wife had slept away.

Sister Bloom obeyed the gospel in Monongahela about 38 years ago. Her first husband (brother Charles Wergin) passed on about thirty years ago and left a family of six children. To her second marriage there are four children, who along with her husband are left to mourn her loss. She also leaves two sisters and one brother, Vernon Chester of Lorain, Ohio.

Funeral services were conducted in the Redstone Methodist church on Dec. 13th by Brother W. H. Cadman and was led in prayer by Brother Clyde Gibson. Her remains were laid to rest in the church yard where so many of our brethren and sisters in Christ are at rest. The Gospel News extends its sympathy to the bereaved husband and family.

Christ And His Laws

Christ And His Laws As They Are in The Restoration: Matthew 7th chapt. 24 and 26th verses: Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of Mine and doeth them; I will liken him unto a wise man which built his house upon a Rock, and them that doeth them not shall be likened unto a foolish man.

Note, Romans 2-13: "Not the hearers of the law, but the doers of the law are justified." The Gospel Laws, Christ's laws restored to earth after 1260 years, were not restored by man's power nor man's wisdom. This we know, for the plates were written on in a language the people of that time could not understand, and God gave Brother Smith the power to use the Interpreters, The Urim and Thummim. All was in God's power. So we know nothing but pure truths we received. In a Revelation October 1830 we were informed this was the fullness of Christ's Gospel, and to keep all commandments and covenants by Him given. By which we are bound. Some information from the Records Restored. Brother T. Dixon.

Holy Greetings in Jesus Name: are received from sister Gidas of the Brooklyn Mission. She is highly elated with The Gospel News and says it enlightens her soul. Sister Gidas speaks in praise of the various brethren who visit their Mission and preach unto them the full Gospel of Christ. An offering was also enclosed in the letter, which I have applied to help along the work among the Indian people. May the Lord bless both Sister and Brother Gidas. (I will add that Brother Gabriel Mazzeo of New Brunswick is in charge of the work in Brooklyn. It is nice indeed when members can write a few lines of encouraging words about the labors of their brethren.)

A QUICK TRIP

I was called to Detroit to attend a meeting at Branch No. 4 on the evening of December 8th. I had Brother Isaac Smith to go also; arriving there I found Brother Ashton already in Detroit. We attended the meeting and as Brother Joseph Lovalvo was going to Mt. Brydges, Ont. on Sunday morning, brother Smith and I went along with him. It was cool but the sun was shining bright and the drive of 100 miles to our destination was enjoyed by us all. We arrived at Mt. Brydges about 11 a.m. at the home of Brother Van Bree where a number had gathered together. We had a very nice service, it being led by Brother Smith. During the service a lady present requested to be baptized.

At the conclusion of the service three car-loads of us drove on to Muncey and we arrived at our church there about the middle of the afternoon. As we walked into the meeting, Brother Nicholas, our Lamanite brother was in the pulpit and read some scripture relative to the birth of the Saviour and gave a very nice talk on the subject. At the conclusion of his talk, we all retired to the Thames river shore where brother Lovalvo baptized sister Barclay from Mt. Brydges, making seven members at that place now. The labors of our brethren are bringing forth fruit. We returned to the church again and confirmed our new convert and administered the Lords Supper. Brother Cotellesse gave us a brief talk of their work on the Reservations which we were glad to hear. They are holding meetings in the homes of our Indian people which is

very commendable indeed. It is also very pleasing to learn that some of our members from Mt. Brydges are attending these meetings.

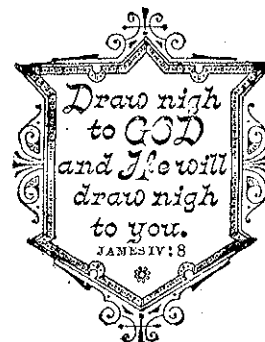
It was about dark when we all got loaded up in our cars and headed back to the farm home of Brother Van Bree where a big table was spread and awaiting us. We had not sat down at a table since we ate our breakfast rather early in Detroit before starting on the trip and I for one certainly enjoyed the meal prepared for us by Sister Van Bree. We started on the return trip to Detroit about 7 p.m. arriving at the home of Brother Joseph Lovalvo about 10:30. Before retiring we turned on the radio and listened to a short talk given by Bro. M. Randazzo and Brother V. James Lovalvo. We called at the home of brother Randazzo for a few minutes. He has fitted up a little chapel in his home and is holding meetings therein. He feels encouraged with the attendance thus far. May the Lord bless his efforts.

We came back to our homes here in Pennsylvania on Monday feeling that the little time we had, was well spent. On arriving home I learned that Sister Bloom had died very suddenly.

Sincerely,
Brother Cadman.

FURNIERS TRAVELING

A card dated Dec. 12/45 has been received from Brother and Sister Furnier, mailed at Phoenix, Arizona stating that they had arrived there safely, but were going on to California for a month and then return to Arizona again. We are hoping that this trip will do brother Furnier much good after the severe operation he has recently undergone.



A Visit To Cleveland

On November 8th, the Lorain Branch chartered a bus in order to unite in the service of God with the Cleveland saints, and the

blessings of God prevailed throughout the whole day and it seemed that the minds of many were prompted towards the restoration of the gospel. So instead of the usual Sabbath School lesson, Brother Biscotti announced that the morning would be taken up by asking and answering questions on the Restoration and our minds were inspired by the hymn, "The Spirit of God Like A Fire Is Burning," which we have sung in days gone by. Brother Alfred Dominico opened the morning service and was followed by Brother V. Chester. Brothers Joseph Al'omere and Rocco Biscotti gave very interesting talks and the spirit of God was manifested during the whole meeting, in so much that this event will never be forgotten. The meeting was closed with prayer by Brother Frye.

The afternoon service was opened by Brother Chester with hymn "Follow Me" and prayer. A goodly number testified to the goodness of God and the spirit of God flowed as oil from vessel to vessel and a glorious time was enjoyed by all. Brother Frank Altomere spoke in the power of God, verifying what was said regarding the restoration of the gospel. Several hymns were sung by the young members of Lorain, accompanied by Brother Joseph Calabrese and Brother James Alessio who was discharged from the Army recently. There were also with us, brother and sister John Romano and daughter from Detroit, Mich. The blessings were felt in so much that the 23rd Psalm was mentioned several times "My cup runneth over." The meeting closed with singing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." Prayer by Brother Calabrese.

Sister Carolyn L. Chester.

WELCOME HOME

Welcome home dear son of mine,
With arms that are open with joy,
With a heart of joy for my son
so fine
And thanksgiving to our God,
for being so kind.

Our God has watched over you,
so dearly,
So loving, so kindly and true;
Whether your days were lone-
some, or dreary,
He has carried you safely through.

I thank my God for answering my
prayers,
That before His feet were told,
He gathered my sighs and my
tears
To be together after said years.

Although days have been lone-
some and blue
Being left behind without you;
Many thoughts, came my way
Thinking how you were day by
day.

Wondering, if you were hungry
or tired
And if you had a place to sleep;
Thinking of when your eyes would
weep
Or at any time, bullets could be
fired.

But now my dear son, my heart
rejoice
To see your presence, to hear
your voice
That you have reached the prom-
ised land;
He has guided you with His
hand.

My wish to you my dear son,
That God will bless all your days
With joy, happiness and love;
That love which comes from our
Father above.

By Marretta Ruzzi



To you who are readers of "Gos-
pel News"
Who haven't as yet been baptized,
May you find that its words of
truth shall prove
Enlight'ning and by God advised.

We people are poor in the things
of the earth,
But rich in the things of the
Lord;

Our burdens are lightened our
paths are made straight,
Our treasure in heaven is stored.

For God is our keeper—He cares
for our soul,
He loves us and we all love him;
He teaches us things that the
world cannot know
Because of corruption and sin.

Our treasure is not of tradition
and time
Whose worth is of lesser degree,
But comes to us forth from the
kingdom divine;
It is life from eternity.

I beseech you, my friend, to call
upon him
Who waits at the head of the way,
You, too, then shall yearn for
others to turn,
To fall on their knees and to
pray.

By Bro. Charles Smith

I am in receipt of a letter from
brother Paul Love of Freedonia,
Pa. in which he informs me that
his son DeLos is home again, hav-
ing been discharged from the Army.
If I understand the letter right,
DeLos has been in the service for
22 months and about all that time
was spent in school, which has
given him Pilot training. DeLos is
a brother in the gospel and along
with his parents all will be glad to
know that he has returned home
safe and well.

DON'T TELL ME

(Copied from Christian Beacon)
Don't tell me what you will do
When you have time to spare;
Tell me what you did today
To ease a load of care.
Don't tell me what you will give,
When your ship comes in from
sea;
Tell me what you gave today
A fettered soul to free.
Don't tell me the dream you have
Of conquest still afar;
Don't say what you hope to be,
But tell me what you are.

By Greenville Kleiser

Reassign Power Saws

Denison, Tex. (U.P.)—Saws man-
ufactured here during the war for
use in clearing southwest Pacific
jungles, now are going to South
American countries. Most of a back-
log of 1,500 orders at a power saw
company are scheduled for the
governments of Chile, Colombia,
Panama and Mexico.

He Who Hesitates

Boston (UP)—In the 37-year
history of the Christian Science
Monitor, no one ever has smoked
in the paper's newsroom.

When Col. Evans Carlson, leader
of the famed Carlson's Raiders, vis-
ited the newspaper on the invita-
tion of a Monitor Pacific war cor-
respondent, he pulled out a cigar-
ette and struck a match. Then he
hesitated.

"Say," he asked one of the edi-
tors, "it's all right if I smoke in
here, isn't it?"

"Oh, certainly," came the affable
reply. Then the editor added with a
smile: "Of course, no one ever has."

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CONFERENCE AT ROCHESTER Conference at Rochester, N. Y.

Our Conference convened at Rochester, N. Y. in the Auditorium at Exposition Park on January fifth and sixth, 1946. The attendance was not so large as usual, but for the season of the year there was a very nice gathering. Our business was carried on in the ordinary way throughout the whole day. Some interesting reports were made from different places on missionary work.

The Sabbath morning preaching services were introduced by Bro. Marco Randazzo who read for his text the words of the Saviour wherein he says: "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." A very nice discourse was delivered by our brother. First Counsellor Ashton was the next speaker and was followed by brother V. James Lovalvo of Detroit, and suffice it to say, the seasoning grace of God was in our midst. President Cadman, after a few remarks, closed the meeting. The afternoon session was opened by Bro. A. DiBattisti of Glassport, Pa. and then he turned the meeting over for testimony by the various ones that were present. Our evening session was held in our church building at 416 Wilder St. This session was opened and led by brothers Risola and Benyola from New Jersey, two young brothers of the church, who brought to the front much good thought relative to worship of God. The Saints of Rochester are to be commended for the attention paid to the visiting brethren and sisters. It was evident they did all that was in their power to care for us. Our folks are to be commended, too for the neat appearance of the church building in Rochester. They are also very busy helping the folks in Lockport to repair and remodel the building lately purchased in that city. Our next Conference will convene in Youngstown, Ohio the first Saturday in April. I, Brother Cadman wish to add that at this Conference I missed Bro. Paul Brown. For a number of years past in visiting the Rochester Branch of the church, I have always seen brother Brown in our meetings. Missing him this time, I inquired and learned that he is not so well anymore. He is now

getting well up in years. May the Lord bless you Bro. Brown.

Loda, Illinois, February 15, 1874
Joseph Smith, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Plano, Illinois.
Dear Sir:

"Accept my sincere thanks for the favors that came to hand today, by mail, namely, a copy of the Book of Mormon and a copy of Parley P. Pratt's Voice of Warning, as well as your very welcome letter with your photograph enclosed; the same now occupies a place in my daughter's album and is highly appreciated.

"Next in order comes many familiar names that you enumerate as co-workers in advancing the cause of gospel truth. While reading them over I was carried back some thirty odd years, and many incidents of, or about that period were made vivid in my memory; scenes which occurred when you were quite a little boy and I was in the prime of manhood. One particular circumstance I will mention, as it appears to me to be incontrovertable evidence of the fact that your father was no false pretender, but that he was a true prophet of the living God. I was practicing my profession in Kingston, Illinois, in the year 1837, and boarded with a Benjamin S. Wilber, a member of the Latter Day Saints Church! his wife was also a member, and a most excellent little lady and very intelligent. In the fall of this year the prophet Joseph Smith, Sidney Rigdon, Judge Elias Higbee, and Porter Rockwell came to this house on their way to the city of Washington, in accordance with a revelation given to the church at Commerce (afterwards Nauvoo) through Joseph Smith, the Prophet, to lay their grievances before the President of the United States, (Martin Van Buren) for the sufferings they had underwent in Missouri, from which state the church had been driven by mob law, after many of them had been inhumanly murdered, and others driven from the lands they had purchased from the United States Government in that state. On the arrival of this company at Mr. Wilber's place, I was told by Joseph Smith, the prophet, that if I was willing to obey the will of God, and be obedient to his com-

mandments, I must quit my practice and start the next day with them to the city of Washington.

"I have many incidents, dottings and jottings taken during our journey, one which I will mention. After we got to Dayton, Ohio, we left our horses in care of a brother of the church, and proceeded by stage, part of us; and the same coach that conveyed us over the Allegheny Mountains also had on board as passengers, Senator Aaron of Missouri, and a Mr. Ingersol, a member of Congress, either from New Jersey or Pennsylvania, I forgot which, and at the top of the mountain called Cumberland Ridge, the driver left the stage and his four horses drinking at a trough in the road, while he went into the tavern to take, what is common to stage drivers, a glass of spirits. While he was gone the horses took fright and ran away with the coach and passengers. There was also in the coach a lady with a small child, who was terribly frightened. Some of the passengers leaped from the coach, but in doing so none escaped more or less injury, as the horses were running at a fearful speed, and it was down the side of a very steep mountain. The woman was about to throw out the child, and said she intended to jump herself, as she felt sure all would be dashed to pieces that remained, as there was quite a curve in the road, and on one side the mountain loomed up hundreds of feet above the horses, and the other side was deep chasm or ravine, and the road only a very narrow cut in the side of the mountain, about midway between the highest and lowest parts.

"At the time the lady was going to throw out the child, Joseph Smith, your father, caught the woman and very imperiously told her to sit down, and that not a hair of her head or anyone else on the coach should be hurt. He did this in such a confident manner that all on board seemed spellbound; and after admonishing and encouraging the passengers he pushed open one of the doors, caught the railing around the driver's seat with one hand, and with a spring and a bound he was in the seat of the driver. The lines were still coiled around the rail above, to hold them from falling while the driver was away;

he loosed them, took them in his hands, and although those horses were running at their utmost speed, he, with more than hurculean strength, brought them down to a moderate canter, a trot, and a walk, and at the foot of Cumberland Ridge, to a halt, without the least accident or injury to passenger, coach or horse, and the horses appeared as quiet and easy afterwards as though they had never run away. One by one the passengers came along, some of them limping badly, others bruised, and some of them swearing about the driver and threatening to have him arrested, etc.

"At last the driver took his place and we were all going along nicely, when one of the members of Congress, after hearing the history of our ride and escape, from the lady on board, said it was a miracle, and if Joe Smith could perform such a miracle, he would then believe he was a prophet sent from God. This was Mr. Ingersoll. Mr. Smith and Sidney Rigdon were both traveling incog., as, if their real names had been made public on the way, especially that of Mr. Smith, we should have been very much annoyed by the inquisitive. Little did those gentlemen think that it was Joseph Smith that was the identical man who was instrumental in the hands of God in saving that coach load of human beings from a horrible death.

"We made our first stop in Gadsby's hotel in Washington city. We stayed there during the winter of 1839 and 1840 to testify before committees and attend to all we could in the premises and in the meantime to preach and talk to the heads of the nation upon the calling and mission of Mr. Smith in this latter day. Curiosity was on tip-toe, until many believed, and some were baptized and went back to Nauvoo, or Commerce, as it was then called.

"Benjamin Winchester and Elder Barnes were preaching at that time in Philadelphia, and Mr. Smith and Mr. Higbee went there and did some preaching, leaving myself in Washington to take care of Mr. Rigdon, and also to wait upon every preacher in the city, irrespective to church organization, and particularly to declare unto them the tidings of the latter day saints, committed to this generation through Joseph Smith, Jr., and to warn them against the danger consequent upon its rejection. I commenced my duties as soon as I had any time, and

called upon all the leaders of the different organizations of religion in the city. As a general thing I was pretty well received and very kindly treated. I thought that my report would be uniformly favorable, but I had one more visit to make; that was to Geo. C. Cookman, the chief preacher and elder of the other branch of the Methodist church; and he was then chaplain of the United States Senate. On my introduction he was rigid as marble and cold as an icicle. He was proud, tonguey, and arrogant in the extreme. I begged him to take time and consider the matter; not to decide hastily; but it was unwise to give a decision until both sides were fairly and fully before him. I asked him for his church, and told him that either Mr. Smith or Mr. Rigdon would be glad to illustrate the subject any time before him and his congregation. He said that my impudence could only be attributed to one of two causes, and he was constrained to believe that it was not from ignorance, but was intended as an insult; that he would neither let me have his church nor hear anything further on the subject, and should take good care to warn his brethren and sisters against listening to any such blasphemy. With this he opened his library door, conducted me to the outer hall door, and refused to give me his hand. I reported this to Mr. Rigdon, and wrote to Philadelphia to Mr. Smith the result of my labors. On the following Sunday this same George C. Cookman preached in his church, and told some strange tales; that he had had an interview with Jo Smith, that arch imposter, and that the doctrines he taught were very irreligious and inconsistent with bible truth; that he, Smith, did not believe in the Bible, but had got a new one, dug up in Palmyra, New York; and that it was nothing but an irreligious romance, and that Smith had obtained it from the widow of one Spalding, who wrote it for his own amusement. I wrote this to Mr. Smith, and he said there must be some preaching in Washington to counteract these statements, as he was sure God had some people in that city. We first got an upper room in an engine house to speak in but half, no, not a quarter of the people could get in. We had speaking then in the open air, on Pennsylvania Avenue, near the place, and gave out that there would be further services as soon as a room could be obtained. Be-

fore night some people secured the use of Carus's Salon, one of the largest and most suitable rooms in the city, outside the apitol building, and at night there were services held. A great many of the members of Congress and heads of departments were present as well as President Van Buren. We, of the committee from Illinois, all took the speakers desk. And when near the close, who should come into the hall but Joseph Smith himself. We speedily got him up on the stand, and I had the honor of introducing him to that vast audience. He had just come in the train from Philadelphia, and was tired, but he arose by the invitation of many who called for him, and on that occasion he uttered a prophecy, one of the most wonderful predictions of his life. He adverted to the statements made by this George C. Cookman, declaring them to be wilfully and wickedly false, and that if he, Cookman, did not take it back and acknowledge that he had dealt falsely of him, his people, and his own congregation, also that he must turn and preach the truth and quit deceiving the people with fables, he should be cut off from the face of the earth, both he and his posterity. And he said this should be so plainly manifested that all should know it. At this, many gentlemen took out of their pockets their tablets and began to make notes of the prophecy; and Mr. Smith, noticing them, 'Yes,' said he, 'write it on your tablets; write it in a book; write it in your memory; for as sure as God ever spoke by my mouth, all these things shall come to pass.'

"Henry Clay, Felix Grundy, Tom Benton, John Q. Adams and many other celebrated characters were present at this time. Now instead of Cookman doing according to justice and truth, he became more virulent than ever, and laid all the obstacles in our way that he could during our stay in the city. The matter appeared to be forgotten by many, and I thought often on the subject, having taken notes, also. Soon after this there was an extraordinary excitement in the religious world, and they appointed a conference of all orthodox religions to assemble in England, at a certain time, to adopt measures of harmony between all the sects. The United States was invited and accepted a part in these proceedings to break down the partition wall that separated the various churches.

George C. Cookman was elected or appointed as a delegate for the District of Columbia to represent his views on the subject, standing, as he did, at the very head of the church, and Chaplain of the United States Senate. Now, he being an Englishman by birth, and his family in suitable circumstances for a pleasure trip, at the appointed time he (Cookman) thought it would be pleasant to take his wife and family with him, which he did. Both he, his wife, and all his children went on board the steamship 'President,' and neither the ship nor a soul is left to tell what was their sad end. But the prophecy is fulfilled to the letter, and the words uttered on that occasion have never been forgotten by me, nor I presume by hundreds of others. Had Cookman gone alone, it might have been charged to chance, but why was it that his whole family were so suddenly cut off, both root and branch?

"This, sir, is one of many wonderful evidences that Joseph Smith was as much a prophet as Jonah, who foretold the destruction of Nineveh; or Nahum, who prophesied concerning the present locomotion, for traveling; both of them took centuries and one of them thousands of years for their fulfillment; but the prophecy by Joseph Smith on George C. Cookman has literally been fulfilled in the shortest possible period; and that too in its fulness, beyond the possibility of a question from any source.

"I will tell you another prophecy that Joseph Smith uttered in my presence, that has proven true. This was in relation to Stephen A. Douglas. He said he was a giant in intellect, but a dwarf in stature, that he would yet run for President of the United States, but that he would never reach that station; that he would occupy a conspicuous place in the councils of the nation, and have multitudes of admiring friends; and that in his place he would introduce and carry out some of the most gigantic measures in the history of the nation. This was said when Douglas was judge in the district of Illinois, and before he ever went to Congress. Has it not been fulfilled? Did he not get Andrew Jackson's fine remitted by law, a thing, that was, by all, considered impossible? Did he not introduce bills for the covering of Illinois with railroads, without one cent of expense to the general government? . . . Did he not rule

in and through the state of Illinois, work and carry out its destiny for twenty consecutive years more than any and all other men together? Was he not always one of the greatest men in the Senate? . . . Did he not run for President and get defeated? . . . Did he not fulfill his destiny, and at last, on his dying bed, bequeath his children to his country, and counsel them to obey the laws and the Constitution? Did he not utter these memorable words at the commencement of the rebellion, 'That there are only two parties in all the land; the one he called Patriots and the other Traitors?' Was it not true? Did he not throw his adhesion to A. Lincoln in the time of deep trouble? . . . Yes, this prophecy has been literally fulfilled in my day, and I bear testimony to its truth, when compared with history.

"With considerations of very kind regards. I am, sir, your for the truth.

(Signed) ROBERT D. FOSTER.
(Copied from Zions Advocate.)

General Headquarters,
United States Army Forces, Pacific
Office of the Chief Surgeon
APO 500

10 January, 1945

Manila, P. I.

Dear Brother Cadman:

A few days ago we were greeted with the New Year and it is with great pleasure that I spend these few moments to write this letter, trusting that you and family and all the saints are still enjoying good health, and still hopeful for the prize which is in view for the faithful. I can assure you that I am still feeling fine, possessing a more vivid hope and desire to carry on in my duties first to God, and then to my fellow man.

It is with deep regret that I could not attend the January Conference which was held at our home-branch. Yet, it was my prayer that God's spirit may have been manifested; and it being the first conference of this new year, may it have begun a path for more progress and success in the furtherance of Christ's Kingdom here on earth.

The army both in time of war and in time of peace constantly impresses the fact that each of us has a mission to perform which when done properly, victory is certain. It has many times come to my mind that we of the Church of Jesus Christ have a much more important mission to perform, and with Christ as our Great Leader

and Commander-in-Chief, we are confident that this mission can be carried out in fulfillment of the written Word of God. I have given this matter much thought and have been blessed with a stronger belief and determination that this Church will play the vital part in the great plan of salvation. In addition, we have reason to believe that the time is not far off when much will come to the light; and when great changes will take place throughout the world. Permit me to express my personal opinion that if and when men choose to start another war, it will be one of complete annihilation rather than one of more aggression. If mankind would but pause for a moment and force the future with a good keen eye, it could be seen that the alternative is faith in God, repentance, and then baptism. This having been accomplished will free the world from the burden of sin, and from the dangers of the future; not only of this life, but also of the hereafter.

Sometime ago I wrote you stating that I had begun a correspondence with a Filipino friend. Last Saturday, January 5th, I had the privilege to meet him in person. May I say, that we of the Church of Jesus Christ have gained a friend; a young man of the Filipino race whose name is Efraim J. G. Tolentino of Northern Luzon. It was a pleasure for me to converse with him for one evening on many things pertaining to the Kingdom of Heaven. We had dinner together and before parting I was delighted at his request to furnish him with all the pamphlets of our Church including the Book of Mormon. I will send him the Church Hymn Book within a day or so. Efraim is now teaching in one of the Primary Schools of the Philippine Islands and has gained much interest relative to the faith and manner of worship in the Church of Jesus Christ. I wish I could relate it all in this letter but it would be impossible. Perhaps at some future time more can be said. Before going any further, it might be well to say that Efraim has asked to be remembered by all of us; that we pray for the people of the Philippines who stand in great need of Christ, lest they perish and dwindle in unbelief. These were his own words. May God bless him for the desire and interest he has shown; and it is hoped that in due time some light might come to many in these islands who walk the

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THE GOSPEL NEWS

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EDITORIAL**THINGS THAT GOD HATES**

A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood. A heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief. A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren. . . Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt; for the tree is known by HIS fruit.

O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. . . A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things; and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. . . BLESSED is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in His law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. The ungodly are not so; but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

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ways of the ungodly and the wicked. Surely there is much to be accomplished, and I feel certain that God has not forgotten these people. They have souls to account for, yet lack nourishment.

Brother Cadman: For the past few weeks we were hopeful that we would be on our way home sometime in February, due to be discharged sometime in March. This hope has somewhat disappeared in the past few days when the War Department announced that it would slow down considerably in the demobilization program. Naturally, this was not very good news; yet there is very little we can do about it. The only alternative I see is to continue performing my duties, and to be hopeful in God for I have known Him never to fail. "One there is above all oth-

ers, Oh how He loves, His is love beyond a brothers, Oh how He loves, Earthly friends may fail and leave us, one day kind, the next day grieve us, But this Friend will ne'er deceive us, Oh how He loves!" Those who are our leaders and superiors have promised us many things and we have seen that they have failed in many of their promises. Therefore, in this letter, I feel to praise God for a Friend in Jesus whose promises never fail. He has promised us His love, His wondrous care, and above all the great reward in His kingdom, after life's journey is ended. May ye as latter day saints meet the requirements of our Lord and Saviour, that by so doing we may reign with Him in the Regions beyond. May we be found ready with our Lamps all trimmed and bright when He comes to claim His own.

Within a few weeks this Headquarters will be moving to Japan. Unless there are further changes or announcements made by the War Department, I am scheduled to hold my present assignment and to follow this Headquarters into Japan. How much longer I will remain on this side is still very indefinite. The future remains to be seen. May God see fit to hasten our return home. I will soon be reaching the three year mark in the United States Army and I feel that in all fairness, men in my category have reason to be released from the service. God being our Helper, we'll see this to an end.

I'll close with love to you and family, and all the saints, trusting to meet again soon. Until then, may the Lord's richest blessings abide with you all is the prayer of

A Brother in Christ,
PAUL D'AMICO.

A Wedding At The Stelton Mission

At five o'clock on Saturday, December 29, 1945 a very pretty wedding took place at the Stelton Mission, when Sister Geneva Rogolino, daughter of Brother and Sister Rogolino of Stelton and Brother Patsy Renda of New Brunswick and recently discharged from the Navy, were united in marriage. The bride was given away by her father and the ceremony was performed by Brother Rocco Ensano, presiding elder of the Stelton Mission. Sister Frances Rogolino, sister of the bride was the maid of honor and Carmello Allegra, friend of the groom, was the best man.

A reception followed at the home of the bride's parents with a large number of brothers and sisters

from all the surrounding missions present and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

The newlyweds will make their home in Stelton about two blocks from the church building. This is the first wedding that has taken place in the Stelton church building.

A LETTER

Brother Cadman: Just a few lines in respect to The Gospel News and your hard work towards it. I enjoy reading it very much and look forward to every issue. Thanks very much for sending me the December issue, in it I found food for my soul. Brother Heap's letter made me feel good as he referred to that great council of our brethren at Jerusalem, truly they had met in one accord and their decision gave joy and more courage to the Apostles, because Paul's preaching was, that circumcision or uncircumcision was of no avail but a new creature in Christ Jesus. I thank God that He made me worthy to hear the voice of the good Shepherd and through obedience to the Everlasting Gospel, I became a new creature. Speaking for myself, being raised to worship idols, bow to them and even carry them on my shoulders by paying a sum of money for the privilege; today I am proud of this new birth that has taken place in me, and I know that Christ lives within me and I have nothing to fear, for whosoever the Lord sets free is free indeed. Therefore my prayer is, that I may have more of God's love within me, to impart to others that still are, as I was. An experience comes to my mind that took place here in Cleveland years ago as follows: "While our late Brother Joseph Corrado was out walking one day, a woman who he did not know said to him: If you are the people you claim to be, the world is waiting on you." Therefore with a prayerful heart, I appeal to all the saints to rid ourselves of anything contrary to the will of God that may yet remain in us, and let us prove God, and He will bless us with such blessings that we will not be able to contain ourselves. Brother Cadman, I did not pre-meditate to write this letter, but as I was reading The Gospel News I was filled with a desire to do my part for the furtherance of this cause. May God bless us as a church and more so the Priesthood, so as to proclaim these glad tidings of the everlasting gospel restored, that by sowing the good seed, though many

times in tears because of this sinful world, we shall come rejoicing bringing in the sheaves, from brother

ROCCO BISCOTTI.

MOUNTAINS OF FAME

(Class of Ruth by Ruth Mountain)

The children of Israel had been delivered from bondage in Egypt and had traveled for three months, when God commanded them to camp in the wilderness before Mt. Sinai. The Lord then called Moses up into the Mountain where He promised the people through Moses that if they were obedient to the Lord, they should be a peculiar treasure unto Him, a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation. When Moses told the people, they replied, "All that the Lord hath spoken, we will do." The Lord then told that after three days of preparation by the people. He would appear in the sight of all upon Mt. Sinai. They should set bounds around the mountain, that no one should cross, under the penalty of death. Accordingly on the third day, there was thunder and lightning, and upon Mt. Sinai appeared a thick cloud and an exceedingly loud voice of a trumpet caused the people to tremble. The people came out of their tents and stood at the base of the mountain. The mountain was altogether on a smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire, and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked exceedingly.

Then as the trumpet sound grew louder, God called Moses up to the mountain with Aaron, but the other Priests and people could not cross the bounds which had been set. Then God gave the Ten Commandments. All the people saw and heard the lightning, thunder and smoke, but they stood afar off. They were afraid that they would die, should God speak to them. But Moses went up into the thick darkness where God was and there on Mt. Sinai, received instructions from God for his people. He stayed forty days and nights in the mountain, leaving the people in the care of Aaron. God gave him two tables of stone upon which were written by the finger of God. The law and commandments. The glory abode on the mountain six days and the sight was like devouring fire to the eyes of the children of Israel.

DOMENICK COSTERELLA
PASSES ON

Brother Costerella of the Dun-

levy Branch of the church, after a long illness died in the Mercy hospital on the morning of Jan. 7th, a little short of 71 years old. He was born in Italy on Jan. 29th, 1875. He migrated to this land of America in the year of 1905, and has been a resident of Belle Vernon for many years. He along with his family are well thought of in the community where he lived. He leaves his widow and nine children, eight grand children, two brothers, John and Tony of Youngstown and Girard, Ohio and one sister, Carmela to mourn his loss.

Brother Costerella was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ in the year of 1923, April 16th, has been very faithful and has now passed over to reap his reward. May his soul find a resting place in the paradise of God. The funeral service was conducted at his home on January 10th by brother W. H. Cadman singing by brother and sister Kirschner. On account of some of the family who live in California having not arrived in time for the services, interment was postponed until the morning of January 11 which took place in the Belle Vernon cemetery, where our brother will rest until that great day, when the trump of God shall sound and the dead in Christ shall arise first. The Gospel News extends sympathy to Sister Costerella and all her family. May the Lord comfort you all. Sincerely Brother Cadman.

SISTER ANDERSON PASSES ON

Mrs. Anna Anderson was born in Sweden in the month of September 1855 and died on January 14, 1946 in the 91st year of her age. Her husband died about 27 years ago. She came to this country when she was about 18 years old and was married sometime later. She was the mother of eight children of which six still survive to mourn her loss.

Sister Anderson had been a very active woman and obeyed the gospel about ten or twelve years ago and has been very faithful in the church. Her favorite hymn was: "Pull For The Shore Sailor" and she hummed it over just a while before the end came. She was the mother of Brother Walter Anderson of Eldora and was well known in this community, having lived here for about forty years. The Gospel News extends its sympathy to the bereaved family. Services were conducted by brother W. H. Cadman and singing by the young folks of the Monongahela Branch.

JOSEPH BIRKHAMMER PASSES ON

Joseph Birkhammer, aged 67 years, a resident of this city the greater part of his life, died in a Westmoreland County hospital on January 21st after a long illness. Of late years he had lived in the Finleyville district, having removed from Monongahela in 1938.

Brother Birkhammer obeyed the gospel in Monongahela about ten or twelve years ago and has been in the afore-mentioned institution for a long time. He leaves his wife and two daughters to mourn his loss. Funeral services were conducted at the Simms Funeral Home at Finleyville on Friday, January 25th at two o'clock in the afternoon. Interment took place in the Mingo cemetery. Brother W. H. Cadman was in charge of the service. Our sympathy is extended to Sister Birkhammer and her family.

NEWS ITEMS

The Ladies' Uplift Circle held their general meeting for the past three months at the home of Sister Sadie Cadman on December 20th, 1945. There were not many in attendance, due to the weather conditions. There was considerable snow on the ground and it was very cold. With the few that were present they attended to their usual routine of business. In their deliberations they donated as follows to the various works in the church: 75 dollars to help our brethren to carry on their work at Grand River Reserve—50 dollars towards the work at the Muncey Reserve—10 dollars toward the purchase of a car for the Grand River work—15 dollars to help our brethren in traveling to Mt. Brydges, Ont. and 15 dollars to the January Conference, making a total of 165 dollars contributed by them to help along the work of spreading the gospel. This is of course independent of the work which is being done by the various branches of The Uplift Circle. The next general meeting will be held in Monongahela, Pa. in March, 1946.

I am in receipt of a card from brother Herman Kennedy mailed in Los Angeles, California on December 17, 1945. He is traveling with brother and sister Furnier and it is evident that they have arrived in California.

Two cards were received on December 20th from Brothers A. B. Cadman and Rocco Meo which were

mailed in Tijuana, Mexico on November 8 and 10th. These cards were along time on the road for some reason. One of these cards bears a picture of a little Indian girl, while the other one is a picture of a very large Cathedral and Plaza at Guadalajara. They are magnificent buildings. Our brethren are seeing some of the world.

On this day, December 24, 1945 I received a phone call from Sister Theresa Karelli of Belle Vernon, requesting me to go to the Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh to anoint brother Dominic Costerella. On arriving there I found him very poorly. He has had a stroke of paralysis. I anointed him and had prayer with him. He is now 70 years old and has not been very well for a year or more. He obeyed the gospel a good many years ago and I believe has been very faithful thus far. May the Lord comfort him in the hour of his affliction and if his remaining days are short in this world, may they be spent with a bright hope of eternal life. Brother Cadman.

THE ORIGIN OF THE WORD JEW: (copied) E. S. H. Clovis, New Mexico, writes: "I am a Bible student and am interested in Jewish history. Will you tell me which tribe of the Israelites were named Jews?"

"Jew" is a name formed from that of the patriarch Judah, and applies in its first use to one belonging to the tribe or country of Judah, or rather, perhaps, to a subject of the separate kingdom of Judah in contradistinction from the seceding ten tribes, who retained the name of Israel or Israelites. During the captivity the term "Jew" seems to have been extended to all people of the Hebrew language and country, without distinction, and this wide application of the name was preserved after the restoration to Palestine, when it came to denote not only every descendant of Abraham in the largest possible sense, but even proselytes who had no blood-relation to the Hebrews.

I am in receipt of a card from Brother Ernest Schultz, dated December 24, 1945 and mailed at Delray Beach, Florida. Brother Schultz' physical condition has not been good for some time. It is to be hoped that he will return home much improved.

COSHOCKTON, OHIO

Good Morning Brother Will,

hope this check can do some good for a good cause. May the Lord bless you, His church and His works. Sorry I have time for just a note this morning. I would rather talk with you. Dr. R. E. Lynch. P. S.— Brother Earl your note and offering is much appreciated I am sure.

VANDERBILT, PA.

Brothers John Mancini, George Neill and Melvin Mountain paid a visit to the Vanderbilt Branch on January 6th. They went there in the interest of the Missionary Benevolent Association, but of course they attended the regular services while there. The attendance was not very large and the folks there feel that they are neglected somewhat, not many of the saints from other places visit them very often. They also report that brother and sister Ringer are not very well. I would like to advise all that can pay a visit to the folks there to do so. It was at one time a thriving part of the church and many there have bore good testimonies to the Gospel. The Saviour said: that the well need no physician but the sick. It behooves us to give more heed to the weak places among us and help them to bear their burdens, whatever they might be. In the next issue of this paper, may I have some encouraging news from our folks in Vanderbilt.

In a receipt of a few lines from brother Travis Perry dated Dec. 27, 1945 from Sharon, Pa. Brother Travis has enclosed a very nice contribution from the Youngstown Branch of the Church for the work at Muncey. I am very glad I am sure, to receive this contribution and may the Lord bless you all. I will add that I called up brother Cotellesse on the phone just recently at the farm home in Muncey. I talked to him as though he was just next door to me. My object in calling him was to learn how they were all getting along in this winter weather. I was afraid that they might have as much snow there as was in the city of Buffalo. But from what he told me, the snow there was about the same in depth as was here in Pennsylvania. I was glad to learn that they were all very well. Any one wishing to call up the farm home at Muncey can do so by calling Mt. Brydges, Ontario. Line 28, Ring 1-7 if necessary specify the "Jack Chambers" farm. The cheapest time to call is after 6 p. m.

Where Is Lost Israel?

Since the day of the Gospel been restored, much has been said as to the whereabouts of the ten tribes of Israel. It has been the general impression among Latter Day Saints that they were in the north country some-where. But due to discoveries made of this world in modern times, the suggestion that the ten tribes are in a land yet unknown to us, is very much doubted. Personally, my thoughts have always been and still are, that the ten tribes are in a land somewhere yet unknown. And further, that they are a body of people still intact. We are taught and we teach, (that the word of God cannot fail. In Jeremiah 31-8, 9 I read as follows: "Behold, I will bring them from the North country, and gather them from the coasts of the earth, and with them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her that travaileth with child together: a great company shall return thither. They shall come with weeping, and with supplications will I lead them: I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble: for I am a Father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first born." There is no question in my mind, but what this scripture bears upon the work in the last days, or the days of restoration. Let us now turn to Jeremiah 3-12, 18. I read as follows: "Go and proclaim these words toward the North, and say, Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the Lord; and I will cause mine anger to fall upon you: for I am merciful, saith the Lord, and I will not keep anger forever. In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the North to the land that I have given for an inheritance unto your fathers." Now turn to Jeremiah 23-7, 8. "Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that they shall no more say, The Lord liveth which brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; But, The Lord liveth, which brought up and which led the seed of the house of Israel out of the North country, and from all countries whither I had driven them, and they shall dwell in their own land."

In second Kings chapter 17 we are shown that the king of Assyria took away captive the ten tribes of Israel. This was about seven hundred years B. C. We are told that the Nephite people came to this land six hundred years B. C.

In III Nephi the Saviour says in

chapt. 16-1 "And verily, verily, I say unto you that I have other sheep, which are not of this land, (America) neither of the land of Jerusalem, neither in any parts of that land round about whither I have BEEN to minister." It is evident that at that time the lost tribes were somewhere intact. I have in my home a large Bible commonly called a family Bible. Between the old and new testament, there is a number of books known as the Apocrypha and there is lots of good reading therein. In the book known as second Esdras chapt. 13 beginning at verse 40 and ending with verse 47, I read: "Those are the ten tribes, which were carried away prisoners out of their own land in the time of Osea the king, whom Salamanasar the king of Assyria led away captive, and he carried them over the waters, and so came they into another land. But they took this counsel among themselves, that they would leave the multitude of the heathen, and go forth into a further country, where never mankind dwelt, That they might there keep their statutes, which they never kept in their own land. And they entered into Euphrates by the narrow passages of the river, For the Most High then showed signs for them, and held still the flood, till they were passed over, For through that country there was a great way to go, namely, of a year and a half; and the same region is called Arsareth. Then dwelt they there until the latter time; and now when they shall begin to come, The Highest shall stay the springs of the stream again, that they may go through: therefore sawest thou the multitude with peace." The afore going verses are so rich-like to me, that I would not entertain a thought of them being a fable, even though it is recorded in the Apocrypha. All of these matters that I have thus far drawn your attention too, were written many hundreds of years ago and such may produce a skeptical affect in ones mind. I want to now draw your attention to something of more modern date, but in doing so I concede that what may appear a fact to me, may not be so to you who may read this.

I said I would draw your attention to something of a more modern date. Yes, very modern indeed. Instead of speaking of hundreds of years, I will narrow it down now to one hundred and twenty two years ago, or in the year of 1823 when Joseph Smith made his first trip to the hill Cumorah and was about to take the plates from their long resting place when the heav-

only messenger forbade him.

In the series of letters written by Oliver Cowdery and published in the Messenger and Advocate in years of 1834-5, which I believe is very authentic, for Oliver was very closely associated with Joseph in the restoration of the gospel. As for me, I cherish highly his series of letters referred to. In the eighth letter I read the following from the mouth of the Angel to Joseph Smith, as given by Oliver Cowdery.: "When they are interpreted the Lord will give the holy priesthood to some, and they shall begin to proclaim this gospel and baptize by water, and after that they shall have power to give the Holy Ghost by the laying on of hands. Then will persecution rage more and more; for the iniquities of men shall be revealed, and those who are not built upon the rock will seek to overthrow this church; but it will increase the more opposed, and spread farther and farther, increasing in knowledge till they shall be sanctified and receive an inheritance where the glory of God will rest upon them; and when this takes place, and all things prepared, the Ten Tribes of Israel will be revealed in the North country, whither they have been for a long season; and when this is fulfilled will be brought to pass that saying of the prophet: "And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the Lord." I will add: that man's wisdom has proven to be foolish in days that are past, and no doubt will be in the days to come. In my conception of English, if the words as given by Oliver Cowdery are the words of the Angel to Joseph, then the ten tribes are intact somewhere. God has always moved in ways least expected by man. —W. H. Cadman

MATTHEW T. MILLER'S EXPERIENCES

After I was baptized— the Gospel being introduced to me by Brother Carmine Campitelli— and he having room in his home at 593 Conner Avenue, I went to live with him and remained there for a period of about five years.

While I was young in the church, one of my best advisers was Brother Raphael Frammolin. I would council with him as if he had been my own father. Should I see any brothers or sisters disagreeing, I would tell him to see if he could not help them to fix up their grievances. I remember one Sunday seeing some of this contention, but Brother Fram-

molin was not around for me to tell him about it. I thought about this through the night and next morning on my way to work, no sooner had my feet struck the sidewalk than Brother Frammolin was accompanying me, and walked with me all the way to work, listening attentively at the tale I had to tell. When we arrived at the gate of the plant, he asked me this question, "Did you do your duty," meaning did I pray for the brothers and sisters that the good Lord would give them strength to overcome their ills. I replied truthfully "no," and was about to say goodbye, as I went in to work. To my dismay and astonishment there was no Brother Frammolin to shake hands with. I was only associating with the good spirit, who, had taught me a lesson never to be forgotten and had vanished. I stood there almost bewildered for a moment, then went to work putting into effect the advice I had received. When I saw the brothers and sisters, all their troubles had ended and I found out later that while Brother Frammolin was in Detroit walking and talking with me; in reality, he had been in Toledo, Ohio, visiting a brother and sister who were living there at the time.

On another occasion, I felt to leave home one day and went out and took the Jefferson Avenue street car, transferring to the Clairmont street car getting off at Montclair and Harper avenues. I walked up the Railroad track turning out on Devine Street midway between the church and one of the nearest homes to the place where I was standing. I walked straight to the door of the house and rapped. I understood later that although Mrs. Wesley, the lady of the house had never allowed anyone in, whom she was not conversant with, on this day, when I said "how do you do" and told her that I was one of the Elders from the little church across the way, she readily invited me in. As I sat there and told her all the beauties of the Church of Jesus Christ comparing and contrasting the virtues of the church, which in my estimation stands out by itself as a church without equal, she gave me her undivided attention. When I concluded my talk, Mrs. Wesley was very much impressed and told me that when her husband came home from work she would tell him what I had told her about the church. The next Sunday morning, I was supposed to visit the home again to see what impressions, if any, were derived from

my visit. I understood then that the spirit which had directed me to the Wesley's home was the same one which directed Phillip of old to the chariot of the Eunuch and would bring this family to the Lord. On my visit Sunday morning, Mr. Wesley received me graciously and had a lot of problems he wanted to have cleared up. I was then in correspondence with Brother John K. Penn and, some of the questions Mr. Wesley wanted cleared up, Brother Penn had deliberated in his letters to me on these same subjects. I read them to him and he was pleased beyond expression.

Mrs. Wesley also had a heavenly vision while I talked to her. She saw the light of God strung from her home straight across to the church. This experience was related to me. They started attending our services and before long were fit instruments for the master's use getting baptized February 13, 1927; hence the appearance in the church of Brother and Sister Charles Wesley of Ontario, Canada, who have been worthy to be called a brother and sister of the church.

A LETTER OF CHEER

Mr. Harry Lorber, Jr.:

Dear Brother in Christ, find enclosed a money order for \$1.10 please send me your book of poems, A "Pocket Full of Cheer." I know I will enjoy reading the same as I enjoy reading our little church paper, The Gospel News. I can hardly wait until I get the paper each month. I am a lonely old mother, past sixty-four years old. My three sons are in the service and I am most always alone. I joined The Church of Jesus Christ over nine years ago. I often wonder in these trying times if I hadn't found the Lord, what would I do, or how could I have endured. I thank God for the church and my brothers and sisters in Christ. Sister James Marshall, Perryopolis, Pa. R.D. 1

"AN EXPERIENCE"

The late Wm. Cadman was baptized into the church in December of 1859, and soon after, he had an experience which was published in the "Ensign" in 1863. It is as follows.

The Lord did raise up Joseph Smith
And through him did reveal the truth;

The Church, raise up, its power
make known,
O'er many lands its glory shown.

The priest-hood was to him
restored,
That priest-hood did the gifts
afford;
The callings, too, he did renew,
These words are faithful, just
and true.

But now we sorry and lament
Because the truths which God had
sent
Are trampled down by wicked
men
Since that beloved man was slain.

'Tis true, we find that many men
Have tried to raise the church
again,
But still their avarice and pride
Has led them all from truth aside.

But now we do and will rejoice
That God has made another
choice;
His word revealed so sweet and
clear,
And called a prophet and a seer.

The church is now built up again,
After the ancient pattern plain;
The gifts and callings now are
given
To lead the Church on Earth to
Heaven.

And now let all the Saints be
pure,
And let them serve the Lord and
fear,
Lest they likewise be turned aside,
Through greediness, or lust, or
pride.

Signed Wm. Cadman.

MY PRAYER TO DAY

Let me do something, that will
take a little sadness from my
neighbors store. Let me say some-
thing, that will make my neighbors
faith and joy a little more. How-
ever meagre be my worldly wealth,
let me today give something that
will help my friend. A prayer of
courage or a prayer of health,
prayed as the day shall near its
end. Let me tonight, look back
across the span between the dawn
and dark, and say because my pray-
er went out to the heart of man;
the world is better, in that I lived
today.—W H. Davidson.

I lived in the days of King David.

I was a prophet of God—When
the king spoke to me about build-
ing a house of God I encouraged
him, but that night the Lord came

to me in a vision and said: David
was not to build the house but
God had appointed a son of his to
do so, because David had fought in
many battles— Then David com-
mitted sin and I was sent to re-
buke him—I anointed David's son
Solomon King in Israel— David
had a son whose name was the
same as mine. Who am I?

I am a young man—I was fed in
a king's house—I would not eat
the king's meat or drink his wine—
God gave me skill in learning and
knowledge—I also understood
dreams and visions—The king gave
me many gifts and made me ruler
of a province—I was once in a lions
den—Can you tell the name the
king gave me?

I was the wife of Elimelech and
the mother of two sons. We lived
in the country—Moab in the days
of the Judges, having been driven
from Israel by a famine. My name
means "Pleasant" but because of
the sorrow I had borne, I wished
it to be changed to "Mara" which
means "bitter." Both of my sons
after having married women of
Moab, died leaving me alone. I
then desired to return to my own
country expecting to go alone but
one of my daughters-in-law insisted
on going with me where she mar-
ried a rich and noble relative of
mine. Who am I?

Proud of Safety Record

Long Beach, Cal. (UP)— W. E.
Woodward thinks he holds some
kind of safety record for parcel-
truck drivers— 15 years without
even a minor accident.

In that time, he has driven a
total of 700,000 miles, picked up and
delivered 750,000 packages. "Drove
10 years before that for another
company, but had one small acci-
dent."

'Paddleboat' Has Sail

Olive, Cal. (UP)— A kayak that
looks like a paddleboat, and that
can be operated with a sail, will go
into production immediately for
water sports enthusiasts, the newly
formed Waterlark Industries Corp.
has announced.

Patent for the "paddleboat" is
held by Ray L. Landfield, general
manager of the company, which
will employ 100 workers.

The Louisiana Forestry Com-
mission has published a 262-page
book containing data and photo-
graphs of more than 150 varieties
of trees found in the state.

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HUMAN NATURE

The study of human nature is perhaps the most profound of all intellectual endeavors. There is an aura of mystery about it that defies penetration. It has the length, the breadth, the height and the depth of life itself.

Modern psychologists have probed the workings of the human mind rather deeply, but their findings are anything but satisfying. To understand the workings of the mind, to appreciate fully the delicate reactions and feelings of the heart, we must first discover the secret of life; a thing which mankind has thus far been unable to do.

When Adam fell from his lofty estate, God "drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubines and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life." See Gen. 3rd chap. 24 verse. We understand from the foregoing that the discovery of the secret of life is an utter impossibility. It is forever protected from the best efforts of the natural man to penetrate its secret. When God created Adam, He breathed into him the breath of His own life. Adam became not only a living soul, but the expressed image of the great creator who existed throughout the countless ages of the eternity of the past. To those of us who know God, this wonderful thing that we call life has all the mystery of the eternity of the past breathed into it. Were we not created in the image of God, who is from everlasting to everlasting?

Adam, however, lost the image of the creator when he fell from the spiritual down to the natural. His soul that had been so gloriously alive was now dead, and in need of being recreated before he could again see God face to face. Consider these sons of Adam, these natural men who are everywhere upon the earth, who abide until this very day under the law of sin and death.

We see in them still a trace of departed glory. Consider his gifts. Intelligence, beauty, talent are his in abundance. He works wonders in the classroom, performs ever new miracles in the art of healing, his music delights the ear, his versatile pen plays upon the emotions, producing either laughter or tears as he will, his achievements in sci-

ence sets the layman agog with wonder, so that we are made to wonder what he will do next. Those gifts that remained to mankind after the fall were intended to be spiritualized, and used to the honor and glory of God; a thing which the great majority of mankind has failed to do. He has chosen, rather, to expend the energies of body, mind and heart upon himself.

What an amazing quantity is that thing called self! We find it the astonishing nucleus of the natural man's personality. By way of contrast, the saints of God regard themselves as hardly more than stewards of the excellence of Christ that is in them.

In his search for a more abundant life, the natural man has found and has learned to apply very expertly that branch of learning that is called psychology. What else shall we call it but a substitute for love? There is a great deal of psychology in love. There is no love in psychology. In the presence of the psychologist we often feel like a bug under a microscope. In the presence of one who loves us, we have peace, rest, ease—and not infrequently tears of joy.

The Saviour was the first of all of the sons of men to regain that perfect image of the Eternal Father. His insight into human nature, his perfect knowledge of the problems of mankind put to silence the best minds of that short period of time in which he dwelt among men. Our Lord Jesus Christ prepared the way for us to follow. If we seek first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness, all things, including a deep insight into human nature, the solution to the basic problems of mankind will be generated in us as we grow in the image of Him who is the creator, the author and the finisher of all things.

The works of the natural man on the other hand, accomplished through the medium of his unspiritualized gifts, are at best but a false structure, held loosely together by the cheap and unenduring fabric of self. He hails the approach of an atomic era as an age of golden days. He sends an impulse to the moon, and shouts with delight as the beam comes bounding back to him. Instead of putting himself in the way of attuning his ears to the word of God that is beamed to us from the heav-

ens, he invents a machine to search out the secrets of God's universe. What irony of fate is that that man has contacted that heavenly body which the prophets have used so often as a representation of the law?

It seems a fitting application to observe that a generation of men and women that has run afoul of God's law will shortly be subjected to the sword of the justice of the Lord. We have observed many times with tears in our eyes that the nations are soon to learn the meaning of the injunction; Cursed is he which putteth his trust in the army of flesh.

As the saints of latter days grow in the image of Christ, they, too, shall discern the thoughts and intents of the hearts of men. They shall have such a wealth of knowledge at their command that the wisdom of the wise shall perish, and the understanding of the prudent shall be hid.

By BRO. JAMES CURRY.

Teachings of The Book of Mormon On The Marriage State

Jacob Chapt. 2 beginning with verse (22). And now I make an end of speaking unto you concerning this pride. And were it not that I must speak unto you concerning a grosser crime, my heart would rejoice exceedingly because of you, (23) But the word of God burthens me because of your grosser crimes. For behold, thus saith the Lord: This people begin to wax in iniquity; they understand not the scriptures, for they seek to excuse themselves in committing whoredoms, because of the things which were written concerning David, and Solomon his son. (24) Behold, David and Solomon truly had many wives and concubines, which thing was abominable before me, saith the Lord. (25) Wherefore, thus saith the Lord, I have led this people forth out of the land of Jerusalem, by the power of mine arm, that I might raise up unto me a righteous branch from the fruit of the loins of Joseph. (him who was sold into Egypt.) (26) Wherefore, I the Lord God will not suffer that this people shall do like unto them of old. (27) Wherefore, my brethren, hear me, and hearken to the word of the Lord: For there shall not any man among you have save it be one wife! and concubines

he shall have none! (28) For I the Lord God, delight in the chasity of women. And whoredoms are an abomination before me! thus saith the Lord of Hosts. (29) Wherefore, this people shall keep my commandments, saith the Lord of Hosts, or cursed be the land for their sakes. (30) For if I will, saith the Lord of Hosts, raise up seed unto me, I will command my people; otherwise they shall hearken unto these things. (31) For behold, I the Lord, have seen the sorrow, and heard the mourning of the daughters of my people in the land of Jerusalem, yea, and in all the lands of my people, because of the wickedness and abominations of their husbands. (32) And I will not suffer, saith the Lord of Hosts, that the cries of the fair daughters of this people, which I have led out of the land of Jerusalem, shall come up unto me against the men of my people, saith the Lord of Hosts. (33) For they shall not lead away captive the daughters of my people because of their tenderness, save I shall visit them with a sore cure, even unto destruction! for they shall not commit whoredoms, like unto them of old, saith the Lord of Hosts. (34) And now behold, my brethren, ye know that these commandments were given to our father, Lehi! wherefore, ye have known them before; and ye have come unto great condemnation! for ye have done these things which ye ought not to have done. (35) Behold, ye have done greater iniquity than the Lamanites, our brethren. Ye have broken the hearts of your tender wives, and lost the confidence of your children, because of your bad examples before them; and the sobbings of their hearts ascend up to God against you. And because of the strictness of the word of God, which cometh down against you, many hearts died, pierced with deep wounds. NOTE. chapter 3 beginning with verse (5) Behold, the Lamanites your brethren, whom ye hate because of their filthiness and the cursing which hath come upon their skins, are more righteous than you! for they have not forgotten the commandment of the Lord, which was given unto our fathers—that they should have save it were one wife, and concubines they should have none, and there should not be whoredoms committed among them. (6) And now, this commandment they observe to keep; wherefore because of this observance, in keeping this commandment the Lord God will not destroy them but will be merciful

unto them; and one day they shall become a blessed people. (According to these words, the Lamanites have merited the good will of God because they abided faithful in the covenant of marriage, having one wife, etc.) (7) Behold, their husbands love their wives; and their husbands and wives, and their wives love their children; and their unbelief and their hatred toward you is because of the iniquity of their fathers; wherefore, how much better are you than they, in the sight of your great Creator? (What a contrast there is between the teachings of the Book of Mormon and this world to-day, relative to marriage and family relations with one another!) Words in brackets are those of your correspondent.

OUR HYMN BOOK

Brother Editor: Our M. B. A. class here in Warren, Ohio, had a very interesting program recently entitled "Our Hymn Book," and part of the material we used for our meeting was very gratefully given to us by various brothers and sisters throughout the church. The program was introduced by a history of the compiling of our hymn book, followed by a detailed report on the Rodeheaver Hall Mack Co. and also Mr. Rodeheaver himself. Then each of the young people gave a report on the hymn or hymns they chose for their contribution. By this, I mean, a detailed report on the inspiration of the author when he or she wrote the hymn was given, thus making the hymn seem more real to us.

It was surprising to notice the difference in the inspiration of members of our church who composed hymns and the inspiration of other writers. We had a very good meeting and wish to thank each and every one who had been contacted and gave so graciously their inspiration for us to use in our meeting. If each person that gave would have been present, I'm sure they would have enjoyed the meeting very much, and felt very well paid for their efforts.

One hymn in particular I would like to mention, and that was "O Paradise" by sister Sadie B. Cadman. The Sunday after our program, Brother Chester Dreer mentioned in his testimony that when we sang "O Paradise" it brought his memory back to the first time he heard this hymn. It was at a funeral, but the words and the music touched his heart and made him come to the knowledge and understanding of this gospel. I hope

this letter is not too long, but I thought it was the best way the young people here had for thanking all those who so gladly answered the letters they received from our young people.

SISTER ROSE CORRADO.

THE GOSPEL RESTORED MANILA

Of times the question is asked us: "What Church do you belong to?" and we immediately reply: "I belong to the Church of Jesus Christ." Yet, it has been my experience to discover that this answer alone does not suffice. Perhaps a good reason for this is that throughout the world one can find hundreds of churches by the same name. I like the term "Restored Gospel" for behind it lies a story of deep significance. Reference is made to the Apostle who informs us that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the power of God unto Salvation. The Saviour established His Church while here on earth and bestowed upon it much power and blessings. To prove His love for mankind, He died a cruel death, and then triumphantly resurrected. The sad part of the story is that sin was later allowed to creep into the Church and before long the power and authority was withdrawn, thus effecting a "Falling away of the Gospel."

In 1827, according to the revealed will of God, the Angel Moroni brought back to earth the same Gospel which for many hundred years had been hidden due to man's failure to keep sacred those principles taught by Christ. Thus the word "restored" is used to indicate that we have in our possession not a new gospel or one after the order of men, but THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL which will one day shine throughout the world. In fact, it is powerful enough to free the entire world from the burden of sin.

We are well informed that other denominations exist who have similar beliefs and who claim a restoration of the Gospel. It has many times aroused my interest to learn more of our differences and to discover just what keeps us separated. My friends, I am convinced that OURS is The Gospel of Christ possessing the power of God unto the salvation of men and women. If Jesus has come into your heart and if the Gospel of Jesus has made your soul free, I'm sure you will agree with me.

Another Apostle tells us to be doers of the word as well as hearers. Christ and His followers set forth the true example. Are we

walking in their footsteps and building on the same foundation? Do we wish to meet the saints of old who have gone before us to view that beautiful land? If so, May God bless us, and help us to explain unto the world: "On Christ the solid rock we stand, all other ground is sinking sand."

PAUL D'AMICO,

BROTHER BOLOGNA WRITES

Dear Brother Editor: I decided to write you a few lines about my Army life for The Gospel News. July 1942 was the month chosen by Uncle Sam to call me into the Army, and the 18th was the date, which is my birthday also, and will never be forgotten. On the 31st, I left for Fort Custer, Michigan, where I stayed five days and then I was on my way again. But this time to see the hot state of Georgia; I had sad days in my life, but not like those were. Everything would annoy me, no place I could find that would give my mind rest. Prayer was my only comfort, for through the prayers of the saints and mine, the Lord helped me to pull through and resist all things. After six weeks of basic training, again I was on my way, and this time to Bolling Field, Washington, D. C., from where I came home the first time on a furlough, and I can truly say that they were very sweet to me. While at Bolling Field, I spoke the word of God to many men, but their mind was not there. A young Jewish man, who also knew who I was, dreamed that he saw me and another man with me, and he asked me who he was, and in the dream I told him that he was my brother and that he would remain in my place while I would be away. I gave him some explanation about it but he did not care much, with sorrow I say that not much time passed away, until he lost his life in an airplane crash. July 20th, 1943, I was on my way again, this time to Westover Field, Mass. Coming home on a furlough, Brother Ismael D'Amico gave me the address of some of the saints in the states of New York and New Jersey, so the way was open for me to go and enjoy myself with the saints in the east. The first time that I met with them was in April, 1944, and I can say that the Lord did bless me very much. The saints also did much good for me, and their love towards me I will never forget. Sincerely Bro. Joseph Bologna.

QUESTIONS FOR THE EDITOR

(1) What is testimony? Answer: When a person or person testifies or tells what God has done for them in anyway whatever, or makes statement of what they have heard with their ears, or seen with their eyes; That is testimony. If they make false statements, then it is false testimony, and in doing so, you perjure your own soul. We should be careful as to what we bring up in public meetings. . . . Question 2, How should we bear testimony? Answer: At least, we should be careful that the testimony we bear is true. . . . Question 3, What is exhortation? Answer: When a person tries to encourage another by telling him or her to prove faithful, hold on fast, do not give up and yield to temptation, etc. That is exhortation. (A) Is it a gift of God bestowed only upon the Ministry, or is it a gift such as wisdom, faith, prophecy, charity, etc.? Answer: No! It is not for the Ministers only, but most all men and women may give good exhortation under the various conditions they meet with; most all people have faith, but some have been especially blessed with the gift of faith. Men and women may prophesy, but some have been so blessed in that respect, which has caused them to be known as prophets or prophetess. An instance here to convey my thought: All people who serve God, will praise Him, or at least should. But David in Psalm 148, has an experience wherein the gift of praise falls upon him, and he does not call on men and women only to praise God, but he calls upon all things, mountains, hills, trees, fire and hail, the deeps and even he calls upon the dragons to praise God. Therefore, while all may be blessed in various ways, still a special gift sometimes falls upon individuals, whether in the Ministry or other-wise. In Exodus 15-20, 21 after the Children of Israel had crossed the Red Sea, Miriam praised God in the following manner: "And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances, And Miriam answered them, Sing ye to the Lord for he hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea." . . . Question 4 Can we exhort through our testimony (or in other words) If in our testimony we feel such a blessing and we seek to encourage the brothers and sisters to live closer to God, are we out of place because we are not in the Ministry? Answer,

No! you are not out of your place because you are not in the Ministry. When one seeks to encourage another to be faithful, it is simply a matter of exhortation. Our older brothers and sisters have exhorted us many times to faithfulness in the gospel.—W. H. CADMAN.

QUESTIONS

This article deals with questions for self-analysis on a topic of vital importance. In viewing our individual and relative answers to the following questions: we can obtain a fair idea as to our depth in God's services. All of the questions are interwoven with one which is primary. It is as follows: What does the Gospel and religion mean to me?

1—Is it a mere philosophic speculation upon truth connected with man's soul?

2—Is it the performance of relative duties?

3—Is it the admiration of the Scriptures as books of literary excellence?

4—Is it the adoption of a creed or connection with a church?

5—Is it bustle and external zeal in good works?

6—Does it lack life—that profound, intense glowing life which so marked it in earlier times?

7—Does it have simplicity and freshness or is it hollow and shallow?

8—Is it an easy-minded religion, without conflict and wrestling, without self-denial and sacrifice?

9—Is it a second-rate religion in which there is little grandure, little noble-mindedness, little elevation, little self-devotedness?

10—Is it hollow, with a fair exterior, but an aching heart—a heart unsatisfied, not at rest, and with a conscience not at peace with God?

11—Is it feeble, lacking in sinews and bones of hardier times—the indomitable, much-enduring, storm braving religion of Apostles, Nephtie and Reformation days?

12—Is it uncertain; that is, is it not rooted in certainty and assurance and convinced that the life of the soul is assured of pardon?

13—Has the divine, eternal power and redeeming energy of the Gospel operated in me?

14—Has the Gospel made me become a new creature, does a new light illuminate the soul, do new joys take possession of the heart, do new hopes allure me into paths of righteousness and peace?

15—Does Christ live in me to that degree; that the world becomes empty, void and vain, and loses its hold on the heart?

Brother Patsy Marinetti.

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EDITORIAL

Note:—Sometime ago I notified all concerned to send in their articles by the first of each month in order to have them printed in the following issue. For convenience, I am making a change in this matter. To have your contributions printed in the following paper, please have them to reach here by the twentieth of each month. That which comes too late will be printed as soon as convenient, unless it would be an article that I would not wish to publish. . . I have received word from the Sowers Printing Co. at Lebanon, Pa., that we may receive some finished copies of our history by the middle of March. Please take NOTE: I am doing all that I can so that all subscribers will receive their papers each month. Should any of you not receive their paper inside of any one month, please inform me. If any of you remove to another address, this office should be notified at once. A word to our subscriber in the Philippine Islands: I am very glad indeed to have your subscription as sent by Brother Paul D'Amico, but to send it by Air Mail, the cost is prohibitive. Air mail to the Philippines cost fifty cents per one half ounce, The Gospel News in an envelope weighs better than a half ounce, consequently it will cost one dollar to send your paper by the air route. To the boys in service a six cent stamp will carry a letter overseas. I hope your paper arrives in due time.

W. H. CADMAN.

M. B. A. Meets In Glassport, Pa.

The general meeting of the Missionary Benevolent Association met in The Church of Jesus Christ at Glassport on the evening of February 9th, with quite a large audience, in fact the seating capacity of the church was filled and many standing. There was delegates present from New Jersey, Ohio, Michigan, Windsor and Muncey, Ont., Canada and many from various places in Pennsylvania, St. John, Kansas and other places were represented by letter. After hearing from the various delegates, relative to the work being carried

on in their respective places, and other business of importance attended to, a program was rendered by the young folks of the Glassport Church, and in the program was some very good singing. Owing to the absence of President Gorie Coravino of Detroit, Mich. Vice President Thomas Ross of West Aliquippa presided over the meeting, assisted by Brothers Melvin Mountain of Monongahela, Pa. and Dominic Cotellesse of Muncey, Ontario. A lunch was served after the meeting. The next general meeting will be held in Warren, Ohio on the second Saturday in May 1946.

A. B. CADMAN HOME AGAIN

Editor of The Gospel News: Having returned home from my trip to the west coast, I will write some more about my travels and observations of the great South West. A man would have to go over the grounds before he could comprehend the massiveness and the varied scenery of such a vast land of mountains and deserts, and to see what man has done, in turning such into a land most bountiful, and making the desert to blossom as the rose. In going through Nevada, towards Las Vegas, I wondered why men would settle in such a place to build a city, but on arriving there I saw the achievements of men who must have been as rugged as any other pioneers. On my first trip to Arizona, I left San Diego by bus, a distance of 384 miles to Phoenix; fare was \$6.33 cents via Yuma, just across the Colorado River which separates California and Arizona and close to the border of Mexico. I spent about ten days at Phoenix before returning to California. Having met such good friends and an invitation to occupy the pulpit of the Church of Christ in Phoenix, I decided that on my return trip east I would stop off there again. So after spending three more weeks in sunny California with our people in San Diego, Downey and Los Angeles and I would like to give honorable mention to my friends and brothers and sisters, who received me so gladly, yet I will not mention any names lest I might miss some.

On my return trip home I left Los Angeles by bus so that I might get the best possible view of this great land of the U. S. A. with my first stop at Phoenix, where I had the pleasure of speaking from the pulpit of the Church of Christ, (L. D.S.) at the invitation of Elder James E. Yates, who located in that city many years ago, going

from Oklahoma via covered wagon. He is now making his home with his daughter, Mrs. W. A. Campbell. Mr. Yates' second wife, the grand daughter of Joseph Smith, passed from this life one year ago, and I will say that I could not have been more welcomed in any home than I was with Mr. and Mrs. Campbell and her wonderful father, who has spent his life in preaching the Gospel as a Missionary. His present car has traveled the equal of six times around the earth and is still going, but he needs a new one, so don't forget that it takes money to buy cars.

Leaving Phoenix, I bought a ticket for Tombstone, Arizona, via Tucson, a fine city. This city of Tombstone got its name from a statement made to the man who first went there (A Russian) that all he would find there, would be a tombstone, but he found gold instead, and the place became a thriving city of fifteen thousand people, but it has since decreased to the present population of eight hundred. They are trying to restore it by making it a medical center. About twenty five miles east is Bisbee, a thriving ore mining town, with large smelters, producing copper, gold, silver and lead. I stayed there two days and then bought a bus ticket for St. John, Kansas, with a stop-over at Albuquerque, New Mexico, going east from Bisbee to Las Cruces and then north to Albuquerque, New Mexico appeared to be a vast desert of sand plains, with mountain peaks arising in all directions. This city of Albuquerque is located in the north central part of the state and a wonderful city to arise in a desert, over five thousand feet above sea-level. Leaving there at 8 a. m. going north over a mountain range to Trinidad, Colo., then on to La Junta and east to Lamar, Colo. and then through Kansas via Syracuse, Garden City and Dodge City, arriving at St. John, Kansas at 2 a. m. Brother Sanders was at the bus station to meet me. I spent about a week there again, meeting with them in their services and visiting all that I could. I then bought a ticket by train for Pittsburgh, Pa. arriving after a pleasant ride of thirty hours. The long train of cars was filled with service men returning home. On my trip of over four months, I enjoyed it all, including my travels, scenery and fellowship of brothers and sisters and the many new friends. Brother A. B. Cadman.

MISSIONARY WORK

I am in receipt of a letter from Brother V. J. Lovalvo informing me of himself, along with brothers Claravino and Randazzo, making a trip into northern Michigan preaching the gospel to a group of people there. He reports that they were treated very courteously and much hospitality shown them. Well, I am glad to hear this news. These folks are a people that are well acquainted with the work of the restored gospel, having been interested in it for many years. Brother Lovalvo also states in his letter that two carloads of these folks paid them a visit in Detroit recently and spent two days with them. I have never met any of these people that our brethren have become acquainted with, but it is my prayer that God will bless you all. Sincerely brother Cadman.

WEST ELIZABETH, PA.

Sister Ruth Griffiths of the Jefferson Branch at West Elizabeth, Pa., has just celebrated her eighty first birthday. The Ladies' Uplift Circle of the branch met in their Circle meeting at her home the evening of her birthday. She has been the teacher of their Circle for the past 14 years. Sister Griffiths was born January 22, 1865, at Mingo, Pa., the daughter of the late Brother William Cadman, Sr. She is the sister of Brother William H. and Alma Cadman, and was raised by active members of the Church of Jesus Christ. From early childhood she loved the Church, and when about the age of 23 she was drawn to obey the Gospel, stating she thought of the things she loved in the world, and asked herself if she could give them up. She said, "Yes, I'll gladly give them all up." Then she thought of her girl friends she loved in the world, and asked herself if she could give them up too. Her decision made, she decided to give them all up as she could no longer go with them, saying, "If they want me, they will have to come with me." Just one came with her and was baptized, namely, Sister Margaret Ann Stevens Tickhill. Sister Griffiths was baptized at Jefferson, Pa., on conference Sunday, April 1888, by Brother William Maxwell. Her testimony is that she was filled with the love of God, and many times could sing with the poet, "Happy Day, Happy Day, When Jesus washed my sins away." Sister Griffiths has four daughters in the Gospel, Sisters Mary Willson, Ruth Porter, Cora Fowler, and the late Elizabeth d'Happert. The

Gospel News extends best wishes to our Sister Griffiths, and may we all be as active, faithful, attentive, and filled with the love of God in our hearts, as she has been in her 58 years in the Church of Jesus Christ.

JEFFERSON BRANCH

February 7th— Brother Wilbert Parlor, Sister Ruth Griffiths, Mary Wilson, and myself (Elizabeth Davidson) motored to Coshocton, Ohio, to spend the day visiting with our sisters in the Gospel, Maggie Lynch and daughter Elizabeth. Sister Maggie Lynch is 86 years old, and has been a member of the Church for over fifty years. They were surprised and happy to see us. We enjoyed the delicious dinner Elizabeth prepared for us after our long cold ride. It was hard to part when the time came to start for home later in the day. On our return trip we stopped at Brother Samuel Kirschner's home which is half way between Washington and Monongahela. We arrived home safely and felt it had been a day well spent with our sisters who live so far from the Jefferson Branch of which they are members. Sister Davidson, Brother and Sister Nathaniel Porter of Weirton, W. Va., have moved to Clairton, Pa. They are members of the Jefferson Branch. They had resided at Weirton for the past ten years.

WARREN, OHIO

To The Gospel News: On Thursday evening, Feb. 7, 1946 the Sisters of the Warren, Ohio, and Youngstown, Ohio Ladies' Uplift Circle, met together in the Youngstown church. We had a very nice meeting and were served a delicious lunch by the sisters of Youngstown in the basement of the church. The Circle has been organized only three months in Youngstown, and they are making very fine progress. It is encouraging to know that the sisters are doing a wonderful work throughout the church through the Ladies' Uplift Circle.

ROSE CORRADO.

GLASSPORT BRANCH

At two o'clock on Saturday, February 16th, a very pretty wedding was solemnized in the Church at Glassport. Sister Elizabeth Di Battista, daughter of Brother and Sister Anthony Di Battista became the bride of Thomas Staley. The bride was given away by her father with Brother Isaac Smith performing the ceremony. Their attendants were Sister Esther Di Battis-

ta, Josephine Molinatto, Lloyd Kennedy, and John Di Battista. Music was furnished by Sisters Mabel Bickerton, Helen Smith, and Florence Di Battista. A reception was held in the Church basement for the friends and relatives. The newlyweds will make their home in Glassport. The Gospel News extends congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Staley.

WEDDING AT MUNCEY

Mr. Verdon McKee and Miss Frances Van Bree of Mt. Brydges, Ontario, where united in marriage in the church at Muncy, Ont. on January 12, 1946, in the presence of a large audience gathered for the occasion. Brother Allen Henderson of Windsor, Ont., performed the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Brother and Sister Van Bree who live on a farm near Mt. Brydges. This was the first wedding to be performed in the Muncy church. The Gospel News extends its best wishes to the young couple for a long and happy married life.

WEDDING AT THE MANCINI HOME

Joseph Harve Savoie of Lynn, Massachusetts and Angeline Mancini of Monongahela, Pa., were united in marriage at the home of Brother John Mancini on January 25, 1946. Brother Mancini, the bride's brother performed the ceremony. The bride is well known here in these parts, having lived here all her life. The young couple will make their future home at Lynn, Mass. We extend our best wishes to Angeline and her husband for a happy life together.

MICHAEL POLYE PASSES ON

Brother Polye of Lorrain, Ohio, died on January 5th, 1946, at the home of his daughter, sister Anna Ciccati in his 67th year. He was born in Italy in the year of 1878 and was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ in November of 1920 at Martin, Pa. He is survived by seven sons and three daughters and a host of friends who mourn his passing. One grand son, Benny Ciccati just arrived home from the Army in time for the funeral service. The services were conducted by Brother Vernon Chester, assisted by brothers Fyre and Altmore, the latter speaking in the Italian tongue. The Gospel News extends its sympathy to the bereaved family. The body still remained in-state until the arrival of one of his sons from the Army.

NEWS FROM LORAIN, OHIO

Anthony Palermo and Sister Rose Altomere were united in marriage on the 23rd day of December 1945 by the bride's uncle, brother Alfred Dominico. The bride is known by the Editor and is a fine young lady, and is the daughter of Brother Joseph Altomere of Lorain. Best wishes to you both for a long and happy life together. The following young men of the Lorain Branch have been discharged from the Army, Carmine Altomere, James Alessio and Benjamin Ciccati.

ALFONSO RIZZO PASSES ON

Brother Alfonso Rizzo of Allison Heights, Pa., died on January 30, 1946 at his late home in his 69th year. He was born near Salerno, Italy, February 3, 1877 and came to the United States in the year of 1901. He was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ in the year 1921 and sometime later was ordained an Elder. The funeral services were held on Feb. 2 and were in charge of Brother Henry Johnson of Grindstone, Pa. Singing was furnished by Sisters Johnson, Birdie Covich, Edna Bernhart and daughter. Brother Rizzo leaves a large family to mourn his loss, including his beloved wife, ten children and twenty five grand children and one brother, Carmin of Detroit, Mich. It is said of our brother: that he surely loved the Lord and would preach Christ at every opportunity. It is good to hear of the faithfulness of our departed brother. May his soul find a resting place in the Paradise of God until that great day. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved wife, our sister in the gospel and also to all the family. May the testimony he bore in the days that he lived, be much consolation to you all.

NEWS ITEMS

I am in receipt of a short note from brother William Dj Franco of the Cleveland Branch of the church, enclosing an offering in behalf of the Branch, for the work in Muncey. Also a letter from brother Gabriel Mazzeo sending an offering from the Brooklyn Mission in behalf of the work in Muncey. These offerings are all much appreciated indeed. A letter has been received from brother Cotellesse who now resides in Muncey, informing me that our aged sister Muskalunge is sick in bed. She has been a very faithful old sister and is nearing the century mark. May the Lord bless our aged sister.

Sister Gidas of New York City, a member of the Brooklyn Mission writes to the Editor relative to the good time they had in one of their meetings recently. They attended to the ordinance of feet washing and the blessing of God was with them throughout the day. Brother James McCurio and daughter also Sister Elsie Miller from New Jersey were guests at their meeting.

Psalm 131

My heart is not haughty Lord,
Nor lofty is mine eyes;
I meddle not in matters great
Nor in things for me too high.

I surely have composed
And soothed myself at rest;
Yea, even as a weaned child
Upon its mother's breast.

My soul is like a child's,
Weaned, and submissive grown;
O Israel now and evermore,
Trust in the Lord alone.

By Brother Oran Thomas

Brother Cotellesse informs us that he attended to the baptism of Verdon McKee from Mt. Brydges, Ont., at Muncey, Ont. on February 3rd in the Thames river. The ice had to be cut for the occasion and the day was very cold. Brother Joseph Lovalvo, I think it is very nice that we are so fixed at Muncey to take care of your converts from the field you are laboring in. May the Lord continue to bless your efforts at Mt. Brydges.

In a letter from brother Burgess of Windsor, Ont. He says: We had a baptism in Windsor, January 27th, cut 4½ inches of ice, the new brother is Bedford Best, youngest brother of brother Clifford Best and son of sister Agnes Best. P. S. We are glad to hear of young men obeying the gospel. Brother Burgess also informs me that brother Henderson and himself were called to the Grand River Reserve recently, to attend the funeral services of an infant child of brother and sister Froman, I believe this is the second child that our brother and sister has had to lay away in a very short while. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved family.

A short letter from Brother N. Farassio Jr., of New Brunswick, N. J. informs me that brother Sirangelo has gone to Hot Springs, Ark. for his health. He also says that sister Santa Scala is still confined in the hospital. An offering from his Branch of the Church also was enclosed for the work at

Muncey, Ont. A letter from St. John, Kansas, branch of the Church with an offering for the work among the Lamanite people was received lately. This help is very much appreciated. To whoever it was that sent me a donation recently to help along, and no name signed to it; I want you to know it has been received and will be used properly. This latter one was mailed to me in December from Pittsburgh, Pa. Many thanks Brother Cadman.

The Gospel News has been requested to announce the engagement of brother Sal. Azzinaro, of Bronx, N. Y. and sister Mary Simone of Lockport, N. Y., the wedding to take place some time in April.

"THE PRAYER OF MOSES"

(As given by the historian Josephus)

When Moses had said this, he led them to the sea, while the Egyptians looking on; for they were within sight. Now these were so distressed by the toil of their pursuit, that they thought proper to put off fighting till the next day. But when Moses came to the sea shore, he took his rod, and made supplication to God, and called upon Him to be their helper and assistant; and said, "Thou art not ignorant, O Lord, that it is beyond human strength and common contrivance to avoid the difficulties we are now under; but it must be thy work altogether to procure deliverance to this army, which has left Egypt at Thy appointment. We despair of any other assistance or contrivance, and have recourse only to that hope we have in Thee; and if there be any method that can promise us an escape by Thy providence, we look up to Thee for it. And let it come quickly, and manifest Thy power to save us; and do thou raise up this people unto good courage and hope of deliverance, who are deeply sunk into a desolate state of mind. We are in a helpless place, but still it is a place that thou possessest; still the sea is thine, the mountains also that enclose us are thine; so that these mountains will open themselves if thou commandest them, and the sea also, if thou commandest it, will become dry land. Nay, we might escape by a flight through the air, if thou shouldst determine we should have that way of salvation."

When Moses had thus addressed himself to God, he smote the sea with his rod, which parted asunder at the stroke, and receiving those

waters into itself, left the ground dry, as a road and a place of flight for the Hebrews. Now when Moses saw this appearance of God, and that the sea went out of its own place, and left dry land, he went first of all into it, and bid the Hebrews to follow him along that divine road, and to rejoice at the danger their enemies that followed them were in; and gave thanks to God for this so surprising a deliverance which appeared from Him.

JEWERY'S OPENNESS

There is a changed attitude in Jewry. Not long ago, Dr. Chalmers printed the following in the Jewish Missionary Magazine: "Recently in one of the orthodox synagogues of Brooklyn, during certain days of repentance and prayer, Jews were seen lying on their faces before God, crying to Him for protection upon them and their persecuted brethren, especially in Russia. One elderly Jew lifted up his hands toward heaven, and in an agony of soul, cried out: 'Oh that THOU wouldest rend the heavens, that THOU wouldest come down . . . 'Lord,' he said, 'send our Messiah, and should the JESUS of the Gentiles be the one, grant us a sign that we may be sure that it is really so, and forgive our guilt toward HIM.' " Let us remember the word, "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem," and the promise attached; "They shall prosper that love thee." Psalm 122:6. If you pray for the people represented by Jerusalem, you will never be guilty of being anti-Semitic.

Religious Experiences and Expectations, 1899—"Excerpts Therefrom"

Now, my Brethren and Sisters: We have high hopes and expectations, not in the least too high, in as much as they are true. A perfect knowledge of truth concerning futurity can only be had from God. We can rely upon that source, and we can rely upon no other. I remember, when I had only been in the Church a very short time, I had a remarkable experience. I was taking a short journey when I feel in company with a man I did not know; he began to talk to me as we walked along the road together. His conversation was upon a subject which was entirely new to me. He expounded the 48th and 49th Chapters of Genesis to me, that is, that portion (particularly) which refers to the seed of Joseph. Also the 33rd Chapter of Deuteronomy and several other portions of Scripture bearing upon the same subject. He

spoke upon the subject of God's promises to Israel, very extensively and elegantly, which delighted me exceedingly. I was so enraptured in his conversation that I listened intently and said nothing. After traveling slowly together for nearly two miles, he left me, bidding me pleasant farewell. I looked after him with feelings of astonishment and delight and wished I had the understanding that he had. I concluded that he was some member of the Church, with whom I had not obtained acquaintance, and promised myself a more extended acquaintance with him at our coming Conference, which I presumed he would certainly attend. I never saw him since and I will add that nothing could now persuade me otherwise, than, "That he was a heavenly messenger."

Shortly after this experience, I had another in the shape of a dream, concerning the same subject. I dreamed that I was in some building, (seemingly a dwelling house. I opened a door for the purpose of entering into another room; I met Jacob, the father of Joseph, in the doorway. I knew him instantly as a familiar acquaintance. He spoke to me (as I understood) in his own language. I understood his words and answered him (understandingly) in the same language. He then complained to me, very sorrowfully, concerning the hardships of his descendants, and seemed in very great distress and trouble concerning them; his countenance became more sad as he proceeded, until he seemed a very pitiable creature of misery and distress. My mind was then wonderfully opened up on the prophecies pertaining to the gathering of Israel, and I was enabled to expound them to him extensively. As I did so his countenance changed, and gave evidence that his heart and soul were overflowing with unbounded joy and satisfaction. At this juncture, I grasped his hand and shook it energetically, shouting loudly, "Well might the prophet say, Jacob shall not now be ashamed, neither shall his face now wax pale. But when he seeth his children the work of mine hands, in the midst of him, they shall sanctify my name, and sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and shall fear the God of Israel." As soon as these words were uttered, I awoke.

My feelings, on awakening out of that dream, are best known to myself and are difficult to explain to others, except they have passed through similar experiences themselves. That dream convinced me

that I was in the Church that would make Jacob's face shine. It was given to me in 1860, very soon after I had entered into this Church. I realized its importance at that time, and made it known to the Saints. I realize its importance more now. I can see now why it was given to me at that time and not to others. Written by the late William Cadman who died in the year of 1905. He was baptized in December 1859.

DIVINE GUIDANCE NEEDED

"I know that uncounted numbers in every country, are looking for a guiding light. We remember that the Christmas Star was first seen by shepherds in the hills, long before the leaders knew of the great light which lead, entered the world.

"I believe that while statesmen are considering a new order of things, the new order may well be at hand. I believe that is even now being built, silently, but inevitably in the hearts of the masses, whose voices are not heard, but whose common faith will write the final history of our time. "They know that unless there is belief in some guiding principle and some trust in a divine plan, nations are without light and peoples perish. "In the grief and terror of the hour, these quiet voices, if they can be heard, may yet tell of the rebuilding of the world.

"It is well that the world should think of this and search the scriptures for the true way that our Lord teaches us.

Brother N. A. Zinzi.

THE WAY BACK

In the beginning God created man
A likeness of Himself.

He gave him woman, earth and food,

A righteous heart and wealth.

In Godly ways man walked

Until Satan tempt him sore.

The day then came when he did walk

In righteous ways no more.

'Tis said that he partook of fruit.

By doing so all men were caused

To suffer great defeat.

The way is planned by God Himself

Through His own Begotten Son.

To bring our souls back to the stage

Where Adam's life begun.

Repentance of our sins—is the first step we must take.

Cast off all Satan's powers and

live for Jesus sake.

Baptism then is needful— reborn the scriptures say.

Have hands laid on by Elders that for you your soul do pray.

CHARLES SMITH.

Missionary Work In Central Mich.

On Sat., Feb. 16th., Bro. James Loyalvo, Bro. Gorie Ciarvino, and I (Bro. Felix Buccellato) left for Coleman, Michigan. We left about 12:30 P. M. in Bro Jim's car. It was a beautiful day to leave for missionary work. The sun shone down, melting the little snow that was left on the ground. As we looked about us, a remark such as, "How wonderful God has been to mankind to give them such picturesque scenery in a land which is so beautiful." So with these feelings, and thoughts we left for Coleman, Michigan. Let me explain at this juncture, the reason for our going there.

Due to the fact they (The Messenger Group) have become discouraged and somewhat broken up amongst their own church, they have investigated our people. On our arrival there, we stopped at the home of Bro Nellis. He, along with his family was very happy to see us. The discourse took it's natural way, and in no time the kingdom of heaven was our main topic. The subject itself was very interesting. It gave us further to understand that the story of Jesus never grows old.

After these salutations, Sis. Nellis called us to the supper table which was very welcome indeed. Bro. Nellis casually left a soft remark, and told us to reserve enough room for a special occasion, which turned out to be home made ice cream. It certainly was delicious. The previous appointed meeting called us after supper. We set out to cover a distance of about 14 miles. Unfortunately on our way there the lights on the car seemed to have shorted, and we drove into town to have them repaired. This took up much of our time. Nevertheless, we arrived at Ewings home at 9:15 P. M. Immediately after greeting Bro. Ewing and his family, all concerned then sat in the living room. Many there felt to sing latter day hymns which was undertaken with much enthusiasm. This seemed to bring on a very nice spirit. Bro. Gorie was called on to open the meeting, giving a very nice talk. During the course of our meeting Sis. Gieb's bore her testimony in which she mentioned the joy that was felt in her heart for having met such a people in the latter day work. Along with her expressions, she asked to have explained to her why there were so many latter day factions. Sis. Nellis also bore testimony to the goodness of God. In her testimony she mentioned a dream that was given her after

visiting the saints in Detroit the previous week. At that meeting in Detroit, Bro James mentioned one outstanding blessing in The Church of Jesus Christ. That being, a continuous fellowship, and unity among the saints for approximately 84 years. Giving this blessing a thought, it is well worth telling to all who are concerned in the latterday work. We feel to boast of this from the highest mountain God gave to man. "THERE MUST BE A REASON."

In getting back to the dream of Sis. Nellis, she dreamed as if her younger boy, Richard was lifting her 4 months old baby boy to a higher position. In doing this the baby slipped from his grasp, and fell to the floor. She heard all the bones in his face break when he hit the floor. Upon lifting her child up she noticed that his face was completely deformed. At this moment a fear took hold of her, which seemed to drive her insane. An old man then appeared to her, fixing his beautiful eyes, and the smile upon his lips completely comforted her at this trying moment. It was then given for her to know, that she was the only person who could mend her child's face.

The interpretation they gave us was that the old man who appeared to her was 84 years old. Bro. James Loyalvo was prompted in the spirit while Sis Nellis testified of discouragements, "To Trust in God, and He will see you through." A consoling spirit took charge of the remainder of our meeting which closed about 12:30 A. M. After the meeting Bro Gorie stayed at Ewing's Home. I went along with Bro. Nellis, and Bro. Jim was asked over to stay with Bro. Gieb. I enjoyed some more home made ice cream by the coal stove. Remarks were exchanged one to another, and the hour we laid our earthly tabernacles to rest was 3:15 A. M.

On Sunday morning the rays of God's given sunshine awoke us with joy in our hearts, looking forward to our meeting. This being done we ate breakfast, and immediately left for our morning service. On our way there we picked up a sister whom they all call "Grandma." Personally, I would like to remark that she has a brilliant mind for her past allotted age of 79.

Bro. James Loyalvo was asked to open the morning meeting. Incidentally our meeting place was held at the home of Bro. Gieb. Bro. Gorie then gave testimony as to his calling in the church. Our meeting ended with a knowledge of all

having taken part. A wonderful spirit took charge of the complete meeting. Bro Martin expressed in a humble way that he was convinced this was the true church, and asked for his baptism. He was then cautioned to wait another week, and make further investigation concerning our church. This he was willing to do. All are trusting God's blessing will not only convert him, but all there who are seeking a greater love, and fellowship among our people. Before leaving for home, Bro. Jim and Gorie administered to many there, asking God to relieve them of their burdens, and afflictions. We arrived safely with God's Help at 8:00 P. M. Many of the saints are now praying that this work which has now started will benefit all in spiritual edification and enlightenment. I personally am hoping this to be the beginning of all latter day factions joining in one body. Let us all pray for a greater work to be done among the Gentile nation.

I would like to insert that the following week Bro's. Peter Capone, Gorie, Jim, Felix, and Sisters Ann Ciaravino, and Concetta Buccellato took another trip there. We had a wonderful time in meeting once again. This time we returned with greater hopes. Several there are now convinced that this is the Church, the fair Bride of theaviour.

Bro. Felix Buccellato.

John Writes To The Churches

UNTO the angel of the church of Ephesus write: These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks: 2. I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: 3. And not fainted. 4. Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. 5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do thy first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent. 6 But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitanes, which I also hate. 7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

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EASTER

He Is Risen

The winter is passed and spring is here which brings the sunshine, and every thing seems to take on new life . . . But how soon we forget the dark days when spring sunshine appears. So to is with the sad days of the trial and crucifixion and death of our Saviour, when He arose from the dead and brought the Light and Life of salvation into the world. - Many times I think of the followers of Jesus when He was taken from them in such a cruel manner and none could help Him, and of all the conversations they had with each other and with all His teachings, they had not really understood that He would rise again on the third day. I think of the three women who while it was still dark, were on their way to the tomb; and as they walked and talked they were wondering "Who would roll away the stone, that they may enter the tomb with the spices which they had prepared. But as they drew near to the tomb, to their great surprise the stone was rolled away and they entered in but found not the body of the Lord Jesus, but as they were much perplexed thereabouts, behold two men stood by them in shining garments: and as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said, Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here. He is Risen. Remember how He spake unto you when He was yet in Galilee? Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and the third day rise again?

When they told the apostles, Peter and John also ran to the tomb and found it even as the women had told them. But I like to read of the two who were on their way to the village Emmaus. While they talked of the crucifixion and death of the Lord and all the things that had happened, Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. They did not know it was Jesus for their eyes were holden that they should not know Him. He asked them, "What manner of communications are these that ye have one with another as ye walk and are sad? They were surprised and asked Him if He were only a stranger in Jerusalem and did not know of what had happened. He asked: what things? Then they told Him of the crucifixion and their hopes of

Him redeeming Israel and said besides all this today is the third day since these things were done. They also told Him of the experience of the three women who had visited the tomb, and of others who had found it even as the women had said but Him they saw not. Then He said to them, "O fools and slow of hearts, to believe all that the prophets have spoken. Ought not Christ have suffered these things and to enter into His glory." Then He expounded to them the scripture concerning those things. When He ~~taryied with them and broke bread~~ with them, their eyes were opened and they knew Him and he vanished out of their sight. Then how precious were the words He had spoken to them. They said one to another: "Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked with us by the way, and while He opened up the scripture to us?"

We too many times feel like the two when we read over the words of Christ and His Resurrection, when our minds open up to the things of God. Truly He is Risen and in Cor. 15-20 has become the first fruits of them that slept. Also in Rev. 1-18 He says, I am He, that liveth and was dead and behold I am alive forevermore. We say like one of our hymns—He lives —You ask me how I know He lives - - He lives within my heart.

By Sadie B. Cadman.

MISSIONARY WORK

Brother Editor: I feel at this time to write a few things that has happened among us here in Detroit since last Conference. On Jan. 17th we had a special meeting at Mt. Brydges, Ont., at 8:30 p. m., in the home of Sister Barclay, 54 visitors were present and a number of us from Detroit. We had a great time in the service of the Lord. The night was spent in reading the Bible and in singing; we had with us a very able pianist. We arrived back home at 2:00 a. m. On Friday the 18th, after a few hours sleep we went to work that day. Saturday the 19th a wedding was performed at Muncey, it being the first wedding in our church there. Brother Joseph Lovalvo had to take a day off from his work to attend to the wedding and it cost him his job, but the Lord provided him with another one the following day.

Bro. Jim Lovalco and myself left on Jan. 19th, for Coleman, Mich.

The roads were very slippery and we prayed very earnestly, not knowing what would be the outcome of this trip, but we trusted in God who is our strong-hold, and He did not fail us. The outcome of this first meeting was grand. Apostles W. Nellis and Earl Wing (of the Church of Christ) attended this service and they were very kind to us. Another meeting was appointed for Feb. 3rd at Newbury, Ont., at the request of Sister Barclay. The townhall was rented for this meeting, it was a cold night and a special dance had been called for that night in a ballroom of that town, so only 24 visitors attended, and a car load came from Mt. Brydges with Mrs. Hanna, a pianist. God bless them for traveling on a night like that to hear us. It was real encouraging to see such fine people come so far. From Detroit there was Joseph and James Lovalvo, their wives and myself. We arrived back home at 3:00 a. m. Feb. 3rd. After resting a few hours, Bros. James Lovalvo, Gorie Claravino and myself proceeded to Coleman, Mich. On arriving there they were very glad to see us back again. This meeting being very successful, we invited them to attend a meeting at Detroit the following Sunday, they accepted the invitation gladly. When we returned home we learned that brother Joseph Lovalvo had been wonderfully blessed at the meeting in Mt. Brydges with a baptism and the healing of one of our sisters there. The spirit of apostleship has followed brother Joseph. May God bless him with more of His Divine grace.

On Feb. 9th two carloads of people from Coleman, Mich., arrived at my home. A meeting had been appointed for that night at my home, a number of our people from Detroit including brother and sister Heaps were present. Of these two carloads from Coleman, there were W. Nellis, E. Wing, apostles of the Church of Christ and Adams an Elder. (Coleman is about 155 miles north and west of Detroit) two more meetings have been held over there since then, Feb. 17th and 24th. On March 2nd they (the folks from Coleman) came to Detroit again to visit Branch No. 4 on the northside. A special meeting was held at Branch No. 3 while they were here and a good blessing prevailed, brother Martin of Coleman asked at this meeting to be baptiz-

ed. On Sunday we gathered in service at Branch No. 4, brother Joseph Lovalvo being present also. It was a meeting that shall never be forgotten. "The glory of the latter days was much displayed." At the close of this meeting, brother Martin and his wife and brother Nellis and his wife were baptized, brother James Lovalvo and myself officiating at the water.

Tomorrow if it is the Lord's will, I am going to Coleman and brother Joseph Lovalvo to Mt. Brydges, Ont. I trust that God will bless us in doing our little. We are still holding meetings in my home. Brother P. Capone may be here on Sunday to hold services. May God bless him, he is a true Evangelist. I shall never forget The Ladies Uplift Circle, who ever it was that place the word "Uplift" in their title, knew what it meant. They are the mothers of the latter days. The Ladies of Branch No. 1 are fully supporting our Missionary work at Coleman, Michigan. They have even decided to pay for the days that we would loose of our work while we are on Missionary labors. That is why I call them mothers I trust that many more might join in the good work which they are performing. More than anything else, I am asking your prayers for us. We desire to be like the two faithful witnesses which brought not only a good report, but brought also of the fruit of the land. Muncey, Ontario has been a blessing to me in many ways. It trained me to be a faithful Minister, acquainted me with hardships and disappointments, and yet opened up ways and means for preaching the gospel. These folks from Coleman are a part of that blessing. It was at Muncey that brother Nellis first heard me preach. Sincerely Brother M. Randazzo.

P. S. Brother Marco: I don't think that you expected me to publish your letter in our paper, but I am doing so. You will observe that I have not just followed your word for word but have not changed the sense of your letter in anyway. There is so much in your letter which I thought would be good for all to read, hence I have typed it as I have, I am firm in the belief that the gospel is the same today as it ever was in any dispensation of time. If we today do not enjoy it in its fulness, the fault lies in man. God will bless today as much as He ever has in the past, but we must meet His requirements even as those that lived in former days. The experiences of men and women since the day the

angel visited Joseph Smith and brought back the everlasting gospel, proves that if we abide in His commandments, living righteously, exerting our selves in the vineyard of the Lord, He will bless and prosper us in the bountiful things of heaven, otherwise we shall be barren and bear no fruit. May God continue to bless you and your co-workers in The Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ I will conclude by saying to our new brethren and sisters in Coleman, May God be with you all until some day we do meet. —Brother Cadman.

Exceptions to Editor Flint of Independence, Mo.

Editor of The Gospel News:

No doubt some have read the February issue of Zions Advocate published by the Church of Christ (temple lot). We want to thank Brother B. C. Flint (Editor) for the nice things he said about us, but we do not agree with the following statement that he made. Quote: "Further we know that Brother and Sister Furnier are far ahead of their group in understanding of the Restored Gospel, and some times do find themselves out of harmony with all that is done in their group." end of quotation. We hope that those who have read these few lines will understand that they are Personal opinions of Brother Flint (which of course he is entitled to) but we wish it understood that his opinions in this matter, are out of harmony with ours.

We would like to write an article for The Gospel News, of our travels and experiences since leaving Detroit, but on account of not having a typewriter, we can not do justice to the subject. I am improving rapidly, but not entirely well. We expect to leave here March 19th for California, for a short visit with our brothers and sisters there, then on our way home, we ask to be remembered in the prayers of all the saints.

Brother and Sister T. S. Furnier
P. S.—I am pleased that brother and sister Furnier have written this in reply to the article in question. I had already read the statement of Editor Flint and I regarded it, an unwarrantable reflection upon the group that brother and sister Furnier worships God with. —Editor Cadman.

MEMORY

When first I took my pen in hand,
Thus for to write, I did not understand;
But asked God's guidance to lead me on

And bless the words I should write upon,
To all the saints that should upon them gaze
That they with me could unite in praise.

I love the Gospel as it was restored,
With all its gifts, to us it did afford
If we like them of old would pay the price,
We would see them made manifest, then Oh! how nice,
The world would be a better place live,
And God's own people, their lives to give
That other people might enjoy the same as they
The work of God that was restored in these latter days.

(I was interrupted just then that I had a piece of steel to weld, and as I sat down to write again, the words of Solomon came to me: "As iron sharpeneth iron so does the countenance of a man his friend.)

So it is, with the saints of God,
when 'ere we meet,
That friendship with which we one another greet
Should be an example for the world to see,
That we are knit together and made free
From the world with all its passion;
That we are not of them to fashion.
But God has given us something better
And a witness that we should not falter.

I am glad I had a praying Mother,
And a father whose council touched me like no other.
For her I am here because she prayed.
And many a trap have I escaped because his words with me stayed.

His council was to me, the pool room I should not go
The environment was such that no good you could sow.
He told me many times to others you should be kind
And always respect the good in others you may find.

My Mother often said: "Jim, have you asked the Lord about it?
To guide you in the way of truth and make you not to doubt it."
For that great company we shall meet on yonder shore,
From them, we never expect to part no more.

I never heard Dad use a vulgar word to me.
Before going to bed the Word would our lesson be.
In the morning after breakfast we did eat,
We all knelt down and asked God that He would keep
Us safe from the dangers of the mine,
And sure He answered our prayers many times.

After reading the Word and prayers had been said
Dad's closing words were:
Now as we lay us down to rest
May Angels guard our head
And through the hours of darkness keep
Let them watch around our bed.

And these thirty-three years I have been in the Gospel
It is because others to us have been helpful,
Oh to be sure and fear the Lord always.
And mind His duty day and night.
Lest in temptations path we wonder,
Implore His council and assisting might.
They never sought in vain, that sought aright.
I did not think this poem I would write,
But as I have, it will be all right.
A blessing to others it may be
Until we all meet in Eternity.

And so we have his testimony on his dying bed;
"Jim, I wish the Lord would take me home.
Then he passed into Glory with these words.
My mother stayed at Brother Jim Cowan's the night before she died. Brother James told us that night before they went to bed some one was singing over the radio, God be with you 'til we meet again: And my Mother joined her voice with them. And God will be with her until we meet again.

Brother JAMES HEAPS

JUDGE NOT THAT YE BE NOT JUDGED

We are a different person to everyone that knows us. I have a picture fixed in my mind which is my ideal of myself. This is not my true self. It is merely the ideal that I have of myself. You have an ideal of yourself which no doubt is equally as much wrong as my own. Your ideal of me, my ideal of you, everyones' ideal of every person that lives upon the earth is wrong.

There is one, however, that knows

us as we really are. It is He that searches the heart. It is the Lord. He who searches the heart, instead of looking upon the outward appearance, tells us, who are unable to search the deep recesses of the heart, not to judge, for wherein we judge another, we condemn ourselves, for whosoever judges another, does the same thing themselves. See Romans 2nd chap. 1st verse. Why is this, is it because we are not acquainted with the true facts in any case? It is that and much more. Solomon said that as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he. In other words, the whole spiritual organism is so delicately attuned to whatever goes on in the heart, that it begins to conform itself instantly to every passing shade of thought, every emotion that strives within the breast.

The chameleon is a lizard that has power to change its color. Put it on a green leaf. In a short time it has turned green. Put it on a piece of purple cloth. Observe it closely. It is slowly changing from green to purple. Let a man live among bull dogs. If he loves them, he will be found after a while to be growing in their image. The features coarsen; the brow hardens and the chin becomes set with a look of bull dog tenacity and determination. No one need tell us that this man has yielded the best years of his life to an instinctive love of animals. It is written all over him. The whole organism reveals the conformity to those thought patterns that have possessed him through the years.

If we love the image of Christ that is ever before us, and I'd like to remind you at this juncture that the image of Christ is ever before us in the personages of our brothers and sisters, the life of Christ that is in us will be a well of living water springing up unto everlasting life. If on the other hand we hate our brother; if we become chronic criticizers, filled with feelings of intolerance for another's weaknesses and imperfections, if we nurse jealousy or any other evil thought or feeling, our whole organism will be found to have become conformed at last to the image of that which found a lodging place in our heart. The test, then, on the judgment day will be not "what have we done, but what and how well have we loved."

At the time of the new birth, an indestructable seed of Christ is planted in us which if nourished, will grow until we reach the stature of the perfect man. The devil

is looking on at the time of our rebirth in Christ. He, too, desires to have us. The recreated creature is so constituted that he is free to entertain any thoughts or feelings that pleases him. It is all up to us to choose whom we will serve. While we are really only one person, we seem at the same time to be two persons—the old and the new. The old man is that creature through which satan may enter to play such music as we allow him to play upon our heart strings. We have all heard his brazen symphonies many times. He is the author of such compositions as the lusts of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life. We hear in his symphonies the bestiality of the ape, the stealth of the tiger, the throaty roar of the lion. He is an expert on the bull fiddle of hatred. His first violinist is able to create such dreamy, sensual tones that sleepyness overwhelms us almost before we are aware. His pianist is an expert at making discord. His versatile fingers create the heavy roar of battle or the light tinkling of champagne glasses with equal ease. How well indeed does satan know how to play upon the heart strings of hatred, malice, mischief, jealousy, envy, vanity, murder, selfishness and foolishness. If we allow him to have his way, the new man will pine away and die for want of nourishment, for he feeds not upon these things. "The thirst that from the soul doth rise, doth ask a drink divine." Now suppose we let the Lord play upon these same heart strings. Delicately at first, but with quickening tempo, the sweet symphony of love begins to quicken our whole being. That string is the one called jealousy. It is tuned to a different pitch when the Lord plays upon it. This string here is the great string hatred. We adjust our ear to its tone alone and say that it is good. What? Is God not a jealous God? Does He not have a great hatred for evil in all of its forms? Ah yes, my friend, our God is a God of vengeance, of wrath, of intolerance towards sin. He watches over his children with feelings of jealousy, lest they fall into the snare set by the evil one. If we allow only God's spirit to play upon our heart strings, the sum total of everything that we are will gradually begin to harmonize in a beautiful symphony of love. We shall, as Tennyson said, "Flee the sensual feast, squeeze out the ape and let the tiger die." It is a most remarkable fact that imperfection looks upon imperfec-

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EDITORIAL

Note, We started our subscription list with the month of June 1945; with very few exceptions all subscriptions to this paper will expire with the paper you receive in May 1946. We have now about 560 patrons and I would like to have you all to renew your subscription, and do so as soon as possible. Also wherever you can obtain a new subscription, so do. Let us all work and see if we cannot raise our list to at least one thousand by the end of another year. Thus far I have tried my best not to print anything that would in any way be derogative to the welfare of our paper and I believe as a whole, its pages have been interesting and edifying. Though scattered around over this country from the east coast to the west, and in the land north and at points in the south, the Gospel News coming into our homes once a month, sort of fills in a vacancy that has existed in times past. To all that can pull—PULL HARD, to those that can push—PUSH HARD and make this little volume a success.

tion with great feelings of intolerance. The perfect man on the other hand looks upon the imperfections in others with sympathy and understanding. How is he able to do this? It is because he knows that the heart is the battle ground between our better and our worse selves. At the time of our rebirth our great King furnishes us with the sword of truth and the armor of righteousness, whereupon our better selves goes to war with our worse selves, to conquer or to die. Satan also, seeing that his kingdom is thus challenged, comes against our better selves with the sword of cunning and the armor of hatred.

Back and forth across the plains of life the battle rages. Now we push forward to the hill resolve, to fall back anon almost to the valley of despair. In the midst of the battle of life it becomes increasingly evident to us that this is an unequal contest. Our armor, our sword is superior to that of our enemy. The everlasting truth of

the ancient utterance is borne forcibly upon us. "The wisdom of God is greater than the cunning of the devil." Should the realization of this great truth prompt us to pause for a moment to rest upon our sword, or should we, in a moment of respite, go to the aid of our brother, who is at that moment retreating to the valley of despair? What manner of man am I, who, in a moment of relief from the fiery trial, goes to stand upon the hill criticism to berate my brother for his manner of waging his own particular brand of warfare? O fly to the aid of that fallen brother before the fiery darts of the adversary sears his soul clean through. We cannot aid him by mounting criticism. Let us heal his wounds with the balms of sympathy and understanding. The scriptures inform us that God is the same yesterday, today and forever. Herein lies the secret of His ability to judge. Perfect in every way, our faithful, unchangeable friend is not susceptible to the passing scene. God cannot change, but we can. He desires only that we change our changeable natures for an unchangeable one. Let us yield ourselves obedient to the divinely created law of change and growth. To grow much is to change much. It is through the medium of the law of change and growth that we are able to rise to all the life of God.

By BROTHER JAMES CURRY

WAS THE THIEF ON THE CROSS A BAPTIZED BELIEVER?

(A Sermon of the late R. C. Evans of Toronto, Ont.)

Permit me to draw your attention to the gospel as recorded by St. Mark, 16th Chapt. 16th verse, where you will read these words: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." You will now permit me to draw your attention to the story of the thief on the cross as recorded in Luke 23:39 to 46. The average person takes the position that here upon the cross the thief first saw or heard of Christ, and was there and then converted; thus proving that conversion on the death-bed or the gallows is supported by scripture. This allegation we deny, and from the record will bring strong evidence to prove that the thief was acquainted with Christ and the gospel and that he was a baptized believer, enjoying the knowledge that can only be obtained by those who obey the gospel.

Now to the story. "And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on Him saying, 'If Thou be

the Christ save Thyself and us,' but the other answering, rebuked him saying, 'Dost thou not fear God seeing thou are in the same condemnation?' " I will try and present this case as though a lawyer were presenting it to a jury to obtain a verdict, and while I may not be able to give the day and date of the thief's baptism yet link by link I hope to form the chain that will prove that he was a baptized believer.

Thief Had Knowledge of God

You have already discovered there is a great difference between the two thieves and the first link formed is found in the words, "Dost thou not fear God?" Mr. Thief, who told you that Jesus was God? The parson says you never saw Him or heard Him till this hour. Was Christ God? Let the scriptures answer, "Colossians 2, 9: 'For in Him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.'" But the thief continues— "And we indeed justly for we receive the due reward of our deeds, but this Man hath done nothing amiss." Second link. "This Man hath done nothing amiss." How did he know that Christ was immaculately pure if he had met Him there for the first time? Let me illustrate: A sick man is taken from the train, hurried to the hospital. The physician tells him he has but a few minutes to live. While pillowed up before the window, the gentle zephyrs blowing in to continue life, he sees the solemn march in the adjacent yard (which, by the way, is the jail yard)—a man, accused of murder is being taken to the gallows to be executed. Suddenly the dying man cries, Stop the execution. I must see the sheriff at once." Upon the arrival of the sheriff the dying man declares, "I am dying; I have but a few moments to live. I feel the blood in my veins is being frozen by the icy hand of death, but with my last I testify to you I know this man whom you are about to execute for the crime of murder, and I swear he is innocent; in other words, 'He hath done nothing amiss.' "

I ask would a stranger bear such a witness if he there and then for the first time saw the supposed criminal? Even so we have the thief in his dying moments certifying that Christ was innocent, in the words "He hath done nothing amiss."

Knowledge Came From The Holy Ghost

Third link: "And he said unto Jesus, 'Lord, remember me.'" Here we have the thief recognizing Jesus as Lord, which proves he was in

possession of knowledge that the natural man could not obtain. First Corinthians 12, 3, distinctly says that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord but by the Holy Ghost. This is supported by 1st Cor. 2, 8, 14, where it shows the natural man receiveth not the things of the spirit of God neither can he know them. And, further, that the carnal mind treats as foolishness the things of the spirit. Yet the parson would have us believe that this carnally-minded criminal had in his possession the most sacred knowledge regarding the Messiahship of the Son of Man.

Fourth link: "Remember me when Thou comest into Thy kingdom." By this statement the thief is shown to have a knowledge regarding the ultimate triumph of Christ that the average person of today seems to be entirely ignorant of. The parson will tell us when we die we go straight to a place called heaven, far above the skies; or, if a sinner, to a place called hell, filled with fire and brimstone. The thief knew much better than that. He had, doubtless, heard Christ teach His disciples that He would come to earth again and that His triumphant kingdom would fill the world, as the following scripture will show: Matthew 6:10; In that memorable prayer they were taught to plead, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth." Acts 1:6, we find the disciples with this thought still in their minds, and they ask Him, saying: "Lord, wilt Thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?" Daniel 2:44, the Lord shows that the God of heaven would set up a kingdom upon the earth that should never be destroyed. This is further supported in Daniel 7, 27: "And the kingdom and dominion and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heavens shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him."

Baptism Precedes Salvation

Fifth point: Jesus now speaks to the thief, He says: "To-day shalt thou be with me in Paradise." If you will consult Luke 16, 24; Luke 23, 43; 2nd Corinthians 12, 4, "Abraham's bosom," so the Jews styled Paradise, the place where the souls of good men remain from death to the resurrection. When Abraham's children meet in Paradise they know each other. This is the seat of happy spirits in their separate state between death and the resurrection. (Wesleys notes). Whatever your preconceived ideas may have been with regard to this state-

ment made by Jesus to the thief, you will admit that His declaring that He would meet him on that day in Paradise is tantamount to saying he was saved, or born again; or, in other words, had obtained the remission of his sins, and was accepted as a child of God.

The Baptized Can Do No Wrong!

We are met here with a statement that this man was a thief and that this is prima facie evidence that he had never been baptized. Let us see how this will work. Suppose you have a watch. No other watch has the same number as yours. Perhaps your wife's picture is engraved on the case, or you may have other marks of identification. I am seen in your bedroom; your watch is found in my possession. I am found guilty by the judge. Before the sentence is passed I request the privilege of making a statement. I go down into my pocket and draw therefrom a well-worn paper and hand it to the judge. He reads thereon the certificate of my baptism having occurred 35 years ago, whereupon I say: "Judge, is not this positive proof that I did not steal that watch?" For all the parsons declare that the thief would not have been baptized because he was a thief. The fact is supported by scripture, that people after baptism very frequently do wrong. In support of this, I submit the following: Ephesians 4:28, Paul is writing to the church and says: "Let him that stole steal no more." Evidently some of the church members had been stealing. Second Peter 2:12 to 22, we read of awful crimes being committed by those who had been members of the church. We are told that they had "eyes full of adultery and that cannot cease from sin." They have "forsaken the right way." We read in John 6:66, that when Christ presented to His followers the doctrine of the Lord's Supper it caused a general apostacy and it would seem from the reading that a great many of His disciples went back to the beggarly elements of the world. The apostacy seemed so complete that Christ turning to the twelve apostles, said, "Will you also leave Me?" Peter informs us in Second Peter, 2nd chapter, that those who leave the church will be compared to the "dog returning to his vomit or the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire." And so, if it can be proved that the thief was one of those who had apostacized, it would be but the scriptural way of saying that he acted like the sow when she returned to her wallowing mire." or, in other words,

that he would return to the old ways of his former life.

The Thief A Prodigal Son

Jesus informs us in the pathetic story of the Prodigal Son, recorded in Luke 15: 11, 32, how he left home (the church) and went back into the world of sin, sinking to the lowest ditches of dissipation. And finally memory's hand reached backward to the dear dead years of his church relationship, and he decided to return. The story goes that the father met him, accepted his apology and restored him to favor, placing the best robe upon his shoulders, the ring upon his finger, and shoes upon his feet, declaring "this my son was dead and is alive again, he was lost and is found." Here, I believe, is a perfect picture drawn by the Master hand, of the thief upon the Cross returned to his Fathers house.

To show you the great probability in favor of the thief having been baptized, I submit the evidence found in Matthew 3:5 and 6. "Then went out to him Jerusalem and all Judea, and all the regions round about Jordan and were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins."

I would not argue that because the word "all" is used there that it means absolutely everyone in that country, but a great multitude was baptized. Who is to say that the thief was not one of that great multitude, and that he also was one of those who left the church as referred to by Matthew, already cited?

A Thief Before or After Baptism

There are two positions that may be occupied on this question, either of which may be right. The first is the thief was baptized by John, or Christ, or some of the apostles, and was a reformed man. Let us suppose as many of our converts do now, he meets with the saints in prayer meeting. He there confesses that he had been a thief, that he was one who took part in the stealing of diamonds at the palace of Pontius Pilate, and that he now was saving his money, and in a short time he would go to Pontius Pilate and pay him for the diamonds stolen. As the result of a good faithful life this man is enjoying the spirit of God, developing character and prospering in church circles. Let us suppose, as is frequently the case, this man's prosperity excites the jealousy and envy of a less faithful member of the church, and he secretly seeks an avenue to destroy his brother. (This is not an imaginary matter, for there are many bleeding hearts who have suffered as the result of

a cunningly-planned attack by those within the circle of the church.) We follow this green-eyed, jealous member. He enters the palace of Pontius Pilate, recalls the facts of the stolen diamonds and proffers the information that man who took part in the robbery can be found at the Wednesday night prayer meeting of the Nazarene's at Mark's dwelling on the back street, behind the temple. The officers find him there, and he is arrested, found guilty, and pays the penalty upon the cross. For you know the fact of his having been baptized would not secure clemency at the hands of those who knew no mercy when dealing with the early-day saints. Hence this man may have committed the crime of theft before his baptism.

The second proposition is that after his baptism, as already stated, he apostacized from the church, went back into the world of sin, was detected in the commission of crime, and, as the prodigal, returned home by way of the cross.

NEWS FROM DETROIT

By Frances Buccellato

The Young Peoples League of Detroit Branch No. 1 recently invited Brother Charles Ashton of Pennsylvania to come to Detroit and hold a series of meetings for the young people. The purpose of these meetings being to interest non-members and encourage the young people of Detroit and Windsor.

The first topic was based mostly on the hymn "Give of Your Best To The Master." In his talk he portrayed what was expected of the young when they take upon them the yoke of Christ and also the temptations of this world and how easy it is to stray from the pathway of salvation. Needless to say it was enjoyed by everyone present.

His second topic was based on the marriage of Christ to His Church. The subject was very interesting and each one present was reminded of his position and how that we should conduct ourselves in order to be with those chosen to be present on that Glorious Day.

The final topic was held only for baptized members and a few persons expressing themselves. It was suggested that we hold this type of service for the benefit of the young more often.

Inasmuch as we are the so called Church of tomorrow, I believe it behooves each young person throughout the Church to take up our tasks more seriously than we have in the past so that when the responsibility falls upon us we may

be ready and as one in purpose and aim.

In behalf of all those that were instrumental in causing these meetings to be held, I take this opportunity to express our thanks to Brother Ashton for his good work and trust that the Lord will further bless him in his efforts to help the young people.

At 3:00 p. m. Saturday afternoon February 16, 1946 Angela Mangiapane and Anthony Scolaro were united in marriage. The bride was given away by her father and Brother Concetto Alesandro performed the ceremony. Angelina Scolaro the sister of the groom was the maid honor and Joseph Castelli was the best man. A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents with a large number of relatives and brothers and sisters attending to wish them lasting happiness.

Saturday, February 23, 1946 at 1:00 p. m. Rose Buscemi and Sam Grammatico were united in marriage by Brother V. J. Loyalvo. A reception was held in the evening at the home of the new couple.

SOME ONE TRAVELING MARCH 16

Dear Brother Cadman and all the saints: Well here I am in St. John, Kansas, started on my trip to California Tuesday 12, all by myself, got here March 15, held a meeting at Sister Rings home the same night. Tell Joe and Teman with a great sum obtained I obtained this freedom. We expect to be here for a few days and then go and visit the saints in Sopris, Colo. for a few days then on my way to Calif.

P. S. I do think that when a brother can spend such a great sum for his freedom, he should be free enough to at least, sign his name to his card so the readers will know who it is that is wandering over the country. I have since learned that brother James Heaps of Detroit is on the move. —Brother Cadman.

SINCE JESUS CAME INTO OUR HEARTS

On October 9, 1938, the following young people, all of Rochester, New York obeyed the Gospel and were confirmed members of the Church as on that date: Brother Lawrence Marinetti, Sister Gloria Marinetti, Sister Antoinette Marinetti, Sister Victoria Parrone, and myself. Two weeks later I felt to write the following lines: It was Sunday morning, the ninth of October;

We were listening to the preaching of our brother,
The spirit spoke within me as if to say,
Today you'll be on the King's highway.

The blessings were great on that Sunday morning,
And the Lord showed me it was me whom he was calling,
After the hymn was sung the spirit bid me rise,
And in the name of Jesus I wished to be baptized.

I sat down again and commenced to meditate,
Upon the great step I was taking that day,
And while I was thus speaking with the Lord,
I thanked Him for calling me on the narrow road.

I felt a bit discouraged that I was the only one,
Who was making a covenant with God's beloved son,
But as another brother was preaching in great power,
The Lord moved mysteriously and began to call others.

My heart was filled with joy, my tongue cannot express,
For me that day there was complete happiness,
To think that five souls who had often heard His word,
Had decided that day to be servants of the Lord.

This day to us will be a great remembrance,
For it was He who gave us the spirit of repentance,
He freed us from sin and worldly abomination,
And gave us the hope of eternal salvation.

So brothers and sisters let's pray for one another,
That we might prove faithful and finally meet together,
In the paradise of God where all his saints will meet,
To reign with Him and His beloved son for all eternity.

PAUL D'AMICO.

WEDDING AT WARREN, OHIO

Sister Mary Gennaro, daughter of Brother and Sister Peter Gennaro of Warren, Ohio, became the bride of Peter Krasnasky at a beautiful wedding solemnized at our meeting hall at 11:30 Saturday morning, February 23, 1946. The bride was given in marriage by her father with Brother William Gennaro extending the marriage

vows. Music was furnished by Esther Corrado and Josephine Molinatto. Reception was held at the bride's home in the evening for friends and relatives. The newlyweds are making their home in Warren, Ohio.

NEWS ITEMS

The following is accredited to Abraham Lincoln stood up in the darkest days of the Civil War: "Without the assistance of that Divine Being Who attends me I cannot succeed; with that assistance I cannot fail."

It is said that in May of 1777, Benjamin Franklin stood up in the Constitutional Convention and moved that the Convention be opened with prayer. In the discussion which followed he said: "If a sparrow cannot fall from a roof top with God's knowledge, how can an empire rise without His aid."

Brothers George Neill and Samuel Kirschner of the Monongahela Branch made a trip to Richwood, W. Va. on March 2nd and returned on March 4th. Their mission there was to visit the few members of the Church that reside there. They found Sister Frame in poor health and under the care of a Doctor. Our brethren administered to her and held one or two meetings while there and seemed to enjoy their trip very much. It was a drive of better than 500 miles, but according to their report, they felt the time was well spent.

(Copied from the Young Peoples Weekly)

In an old book I recently came upon a letter written by John Adams to his wife, telling her about the visit of some Boston patriots to Congress. One of the visitors, curious to see President Washington, asked Adams how he would be able to know Washington from the others. John Adams replied, "You can easily distinguish him at the opening, when the Chaplain offers prayer. Mr. Washington is the gentleman who always kneels during the prayer." It is worth while remembering that our first President was a man of deep, devout prayer. — Dr. William Stidger, Boston, Mass.

I am in receipt of a letter from Sister Mary Jurneke of Trinidad, Colorado, a daughter of Sister Cerame of Sopris where our little Mission is located about five miles out of Trinidad. The place where

Brother Paul Costa lived for so many years and along with a number of others, obeyed the gospel under the ministration of Ishmael D'Amico now of Rochester, N. Y. Brother Costa died there a few years ago faithful to his Master. Sister Jurneke informs me that Brother and Sister Sirangelo of New Brunswick, N. J., paid them a visit recently and that they had a very enjoyable service in their little Mission on Sunday morning with them present. Since the return of Sister Jurnekes' husband from the war, they are now making their home in Trinidad. Our folks from New Brunswick have been sojourning at Hot Springs, Ark. for some time on account of Brother Sirangelos' health. It is very nice indeed that he was well enough and also found time to visit our folks in Colorado. May the Lord bless them all.

Sisters Dintino and Nolifi of Glassport and Sister Guba of Dravosburg visited the Monongahela church on Sunday, March 17. We were glad to see our sisters pay us a visit. Quite a number of the members of Monongahela attended some of the meetings being held at Vanderbilt this last week. Brother W. H. Cadman expects to attend the dedication services of our Church building at Lockport, N. Y., on March 24 and while up in those parts, will likely spend a couple days with our folks in Rochester. I was in hopes that some one in Vanderbilt would have sent me some news of their week's meetings, but thus far I have not received any.

A BIBLE, A BIBLE.

(1) But behold, there shall be many—at that day when I shall proceed to do a marvelous work among them, that I may remember my covenants which I have made unto the children of men, that I may set my hand again the second time to recover my people, which are of the house of Israel; (2) And also, that I may remember the promises which I have made unto three, Nephi, and also unto thy father, that I would remember your seed; and that the words of your seed should proceed forth out of my mouth unto your seed; and my words shall hiss forth unto the ends of the earth, for a standard unto my people, which are of the house of Israel; (3) And because my words shall hiss forth—many of the Gentile shall say: A Bible! A Bible! We have got a Bible, and there cannot be any more Bible. (4) But thus saith the Lord God:

O fools, they shall have a Bible; and it shall proceed forth from the Jews, mine ancient covenant people. And what thank they the Jews for the Bible which they received from them? Yea, what do the Gentiles mean? Do they remember the travels, and the labors, and the pains of the Jews, and their diligence unto me, in bringing forth salvation unto the Gentiles? (5) O ye Gentiles, have ye remembered the Jews, mine ancient covenant people? Nay; but ye have cursed them, and hated them, and have not sought to recover them. But behold, I will return all these things upon your own heads; for I the Lord have not forgotten my people. (6) Thou fool, that shall say: A Bible, we have got a Bible. Have ye obtained a Bible save it were by the Jews? (7) Know ye not that there are more nations than one? Know ye not that I, the Lord your God, have created all men, and that I remember those who are upon the isles of the sea; and that I rule in the heavens above and in the earth beneath; and I bring forth my word unto the children of men, yea, even upon all the nations of the earth (8) Wherefore murmur ye, because that ye shall receive more of my word? Know ye not that the testimony of two nations is a witness unto you that I am God, that I remember one nation like unto another? Wherefore, I speak the same words unto one nation like unto another. And when the two nations shall run together the testimony of the two nations shall run together also. (9) And I do this that I may prove unto many that I am the same yesterday, today, and forever; and that I speak forth my words according to mine own pleasure. And because that I have spoken one word ye not suppose that I cannot speak another; for my work is not yet finished; neither shall it be until the end of man, neither from that time henceforth and forever. (10) Wherefore, because that ye have a Bible ye need not suppose that it contains all my words; neither need ye suppose that I have not caused more to be written. (11) For I command all men, both in the east and in the west, and in the north and in the south, and in the islands of the sea, that they shall write the words which I speak unto them; for out of the books which shall be written I will judge the world, every man according to their works, according to that which is written. (12) For behold, I shall speak unto the Jews and they shall write it; and I shall also speak

unto the Nephites and they shall write it; and I shall also speak unto the other tribes of the house of Israel, which I have led away, and they shall write it; and I shall also speak unto all nations of the earth and they shall write it. (13) And it shall come to pass that the news shall have the words of the Nephites, and the Nephites shall have the words of the Jews; and the Nephites and the Jews shall have the words of the lost tribes of Israel; and the lost tribes of Israel shall have the words of the Nephites and the Jews. (14) And it shall come to pass that my people which are of the house of Israel, shall be gathered home unto the lands of their possessions; and my word also shall be gathered in one. And I will show unto them, that fight against my word and against my people, who are of the house of Israel, that I am God, and that I covenanted with Abraham that I would remember his seed forever.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

I am in receipt of a letter from brother Furnier, not dated but mailed on March 8th. He says they are expecting to go to California for a couple of weeks and then on their way back home, may stop at Sopris, Colo. also at St. John, Kansas and also may visit at Nauvoo, Ill., having received an invitation to call and visit with some people that he has met on this trip. He informs me that he has met a number of people who were baptized into the Church of Christ (temple lot) long before the Reorganized People began to transfer over to them. He says they are fine people and had him to speak at one of their meetings relative to the origin of The Church of Jesus Christ. Apparently they were pleased with his discourse and made another appointment for him to speak again in their meeting. Brother Furnier feels that his health is improving and says his wife is well but the weather is too hot for her, but it just suits him. He asked that we might remember them in our prayers.

AN EVERLASTING FAREWELL

(1) And now I, Nephi, cannot write all the things which were taught among my people; neither am I mighty in writing, like unto speaking; for when a man speaketh by the power of the Holy Ghost the power of the Holy Ghost carrieth it unto the hearts of the children of men. (2) But behold, there are many that harden their hearts against the Holy Spirit, that

it hath no place in them; wherefore, they cast many things away which are written and esteem as things of naught. (3) But I, Nephi, have written what I have written and I esteem it as great worth, and especially unto my people. For I pray continually for them by day and mine eyes water my pillow by night, because of them; and I cry unto my God in faith, and I know that he will hear my cry. (4) And I know that the Lord God will consecrate my prayers for the gain of my people. And the words which I have written in weakness will be made strong unto them; for it persuadeth them to do good; it maketh known unto them of their fathers; and it speaketh of Jesus, and persuadeth them to believe in him, and to endure to the end, which is life eternal. (5) And it speaketh harshly against sin, according to the plainness of the truth; wherefore, no man will be angry at the words which I have written save he shall be of the spirit of the devil. (6) I glory in plainness; I glory in truth; I glory in my Jesus, for he hath redeemed my soul from hell. (7) I have charity for my people and great faith in Christ that I shall meet many souls spotless at his judgement seat. (8) I have charity for the Jew—I say Jew, because I mean them from whence I came. (9) I also have charity for the Gentiles. But behold, for none of these can I hope except they shall be reconciled unto Christ, and enter into the narrow gate, and walk in the straight path which leads to life, and continue in the part until the end of the day of probation.

(10) And now, my beloved brethren, and also Jew, and all ye ends of the earth, harken unto these words and believe in Christ; and if ye believe not in these words believe in Christ. And if ye shall believe in Christ ye will believe in these words, for they are the words of Christ, and he hath given them unto me; and they teach all men that they should do good. (11) And if they are not the words of Christ, judge ye—for Christ will show unto you, with power and great glory, that they are his words, at the last day; and you and I shall stand face to face before his bar; and ye shall know that I have been commanded of him to write these things, notwithstanding my weakness.

(12) And I pray the Father in the name of Christ that many of us, if not all, may be saved in his kingdom at that great and last day. (13) And now, my beloved brethren, all those who are of the

house of Israel, and all ye ends of the earth, I speak unto you as the voice of one crying from the dust: Farewell until that great day shall come. (14) And you that will not partake of the goodness of God, and respect the words of the Jews, and also my words, and the words which shall proceed forth out of the mouth of the Lamb of God, behold, I bid you an everlasting farewell, for these words shall condemn you at the last day. (15) For what I seal on earth, shall be brought against you at the judgement bar; for thus hath the Lord commanded me, and I must obey. Amen.

WHY SOME PEOPLE GO TO CHURCH

Some go to church just for a walk,
Some go to stare and laugh and talk.

Some go there to meet a friend,
Some their idle time to spend.
Some for general observation,
Some for private speculation.
Some to seek or find a lover,
Some a courtship to discover.
Some go there to use their eyes
And newest fashion criticise;
Some to show their own smart dress,

Some their neighbors to assess;
Some to gossip false or true,
Safe hid within the sheltering pew;
Some to claim the parish doles,
Some for bread and some for coals;
Some because it's thought genteel.
Some to vaunt their pious zeal.
Some the preacher go to hear,
His style to criticise or cheer;
Some forgiveness to implore,
Some their sins to varnish o'er;
Some to sit and doze and nod—

And SOME TO KNEEL AND
WORSHIP GOD:

—By a Minister.

"HOW ARE THY STEPS?"

The STEPS of a good man are ordered by the Lord; and he delighteth in his way. Psalms 37-23.

Order my STEPS in thy word; and let not any iniquity have dominion over me. Psalms 119-133.

For what glory is it, if, when ye are buffeted for your faults, ye take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God. For even hereunto were ye called; because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his STEPS. First Peter 2-20, 21.

A man's heart deviseth his way; but the Lord directeth his STEPS. Prov. 16-9.

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MOTHER'S DAY

By John Mancini

Mothers' Day. The Day—the second Sunday in May set apart every year in the United States in honor of Motherhood. The outward manifestation of the event is the wearing of a carnation—white for the dead and colored for the living. Miss Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia, Pa. first suggested the day in 1907. In 1914 the President was authorized by Congress to set aside by proclamation the Second Sunday in May as Mother's Day and on this day the flag, is displayed on all Government buildings and on many private homes.

A Mother's life is like an album—the pages are turned but the memory lingers on. As she turns one page it is with regret and possibly a little sadness that she must turn to a new one. As she holds her wee infant to her bosom she does so with such pride, love and devotion that only a mother experiences. But this joy must soon pass as she turns a new leaf in her album. Next she sends her little child to school with a few tears knowing this the beginning of his starting out on his own. And so on down the years until she comes to the closing years of her life. Her family is grown, her hairs have turned to silver and though she has accomplished the splendid job of raising her family she now faces the task of completing her life's work to gain that Eternal life which is the goal of us all.

One of the most popular quotations made in regard to Mother is that made by Abraham Lincoln when he declared, "All that I am or hope to be I owe to my angel mother." By this we can readily see that the influence of a Godly mother's care and training developed in Lincoln not only a noble character but gave the world a gift of one of the greatest humanitarians of all time. And many other great and noble men and women that have been of great service to mankind have had some influence embedded in their souls through the training and sacrifice of a good mother. I don't believe that it is the desire of any mother to see her child grow up to be a criminal or a menace to society in any way yet in many cases this happens through no fault of her own.

But when we enjoy the fruits of the accomplishments of our great

scientific men in its various fields, I wonder how many of us reflect back of the scenes and see a loving sacrificing mother who made possible the education and training of her offspring. One sad proverb that my father quoted was that one mother can take care of twelve children, but twelve children can't take care of one mother.

And so on this Mother's Day, 1946, let us honor to the fullest extent our earthly mothers, not forgetting the Church, our spiritual mother.

MOTHER

"Oh, son, behold thy mother,"
Said Jesus Christ to John,
Ere from His tortured body
The glow of life had gone;
And from that very moment
John took her 'neath his care;
Ah! great his love for Jesus,
His dwelling thus to share!

Oh, child, behold your mother,
That noble woman who
When you were but an infant
Both loved and cared for you;
And, when you started walking,
Each cut and bruise would kiss;
And with her tender manner
Restore your childish bliss.

Oh youth, behold your mother,
Your wisest friend on earth;
When others have forsaken,
Then most she proves her worth;
Be guided by her wisdom,
And seldom you'll go wrong;
Her prayers for you to heaven,
When weak, will make you strong.

Oh, friend, behold your mother;
If Jesus is her stay
Take note of her example;
'Twill help you in the way;
Her good works cannot save you,
But she can be a light
To guide your footsteps daily
In paths of truth and right.

By Harry I. Lorber.

OUR RECENT CONFERENCE

The quarterly Conference assembled in the auditorium of the Chaney High School in Youngstown, Ohio, on April 6th, 1946 with a large audience present. We have had conferences in this building several times in recent years and it is a wonderful structure and is fitted-up very modern with a cafeteria. It does make a wonderful place to assemble in. The auditorium is very large and accommodates a large crowd of people.

There would be about 800 people seated at Sunday morning services and delegates were present from Detroit and Coleman, Michigan, and from various places in New York state, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, California, and Windsor, Muncey and Mt. Brydges, Ont., Canada, besides the many that were in attendance from various places in the state of Ohio.

The Saturday Morning session assembled in fasting and prayer, and in bearing testimony to the gospel of Jesus Christ. The afternoon session was devoted mostly to the business affairs of the church, and hearing of Missionary reports by many from their different fields of labor. Brother DiBattista of San Diego, Calif., told of his plans for his contemplated Missionary trip to Argentina, S. A. He is expecting to start soon via airplane, his wife will remain with her daughter for the present in San Diego.

On Sunday morning there was a very large audience assembled for the service. The chorus of the Youngstown Church, composed of all young people rendered a forty five minute song service before the preaching service began which was very much enjoyed. The singing was directed by Irene Corrado and James Damore. The first speaker of the morning was Brother T. S. Furnier of Detroit and he was followed by Brother Alma Cadman of Monongahela, Pa., both of the brethren gave very good discourses. There was three brethren present from Coleman, Michigan, namely Warren Nellis, Ewing and Martin. It was the first conference they had attended in this church and they were each given a little time to add to the many good things thus far spoken of. President Cadman made a brief talk, after which the audience arose to their feet while we sang the hymn: "On The Other Side." There was a wonderful spirit of inspiration in singing those wonderful words.

Before the benediction was pronounced, an invitation was extended to any and all that wished to make a covenant with God to serve Him.

The afternoon service was led by Brother DiBattista of California who is about to leave for Argentina. He spoke of his past experiences since he obeyed the gospel many years ago. He also expressed

himself relative to his hopes in going to South America. The meeting was further occupied by various ones in bearing testimony to the Gospel. The July conference will convene in Monongahela, Pa. on the morning of July 5th. The Youngstown Branch of the Church deserves all credit possible for the attention extended towards the large crowd that attended the Conference. I believe all returned to their homes feeling well satisfied with our Conference.

A LIVE WIRE VISITS

St. John, Kan.

March 25, 1946

Dear Editor Cadman:

I will write a little of the news of the happenings around St. John the past week. I suppose you know that Brother James Heaps had been here with us. He is on his way to Colorado this morning after visiting us for a little over a week. A very enjoyable week for us all. We had meetings at the little church every night and although some nights the building wasn't very well filled there were times when we had quite a crowd. There was over 23 different ones who do not attend our meetings that came out to hear him. The singing was very good every night and his sermons were a help to us all. As you know there hasn't been much encouragement here for sometime and one sister said she felt that we had been wandering around in the wilderness for forty years and that we were just getting out. There were three that I am sure were very interested and we may still have quite a lot of good accomplished here at St. John.

Sunday afternoon we had a conference or so it seemed to us all. Brother and Sister Jones and family and Brother and Sister Wergin and family of Wichita and Brother and Sister Robinson of Hays were all here to spend the day with us. We all rejoiced and felt that we had been showered with blessings especially so in our afternoon meeting. The evening meeting Brother Heaps gave his sermon on what we believe and why we believe it. It was very interesting. There were eight visitors and I believe they all said they enjoyed the evening. We felt that it was all an answer to our prayers this past week as we have all been praying that God would send someone to help us and that we might have a revival and I can truly say we all felt revived. We are very much in hopes that Brother Heaps and family may decide to make

Kansas their home as we are very badly in need of another elder here and since he is trying to find another location our prayers go out to God that this may be the place he will come to.

I am still sick in body but I want to do all I can to help further the cause of the gospel here. I want to see great things happen, but then if there are only a few of us we know that God will bless us for our efforts. We want to ask that the church in general pray for this church here that has been planted in the west, that it may take root and grow and that our labors will soon be rewarded.

Give my love to your family and those whom I know.

Your sister in Christ,

EVA SANDERS.

P. S. Brother Heaps expects to leave from Trinidad for California after spending a little time with the Saints there.

M. B. A. ORGANIZED

Editor Cadman: We of the Youngstown branch of the Church thought you might be interested in learning that we have organized the Missionary Benevolent Association here. Brother Philip Dreer was present last Sunday evening to help us. Along with brother Dreer was the Warren branch. With our own members plus the Warren folks, there was a nice crowd of us. The officers are as follows: President, Dominic Bucci; vice president, Earl Theodore; secretary, Irene Corrado; assistant secretary, Phyllis Bucci; financial secretary, Katherine Pandone; treasurer, John Manes; chaplain, Travis Perry; librarian, Joseph Cosetti.

For the present time we are meeting on Sunday night at seven o'clock. We hope to make a success of it. Corresponding secretary, Irene Corrado.

March 25, 1946

Dear Brothers and Sisters:—

Since I enjoy reading your letters in the Gospel News, I thought you might enjoy hearing of our meetings.

Brother Heaps came Friday, March 15th and we had prayer meetings in the homes on Friday and Saturday evening. We then began a series of meetings at the Church which lasted eight days and we have enjoyed every minute. The attendance was not large but I feel much good has been done.

Sunday, the 24th, the Jones family from Wichita were with us, as

well as Brother and Sister Robinson from Hays. It really seemed like a conference. The windows of heaven were certainly opened in the afternoon meeting. I had a more glorious time than I have had since the Sunday afternoon in October when I was at Ohsweher, on the Grand River Reservation. Remember, Brother Burgess?

Brother Heaps left this morning to visit Sister Cerame and others near Trinidad, Colorado. I trust he may strengthen them as much as he has us.

We extend an invitation to any or all of you to visit us here that we all may be edified.

May God's richest blessings be yours and may He keep us all "at the foot of the cross" till we have finished our work here and are ready to receive that crown which is promised to the faithful.

Pray for us here that our meetings may bear much fruit for we pray for all of you daily.

Your Sister in Christ,

MARTHA J. RING,

St. John, Kansas.

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EDITORIAL

Since returning home from our late Conference, I have made a trip to Lebanon, Pa., near Harrisburg in the interest of our Church history that is being published by the Sowers Printing Company. This job has been delayed considerably, and from what Mr. Sowers tells me, it is because of conditions out of their control. However, they expect to have a thousand copies off the press this coming week. This is all they have paper for at present. Just how soon they will be bound and shipped to us, we just can't say, but it is evident that we will receive one thousand books before very long. I had placed an order for fifteen hundred copies but have decided to have two thousand copies run off. Mr. Sowers tells me that material is very hard to obtain, and it may be two or three months before the second thousand is delivered. I will add that Mr. Sowers gave me two large sheets of finished copy, I believe about sixty four pages in all, including a number of the photographs. Thus far the work seems very satisfactory.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: Most all subscriptions with very few exceptions expire with this issue of The Gospel News. Your cooperation is required in order to place the paper in your homes. —Brother Cadman.

BROTHER CHESTER ILL

Brother Cadman: I am writing you relative to brother Chester who became ill on Feb. 19th after coming home from work. He ate his supper and soon after went to the kitchen and on returning to his bed-room, he lost the use of his limbs and fell and cut himself above the left eye and with sister Chester's help he got into bed. In the morning he tried to get up and fell again, as he was unable to walk at all. A neighbor lady came in and suggested we call a Doctor, we also called brother Fyre and others to come and anoint him. The Doctor came and after an examination, said that he had taken a light stroke which had effected his spine, causing him to lose the use of his limbs and advised them to be careful or it would be more serious. For two weeks the brethren and sisters came to visit him as he became able to sit up in a chair. On March 10th brother and sister Chester went to Sunday School as usual, but in walking in he had to hold to the chairs, as walking was very difficult for him. At the close of the Sunday School he fell down a flight of stairs but did not get hurt. The brethren helped him to his chair and he told them to open the meeting for it was time to do so. Brother Diminico did so and read some scripture from the 7th chapter of St. Luke. While Brother Chester sat listening to the preaching of the word, it was as though a strong electric bulb was turned on and the appearance of the saints were all changed and he wondered what it could mean. He saw the Saviour standing in front of him with outstretched arms, and realizing that He was here (present) to bless and touch the poor and afflicted, and he also knew that he needed to be touched, for he himself was sorely afflicted.

Brother Chester then arose to his feet and said: "Verily, thus saith the Lord" his words further than this was not understood, and he could not repeat it. He arose to his feet again and walking towards the aisle, repeated the hymn: "The time is far spent there is little remaining, To publish glad tidings by sea and by land, etc." Brother Frank Altomore arose and asked the brethren to lay hands on brother

er Chester, saying "I feel that he will be healed."

Dear brother Cadman, what a wonderful spirit was felt, and well do we understand what the Apostle Paul meant when he said: "The gospel is the power of God unto salvation." The brethren helped brother Chester to a chair and they anointed him and thank God we are in harmony here in Lorain. After he was anointed he arose to his feet and it was as though he had new limbs, to which we are all living witnesses. Brother Chester met some of the saints the next day and they wanted to know how he was getting along, he told them that he was feeling fine and he repeated the words of that old hymn: "How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of The Lord." Being a carpenter and painter by trade, brother Chester needs his limbs and he is a happy man for what the Lord has done for him. Brother Ashton we wish to express our gratitude for your pleasant visit, do not forget to come again. P. S. there was not any name signed to this letter. I would prefer the writer to sign his or her name.—Editor.

(R. C. EVANS SERMON CONTINUED)

THIEF WAS PROBABLY AN INSURGENT

To show you that I am not alone in the thought that the thief was probably a member of Christ's Church before he met Christ upon the cross I submit the following by Doctor Kitto found in the Gospel Standard for February 16, 1903: "Some eminent writers are of the opinion that he (the thief) was in all probability not a thief who robbed for profit, but one of the insurgents who had taken up arms on a principle of resistance to the Roman oppression and to what they thought an unlawful burden, namely, the tribute money. They are of the opinion also that it is far from certain that his faith or repentance was the fruit of this particular season, (that is, the meeting of Christ upon the Cross). He must have known something of the Saviour, otherwise he could not have said: 'He hath done nothing amiss.' He was convinced of the Lord's Messiahship. Upon the authority of Kocher and others we can further say that it is a very ancient tradition that the thief was not converted at the cross but was previously imbued with a knowledge of the gospel."

Cannot Enter the Kingdom "Except"

Now I wish to put Christ upon the stand as a witness in this case.

God stated to Isaiah 55th chapter, 4th verse, "Behold I have given Him for a witness to the people." We will now ask Christ to testify regarding this doctrine of baptism, John 3:3-5, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said unto Him, "How can a man be born when he is old?" Jesus answered "Verily, verily I say unto thee except a man be born of water and of the spirit he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God." I ask, if this testimony be true, that a man cannot enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and of the spirit, did the thief enter that kingdom without the water birth? It will not do to say that this water birth does not refer to water baptism, for I have already in a former sermon given you a host of quotations from leading ministers and church disciplines that this very quotation is used in support of water baptism. Again, Acts 2:38, Here the disciples are meeting in an upper room. Christ prior to His leaving them promised to pray the Father that He would send them the Holy Ghost, and that remission of sins was to be preached in His name, beginning at Jerusalem, and that when this Holy Ghost came upon them He would bring to their remembrance that which He had taught them. The Holy Ghost falls upon them and they speak with other tongues to 16 nationalities represented upon that auspicious occasion. Here we have God the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost all engaged in this matter, and the word sent by God through the Holy Ghost to the disciples answers the most important question ever propounded by the sons of men. The narrative shows that a great multitude was converted to the great truth that Jesus was the Christ and they asked, "Men and brethren what shall we do? Here the answer.

"What Shall We Do?"

"Repent and be baptized, every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and ye shall receive the Holy Ghost." Here is the law plainly laid down under the Father, Son and Holy Spirit through the accredited ministry that baptism is for the remission of sins unto those who have faith and repentance. The parson may say "I don't believe that baptism is for the remission of sins." Christ's reply to that would be: "He that believeth not shall be damned." (Mark 16:16.) Now that we are at Mark 16:15-16, let us finish it. Christ is

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about to leave His disciples and He gives to them the last commandment and the great commission whereby the world is to be evangelized. Hear Him. He says: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned." Now, if we were to parse this we would say He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; principle clause. "He shall be saved." What person? That believeth and is baptized, no other. Let the parsons wriggle as they may, belief and baptism are here placed upon a par, both essential to salvation.

Belief and Baptism Go Together

It has been said by Paul, "What God hath joined together let no man put asunder." Some affirm this has reference only to the marriage covenant. We opine that while it has reference to the marriage covenant, it has reference to anything else that God has joined together, and we insist that when Christ here joins belief and baptism together, no creed on earth has the right to separate them, making one essential to salvation and the other, a non-essential. Christ never came to preach, and suffer, and die to establish non-essentials, and hence it is written: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Therefore, we take the position that the thief in order to be saved was not only required to believe, but to be baptized for the remission of his sins, thus making his faith alive by his works. For we are informed as stated in last Sunday's lecture that faith without works is dead.

The Thief in Hymnology

Having proved baptism to be essential to salvation from a Bible standpoint, and admitting the thief was saved, we are compelled to believe that he was a baptized member of the church prior to the crucifixion. Now we will go to the good and popular sectarian hymn books:

"There is a fountain filled with blood,
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;

And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains.

"The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day;
And there may I, though vile as he,
Wash all my sins away."

If language is a science to convey ideas there is baptism by immersion for the remission of sins, and the thief submitting to it and receiving pardon according to that law. Let us see. Here is the fountain which we call the baptismal font. The blood referred to is typified in the water. He plunges beneath the flood showing it to be immersion. He washes his sins away, therefore, baptism is for the remission of sins.

But where did they get the subject matter upon which they wrote this hymn? You will find it in Zachariah 13:1, and by the way, right in the hymn book this quotation is given at the top of the page and reads as follows:

"In that day there shall be a fountain opened, to the house of David and to inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness." If my hearers will read the 12th, 13th, and 14th chapters of Zachariah they will read something like this: "The Jews are to be persecuted among the nations, yet they will prosper and finally return to their own land. Let us see how this is being fulfilled. Today you see Isaac with a bag on his back crying aloud, 'Bones and rags.' The next day he has a little cart, and the following a horse and wagon. Soon he has a second-hand store and by and by he is banker loaning money to the nations. If he can prosper amid the great oppression, what will he do when he reaches the promised land where under the blessing of God it yields three crops a year? But we need not look to the future, even today the Jew is the money-lender of the world. Well, Zachariah shows that the nations, depleted financially because of wars and other extravagant methods of modernism, will make a covenant to go up and rob the Jew. They will meet in battle. The Jew is being defeated and is retreating in confusion, when suddenly the old battle-cry that inspired Israel in the days of her prosperity under Joshua is heard amid the depleted ranks. Inspired by an overwhelming force under the hand of this mysterious stranger who has suddenly made his appearance among them, the ranks are reformed — They offer battle to the nations, and under this leader's inspiring

commands they win out. At the close of the battle they surround their new and strange commander. Someone recognizes that he is wounded and they say, "Whence received ye these wounds in your hands and feet?" Then shall the stranger reply, "These wounds I received in the house of my friends." There standing before them Israel beholds the Messiah whom their fathers had slain.

It is shown to be a gospel work in that first they have faith in the new found Messiah; second, that they repent, in that every family will mourn apart; and third, that they approached the baptismal font which is opened to them for the remission of their sins. Hence we have the Jews returning to God by the way of the gospel and the cross, and accepting the principles of the gospel which their fathers rejected and which they have continued to reject, as Jesus said they would, till, in their distress, their eyes would be opened and they would say, "Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord."

Baptism Certainly Was Commanded

The Latter Day Saints have obeyed the gospel as Christ and the apostles taught it, and they insist that no man nor set of men has the right to tamper with the word of God, to change the ordinances presented by the Christ nor to make the commandments of God, of no effect. We take the position that the Bible clearly teaches the baptism of believers in water for the remission of sins, that it is a Bible doctrine, and that the creeds have fulfilled the prediction made by Christ as recorded in Mark 7th chapter, wherein He says "How be it in vain do they worship Me teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. for laying aside the commandments of God, ye hold the traditions of men. Full well ye reject the commandments of God that ye may keep your own tradition." Baptism is certainly a commandment. By the modern teaching that it is a non essential, they make that commandment as Jesus said, "of none effect." Now, brethren, if we are to be judged according to the gospel or by the word of God, do you not think that the safe plan is to render a perfect obedience to the perfect law that emanated from the perfect God, so that when we stand before the judgement bar we can look up into the face of the Judge and say: "I have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine that you died to

establish, believing that you spake the truth when you said that the gospel was the power of God unto salvation."

We as a people prefer to stand by Christ and the word spoken even though by so doing we call down upon ourselves the ostracism and condemnation of the popular creeds, believing that in the judgment day if we walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called, with all lowliness and meekness, Christ will say, "He hath not been ashamed of Me, nor of My word," hence, before the Father and the holy angels He will delight to call us brethren, and to bid us enter into His glory. Having with Him carried the cross we hope to be entitled to wear the crown.

We are told if we suffer with Him we shall also reign with Him and so with we endure the contradiction of priestcraft, superstition, idolatry and man-made creeds, and hence we have our Gethsemane, our cross to carry, our calvary to climb, our crucifixion to suffer at the end of which we hope with Him to live and reign. Having preached for you now for seven years, I call God to witness that I have not shunned to declare unto you the whole counsel of God and while it may have called down upon me the denunciation of the clergy yet I am assured that God by His Holy Spirit has comforted my heart and inspired my mind and made me a blessing in His hands to many thousands. I am content to be ostracized by the society of "Churchianity" if I can at least by having kept the word of God finally enter into that sweet rest of which we have known so little here.

Permit me to say we have no disposition to limit the mercy of God toward the man upon the gallows or the deathbed, but we are not authorized to make any promises to the man who lives in sin to the last hour, but refer him to the Judge of all the earth who will do right.

Absurdity of Death-Bed Repentance.

Before closing permit me to cite to you another doctrine which is voiced in one of their popular hymns. It reads as follows: "While the Lamp of Life holds out to burn, The vilest sinner may return."

Let us reduce this to practical life. I have buildings on my land valued at \$40,000. The insurance agent tells me the danger of fire, the necessity of insurance, but I spurn him from my door, refusing to purchase a policy. By and by I

have spent my money lavishly that should have gone to insurance, but a lightning flash comes and my buildings are burned to the ground. In the morning I walk over the still hot ashes and I chance to strike a burning ember. I look up the road and there I see coming the insurance agent. I call loudly. "Come at once, let not a moment be lost." He hastens to my side. I bid him write a policy immediately for my buildings. He inquires what building, and I reply these buildings. The poor fellow looks at me as if I had gone insane, crazed by my heavy loss. While he pities me he has no authority to misrepresent the company; he must act according to the laws and regulations of the company. They have made no provision for the insurance of hot ashes, he is compelled to refuse to write a policy. I then plead with him, saying, "Do you see this burning ember While there is a spark yet on it, surely it is not too late to take out a policy? The insurance agent refuses to comply with my request and you will all say that he was just and right. Now apply that to religion. A man hears the gospel. God's representative minister pleads with him to obey. He refuses, lives a life of wickedness and sin, and finally lands upon the gallows. In the face of the Bible doctrine taught from Genesis to Revelation, and very plainly expressed in Galatians 6:7, "Be not deceived, God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." How can we as ministers of Christ contrary to all law, promise that man salvation? Or, in other words, write him a policy on the burning building? I leave these thoughts with you. P. S. this is copied from Mr. Evans' book of sermons published in 1912 at Toronto, Canada.

SISTER HOAR PASSES ON

Mrs. Susietta Dupont Hoar, a member of the Bitner Mission of The Church of Jesus Christ, died on April 15th at her home near Uniontown, Pa. She was born on August 3, 1900, making her a few months short of 46 years of age. Funeral services on April 18. She leaves to mourn her loss, her husband and four children namely Mrs. Ida Bokovitz, Mrs. Martha D'Amore and Edward and Elizabeth at home. Two grandchildren, two sisters and two brothers besides many other relatives and friends. Sister Hoar became a member of the church about twenty years ago. A short while before the end came she sang

a part of the hymn: "Just as I am without one plea," and her desires were that her family would follow in her footsteps. The services were in charge of Brother W. H. Cadman and singing by brother and sister Kirschner accompanied at the piano by sister Sarah Neill. At the request of the family, Bros. Bittinger, Martin, and Oran Thomas, took part in the services. The Gospel News extends its sympathy to our sisters, husband and children. May her testimony and manner of life be much consolation to you all.

Sincerely

Brother Cadman.

CHARLES GRIM PASSES ON

Brother Grim of the Vanderbilt Mission died on April 11, 1946. He was born in the year 1884. He leaves to mourn his loss two sons and nine daughters besides many other kindred. He was baptized in the church in 1938 and was later ordained a Deacon. He will be missed among his brethren and sisters in the Mission, for he was very active in his office, performing his duty well and was loved by all who knew him. Funeral services were held on April 14th and interment was in Cochran cemetery near Vanderbilt, Pa. The services were conducted by brothers Charles Ashton and Oran Thomas. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved family.

DEDICATION SERVICES

Dear Editor Cadman:

The following is a brief account of the services held at the dedication of the Lockport, New York, Church Building, on Sunday, March 24, 1946:

At 9:45 a. m. a chartered bus arrived from Rochester, N. Y., filled with brothers and sisters of our Branch who had come to spend the day with Lockport saints. There were also a good number of visiting saints from Pennsylvania, Michigan, New Jersey, and New York. In addition, a number of strangers residing in Lockport were present on this occasion. As the bus unloaded, a line was formed and we began to enter into the Church singing Hymn No. 351, "We're Marching to Zion." When all had entered the Church building, a prayer was offered by Bro. W. H. Cadman followed by Bro. Ishmael D'Amico who prayed in the Italian language. A good manifestation of God's spirit was present. The congregation was then given a short recess in preparation for the service which was to follow.

The morning service convened at 10:30 a. m. by singing Hymn No.

404. "The Church's Jubilee," and followed with a prayer by Bro. Gabriel Mazzeo of New Brunswick, N. J. We then continued with Hymn No. 177, "Our Church." Brother W. H. Cadman introduced the service reading a portion of Scripture found in the 28th Chapter of Genesis, commencing with the 10th verse. He then brought forth an interesting talk dwelling on the love and mercy of God, and emphasizing that God is still the same. Bro. Cadman also commented on the marvelous structure and appearance of the Church building and exhorted use to allow God to dwell within our own temples. The Spirit of God prevailed throughout his talk. We then sang Hymn No. 24, "Be Loyal to Jesus", after which Bro. Gabriel Mazzeo spoke in the Italian language, accompanied with God's Holy Spirit. Bro. Ishmael D'Amico followed with a few inspiring words extending an invitation to all who had not as yet obeyed the Gospel and just prior to the dismissal of the service two souls stood upon their feet requesting baptism. A wonderful feeling of joy and happiness filled our hearts at this time. Morning service was dismissed by singing Hymn No. 479, "All Hail the Glad Day." Closing prayer by Bro. Cadman. At the close of the service the Ordinance of Baptism was administered unto the two new candidates, with Bro. Gabriel Mazzeo officiating.

Our fellowship meeting was opened at 2:45 p. m. by singing Hymn No. 358, "Wonderful Words of Life," followed with a prayer said by Bro. Gabriel Mazzeo. We then sang Hymn No. 11, "An Angel Came Down." Brother Mazzeo gave an inspiring talk bearing testimony to the Gospel and encouraging the saints to continue on in the work which we have started, through obedience to the Gospel. Bro. Cadman followed with an interesting talk after which a number of brothers and sisters bore testimony to the Gospel. Before administering the Sacrament, the two new converts were confirmed by the laying on of hands with Brothers W. H. Cadman, Gabriel Mazzeo, and Ishmael D'Amico officiating. A handkerchief was also anointed as requested by one of our sisters who has sick relatives in Italy. It was hoped that some good would result from the handkerchief, after it would reach its destination. The afternoon service was dismissed by singing Hymn No. 191, "Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing." Closing prayer said by Bro. Cadman.

Thus after having labored hard

for five consecutive months, the Lord saw fit to send showers of blessings at the Dedication of the Church in Lockport. There have been many experiences pointing out that considerable progress is in view there; and it is hoped that God will commence a glorious work in calling men and women unto repentance.

Ishmael D'Amico,
Presiding Elder of
Rochester, N. Y. Branch.

Youngstown, Ohio

Editor Brother Cadman:

Conference is over and I am very grateful to the Lord for the peaceful time we had together many of our brethren and sisters said it was a wonderful Conference. A short time ago I made a trip to Branchton, Pa. to visit brother and sister Verducci, with me were brothers V. Genenro and A. Damore, we had a very nice trip and found them all well. Brother and Sister Verducci are much interested in the church and make frequent trips to Youngstown, but have a long ways to travel. Sometime after this I made a trip to East Liverpool, Ohio, and visited Brother Thomas Taylors home. I was very glad to see brother Taylor with us in our recent conference. A few months ago we had sister Caroline (Lillian) Paoli from Wilmington, Delaware visit with us here in Youngstown. She was happy to me with us, but is very much afflicted with an illness which only the Lord can heal. I ask all the brothers and sisters to remember her in their prayers. Recently I went to visit Mrs. Klein who is a patient in the hospital at Sharon, Pa. The poor woman is paralyzed and speechless. I ask her if she wanted me to pray for her, she nodded her head yes. Mrs. Klein is the mother-in-law to sister Lillian Love Klein. Brother Dominic Bucci was with me, we prayed for her, she took our hands and held them tight to show her appreciation towards us. I do hope the day will come when we can do more for the spread of the Gospel. Brother Cadman I would like to say that all our boys are home again with the exception of one, whom the Lord hath taken from us. They all come to church and we hope that they will always remember that some ones prayer was answered in their behalf. My brother-in-law, Philip Damore was in the service 35 months, 24 of them were spent over-seas. He had been in Australia, New Guinea and the Philippines. He returned home on

October 22, 1945. We are thankful that his mother was spared to see him return back to her. Brother Philip was baptized before he left for service.

On March 30, 1946 a daughter of brother and sister Scarsella, Julia and Robert Shankle of Batesville, Mississippi were united in marriage in a beautiful church wedding here in Youngstown. Mr. Shankle is a veteran. The bride's brother acted as best man, and A. Corrado officiated, with Amelia Corrado at the piano.

A. A. CORRADO.

NEWS ITEMS

The Ladies Uplift Circle met at the home of Sister Sadie Cadman in Monongahela on March 28, in their general meeting for this past quarter. Meetings were conducted both morning and afternoon in the transaction of business that came before them. Part of the time was spent in testimony, telling of the experiences had through obedience to the gospel. As is usual, they were mindful of the work among the Indian people by contributing to the financial support of the brethren that are laboring in that part of the vineyard. Representatives were gathered together from West Elizabeth, Glassport, Charle-roi, Donora, Coal Valley and Monongahela and a very nice time was had. Representation by letters were from the following places: New Brunswick, N. J., Detroit, Mich., Windsor, Ont., Aliquippa, Pa., and Lorain, Warren, Youngstown, all of Ohio. The 26th anniversary of their organization will be held at the Church in Monongahela on June 8, 1946.

AN EXCERPT

(From the writing of Chaplain
Arthur Gross, U. S. A.)

Chiang Kai-Shek has testified that Baille had more influence on agricultural improvement in China than any other person of his time. His common-sense view-point on farm economics was insistent. He demanded that every proposed agricultural improvement should benefit the workers and the peasants, and bring more money and greater comfort to them.

"Farming is the missionary's opportunity in China," he declared. "There is more of the spirit of Christ in the United States Department of Agriculture than people think, because that department stands for applied Christianity—helping others."

ITEMS FROM HERALD OF HOLINESS

In 1944 the advertising expenses of breweries totaled \$75,600,000. This has brought forth from the National Temperance and Prohibition Council the current protest campaign regarding such advertising. Recently we have received letters from our readers stating that the Columbia Broadcasting Company will not receive liquor advertising. This is indeed encouraging. . . . In spite of food shortage in Britain, her citizens during 1944 spent \$560,000,000 betting on dog races. According to our statistics, it appears as though we really are related to our islanders across the water. . . . According to the Gospel Messenger, one half of all Americans above the age of fifteen drink alcoholic beverages.

Brother and sister Furnier with brother Herman Kennedy have been visiting here in Pennsylvania for a week since the close of our recent conference. They called here in Monongahela on April 11th. It is well known that they all have spent the past winter in Arizona and California and returned east in time to attend our late conference. We were glad to have them call.

Mrs. Margaret Blackwell of Defiance, Iowa, has returned to her home again after a visit of two or three weeks with her parents in New Eagle, Pa., Brother and Sister Charles Behanna.

A few lines from Coshocton, Ohio: Brother Will, find enclosed a check to be used where it will do the most good for the best cause. \$1.50 to pay for my renewal to The Gospel News, and another \$1.50 to pay for another years subscription to The Gospel News to be sent by you to some one that you think it may interest them in the salvation of their soul. With all good wishes, I am brother Dr. R. E. Lynch. Thank you. Earl.

A SHORT TRIP

While at Lockport, N. Y. on March 24th attending the dedication services, I went in one of the cars to the Lake shore where two penitent souls were baptized. The weather was stormy, the lake was rough, huge waves rolling in upon the shore one after another. The waves were sufficient to try the courage of those to be immersed therein. One was a lady, but she showed no signs of fear and bravely made a covenant to serve her God the balance of her days. Much

responsibility rested upon Elder Mazzeo when he led both converts into the waves that they might be born of the water as taught by our Saviour. It was about 18 miles of a drive from the church in Lockport to the lake, and then the same distance back to the church again. Quite along ways they have to travel to baptize their converts.

After the services of the day were over at the Lockport church, brother Ansel D'Amico took me in his car to Rochester and where I held meetings on Monday and Tuesday nights in our church at that place. I enjoyed myself in speaking on both these occasions and was made welcome by our people in Rochester. I left for home on Wednesday morning, arriving at about 10 p. m.—W. H. Cadman.

On April 2nd, brother John Olexa from Charleroi called on me, and in his car we went to the Presbyterian Hospital in Pittsburgh where brother John Jacobs is confined. He having gone through a very severe operation for an affliction that he has suffered with for some time past. We are glad to report that brother Jacobs is getting along fine and expects to be able to leave the hospital in a few days. He will recuperate at the home of Brother and Sister Majarós.

Services are being conducted all this week beginning April 22nd at the church here in Monongahela. There are various speakers taking part in the service and visitors have been present from Vandebilt, Bitner, Coal Valley and West Elizabeth, also from other places.

I have received a letter from brother George Staczko of Fall Brook, Calif. I have never met this young brother but he has had a desire to write to me, he is the son-in-law of brother and sister Patsy DiBattista and obeyed the gospel in San Diego not very long ago if I am not mistaken. He seems to be very grateful that he has become a member of the family and fold of God. Brother George is in military service and will be apparently until November 1948. May the Lord bless you and your beloved wife Jeanette. — Brother Cadman.

Ten Proverbs From The Talmud

Life is but a loan to man; death is the creditor who will one day claim it. God did not make woman from man's head, that she should not rule over him; nor from his feet, that she should not be his

a very complete history of the church for near one hundred years slave; but from his side, that she should be near his heart.

When the wise is angry he is wise no longer.

He who prays for his neighbor will be heard for himself.

This world is a world of work, the next a world of recompense.

Who is first silent in a quarrel spring from a good family.

Before God a good intention is the deed.

He who has some bread in his basket and says, "What shall I eat tomorrow?"

Belongs to those of little faith.

Greater is he who causes good deeds than he who does them.

Speech is the messenger of the heart. (Selected).

A few lines from Albert H. Meir of Butler, Pa. in behalf of his mother, Sister Meir, in which she also remembers the church with an offering. Mr. Meir says that his mother is now past 80 years of age and never loses an opportunity to speak a word to some one about Jesus Christ her Saviour. Any one wishing to send her a card do so to Mrs. Mary Meir, 412 Virginia Ave., Butler, Pa. Sister Meir is a sister of the late Sister Schultz of Monongahela, Pa. May the Lord ever be mindful of Sister Meir.

The Periodical known as "The Gospel News" can now be read in the Library of Congress in Washington, D. C. In a letter received from the institution it says: "The Library of Congress will be very glad indeed to have a copy each month of your church paper." I will add that the letter which I received from Mr. Thomas L. Barcus of the Chief Exchange and Gift Division, is very pleasing indeed and I assure you Mr. Barcus, it is much appreciated. The Church of Jesus Christ has a number of publications on your shelves and at the present time, we are expecting off the press any day now, a very complete history of the church for near one hundred years of its existence. One will be mailed to The Library of Congress. —Editor W. H. Cadman.

THE GOSPEL RESTORED

(By Clifford A. Burgess, Windsor, Ont.)

The true Gospel is spreading o'er all the earth.

To the Gentile, the Redman and Jew,

And to those who'll accept it and answer the call,

Will be chosen with God's only few.

Chorus:

Oh: the Gospel Restored in these
the last days,
With the Gifts and the Power from
above,
Teaches all of mankind who will
trust and obey,
The true way to be happy with
love.

The Nations in their turmoil all
striving for gain,
Have forgotten the Lord it is true,
While the Restored Gospel is the
Power of God
Preached to all who are seeking
anew.

It calls all of mankind by the Spir-
it of God,
And teaches them that God's the
same,
In days as of old when He healed
the sick,
And caused those to walk who were
lame.

Muncey, Ont., March 21, 1946

In a letter of the above date from Brother Cotellesse, he informs me that there is much work to do on the farm. Our herd of cattle has grown or increased to 32 head, besides a flock of sheep and other things such as pigs, chickens which of course all must be cared for and the season of the year here for planting. There will be lots of work. He also informs me that he has been helping out with the meetings being held at Mt. Brydges, also has held a meeting or two at the home of sister Skyler, our Indian sister who lives in London, which is about 25 miles from his home. There is sickness among our people up in that country. Our aged sister Muskilunge has become very feeble and is being cared for at a hospital in London. Sister Olive Deleary is confined in the same hospital with pneumonia. Brother Nicholis is not well either. It is too bad that the church is not in a position to exercise greater care for the poor Indian people, especially our own members. The blessing of God was asked upon two of the grand-children of sister Skyler at the Muncey church on March 17th. May God bless the family and home where these little children reside. I ask all my brethren and sisters in The Restored Gospel to extend us what help you can towards getting a good Missionary center and Home established at Muncey. Please all bear in mind that the fore-fathers of down-trodden Israel, prayed that we as Gentiles would have care and charity for their people. If I understand the word of God

aright, the people of God must extend them an helping hand.—Sincerely brother Cadman.

John Writes To The Churches

And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write: These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is a live; 9 I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan. 10 Fear none of those things, which thou shalt suffer; behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days; be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. 11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.

BIBLE CHARACTERS

(By Class of Ruth)

We are Jews, we were born in Pontus, we had just come from Italy and had been forced to leave Rome because of Claudius the ruler. We were tentmakers by trade. Paul lived with us while in Corinth because he worked at the same trade. When Paul left to go up to Jerusalem, we went with him but he left us at Ephesus. A certain Jew came to visit at Ephesus, he was an eloquent man and mighty in the scripture, he also was instructed in the way of the Lord. He spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord knowing only, the baptism of John. He began to speak boldly in the synagogue and when we heard him, we took him aside and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly. We sent greetings to the saints throughout Asia by Paul and we had church in our house. Who are we?

We were three children of Israel chosen with Daniel to be taught the learning and tongue of the Chaldeans. With Daniel we were found to be ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers that were in the realm of King Nebuchadnezzar. When was made ruler over the province of Babylon, he requested we be over the affairs of the province. Later, because we did not worship the golden image, the king had us bound and thrown into a fiery furnace heated exceedingly hot, but we were not burned, there was not even a smell of fire upon us for God had been with us. The prince of the eunuchs had

changed our names to Shadrach Meshach and Abednego. What were our real names?

BIBLE CHARACTERS

(By Class of Ruth)

My brother lived in the city where Andrew and Peter lived. Jesus found him on His way and called to him saying, "Follow Me." Then my brother came and found me and said: "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law and the prophets did write, Jesus of Nazareth the Son of Joseph." Immediately I asked: "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth." My brother answered, "Come and see." When Jesus saw me coming, He said: "Behold an Israelite indeed in whom is no guile." I asked Him, "Whence knowest thou me?" He answered: "Before your brother called thee when thou wast under the fig tree I saw thee."

I realized at once that He was the Son of God and called Him "Rabbi the King of Israel." Jesus said: "Because I said unto thee I saw thee under the fig tree believest thou?", and promised me that I would see greater things than these also He said: "Hereafter ye shall see Heaven open and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man Who am I and who was my brother?"

CONVERSATION

Let your CONVERSATION be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have; for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. Hebrews 13-5.

Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him show out of a good CONVERSATION his works with meekness of wisdom. James 3-13.

Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; having your CONVERSATION honest among the Gentiles; that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, that by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation. I Peter 2-11, 12.

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be, in all holy CONVERSATION and godliness. II Peter 3-10, 11.

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THE TRAGEDY AT CARTHAGE JAIL

Most all adherents of the Restored Gospel will be reminded at this time of the year, of the slaying of Joseph Smith and his brother Hyrum at Carthage, Illinois, on June 27, 1844. The following is an account of the affair as given by "Zions Advocate" published by the Church of Christ of Independence, Mo.

Now, with the mutiny within ranks of the church, the mobbers felt that at last Joseph Smith and his brother, Hyrum, who had been with him in so many tight spots, were where they could be reached.

Their only handicap now was the protection promised by Governor Ford of Illinois. A part of the state militia, known as the "Carthage Greys," and the bitterest enemies that the saints had, were made the guard of the prisoners, Joseph Smith, Hyrum Smith, John Taylor and Willard Richards. These men had been charged with treason and various other crimes and were to have been tried in the court house in Carthage, Illinois, on the 29th of June, 1844. This had been fixed at a hearing they had before the Justice of the Peace on the 25th of June, 1844. They were then thrown into jail under guard of the "Carthage Greys."

The Governor then visited them and promised again the protection of the state, and taking the major portion of the militia with him he went to Nauvoo to harangue the saints and to assure them of the safety of the prisoners. On the 27th eight men were left in charge of the jail, with the bulk of the "Carthage Greys" only a quarter of a mile distant. Thus we see that they were at the complete mercy of the enemy, and this too in spite of what the Governor's intentions may have been, good or bad.

Here we will let Willard Richards, who was present in the jail at the time of the assassination of Joseph and Hyrum Smith, tell the story. He had told that about 5:20 P.M. a commotion was heard below and it was seen that the guard of eight men had been overpowered or had surrendered willingly, and the yard was full of armed men who began charging up the stairs, the jail proper being on the second floor. "A shower of musket balls were thrown up the stairway against the door of

the prison in the second story, followed by many rapid footsteps. While Joseph and Hyrum Smith, Brother Taylor and myself, who were in the front chamber, closed the door of our room against the entry at the head of the stairs, and placed ourselves against it, there being no lock on the door, and no catch that was reliable." He then tells how that, because the mob began shooting through the door, one of the balls striking Hyrum in the nose, which caused them to jump back from the door to the center of the room, but Hyrum had also received another bullet from outside through the window, and he fell exclaiming, "I am a dead man," and moved no more. By this time the mob began to force their way into the room, shooting as they came. John Taylor was wounded and rolled under the bed and Joseph sprang for the window, and was shot from the outside and fell to the ground at the very feet of the mob, who were about two hundred in number and had their faces painted black, a fitting disguise for such fiendish work.

"As soon as Joseph fell he was taken by a man who was barefoot and bareheaded. He was a ragged ruffian, and dragged Joseph up to the well curb and set him up against it, when Col. Levi Williams ordered four men to shoot him. This they did, after which the ruffian who had placed him there took a large bowie-knife with the intent of severing Joseph's head from his body. He raised the knife and was in the attitude of striking when a light, so sudden and powerful burst from the heavens upon the bloody scene (passing its vivid chain between Joseph and his murderers) that they were struck with terror. This light in its appearance and potency, baffles all power of description. The arm of the ruffian that held the knife fell powerless the muskets of the four who fired fell to the ground, and they all stood like marble statues not having the power to move a single limb of their bodies. The retreat of the mob was as hurried and disorderly as it possibly could have been. Col. Williams hallooed to some who had just commenced their retreat to come back and help carry off the four men who had fired, and who were still paralyzed. They came and carried

them off by main strength to the baggage wagons when they fled toward Warsaw."

This dark crime, which forever disgraces the state of Illinois, was never adjusted and the criminals, always referred to even by the enemies of the saints as a mob, and the deed a stain upon the state, were never brought to trial for this dastardly murder.

Thus fell the Prophet Joseph Smith, in his thirty-eighth year. A young man, but one who had crowded in a long life time of wonderful deeds, and whose memory still lives and is cherished in the hearts of the thousands who have come to understand and obey the wonderful gospel of the restoration, in which he was the servant of God in bringing it into being. Even J. H. Beadle, one of the sensational writers in Mormon exposés had this to say, "Thus died Joseph Smith, the most noted imposter of modern times, the only great imposter America has produced. In the short space of fifteen years he and his coadjutors had brought forth a new Bible, ordained a new morality, established a new or eclectic theology, and founded a church with missions in half the civilized world."

A YOUNG MAN'S APPEAL TO YOUTH

By Brother Patsy Marinetti

I shall make an earnest attempt to use the Gospel News as a medium to communicate my sincere thoughts relative to certain conditions of our youth; both of those who have embraced this Gospel and those also who are in contact with this people; but who haven't as yet become completely aroused to that degree of being enthusiastic participants in this all-inclusive cause of salvation.

In visiting the various Branches and Missions of our Church, I have met many young people. A good number, I have personal acquaintance with, while others I anticipate in the future to know better. In my observations of a good majority of our youth, I am happy to say that many young people of our Church manifest definite and tangible signs of intelligence, of talent and of knowledge. Incidentally, they are good timber from which the Church has future possibilities of drawing durable and

constructive material. Among these young men and women there are those who have become outstanding students, and have left impressive scholastic records in their various schools and classes. They should be commended for accumulating such admirable and honorable characteristics. However, the one drawback is that as these young people pursue the higher steps of learning, they tend to drift away somewhat from the much more vital and deeper field of spiritual knowledge. Because of their aspirations in fields outside of the borders of the Gospel, I have noticed that the Church as a body is losing the services of many young men and women. The latter in turn are gradually losing sight of the profound and lasting riches found only within the influence of the Gospel. I firmly believe that knowledge and wisdom should be the ambitious desire of all normal young people. One cannot find fault with the good intentions for improvement that animates ambitious youth to great achievements. Ambition to man is like a spur in his side which makes him wrestle with destiny. In many cases it is God's own incentive to make purpose great and achievement greater. Men of God become the most ambitious in their unique callings, in order to measure up to the stature of great leaders who are Divinely led. My deep concern in this matter of choice between two important objectives is whether the searcher for truth has chosen the good or the best.

One who investigates the reserved potential possibilities that are deeply contained in the Gospel, shall not only accumulate a complete education and obtain wisdom in the fullest sense of the word; but his mental horizon shall become broader in scope and vividly illuminated to harmonize with the deeper dimensions of life. His spiritual faculties shall also become quickened to the degree that he shall learn to react sensitively to those movements and pulsations that manifest the evidence of that higher life. A determined effort when coupled with a good desire can cause the intent searcher of truth and knowledge to discover the life-giving substance found in Christ's gospel message to the world. Once that discovery becomes a reality, then the full force of Christ's unalterable implication—A man must be reborn to comprehend the facts of His Kingdom—shall arouse in the new individual, feeling and emotions

that are beyond the description of the written or spoken word.

The seemingly highest pinnacles of successful attainments in this life are at their highest and best, the same as the waterfalls that command beauty and attention at the lower levels of the mountain sides. But imagine the great and vast range of beauty that is possible, if we can endeavor to climb to the higher levels of the mountain and search for the original fountain from which these waterfalls find their source and creation. Once we have reached summit of that mountain, we can drink in the full view of everything below us; while in the presence of the full sunbeams which emanate the full light and beauty of the gushing fountain. I would like to put this question before all young men and women within reach of this Gospel News—Are we going to be content and satisfied in walking the lower levels of the mountain side; while there are yet higher levels to attain to; if we would only strive to direct our steps and efforts to that highest summit of the mountain?

The higher fields of learning and the so-called successful pursuits of endeavor are proper and fitting within a mortal sphere; but when gauged in the light of the highest field to which the soul can aspire; the former fades in the background, because of its limited range and brief duration in the sphere of temporal things.

In this day and time, we are living in the dawning of the world's most momentous hours. The combined forces of science, politics, education and every phase and branch of learning are powerless in their effort to stay or control the rapidly world-wide human upheaval that is gradually gaining momentum daily; and I might also add, hourly. Our President, Mr. Truman, in one of his latest speeches declared, "I would that God would send forth an Isaiah or an Apostle Paul to reawaken this nation and world to its moral obligations." Mr. Truman's statement is nearer the possibility of his words becoming a reality than mankind in general can fully realize.

Is it possible that men of the same caliber and stature of Paul and Isaiah can come forth from the masses of humanity? Will the Church one day produce such men? With unshakeable confidence I believe that our Church—one day in the not too distant future—not only can but will produce such men. It also shall vivid-

ly manifest their characters before the display of the world. As individuals will voluntarily join themselves in partnership with God; they shall be molded to fit the proper designs of the Creator. I therefore ask all young people who may chance to read this earnest plea—Marshal your talents and capabilities of whatever nature they may be and yield yourselves to that greatest potter and vessel maker; that you may give Him a reasonable chance to mold and shape you. Then you shall see what fitting instruments and vessels He can shape. Enroll yourselves in this mightiest cause of all—the ultimate purpose and end of which is the immortal welfare of the human family. Allow all the physical, mental, and spiritual energies at your command to be instrumental in creating a spiritual rebirth for the cause of righteousness.

Christ's immediate disciples were a group of political and social nobodies. Yet the undeveloped soul-stuff that Christ found in those ordinary Galileans answered the requirements that He sought in men. Likewise, today, the latent possibilities of the ordinary person who is willing to dare all for the sake of a cause; Christ again can fan and spark to a glowing flame those dormant possibilities and lift the common man to uncommon heights. Can one realize the glorious experiences that await him when that person goes all out for God?

In conclusion, are you as a young man or woman content to hunt for small game in a field of endeavor where it requires average skill and ordinary requirements to meet the standard of a successful hunter? Or will you take up the challenge and pit your yet dormant possibilities into a field where there is big game to be hunted? In this latter field of action the standard set forth to qualify calls for more than average requirements. To hunt in this field one must be ready to accept greater risks, must be keenly alert to act quickly to the unseen and hidden dangers involved, must be familiar with extremely accurate weapons and instruments in order to move rapidly and elastically; so that one can be fittingly prepared to counteract the continuous opposition of sinister and destructive forces. God had pressing need of fearless hunters. Will you accept His call and render yourself serviceable?

A WORD TO THE WISE

The real measure of a man's character is what he'd do if he knew he would never get caught.

If you are moving in the right direction you are sure to step on somebody's toes.

One doesn't become distinguished by doing his duty. It's by doing more.

The human body is remarkably sensitive. Pat a man on the back and his head swells.

Men are just opposite from guns, the smaller the caliber the bigger the bore.

The worst disappointment you can experience is disappointment in yourself.

—Young People's Weekly

Matthew Miller's Religious Experiences, Con't.

Sometime in the year 1929, I was moved upon to pay a visit to the home of Brother and Sister Madonna of Branch No. 3 who had previously obeyed the Gospel. When I arrived there I soon became aware of the reason that the Lord had moved upon me to make the visit. Their daughter then Miss Pauline Madonna (now Sister Pauline Dulisse) having been brought up in the Presbyterian Church, was quite perturbed over her parents leaving that church to obey the Gospel, and she was quite put out with them.

When she arrived home that day and found that I was going to have supper with them, she thought she would give me the once over in the way of many difficult questions; the Lord being with me, I was able to answer all the questions and made peace between these wonderful parents and their daughter Pauline.

When I was about to leave the home that day, Miss Madonna told me that in her mind she was so opposed to the church at that time, that she could not visit immediately but that should she ever visit, she would be doing so to become one of us. When I went away that day, I did so with great joy in my heart for I felt that some day there would be another soul added to the fold of the Lord.

Later on, one Sunday morning, this young lady had an opportunity to take a basket with her parent's lunch to them in Devine, Branch No. 1, and while walking up the steps to go in the church, she heard the angels in Heaven singing. She was so overjoyed at this wonderful experience that she, too, decided never to leave the Lamb of God—the true Church of Jesus Christ and was baptized March 3, 1929.

Around 1933, after our July conference, I visited with Brother Joseph Corrado while going through Youngstown and Warren, Ohio, branch and missions. While in one of these places, I had a dream that I saw a tree in my country, Jamaica, British West Indies, known as the mango tree, (which bears some of the sweetest fruit one could eat) in full fruition, and this fruit was beginning to ripen. On our way driving back to Detroit, I told Brother Corrado and the others of my dream. Brother Corrado said, "Let's go to Jamaica, Brother Miller." I told him it may be this fruit would be right in our path. At this particular time a number of young people, including Brothers Joe, Jim, and Anthony Lovalvo had been interested visitors in our midst but had not been baptized.

While in Detroit, on one of my rounds to visit the saints, I met up with Joe Lovalvo and he was so overcome with experiences of the Lord, drawing him towards the church that I knew it would not be long before he too would become one of us. That next Sunday morning, July 16, 1933, Brother Ishmael Damico of Rochester, New York, being present with us, we had the great pleasure of baptizing Brothers Joe, Jim and Anthony Lovalvo.

On Sunday, April 21, 1946, a delegation composed of Brother Michael Angelo Gloria, his son Vito, Brother Carmine Campitelli and Joseph Reno, along with me and my companion had a very pleasant visit to Muncey, Ontario, where we visited the farm and church. On our way in, we stopped off at Sister Muskelange who is ailing and had prayer with her. As far as we could see Brother Cottelesse and his family are in good shape and seem to be doing a masterful job both on the farm and in working hard to build up the spiritual outlook among the seed of Joseph. We enjoyed quite a bit of the original spirit that existed among the saints and came back home feeling indeed blessed for the venture.

News From Youngstown, O.

By Angeline Corrado

Dear Editor: The M.B.A. met at the Youngstown Church at the request of the M.B.A. of Warren, O. We had a large crowd present on Saturday evening, May 11, 1946. A wonderful time was enjoyed by all. The Warren young folks gave a wonderful program titled "Mothers" illustrating or comparing our real mother and the church, our

spiritual mother. Representatives from the various Branches took part in the singing. Some of the visiting brethren and sisters went home after the night meeting while a few remained for the Sunday services. Among those who stayed over were brothers Kirschner and Neill of Monongahela, Pa. The morning service was led in prayer by brother Neill. Brother Kirschner was the speaker and read the third chapter of John for his text. The spirit of God was present and he made an appeal to the youth that were present to obey the Saviour's call. At the close of the meeting a young man from Windsor, Ont. (Lloyd Henderson) asked to be baptized. Brother Kirschner baptized him. The after-noon meeting was more glorious, for God did pour out his blessing upon us. Brother Thomas Ross opened this meeting. Some of the young folks bore their testimony, while our singing was accompanied at the piano by Mabel Bickerton. We were all filled with the spirit of God. In the evening the Youngstown M.B.A. met at their usual time. Brother Charles Ashton was the guest speaker and all went well. We feel to praise God for having drawn us out of this sinful world and placed us in this wonderful gospel. Brother Cadman I have just received a letter from Sister Lillian of Wilmington, Delaware. She is feeling better in health.

The M. B. A. Meets In Youngstown

The Missionary Benevolent Association held its general meeting, May 11, 1946 in the Church building in Youngstown, O. The following officers were present: President Ciaravino, Vice President Thomas Ross; Secretary, Hannah Skillen, Assistant secretary, Bernadette Marino, Financial secretary, Sarah Neill; treasurer, Mabel Bickerton; Chaplain, Dominic Cottelesse, Organizer, Philip Dreer.

The meeting was opened with remarks by brother Ciaravino, after which the business was discussed. A request was read from the Cleveland, O., branch for an M. B. A. to be organized there. Brother Altmore assisted by D'Minico of Lorain, O., are to organize it. An M.B.A. was recently organized in Youngstown, O. Delegates were present from Glassport, Monongahela, Dunlevy, Vanderbilt, Pa., Warren, O., Lorain, O., and Detroit branches 1, 2, 3 and 4. Reports by letter were received from Aliquippa, McKees Rocks, Pa., St. John, Kansas, Bronx, Brooklyn, N. Y. and

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EDITORIAL

In Romans 12-11 the Apostle Paul says to be: "Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;" I will add, that to be careless in ones own affairs when it does not effect another, is not so bad. In the April issue of this paper I notified the subscribers that the May Issue thereof would end our first year, and I urged all to renew their subscriptions as soon as possible. It is now the middle of May and I have had very little response to my request thus far. **THIS SHOULD NOT BE.** From now on when you receive your paper, the date of expiration of your subscription will appear as follows: P 6/47 or whatever date yours will expire. For explanation: should the following appear on your paper, P. 6/47, it will mean that your subscription is paid up until the first day of June 1947, if it happens to be: P 4/47 that will mean that you are paid up until April 1947. Papers will not be mailed after those dates unless the subscription has been renewed.

Another matter I want to draw your attention to. Please do not judge me to be fault-finding, I am receiving notices from the Post Office Dept. continually about papers that cannot be delivered because of people moving or changing their addresses for other reasons. I have the postage to pay on these notices that are sent to me. Please every-body take note: when you change your address for any reason whatever, write a card to The Gospel News, 519 Finley St., Monongahela, Pa. at once with your new address and it will save lots of trouble on this end, and it will also aid you to get your paper more promptly. There are a number of the soldier boys' papers returned to me and I know not where to address them. See that your address is written plainly.

Windsor, Canada. It was very evident that the work of our young people is spreading all through the church.

At the close of our business session, a short program on "Mothers Day" was given, in charge of Sister Rose Corrado of Warren M.B.A.

Four young girls gave a debate on "The Natural Mother and the Spiritual Mother, the Church." Singing from different locals was enjoyed. Refreshments were served by the young folks of Warren. The next general meeting of the M. B. A. will be held in Detroit, Mich., in August. —by Mabel Bickerton.

Sister Maria Capone Passes On

Brother Editor: On April 13th we lost one who was not only a sister in Christ to us, but who was always a dear and loving mother. She was Sister Maria Capone aged 73 of Branch No. 3 of Detroit, Mich. Through her testimony and good works, her sons, Pete and Joseph and their families came into The Church of Jesus Christ. I am happy to say that the church people were a great comfort to us in our time of need. This is a most gratifying thought.

Brother Meo, of Los Angeles, Calif., sent us a telegram of sympathy and it seemed as though we felt his heart warming hand-clasp though many mile away. Brother John Dulisse officiated at the funeral with the assistance of brother Patsy DiBattista, who we had not seen in nearly two years, and whom we did not expect to see under these sad circumstances. Both brother Dulisse and DiBattista's sermons were sweet and tender and we felt the sweet comfort of Jesus' blessed spirit. A choir composed of our young girls sang beautifully. They sounded like an angel choir and I could not help but think, "Mother do you hear this sweet music?"

After the burial the Ladies' Uplift Circle of our Branch fixed dinner for the family. Sister Mary Mancuso with the able assistance of sisters Rose Scalise and Victoria Caputo did the cooking. We feel grateful to the Ladies' Uplift Circle. The word "uplift" really and truly belongs there. I cannot say enough for the many loving tokens of kindness that we have all received, and if "Mom" could have possibly looked down from her place in the sky, she would have been very pleased, indeed. May God bless all of our church people and may the bond between us grow stronger with the passing of time. Sincerely sister, Frances J. Capone.

Wedding At Rochester

On April 27, John D'Amico and Frances Porta were married in the church here with Brother Ishmael D'Amico, the father of the groom officiating. The bride and bride-

groom left immediately after the dinner which was served at the D'Amico residence. The groom is the third son of brother and sister D'Amico who live in Rochester. He spent time over seas in the late war returning home in April. The bride is an attractive young lady who has made her home with her aunt in Rochester, while her parents reside on a farm in that district. The Gospel News extends its best wishes to John and Frances for a long and happy life together. May the Lord bless you both.

One World For Religion Too

Condensed from an address by Harry Emerson Fosdick before the Protestant Council of the City of New York:

The dominant fact of our era is that this is one world whose interdependence forces us to live together if we are going to live at all. This is one world for the nations of men, one world for the races of men, one world for public health—no barriers can now shut epidemics out, and we are preparing to build, not in the South Sea Islands but in New York City, one of the greatest centers in the world for the treatment of tropical diseases.

In one realm after another we confront this oneness of the world. Let us face the fact that this is one world for religion too!

Religion ought to have been the great unifying force among men—one divine power, one moral law, one family of mankind. Instead, religion has been one of the most bitterly divisive forces in history. One thinks with sympathy of that Irishman, saddened by the long feud between Roman Catholicism and Protestantism in his little island, who exclaimed, "Would to God we were all atheists, so that we could live together like Christians!"

The solution is no sentimental minimizing of the differences between the great religions as though they all taught much the same thing. They don't teach the same thing. The differences are profound. Buddhism and Christianity have a wide area in the ethical realm where they are almost identical, but in the philosophy behind the ethic they are sharply at odds. Nevertheless, any one of us who has had the privilege of friendship with fine-spirited Buddhists, Mohammedans, Hindus, knows that a real kinship is there too, that makes possible cooperation for certain common ends. And what is thus revealed in individual rela-

tionships can be enlarged, if we will, into a united effort for moral and spiritual causes on which mankind's welfare depends.

To come closer home, we must stress togetherness rather than separateness in this country between Catholics, Jews and Protestants. When war comes these three work together without compromise of conscience. Why not in peace? We shall lose one of the most critical spiritual and moral battles in our nation's history unless we get together for certain common ends.

Take education, for example. There is, I think, no possibility of overstating the danger involved in what is happening in this country now—millions of our youth growing up in our public schools and state universities almost totally illiterate with reference to the best spiritual heritage of our Western World. Separation of church and state is basic in this nation, but—interpreted to mean no religious teaching in our schools—it has reached a consequence that would make the nation's founders turn over in their graves.

It isn't simply that positive religious teaching is shut out. What often happens is that irreligious teaching is permitted. To know what materialistic science teaches—that is education. To learn all about Freud, not simply as a genius in psychiatry but as an atheist who thought all religion an illusion—that is education. But to acquaint our youth with the great prophets of the Old Testament, or with the personality and principles of Christ—that is religion, and must often be bootlegged in if it gets in at all.

We cannot go on that way. Some day a book must be prepared by Catholics, Jews and Protestants, presenting to American youth in the schools the spiritual heritage of our Western World, not as propaganda but as basic knowledge, if they are to understand even where our democracy came from and what it means.

But how can Catholics, Jews and Protestants get together if Protestants cannot get together with themselves? See what has happened! From the beginning it has been pretty much taken for granted that a church was founded on uniformity of opinion about creed, ritual and organization. In Protestantism, however, this basic idea about a church was joined by another idea equally basic: the liberty of individuals, and of groups of individuals, to interpret the word of God in the light of their own consciences.

When these two ideas came together the consequence was inevitable. Every time a group of individuals gets a new slant in doctrine it splits off and forms another church. In the United States this process has been mainly responsible for shattering Protestantism into more than 250 sects whose differences are not relevant to any important problem in the world. Our whole policy must be reversed. We have gone on splitting long enough. We must stress our unities, not our differences.

I am not forgetting the historic necessities that lay behind our great denominations, or the incalculable service that they have rendered the cause of Christ, but this is a new era and our present divided estate has become intolerable. It outrages intelligence and alienates thousands of our most thoughtful people. One day Lloyd George, driving through North Wales with a friend, said to him, "The church I belong to is torn with a fierce dispute. One section says that baptism is in the name of the Father, the other that it is into the name of the Father. I belong to one of these parties. I feel most strongly about it. I would die for it, in fact—but I forget which it is."

From the fact that a man is a Presbyterian, a Methodist, a Baptist, a Lutheran, or an Episcopalian, can we tell what he believes? Do not a Baptist and a Methodist often agree far better than either one of them does with many of his own brethren? A Baptist church and a Presbyterian church set side by side often stand for the same thing, preach the same gospel, in all their major emphases indistinguishable from each other. But two Baptist churches, or two Episcopal churches, set side by side, are sometimes so different that they will hardly have anything to do with each other.

The old denominational system is obsolete, and our divisional lines have no more relevance to the real problems of Christianity and of world than the boundaries of ancient Indian tribes have to the UNO.

Well, a new era has dawned, and I have faith that Protestantism will yet measure up to it. From our returning chaplains we shall get a lot of help. In the South Sea Islands some of them have thanked God that Christianity got there first. One of our boys wrote to his mother: "Because of missions, I was feasted and not feasted upon when I fell from the sky into this village." The Christianity which ac-

complished that, however, was not some sectarian peculiarity, but the fundamental and eternal verities of the faith common to all of us.

I am not expecting miracles. I am not pleading, even, for immediate organizational union between denominations save as that rises naturally from the spirit of the people. We must start with the spirit of unity, from which alone union can ever come. The day has come for togetherness, not separateness, in local congregations and in large-scale cooperative work. That is the starting point.

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Rochester, N. Y.

April 23, 1946

By Ishmael D'Amico

Dear Brother Editor:

Letting you know that on April 13th, Brother Salvatore Azzinaro of Bronx, N. Y., and Sister Mary Simone of Lockport, N. Y. were united in marriage at the Lockport Church Building. A large audience was present to honor the bride and bridegroom, including some visiting saints. On Sunday, April 14th the Lord blessed us in our services. Brother Patsy DiBattista was with us at Lockport and while the Spirit of God was poured out upon us, two more souls stood on their feet requesting baptism. We cannot express in words how great our joy was; yet it was felt that God has started in His own mysterious way in calling souls from that city to obey the Gospel. Since the opening of the Church there, we have had four souls added to the fold of the Good Shepherd and it is hoped that this work will continue to flourish.

Also informing you that last week I received a call requesting that I go to Bronx and Brooklyn. On Thursday night, April 18th I left Rochester for New York City arriving there on Friday morning. That evening I held a service at the Bronx Mission where the Lord made His presence felt. I then proceeded to Brooklyn on Saturday evening where I held a service in their Church Building and enjoyed a portion of God's spirit. On Sunday we gathered in the home of Brother Galante's (of Detroit Michigan) relatives residing in Brooklyn where representatives from Brooklyn, Bronx, and New Brunswick were also present. The brethren of New Jersey and Bronx have been holding services there for several months, and this past Sunday we witnessed a wonderful manifestation of God's spirit with

great joy to behold two more souls surrender unto Christ and accept the Gospel. It did my heart good to officiate in these baptisms and to know that the Lord was well pleased with the call that I answered to be there this past Sunday. These two new converts are related to Brother and Sister Galante of Detroit, who incidentally were also in our midst on this occasion. It is requested that we pray for a young man in this home who is almost completely paralyzed, he manifests a great love for the people of this Church. He is very desirous to serve God and feels very happy when those of the Church go there to bring him the word of God in comfort and cheer.

Brother Cadman: I want to say also that on Sunday evening I proceeded to New Brunswick where I held another service on Monday evening with quite a large gathering present. Once again we felt the blessings of God upon us in a great measure. After the meeting I started for home and arrived in Rochester this morning safe and sound with God's protection. I pray that God might help each of us in our efforts, for we know that God can give the increase. May He see fit to call thousands into the fold prior to the just and final judgments which are due to come; yea, blessed are we if we are found with our lamps all trimmed and burning.

I received the Check of \$55.00 which is a donation from the General Church Building Fund toward the Lockport Church Building. On behalf of the saints of that locality we wish to thank you. There is at present a debt of \$1000 yet to be paid on the Church in Lockport.

Will close now with sincere regards to all there including your wife and family.

Indian Reserve
Muncie, Ont., Aug. 5, 1937

Brother Cadman: I am sending you two poems—Red Man. This is only to remind you or to state the sentiments of my people. Nevertheless I must state, honestly that these poems does not mean to knock your church what-so-ever in any manner. The Red Man was contented in his Great Spirit, not interested in the many different religions that he has come in contact with. The Red Man is fair minded and I am only too glad to know that these sentiments have changed among them. Their minds are drawn to the only gospel and that's the gospel that you brought to us nearly five years ago. With

love and kind wishes to you. Amos Deleary, Indian).

RED MAN

By Amos Deleary, Muncie, Ont.
I shall stop, and listen Gentile,
To your quiz, "Why do I roam?"
It's because my tribes have dwindled
They have broken up their home.

When at first by that Great Spirit
They were led from bondage free,
To a land beyond the waters
An inheritance for me.

Then the evil spirit tempted,
Every Red-Man in the land,
Till at last they had forgotten
Their Great Spirit—mighty hand.

So at last they left their wig-wams,
Went a roaming far and near
They no longer trusted in Him,
They never trusted in their seer.

You believe that our Great Spirit,
is a fabled spirit-God;
Why do ask me, "Have I God?"
Yes, I answer, The same God.

When the Red Man beat his tom-tom,
And he chants a weird song,
Supplicating that Great Spirit
Asking blessings in his song.

So it must need be remembered,
By the Gentile, Greek and Jew,
That the God we call Min-ne-doo,
Will redeem us with the few.

True to nature we are roaming,
Both in body, soul and spirit,
We are weary in our wandering,
Never leave, us, O, Great Spirit;

So the Red Man in his worship,
Serves no other gods but God,
Dancing, singing, in his pow-wow,
That Great Spirit is his God.

By—Cad gig-nalre. Meaning: Sitting Speckled Feather.

CLEVELAND, OHIO
By Oliver Lloyd

Brother Editor:

Brother Joseph Dulisse of Detroit paid this Branch a visit recently and a wonderful meeting we had on Wednesday evening May 15. The meeting was opened by Brother Biscotti with singing and prayer and his text was taken from the 23rd Psalm and much emphasis was placed on the first and last verses.

During his talk he mentioned an experience that Sister Biscotti had about Brother Dulisse, in which he had a wonderful palace for his home. Brother Dulisse's talk followed and his subject was: "Is

Your All on the Altar," taken from the 247th hymn in our Hymnal. He was very impressive, telling us, that since we have been in the church we have learned of Christ, and it is also necessary that we learn of the cunning ways of our adversary, the devil. He further said: "The saints get from the church just what they put into it, and as time goes by we learn to love the church more and more."

Brother Dulisse in referring to the experience of Sister Biscotti, was surprised that such a wonderful experience would be had of him, but he made it plain, that in order for him to inherit the Palace, he must work faithfully to the end.

We enjoyed Brother Dulisse's visit very much and we extend an invitation for the saints to visit us, and to visit one-another more often, for in doing so we enjoy the blessings of God, the old time religion, which causes us to say: "It Is Good To Be a Saint of Latterdays."

P. S.—It is evident from Brother Lloyd's letter that they had a very enjoyable time while Brother Dulisse visited the Cleveland Church.

A TRIP TO CANADA By W. H. Cadman

I left my home on April 23rd for Detroit arriving there in the evening and was met at the depot by brother Dannachuck, and was taken to the home of brother and sister Miller where I spent two nights. While there I attended the Wednesday night meeting at Branch 1, as is usual, quite a large crowd was in attendance. I also attended meeting at Branch 4 on Thursday evening where I enjoyed the service. At the close of the meeting I went to the home of brother Gorie Ciaravino to see brother and sister Ashley who were leaving at midnight to make their home in St. John Kansas. Brother and Sister Ciaravino and Brother and Sister Buccellato were taking them to Kansas in their car. Brother Patsy DiBattista of California was still visiting in Detroit so he and I made several visits among our folks before I went over the border into Canada. I was in Windsor for the Friday night meeting and on Saturday I left in a car with brothers Henderson, Dannachuck and sisters Ilene Smith and Erma Reynolds for the Six Nations Reserve near Brantford, which is about 200 miles from Windsor. We had a very nice trip, nothing to mar our peace on the way. We arrived at the Reserve in the evening and found our folks all very

well. On Sunday morning we had services at the little hall on the west side of the Reserve. The first service was the Sunday School. Sister Reynolds has a very nice class of children and there is also a very nice adult class and everybody I thought were very attentive to the lessons.

At the close of the school we had a Feet-washing service. Quite a nice crowd present, some visitors from Toronto. The singing seemed to be very inspiring and I believe all present enjoyed the meeting. The afternoon meeting was held at the home of Sister Jameieson in Ohsweken, a little town in the center of the Reserve. It was a testimony meeting and we had a nice time together. At the close of this meeting our car returned to Windsor, but I remained at the Reserve for a few days. On Monday sister Beaver and I visited at the home of sister Dolly Green and ate dinner with her. Sister Green buried her first husband a few years ago, but was remarried recently.

Sister Green obeyed the Gospel some years ago and has been very faithful to the covenant she made at the water's edge. Her husband was with her at Sunday's service. In the evening brother Beaver and I paid a visit to the home of brother Richard Isaacs. I have visited this reserve many times, but somehow I had not visited brother Isaacs' home prior to this trip. I find him to be a very industrious man. He farms 140 acres of land and is well equipped with good horses to do so. He also has a nice herd of cattle and sells cream. He and his wife live alone, not having any children. I was glad to visit their home.

On Tuesday evening we held another meeting at Ohsweken in the home of Sister Jameieson with a very nice attendance. While in Ohsweken I visited at the home of Brother Hill. He is building a fine big home on his farm there. They are living in it, but it is far from finished. Brother Hill is a very industrious man along with his family. A Mr. John Miller took me in his car to visit an old friend, Mr. Sam Likers and his wife. I spent most of the afternoon with them and ate supper in their home. Mr. Likers is quite a talker on scripture and seems too much taken up with Seventh Day Adventists.

On Wednesday morning Brother Isaacs took me in his car to Brantford where I boarded a bus for Muncey. Arriving at London I called up brother Cotellesse's

home and learned that he was holding meeting in London that evening at the home of Sister Skyler, so I waited there until brother and sister Cotellesse arrived in their car, and we proceeded on to the home of sister Skyler. Sister Skyler is the sister that was baptized here in Monongahela a few years ago and had a wonderful experience in regaining her sight. We had a very nice meeting and among those present was our old brother Sprague, who is now past his 106th birthday. He is very feeble but he arose to his feet and bore his testimony. I noticed too, that when we arose to sing the closing hymn, he stood up with us. The Lord has certainly blessed him with many years. I might add that brother Cotellesse makes this trip once a week to hold this meeting. It is a distance of about 22 miles from our Missionary home. At the close of this service we drove to the farm home at Muncey. This was on Wednesday night.

Regular meetings are held in the church at Muncey on Thursday evenings. I attended this service, our attendance was not very large but I enjoyed myself in speaking to those present. Besides this service, there is one held on Tuesday nights in the various homes on the Reservation, as well as the services in the church on Sunday afternoons and evenings.

Brother Cotellesse holds a meeting at Mt. Brydges on Friday night, and on this night I went with him. The meeting was at the home of Brother VanBree who lives on a farm. I believe there are four of his family thus far obeyed the gospel. Brother and Sister VanBree have a family of 14 children and are prosperous farmers. Their home is about eight or ten miles from Muncey.

On Saturday night we went to visit an Indian lady at Sheddon, about ten miles from Muncey. The lady is very much afflicted and had sent word to Brother Dominco that she wanted to be anointed. Four of us went to her home and found her sorely afflicted. We spent a nice evening with her, sang hymns, had prayer and anointed the poor soul. It was well on to midnight when we arrived back home in Muncey. On Sunday morning brother Cotellesse and I went to visit on the reservation and brought several of our members back with us for the afternoon service at the Church.

In this meeting there were several non-members present. I spoke at length and enjoyed very much

speaking to the Indian people. We had a very nice meeting; near the close, a car-load of our folks from Detroit, who had held a meeting at Mt. Brydges, came walking in.

We were glad to see them. They had a blow-out on the highway and had a very narrow escape. They managed not to upset, but landed against a pole of some kind. It was a frightful experience for them but they were thankful that none of them were hurt. The Detroit folks were having a meeting that night at Newbury, about 30 miles from Muncey and on their way home. I stayed and conducted another meeting in the church that evening, while Brother Cotellesse with his wife, and brother and sister Van Bree from Mt. Brydges went to Newbury. I believe the meeting was held in a hall and there was quite a crowd in attendance.

On Monday we went to visit a sick brother on the Oneida Reserve and found him very poorly. We had prayer and also anointed him. It was a pitiful case; he has a wife and four children and a small two roomed house to live in. I visited our old sister Muskalunge in her humble home. She is getting to be very feeble. On our farm we are gathering quite a lot of stock; we have 33 head of cattle, about 40 head of sheep and lambs, lots of chickens, pigs, a good team of horses and lots of good pasture and our grain is about all planted. Brother Cotellesse is very busy holding meetings and visiting where he is needed. The weather has been very cool up there, but there are prospects of having some fruit at present. We need financial aid in order to purchase needed implements. We will have a few head of cattle and some hogs to sell this summer which will help some. Considering the short time we have been on the farm, I think we have done well indeed.

At the Grand River Reserve they want more meetings. We have meetings on a Sunday and then our brethren do not return until two weeks later. Our brethren in traveling there have done well, but we need a couple of Elders located on the ground. We should have a central place of meeting at Ohsweken and it behooves us to get our shoulders together in behalf of the covenant people of the Lord, and at the same time not forgetting our duty towards the Gentiles.

On May 7th brother Cotellesse drove me to the highway where I boarded a bus for Windsor. I at-

tended a meeting there that evening, went to Detroit the next day and attended meeting at Branch 2. Brother and sister Romano then took me to their home, served me a good lunch (many thanks) and then took me to the depot where I boarded the midnight train for home. All is well. I intended to visit our folks at Coleman, Mich., before returning home, but was unable to do so on this trip. I hope to make that trip soon.

In conclusion I will add: Seeing that the world is so full of strife and unrest and in many parts of the world there is many of God's creatures starving to death. In this land of Promise (America) conditions are not as they should be, but how wonderfully we are blessed, our comfortable homes, an abundance to eat and clothes to keep us warm and the wonderful conveniences we are blessed with; complaints and murmurings should be far from our minds. In the midst of the conditions that are, it is inspiring to any one of a Christ-like mind, at least it is to me, to see some of our brethren engaged in a business that tends to feed and clothe the hungry and destitute. It is the farms that produce all that we eat, except that which comes out of the waters and the forest. Our shoes and clothing grow on the backs of the beasts that we raise. In fact God has so designed that we shall live out of the dust, even as eventually, we shall return back to the dust.

Vacationing

A carding from brother and sister Ansel D'Amico of Rochester, N. Y. would indicate that they are having a vacation, and in doing so are visiting the different churches in New York and New Jersey. According to the card, they spent Sunday May 12th at Palatine Bridge, N. Y. and report that a number of visitors were there and that a good time was enjoyed by all. The card was mailed at New Brunswick, N. J. so it is evident that they are spending their vacation at places where the church is located which I think is very good indeed. May their visit be encouragement to all they may come in contact with.

Hopelawn, N. J.

By Michael Fehr

Brother Editor: We had a general gathering in Hopelawn from all the surrounding Missions including Brooklyn and Bronx. The brethren of the latter two named places chartered a bus for

the occasion, the results were, a large crowd gathered together. We had wonderful meetings throughout the day, Brother Charles Ashton and wife, and Brother Oran Thomas and wife of Pennsylvania were also present. We were all very happy to have them with us and we enjoyed the wonderful words spoken by them. The Sunday morning meeting of May 5th was opened by brother Ashton and the hymn: "Jesus Is So Wonderful" was sung. His text was taken from the scripture pertaining to Jacobs Well, and was illustrated as a well spiritually in Joseph's land, which is the land of America. Brother R. Ensano of the Stelton Mission followed him in the Italian language with a good flow of the spirit. The meeting was closed with singing and prayer by brother Sirangelo of New Brunswick. During recess a lunch was served in the basement of the church.

The afternoon meeting was opened by brother Oran Thomas and after he bore his testimony we sang the hymn: "Jesus Set My Heart To Singing." Brother N. Faragasso Jr. then related his experience in the way of testimony. (There is nothing said here as to the experience, but Brother Faragasso had the ordinance attended to for a very serious affliction in our recent Conference. I hear that he has been wonderfully healed. Editors note) A number of the saints were anointed in this meeting and the time was spent mostly in testimony, also brother Carmen Scro was renewed into fellowship in this service. The meeting was closed with prayer by brother Scro. The evening meeting was conducted by the Missionary Benevolent Association being led in prayer by the Chaplain and various ones taking part in the speaking. It was a very enjoyable day spent in the service of the Lord by all who were privileged to be present.

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Brother Editor: With joy I write you these few lines letting you know that we enjoy the blessings of God. You know we have brother and Sister Heaps and their youngest daughter with us now. Me coming here, has moved many of the brothers and sisters to move here. There must be much work here for us to do. We are doing all we can to bring the good news of the Gospel to those that we meet. I know you will be glad to know that we had our first convert on April 7th. This convert had heard of the

church for some time. In fact she came to Detroit about six years ago and was brought to visit the church by her sister, Sister Buffa of No. 1 Branch. She has lived in California for more than twenty years and she was happy when we came here, so when the Lord called she was ready to answer the call. Her name is Mary Spata and lives at 4052 Firestone Blvd. Southgate, Calif. Sincerely brother R. Meo.

Metuchen, N. J.

I have received a short letter from sister L. Arcuri the daughter of brother Leo Arcuri enclosing a donation for the work among the Indian people. This of course is an offering of the Metuchen Mission. The young sister informs me that her father is very poorly at this time, having had a very severe heart attack. She wishes us all to remember him in our prayers.

Holy Greetings In Jesus Name from Sister Gidas of New York City

Brother Editor: The Lord is really blessing us here in New York City, come or pray for us because Jesus is all whom we praise, His words are sure and coming to pass. Brother and sister Sirangelo are back from their trip and oh how wonderful the Lord is blessing us. Two sisters were baptized on Sunday at South Brooklyn by brother Ishmael D'Amico. It is so wonderful, I cannot find words to express my feelings. This week we were blessed to have brother and sister Ashton and brother Thomas from Pennsylvania present in our services. Another lady is to be baptized on May 5th. Sister Gidas includes in her letter a small offering to help along the work of preaching the gospel. I will place it in the fund to help along the work among our Indian people. Thanks to you Sister Gidas.

Bronx, N. Y., April 27th

Brother Editor: Enclosed find Postal Note which is a contribution from the Bronx Mission for the work at Muncie. Our Sunday School Class gave a program on Easter Sunday commemorating the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. The program was ably presented by the Sunday School teacher, brother Vincent Lupo, and the performance of the children was enjoyed by all. We trust that the Lord may bless them and cause them to be future brothers and sisters of our Church. Sincerely brother Nicholas A. Zinzi.

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"THE FAITHFUL FEW"

When a meeting's called to order
And you look around the room,
You're sure to see some faces
That from out the shadows loom;
They are always at the meeting,
And they'll stay until it's through
The ones that I would mention
Are the always faithful few.

They fill the many offices
And are always on the spot
No matter what the weather,
Though it may be awful hot;
It may be dark and rainy,
But they are tried and true,
The ones to be relied on
Are the always faithful few.

There are lots of worthy members,
Who will come when in the mood,
When everything's convenient
They can do a little good;
They're a factor in the meeting,
And are surely sincere, too;
But the ones who never fail us
Are the always faithful few.

If 'twere not for the faithful
Whose shoulder's at the wheel,
Keep the church a-moving
Without a halt or reel;
Sad would be the fate of meetings
If they were absent too;
There surely would be failures
If we lacked the faithful few.

So let each member labor;
Haste to gather in the sheep.
The midnight cry has sounded,
Warning none to be asleep.
So, then, rejoice ye faithful few
When at last your work is done;
And the Lord returns to claim you
He will smile on every one.

From V. of W. Dec., 1940, by
Jessie Farber.

GREEDINESS, LUST AND PRIDE

By Brother James Curry

In the book "Faith and Doctrines of the Church of Jesus Christ," which was published by order of the church in the year 1897, we find an experience recorded wherein the late Brother William Cadman Sr. relates that upon retiring to his home after a Sabbath day of religious services, he was inspired to write the verses: "The Lord did raise up Joseph Smith, And through him did reveal the truth." See Hymn no. 371 (New hymn book).

As the story unfolds we observe that after the death of Joseph Smith, many men tried to raise the

Church again, but that each was turned aside through one or more of what seems to us to be the three chief divisions of sin—greediness, lust or pride. He finished his poem with a note of warning to the saints:

And now let all the saints be pure,
And let them serve the Lord, and
fear,
Lest they like-wise be turned aside,
Through greediness, or lust, or
pride.

These three things are no doubt the lusts of the flesh, the lusts of the eyes and the pride of life, which our ancient brother Paul said were not of God. If they are not of God, they most certainly are of Satan, that is, they are the three prominent deficiencies of the human heart through which Satan may enter (if we allow him) to set up his kingdom, to exercise power and authority, or to thrust the souls of unsuspecting men and women down to hell.

By way of contrast, there are three heavenly virtues embodied in the gift of life which is given to us at the time of our rebirth in Christ, which, if properly exercised, will gradually exclude all traces of greediness, lust and pride from our systems, making it possible for our souls to be saved to the uttermost. These three heavenly virtues are faith, hope and love.

We must of course at the time of our rebirth have excluded sufficient of greediness, lust and pride to have prepared the ground work of the heart for the planting of the divine and eternal seed of Christ, after which we may truly lift up our voices to sing, "The spirit of God like a fire is burning, The latter day glory begins to come forth."

If we allow the spirit of God to have its way, if we exercise these three heavenly virtues, a pleasant and a thrilling operation occurs in us. The greediness, the lust and the pride are consumed by the cleansing, purifying, refining fire of God's holy spirit, to leave in their place gold, silver and precious stones. How much of the gold, silver and precious stones we have in us depends of course upon how well we apply ourselves; how much of the greediness, lust and pride we allow ourselves to be dispossessed of. If we nurse one or more of these roots of sin, it may be

that our store of the precious elements shall be very small indeed, so that we walk unsteadily, as with a feeble light in a too dark world. Our brother Paul informs us that every man's works shall be tried in the fire, to see of what sort they are—whether gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay or stubble.

A short time ago this writer was inspired while at prayer to ask God how the saints could go like the three Hebrew children (I mistakenly said Daniel) into that fiery furnace which is to be heated seven times hotter in the near future than it ever was before. It seemed to me at that moment that the saints were in no condition to enter into that awful flame. I was inspired further to ask the Lord to lift up us, upon a higher plane, to so condition us that we may not only enter into that fiery trail, but that we might, like the three Hebrew children, emerge from thence without even the smell of fire upon our garments. Brothers and sisters, we have no doubt that while in the midst of those frightful years, we shall but need to lift up our eyes in faith to see the form of one whose appearance is like unto the son of God, and He laboring side by side with us mightily, to bring forth Zion.

The Nephite armies under the leadership of Mormon were so steeped in sin that Mormon feared to pray for them, lest God should smite him. The Lord had been holding out His hand all the day long to them, but they would have none of His gold, silver or precious stones. Suddenly the outstretched hand was withdrawn. The sun and the moon were darkened (The light of Christ and the protection of divine law was taken from them) and the stars (the preaching of the gospel through the saints) withdrew their shining. They were given over to satan, whom they had elected to serve, as vessels well fitted to destruction. When the spirit of Satan entered into them, the wood, the hay and the stubble (all combustible materials) began to burn. With the burning came tears of sorrow and great wretchedness. Mormon, seeing their tears, began to rejoice, thinking it was the sorrow of repentance. Alas, with what feelings of pain did Mormon make the horrible discovery that these were not the sorrows of repentance, but the

sorrows of the damned. Given over to him whom they had chosen to serve, and having none of the refined and incombustible treasure of heaven within, the fires of hell began to eat into their very souls; a foretaste of the fiery worm gnawing at conscience; a foretaste of unquenchable fire, which is misery without end.

It is instantly apparent to anyone who cares to inquire into the matter that the spirit of God strives continuously with the whole human family, persuading it to do good. Where it not so, Satan would visit mankind with speedy destruction. The spirit of God striving with mankind has the affect of a counterbalance, which modifies the designs of satan, and places men and women in that peculiar position of knowing both good and evil. The Lord has striven mightily with America both before and after its inception into the family of nations.

From the time of Luther and Columbus to Joseph Smith, the Lord with infinite patience pruned, nourished and prepared the human family for the restoration of the true gospel back to earth again. Over a hundred and twenty years have passed since that memorable day when the Angel Moroni appeared to Joseph Smith. From that time until now, the Lord has been holding out His hand all the day long to the men and women of this nation.

Why does the Lord hold out His hand? If we were asked to give a one word definition of love, we could not define it more clearly than to say simply: To love is to give. Love seeks never to take, but to give. God is love, and such a great boundless ocean of love is He that His breadth and depth is well nigh impossible to understand. Out of the heavenly store house of virtue, God gives gifts unto men, and such gifts are they that we choose the greatest treasures of earth as a medium through which to try to comprehend their worth. Paul likened them to gold, silver and precious stones. If humanity would but place itself in a position where it could examine the worth of these treasures, how soon it would cast aside the satanic inspiration to cleave to the wood, hay and stubble; the greediness, lust and pride of this present world.

America has refused the proffered hand of friendship, with its excellent gift of eternal life. The kingdom of heaven goes begging for the want of receptacles in which to place its gifts. The Church of

Jesus Christ is in the midst of a hard hearted and a stiff-necked generation, its worth unknown, its praises unsung. It shall not always be thus. For behold, says the prophet Malachi: "The day cometh that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble; and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch." (See Malachi 4th chap. 1st verse).

Already satan is gloating in anticipating of the kill. We hear much about the kingdom of heaven on earth. Has the reader ever considered the possibility of the hounds of hell moving in to consume and to lay waste the earth? If you have never done so, I exhort you now to ponder the matter in your heart, for the sun and the moon shall surely be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining. When the great God decrees that the spirit of His Son shall be withdrawn from all those who refuse the gifts of heaven, when the scales of justice dip so sharply with the weight of evil that the counterbalance of God's love for the world is of no affect and must be withdrawn, when, as in the case of Mormon, the saints of God fear to lift up their voice to heaven in behalf of the wicked for fear that God may smite them, when satan with his legions emerges from the pit to burn with furious intensity in those who have all their lives nursed the combustibles; wood, hay and stubble. We need but refer you to Mormon and Ether in the book of Mormon for a first hand account of how great nations can perish when they become fully ripe in iniquity. The prophet continues— but unto you that fear my name shall the sun of righteousness arise with healing in His wings. (Malachi 4th chap. 2nd verse.)

And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him. (Malachi 3rd chap. 17th verse).

After the wicked shall have been consumed by fires of their own creation, we shall hear no more the noise of contesting factions crying, "Lo Christ is here or Christ is there," but— "Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not." (Malachi 3rd chap. 18th verse.)

The saints shall look upon sor-

rowful years before the clouds of error fully disappear before the rays of divine truth. In speaking of the Gospel going from the Gentiles to Israel, the Prophet Joel has the following to say. Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar. See Joel 2nd chap. 17th verse. And what about all those who have gold yet to be refined. This writer was once wonderfully inspired of God to ask Him to prepare pathways for the feet of all the sincere seeking ones in the earth, which would lead them to the New Jerusalem, the City of God's Love.

In conclusion, we quote from the Prophet Habakkuk: "Behold, is it not of the Lord of hosts that the people shall labor in the very fire, and the people shall weary themselves for very vanity?" "For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." (Habakkuk 2nd chap. 13th and 14th verses.)

THE LADIES CIRCLE ANNIVERSARY

The Ladies Uplift Circle held its 26th anniversary in the Monongahela Church, the afternoon and evening of Saturday June 8th. There were five of the charter members present who were at the first organization meeting held in July 1920 in Riverview, Pa., at the home of Sister Sadie Cadman.

Meeting was opened with Vice President Sister Elizabeth Davidson giving the welcoming address, followed by remarks concerning the achievements of the Circles by President Sister Sadie Cadman. Several sisters bore testimony to the goodness of God and expressed their appreciation of the Circles. The memorial for our deceased sisters was given by Sister Hannah Skillen, assisted by Sisters Carol Bickerton and Anna Dreer. A group of young sisters sang the favorite hymns of some of these sisters who have gone to join the Heavenly Circle. Many of the circles were represented by delegates who read the history of their circle, and told of the many good things they are doing. Other circles not represented sent letters which were read and enjoyed. Between the afternoon and evening meetings a lunch was served in the Church basement to all present.

The evening meeting was a continuation of reports from the delegates, and special singing. There were visitors from Warren and

Youngstown, O.; Hopelawn and New Brunswick, N. J.; Dunlevy, Glassport, Coal Valley, West Elizabeth, Bitner, and Vanderbilt, Pa. Every one present felt the work of our Ladies Uplift Circles had played a prominent part, financially and spiritually, in promoting the work among our Lamanite Brothers and Sisters, as well as each circle member learning more of the scriptures.

"I AM THE BOY"

Fanny Crosby, the blind song writer, was at the McAuley Mission. She asked if there was a boy there that had no mother, and if he would come up and let her lay her hand on his knee. A motherless little fellow came up, and she put her arms about him and kissed him.

They parted; she went from the meeting and wrote that inspiring song, "Rescue the Perishing"; and when Mr. Sankey was about to sing the song in St. Louis he related the incident. A man sprang to his feet in the audience and said, "I am the boy she kissed that night. I never was able to get away from the impression made by that touching act, until I became a Christian. I am now living in this city with my family, am a Christian, and am doing a good business."

"Down in the human heart,
crushed by the tempter,
Feelings lie buried that grace can
restore;
Touched by a loving heart,
wakened by kindness,
Chords that were broken will
vibrate once more."

—Unknown.

Tonawanda Reservation New York State.

A card from some Indian friends as follows:

Dear Brother Cadman,

Greetings in Jesus' name. Received your card and very glad to hear from you, sorry we did not answer soon. We were in Canada, Six Nations Reservation until Sunday. Still going out witnessing our Lord Jesus. We are having big prayer meeting in our home tonight, we expect people from different Reservations. We are about the same, but still going to tell others that Jesus saves. May the Lord bless you all in him. Bro. & Sister Lyons.

I will add that I have been in these folks home quite often and they treat me fine. I have eaten dinner in their home, prayed and sang with them. They have a comfortable little home on the

Tonawanda Reservation and they always make me welcome. May the Lord bless them in their humble efforts to serve the Lord. Brother Cadman.

NEWS from Detroit Michigan Branch No. 1 Frances Buccellato

In the April issue of the Gospel News I wrote of a series of meetings Brother Charles Ashton was invited to hold at Detroit Branch No. 1 for the spiritual benefit of the young people in this vicinity of the Church. As a result of these meetings the presidents and vice-president of the M. & B. A. Locals met and decided to hold a Young Peoples Conference a month after each G M & B A Conference. The object being to promote a spiritual uplifting among the young people. Saturday evening, June 8th, the first of these meetings was held with a very good representation from each branch. There were visitors from Lorain, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Coleman, Michigan and Rochester, New York.

There was a half hour of community singing led by Brother Nicholas Pietrangelo.

Brother Domenic Thomas was the Master of Ceremonies for the evening and I take this opportunity to say he couldn't have done a better job in handling the service as he did.

A skit entitled "How the Brass Plates of Laban were obtained" was presented by a few with Sister Mary Molisani being the narrator.

Brother D. Thomas gave a talk on the challenging days in which we live. Needless to say he is a good speaker and brought forth a very good subject.

A song entitled "When I spend my vacation in Heaven" was sung by the Junior girls' choir.

A rolling quiz in which the whole congregation participated added further to the enjoyment of all. It was one half hour well spent.

The Male Choir sang "Follow the Glean" with Brother Anthony Scolaro singing one verse of the hymn solo.

Brother V. J. Lovalvo sang a selection entitled "After the Night." The young people of the various branches represented were asked to contribute in the way of singing.

The meeting was brought to a close with the hymn "Why Not Accept Him Now?" While the choir hummed the last verse, Mary Molisani recited some free verse inspiring written by Brother Al-

fred D'Amico, entitled, "Soul, Why Not Accept Him Today."

Refreshments were served in the basement and I believe I speak for everyone when I say that it was a evening well spent. We are now looking forward with interest to our future gatherings, hoping that they will prove even more satisfying than this the first.

A GOOD THOUGHT

(A paragraph from a sermon of Rev. Shepperson as printed in The Christian Beacon.)

"Vance Havener tells the story of a man going into a church, and how this worshiper noted that they sang so well and the preacher got up and preached a marvelous Gospel sermon about seeking and saving the lost, becoming all things to all men. And the man said, 'Now I have gotten into a place where they are ready to go. That preacher acts as if he is on fire.' And he gave out his closing hymn and it was, 'Rescue The Perishing, Care for the Dying.' All the people got up and sang with much zest and with a determination on their faces that they were going to get out and reach the lost and rescue the perishing. But when the benediction was said, the man came up to the platform and said, 'When are you going to get about this thing?' They answered, 'What thing?' 'Rescue the perishing you were singing about! When are you going to get to doing that thing?' And they said, 'We do that every Sunday. We just sing that way.' You know, that is the story of a great many congregations. We sing the great truths and we preach the great truths, but is it not time for us to get going about that thing? Is it not time that we were practicing our singing and preaching? We should be ready to go.

News From N. J. (By Ivy Fisher)

Brother Editor: A few lines for The Gospel News. Recently we had the pleasure of some of our brothers and sisters visiting us here. We enjoyed their company and they gave us much encouragement. Our elder brethren did give us much food for our souls and spoke wonderful words of life. God surely blessed us. We are thankful to God for their visit and pray that He will give them the privilege to visit us again. Come back soon for we always are glad to hear the voices of our brethren and sisters. I thank God for this

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EDITORIAL

Our Church History is now ready for sale, the orders that were already here have been delivered and thus far the comment upon them has been all very favorable indeed. Copies ordered by mail, at least until further notice shall be \$2.50 per copy plus ten cents for mailing. It is possible that the Church may be obliged to raise this price later on, but I hope not. I will add too, any one wishing a Book of Mormon bound in leather, we can accommodate you as follows: black limp leather, \$4.25; stiff leather back, in colors, \$3.75; ten cents should be added if by mail. Cloth bound books are of course \$1.00 each, except in dozen lots or more, are \$9.00 per dozen. I want to remind you all too, that I sell Bibles and the discount allowed me is turned into the Missionary work of the Church. The few years that I have been selling Bibles, I have placed in the Missionary Fund, kept by the Ladies Uplift Circle several hundred dollars, so when you buy a Bible through me, you are not putting anything in my pockets, but you are helping our work along. I will add that I am somewhat disappointed in so many of our people failing to renew their subscriptions to The Gospel News. I gave notice in the April paper relative to the matter. I have in the past, and will still do all I can for the success of our paper, but without your support, it will be hard for me to make a success in publishing The Gospel News. There are some Branches and Missions of the Church that I have not even heard from. Are you disappointed in our paper?

Brother Cadman.

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wonderful gospel, the most wonderful and precious gift, The Gospel of Jesus Christ. I am enclosing \$x dollars for four renewals for The Gospel News.

I am in receipt of a letter from Sister Eva Sanders of St. John, Kansas, in which she sends me some renewals to The Gospel News also a very nice offering from their Branch to help the work

along at Muncey, which I am sure is very much appreciated. Sister Eva informs me that Brother Earl Lynch and wife of Coshocton, O., were at St. John, been called there by the death of Mrs. Lynch's father. Brother Earl attended services at our little church while in St. John. The saints in St. John also appreciated the short visit of brothers Gorie, Felix and their wives a short time ago. A letter was received from brother DiFranco recently of Cleveland, O., informing me that all were very well, also enclosing a very nice contribution from their Branch to help along the work among the Indian people at Muncey. May the Lord bless you all. Brother Cadman.

Taking a Trip

A letter from Sister Elsie Miller of Sayresville, N. J. informs me that she is leaving soon on an extensive trip through the west and possibly to the coast accompanied by some of her folks. She wrote to me for the addresses of some of our people that she may call upon if she happens to go their way. The Gospel News wishes you all a wonderful trip, also a letter for the News after your return home.

News from the American Bible Society: Japanese Christians living in the New York City area are raising a fund of \$5,000 which will be forwarded to the American Bible Society as their share in the society's current campaign of \$600,000 needed for furnishing Scriptures to Japan. The Society has received requests from Japan for 100,000 Bibles and 2,500,000 Testaments in Japanese.—The American Bible Society has learned in recent word from Shanghai, that the plates of the China Bible House were hidden, during the war years, and so escaped the looting. As soon as paper supplies are available, production of Scriptures will begin. Reports are not yet available of the Scripture distribution during this period. Care has had to be taken in issuing Scriptures because of the efforts of speculators and hoarders to buy up even the paper in printed Bibles. This would indicate that there are some stocks on hand at the present time. The Bible Society is now printing 100,000 Chinese Bibles and 200,000 Testaments as an initial supply pending the resumption of printing in China.—Norway is receiving 126 cases containing 3,000 Norwegian Bibles, 15,000 Testaments and 75,000 gospels for free distribution.

SOUL, WHY NOT ACCEPT HIM TODAY?

By Fred D'Amico

Soul astray in darkness,
bound by sin and woe,
Won't you stop and listen,
to what I have to say?
Have you ever been discouraged,
as though laden, and bent
beneath some load?
Surely then, you felt that
you needed a friend, to help
you onward with your load.
Soul I say, why not accept Him
today?

Has the way oft times been dreary,
and rugged been the road?
Perhaps, you oft times have been
weak, weary and tired of the
life that you have led,
Was it not then, that you wished
you could start and live anew?
You perhaps, have tried this plan,
and that plan, but all seemed
in vain.
So, soul I say, Why not accept
Him today?

I tried many plans, they too have
failed,
For the way and plan of man, has
always been known to fail,
But Soul I say, there is some way,
for there must be a way,
I say, kneel in prayer and ask
God the Almighty if there could
be some other way, surely He
will not fail.
So, soul, Why not accept Him
today?

I too, many time have been laden
as though bent beneath some
load,
So to the Almighty I prayed, and
He did not fail, for He gave me
a way and He gave me a plan,
The plan, that He gave to me, was
Jesus' plan,
For said He, "I am the Resurrec-
tion, I am The Life, and I am
the Way."
So, Soul, I say, Why not accept
Him today?

Come unto Me, all Ye that labor
and are heavy laden, and I will
give you rest,
"Take my Yoke upon you, and
learn of me, and Ye shall find
rest for your soul.
For my Yoke is easy, and my
burden is light."
Soul, take heed today, for this
plan is Jesus' Plan.
So, Soul, Why not accept Him
today?

San Diego, Calif.
June 1, 1946

A letter from brother George
Staczko informs me that his broth-

er and sister-in-law were baptized on May 26. He reports everything going along well with our folks in San Diego, and that they had a very nice meeting on the aforementioned date. Brother Staczko is serving in the U. S. Navy but is seeking a release that he might accompany his father - in - law, brother Patsy DiBattista to Argentina on Missionary work.

COUNSEL OF ALMA

Counsel with the Lord in all thy doings, and He will direct thee for good; yea, when thou liest down at night lie down unto the Lord, that He may watch over you in your sleep; and when thou risest in the morning let thy heart be full of thanks unto God; and if ye do these things, ye shall be lifted up at the last day.

FATHERS DAY

The M.B.A. in Monongahela held a service on Sunday evening June 16 appropriate for the occasion, that is, Fathers Day. The service was in charge of Elder Mountain and a very nice evening was enjoyed. Elders John Majoros and William Tucker talked on the question of honoring our fathers. Elder Neill read a poem titled Working For My Dad," and then gave quite a talk of his own experiences with his father who died while he was quite young. Our young brethren rendered some appropriate song selections. The service was concluded with the fathers present, 15 in all, taking their place up front and singing the 455th hymn in our Hymn Book, "I and my house will serve the Lord." Brother William Bailey of Redstone and Brother John Stroke and son of the Greensburg Mission were present, also some of the folks from the West Elizabeth Branch.

Rochester, N. Y.
(By Paul D'Amico)

Brother Editor: I cannot describe in words how wonderful it feels to be home again and to meet with the saints at every possible opportunity feasting ourselves on the things which have no end. The blessings of God have always proven to be spiritual food for our souls. It would be impossible to find a substitute for the gifts and blessings which we as Latter Day Saints have experienced since our obedience to the Gospel.

On the day of my release from the military service I was given a

discharge; merely a piece of paper. Yet I would have not exchanged it for anything in this world, for to me it represented freedom.

Brother Cadman: A few days ago I received word from our friend in the Philippine Islands, Efraim Tolentino. This was his first letter since my arrival home. The reason for his delay was primarily due to his illness. He went through a trial of affliction lasting for more than two months, but has now recovered and is on his two feet again. Efraim has been receiving the Gospel News and has received our Church Hymn Book as well as all of our Church Literature, and expresses his appreciation for taking an interest in his welfare. May the Lord bless him with all that is necessary even unto granting him his great desire of his heart; that of coming to the United States. He doesn't know when it will be, but he is still contemplating a long journey some day, when God permits. It is my prayer that one day he might receive according to his desire for I feel that some good may be obtained. (I am enclosing a money order for \$1.50 to cover one year's subscription of the Gospel News for Efraim.) While I was in the service father was purchasing two each month, but I feel to subscribe to Efraim the additional copy which father used to send me while I was away.)

Another Conference is approaching and it would be my desire to behold the faces of the saints once more. God willing, we hope to see you.

Also informing you that my father took a trip to Palatine Bridge, N. Y. this past week end. It was nearly seven months since his last trip there, due to the work which he took over at Lockport in the reconstruction of the church there. Since then, he has also done quite a bit of traveling; but was able to get to the folks in Palatine Bridge this past week end. He said that they had some nice meetings on Sunday, and that although few in number, the promise to the Saviour was manifested.

At times it appears that a general discouragement comes our way due to the fact that very few in this world are willing to take upon them the name of Christ, but we find great comfort in the words of the Saviour when he said: "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." (St. Luke 12-32.)

THE LIGHT OF HEAVEN (A reprint from The Gospel Reflector of January, 1910)

Dear Editor:

I will endeavor to write a few lines for the Reflector, expressing myself a little of what occurs to my mind. We find written in the 310th Hymn, "What fair one is this from the wilderness traveling?" In the early part of the eighteenth century the spirit of God began to move upon man, for the purpose of opening their long benighted eyes. The Lord brought a few to witness a portion of Heavens light, and authorized them to place before mankind the requirements of His will. Thus light began to shine into the hearts of those who were willing to hear. Those who continued in that light was led from one degree of understanding to another, traveling farther from the wilderness, (or darkness) the purpose of God being unraveled to their understanding by the revelation of His will. Time has rolled away until we are brought to see the opening of 1910.

Great changes have taken place since the restoration of the gospel in 1827. The church has been in reproached many times since then, and many retreated back to the wilderness, while others hastened on, esteeming the richness of God's Holy light dearer to them than the gross darkness from whence they came. We are exhorted by the Apostle Paul to give honor to whom honor is due, and we consider that much honor is due our old brethren and sisters for keeping themselves in an approved condition before God so that His will and purposes can be unfolded to those whose understanding is not brightened by the inspiration of His Spirit in regards to future events, or the purposes of God declared by the prophets which rests on us to bring to pass. Surely the more light that is given to us the less darkness remains and thus are traveling farther from the wilderness. Where are we traveling to? To Mount Zion, where an ensign will be set up for the nations, and for the outcasts of Israel. Then with the sacred words of the Poet; let us sing with the understanding: "We are marching to Zion." I feel sure that we are on the road of our timely and eternal prosperity. May we each be kept pure before God that His Spirit may direct us while traveling to Zion's Hill. It is cheering to our souls as we notice how God has worked upon men of other nationalities and brought some to

obey the gospel, also among the colored race.

One nation of people will look upon another with contempt, but with God and His people we find it not so, but all are brethren and sisters in the Lord by keeping His commandments. So we see that the ensign was not for a "nation" but for "the nations," which nations will become the nation of God through obedience.

Then what glorious prospects can we claim. These hopes and call them ours, and indeed, to boast in the Lord for our position (the church) because there is no ruler, king, prince or noble of any kind existing that can rejoice like unto the people of God, but we are told by the prophet that even these great men bring their honor and glory into the kingdom of Jesus Christ. This shows that Christ's Kingdom, which we are endeavoring to erect will be superior to all. So, may God help you and me to travel in with our faces Zion-ward, and should we die in the attempt, we have the assurance that we will still live in kingdom of glory.

By Charles Ashton.

GLAD TO BE HOME AGAIN (George Hendler)

Brother Editor: First of all, I want to say I'm very glad this letter will not bear an A.P.O. postmark. As I sat in a Red Cross lounge in Florence penning my previous note, the foremost thought in my mind engulfed the unanswerable question "When shall I be home?" And now, home at last. I am able to strike that question from the record.

One of my first functions as a private citizen was to attend the April Conference at Youngstown. We enjoyed it very much and I must honestly admit that it was fine, I really took an active interest in the proceedings. That it was a fine conference in that a general good feeling existed throughout—over and above the grievances which must necessarily accompany the business end of such meetings—cannot be doubted by any one. Perhaps my own particular alertness can be attributed to the recent experiences of passing through the war; incidents which had here tofore seemed common place, now take on a new meaning and lend importance to themselves.

Too, Mother and I enjoyed being at Young Peoples meeting in Monongahela Sunday before last. It was pleasant to learn that a testi-

mony borne ten years ago by my very father should have formed a partial basis for some of the remarks made in the course of the program. These things serve to establish more concretely in the mind that the minor items do count as the church moves forward.

Looking back, I have found that the small bits contributed by the various testimonies, sermons and experiences have been a winding factor in the power which is given this church. When a hundred candles are placed in a dark room, one lighted radiates a small illumination; two increases the amount, although imperceptibly. But as each one is lighted singly over a period of time, the room becomes lighter and lighter until there is a complete change from the weak flame of the first lone candle, applied to the schematic of life, this annalogy offers a great importance to the progress of the individual. I am thankful for the influence which church has tendered me in my life to this point. Although my affiliation with it has been solely through the medium of having been blessed by the Elders, it is my sincere hope that I may not always remain as one looking in from the out-side. May God bless you all.

Charles Jo Noro-Vera Calabrese Wedding

Miss Vera Calabrese, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Calabrese and Mr. Charles Jo Noro, both of Lorain, O., were united in holy wedlock on April 27, 1946. Elder Alfred Dominico officiating. Miss Mary Ciccati was maid of honor. Emma Hales, sister of the bride, and Miss Poslet were brides-maids. Gabriel Carpeno, cousin to the bride was best man. Charles Jo Noro and Red Kruppers sang while Adiline Velardi was organist. The bride was given away by her father, the ceremony being performed at 10 a. m. A dinner and reception was given in the afternoon and evening, and a lovely time was spent by all who were present, of which there were many. The Gospel News extends its best wishes to you.

Good News From Cleveland

In a letter from brother Biscotti, dated June 20th. He says: We are enjoying the blessings of the Restored Gospel in Cleveland. We can say with Poet: Sweeter as the Years go by. Brother Biscotti in-

forms me of a sister whose physical condition was very critical, so much so that the Doctor said that he did not see any use of her going to the hospital. Our brethren turned their minds towards God in the hour of their trials. They anointed her and ask the Lord to lengthen out her life, their prayers were answered and our sister is now well. It is an old saying: the extremity of man is God's opportunity. Brother Biscotti is so much taken up with our Church History he sends another order for more. Best wishes to you all.

FROM DEATH TO LIFE

(A reprint from The Gospel Reflector, July 1909)

How Am I to know whether I have passed from death unto life? I John 3:14. The scripture says by loving the brethren. But how will I know who are my brethren? Jesus has said, if any man will obey His will he will know for himself and not for another; therefore obedience is better than sacrifice and to hearken than the fat of rams: Sam. 15:22. And in James 7:23, God has said: "Obey my voice and I will be your God." Jesus said at one time: "Who are my sisters and my brethren but those who do the will of my Heavenly Father."

Therefore, my dear brethren, it is just as easy to know that we have passed from death unto life, as it is to test a man who says he is a citizen of the United States. Any man might declare that he is so, but upon questioning him, we find that he has never taken the oath of allegiance, nor declared his intention of becoming a citizen. But he claims to be a citizen because he has lived in this country for a long time. Perhaps he owns some property, a store, or has some money. Will this entitle him to become a citizen of this country of our or of any other country? Every man of understanding knows that this will not entitle any foreigner to the rights and privileges enjoyed by the humblest citizen in the United States. He must declare his intention first, then take the oath of allegiance to this government and renounce his allegiance to his mother country, and then receive his papers of citizenship.

It is just the same in the kingdom of the Lord and Master, Jesus Christ. It matters not how much any man professes attachment to God and His cause, we are not entitled to the blessings and privileges of His kingdom un-

til we become citizens thereof. Now how can we become citizens of the kingdom of God? By repenting of our sins and obeying the requirements of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Gospel of the Son of God, which has been delivered to us by the revelation of Jesus Christ in these last times; and as Paul declared to the Galatians: "But though we or an angel from heaven preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed."

So I am very thankful that we have the same gospel that he had.

Your brother in the Gospel of Christ,

Archibald Ferguson.

THINGS WE BELIEVE

We believe in God, the Eternal Father; and His Son Jesus Christ; and in the Holy Spirit; these three are the great matchless power that rules all things visible, and invisible, for it is of Him and through Him that we receive all things both for this life and that which is to come.

We believe God the Father, to be a personage of glory and that the Son is the expressed image of the Father, and that He was with the Father before the foundation of the World; and that in the fullness of time He came from the bosom of the Father and was born of the Virgin Mary according to the scripture, became man, suffered and died for the sins of the whole World, and on the third day rose again and brought about the resurrection according to the scriptures, and ascended up on high to sit at the right hand of God. Principalities and powers being subject to Him, (Christ) who is the image of the invisible God, the first born of every creature; for by Him (Christ) were all things created that are in Heaven and that are in Earth, visible and invisible, whether they be Thrones or Dominions, Principalities or powers; all things are created by Him (Christ) and for Him; and He is before all things; and Christ is the Head of the Body, the Church, the Beginning, the first born from the dead; that in all things He (Christ) might have the pre-eminence; for it pleased the Father that in Him should all fullness dwell. We believe also, that He will come again, etc.

We believe that The Church of Christ in this age in order to be worthy of the name, must be modeled substantially and minute-

ly after the pattern left us by Christ, with Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, etc.

We believe that mankind will be punished only for their own actual transgressions, and not for the sins of our first parents.

We believe and know that inspiration is an indispensable qualification for the preaching of the Gospel, that general information of the affairs of the world, past and present is good and advantageous to man when properly used. That theological education is only good as far as correct, but it is not indispensable.

We believe that all men must obey the Gospel before they can be saved. See John's Gospel 3rd chapter, etc.

We believe the first principal of action required in the Gospel is belief on the Lord Jesus Christ. The second is repentance which signifies nothing more or less than feeling a Godly sorrow for our sins with a fixed determination to sin no more. The third is Baptism by immersion in water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, for the remission of sins. The fourth is the laying on of hands in the name of Jesus Christ for the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.

We believe in being buried with Christ by baptism, and planted together in the likeness of His death, and raised in the likeness of His resurrection; and that we should walk in newness of life.

We believe in the promise of the Saviour as they are written in Mark 16th chapter: "These signs shall follow them that believe, in my name they shall cast out Devils etc."

We believe in partaking of the Lord's supper every first day of the week; the Bread as His Body, and the Wine as His Blood, etc.

We believe in the washing of feet as an ordinance instituted by our Lord and Saviour, to be observed in the Church. See John's Gospel, 13th Chapt. We believe in saluting the Brethren with a holy kiss. See 1st. Cor. 16th, Chapter, 20th verse.

We believe in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ as recorded in the Scripture, which was a victory over the power of death, etc. We believe in the complete apostacy of the Gospel as first established by the Saviour. We believe in a restoration of the Gospel, and that all its blessings are within our grasp, if we meet God's requirements, for He is still the same. In obedience

He will bless, in disobedience He will curse. We believe in the restoration of Israel as is spoken of by the Prophets; and that God will use man as His instrument for its accomplishment in this age, as He did in ages past. We believe that God will employ this Church (The Church of Jesus Christ) for that purpose, "Hear ye the word of the Lord, Oh ye nations, etc."

We believe also that blindness in part has happened unto Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles be brought in: and so all Israel shall be saved as it is written, etc. We believe that the Aborigines, or Indians upon this Hemisphere, are a part of Israel, descendants — of Ephraim and Manasseh, the sons of Joseph, and that this land of America is theirs by an original God given right. We believe it is the land of restored Israel, where the Little Stone of Daniel will smite the image at the feet and bring about the wonderful results by him described. We believe the word of God, wherein He says: "He will write unto Ephraim the great things of His law and they should be counted a strange thing. We also believe that the Book of Mormon is that strang thing, etc." We believe that the Book of Mormon is the book spoken of by the Prophet Isaiah 29th. chapt. The same also that Ezekiel refers to in his book, 37th chapt. as the stick of Joseph in the hand of Ephraim. We do not only believe, but we know that the Book of Mormon condemns the doctrine of more than one wife, in fact it condemns adultery in all its forms. Finally, Whatsoever things are true, and honest, and just, and pure, and lovely, and of good report; and everything virtuous, praiseworthy, and upright, we seek after, looking forward to the recompense of reward.

A LETTER FROM OHSWEKEN

(I wrote a card to a young Indian girl in Canada whom I baptized a few years ago, asking her to write me a letter, or send me some news for our little paper; she wrote to me as follows:)

Ohsweken P.O.
Ontario, Canada

Dear Brother Cadman,
Your card this morning, which I was very glad to receive. It found us all well and still enjoying the wonderful blessings of our Lord. I'm not much of a letter writer any more, so I hope you'll forgive me for not writing sooner. I'm hoping this letter finds you and

sister Cadman well. Even though we are so far apart in miles, it seems as if you're close at times. It's that wonderful bond of love which exists only between our saints. Brother Cadman how can I put in words how thankful I am to be a member of God's Church. In my youth he saw fit to call me, so I in return am trying daily to do His will. Although many trials and temptations are about me, I can say God has never forsaken me. I've fallen back some times, but I never lost sight of the goal I'm trying to reach. My desire today is as strong or perhaps stronger than the day I took my baptism. I just hope and pray that I may be a help unto some one, speak a kind word or two. I believe a few kind words from the heart will go further than many words with no meaning. I know it has proved that way with me.

There really isn't any news around here at present. All the Brothers and Sisters are well. You know Brother Cadman it has been our desire to have a meeting every Sunday, but as we know that is impossible at the present time. So between us out here we planned to meet at each others home and have a little get-together service. The first meeting we had turned out very nicely. We sang and prayed and each one of us read a verse from a certain chapter in the Bible and explained it to the best of our ability. Then we all discussed it till we got the full meaning. Altogether we spent a most enjoyable time.

Mother is home to stay now, even though our home isn't complete it's a joy to have her home again. I plan on going back to Buffalo Sunday if Dad and I can get our planting done this week. I even learned how to drive the horses now, I was a little excited at first but I think I made pretty good.

I haven't any more to say and it's getting late so I'll close now, sending all my love to all the saints, and every one here sends their regards. So until I hear from you again I'll say "God bless you Brother Cadman and Sister Cadman, take care of yourselves. I remain as ever,"

Your sister in Christ,
Leona Hill.

PROPHETIC VERSES

II Nephi Chapt. 25 beginning with verse 13. "Behold, they will crucify Him; and after He is laid in a sepulchre for the space of three days He shall rise from the

dead, with healing in His wings; and all those who shall believe on His name shall be saved in the kingdom of God. Wherefore, my soul delighteth to prophesy concerning Him, for I have seen His day, and my heart doth magnify His holy name. (14) And it shall come to pass that after the Messiah hath risen from the dead, and hath manifested Himself unto His people, unto as many as will believe on His name, behold, Jerusalem shall be destroyed again; for woe unto them that fight against God and the people of His church. (15) Wherefore, the Jews shall be scattered among all nations; yea, and also Babylon shall be destroyed; wherefore, the Jews shall be scattered by other nations.

(16) And after they have been scattered, and the Lord God hath scourged them by other nations for the space of many generations, yea, even down from generation to generation until they shall be persuaded to believe in Christ, the Son of God, and the atonement, which is infinite for all mankind—and when that day shall come that they shall believe in Christ, and worship the Father in His name, with pure hearts and clean hands, and look not forward any more for another Messiah, then, at that time, the day will come that it must needs be expedient that they should believe these things. (17) And the Lord will set His hand again the second time (restoration of the gospel) to restore His people from their lost and fallen state. Wherefore, he will proceed to do a marvelous work and a wonder among the children of men.

(18) Wherefore, He shall bring forth His words unto them, which words shall judge them at the last day, for they shall be given them for the purpose of convincing them of the true Messiah, who was rejected by them; and unto the convincing of them that they need not look forward any more for a Messiah to come, for there should not any come, save it should be a false Messiah which would deceive the people; for there is save one Messiah spoken of by the prophets, and that Messiah is He who should be rejected of the Jews. (19) For according to the words of the prophets, the Messiah cometh in six hundred years from the time that my father (Lehi) left Jerusalem; and according to the words of the prophets, and also the word of the angel of God, His name shall be Jesus Christ, the Son of God. (20) And now,

(Nephi speaking) my brethren, I have spoken plainly that ye cannot err. And as the Lord God liveth that brought Israel up out of the land of Egypt, and gave unto Moses power that he should heal the nations after they had been bitten by the poisonous serpents, if they would cast their eyes unto the serpent which he did raise up before them, and also gave him power that he should smite the rock and the water should come forth; yea, behold I say unto you, that as these things are true, and as the Lord God liveth, there is none other name under heaven save it be this Jesus Christ, of which I have spoken, whereby man can be saved.

(21) Wherefore, for this cause hath the Lord God promised unto me that these things which I write shall be kept and preserved, and handed down unto my seed, (Nephi's seed) from generation to generation, that the promise may be fulfilled unto Joseph (him that was sold into Egypt) that his seed should never perish as long as the earth should stand."

"Note" words in brackets are those of your correspondent.

CLING TO THE GOSPEL

(A reprint from The Gospel Reflector of October, 1905)

There is much discussion now existing

Upon this favored land.
About the blessed word of truth
Which we much understand.

To gain a full salvation free
We must the word of God obey.
And stand to our integrity.
In this the latter-day.

Now in the days of Joseph, seer,
False doctrine finally came
And has increased from year to year
And isn't it a shame?

Yes, several splits have taken place,
Since the Gospel was restored;
But thankful we've not embraced
The things which God abhorred.

Then let us to the gospel stand,
Which we've received so dear.
And have the Lord Almighty's hand
Protecting ever near.

For we have the right-of-way
To inherit Zions land;
Then Oh, my comrades watch and pray

And to the Gospel stand.
CHARLES ASHTON.

THE GOSPEL NEWS

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GENERAL CONFERENCE

The general conference of the Church met here in Monongahela the first week in July of 1946 in our Church on Lincoln and Sixth streets. The first service was held on Friday morning and business sessions continued throughout all of the day, and until ten o'clock Saturday night. Much business pertaining to the welfare of the Church was transacted. Delegates were present from various places in the states of New York, New Jersey, Ohio, West Virginia, Michigan, Kansas, California and Ontario, Canada, besides from many places in Pennsylvania. Our folks in New Jersey chartered a bus for the occasion. In all, it made a very large crowd and especially on Sunday. The main auditorium was filled to capacity and many on the lower floor, where the services were transmitted by a "loud speaker." Sunday morning service was led by Brother Gabriel Mazzeo of New Brunswick, N. J. and was followed by V. J. Lovalvo of Detroit and A. A. Corrado of Youngstown, Ohio and then the meeting was brought to a close by Brother W. H. Cadman of Monongahela, Pa. I must say that a very good spirit prevailed throughout the service. Many good things were brought out by our brethren. The afternoon service was introduced by Brother Isaac Smith of Elizabeth and the time was spent in bearing testimony by the many that were present from so many distant places. Sunday evening meeting was conducted by the Young People of the Monongahela church and a splendid evening was enjoyed by all. Along with the young folks of Monongahela, the visiting young people from the various places rendered some good singing. On Saturday morning at 8:30 the chartered bus from New Jersey left the church on the return trip with a happy crowd aboard. Before boarding the bus however, we all entered the church where prayer was offered up for their safe arrival home again.

Ways of the Refiner

To The Editor: Why does the Lord permit His children to suffer afflictions, sickness and pain? Why does He permit calamities to overtake them? If He truly loves them, why is it, He does not pro-

tect them from trouble? These questions and others like nature, have often been asked; is there an answer? Yes, there is an answer, although the finite mind cannot fully comprehend the character or the works of the Infinite One; yet we may be sure, God loves us. Could we see the end from the beginning as God does, then we, too, would choose His way and know that it is the best.

In His revealed word it is declared, "Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as a son; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?" Hebrews 12: 6, 7. "He is like a refiners fire, and like fullers soaps, and He shall sit a refiner and purifier; and He shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver that they may offer unto the Lord an offering of righteousness." Malachi 3:2, 3. Do you say: "I cannot understand." Perhaps you do not know, but if your dear soul will only trust the Infinite One, someday it will be made clear.

In the language of another we may say there are mysteries too deep for the human mind to explain or even fully comprehend. But we have no reason to doubt God's word, because we cannot understand the mysteries of His providence. In the natural world we are constantly surrounded by mysteries that we cannot fathom. The very humblest forms of life present a problem that the wise men are powerless to explain, everywhere are wonders beyond their knowledge. Should we then be surprised to find that in the spiritual world also, there are mysteries that we cannot fathom. The difficulty lies solely in the weakness and narrowness of the human mind. We are in a world of sin, and sin results in crime, sickness and finally death. "The wages of sin is death." Everywhere we find sorrow, pain, and woe. Hearts have been crushed with grief, death has snatched away their loved ones. Tears of sorrow have flowed down the cheeks of the bereaved. Also many are the hearts that are burdened with grief that is inexpressed in words. In silence, many bear their burdens without revealing it to others. We may not always be kept from sickness. God may permit us to be in pain upon the beds of affliction, but He will

not leave us alone. He has promised to be with us; such experience may draw us nearer to God. It is the sun shining upon the falling raindrops that forms the beautiful rainbow in the heavens. Even thus, His presence with us in the days of our afflictions will form the rainbow-experience in our lives.

In sickness as in health, God remains the same, for He is love. There are some things we would be able to see, were it not for darkness. When the twilight deepens, and darkness begins to envelop the earth, new glories are seen in the heavens, one by one the stars appear, until the whole sky is filled with shining lights. These would not be seen were it always day. The darkness opens as it were, the windows of heaven and gives us a new view of the mighty works of God. Are you in deep sorrow or affliction? If so put your whole trust in God and be even as Job, who was victorious at last. This is the promise, when He is with us we need not fear. It is enough for us to know that a loving hand is guiding all our affairs and that He will go with us all the way. Yea, everything works together for good for those that love God. We may not understand it now, but in the great hereafter, He will explain to us the reason why He permitted these trials to come to us. With Him we are safe, let us trust Him.

When in sickness in bed I be,
From His throne He looks at me,
When I look around to see,
He will be there watching me.

(By Harry Lorber.)

It is not ours to question why,
The clouds obscure the day,
And why our crosses seem at times,
Too heavy on us to weigh;
The Lord is wiser far than we
His precious promise He'll keep.
It will turn their mourning into joy,
And make their souls rejoice who weeps.

Brother Marco Randazzo.

July 15th, 1946

Brother William H. Cadman:

Thank God my life has been spared again through another serious operation.

On Monday morning, July 1st, I had a pain in my stomach, which shifted to my abdomen and later settled in my lower right side, which gradually grew worse and became almost unbearable. My son, Ether called brother Marco

Randazzo on the telephone. He came immediately and attended the ordinance and we waited for the Lord to interfere, but as pain continued, Dr. Greenlee was called. You know, brother Cadman, I have had a threatened double hernia for some time, so the Dr. took me to the hospital in his own car at 11:00 p. m., for a thorough examination. After a consultation by several Doctor's, they decided an operation was necessary, which was performed at 1:30 a. m. Tuesday. They discovered, I had a ruptured appendix. The doctor said, "they filled me with sulfa drug, and had it not been for this wonderful drug that they would have had to pack me in ice for about six weeks before an operation could be performed."

Since the operation, I have not suffered any pain, the Doctor's and nurse's were amazed at this, and said hypo's were always necessary after an operation as serious as this one, to eliminate pain. I thank God that brother Randazzo's prayer and the prayers of others were answered in that respect. I am gradually gaining strength daily.

We have sold our property and the greater part of our household furnishings, on account of my condition and my wife's health failing, she having suffered recently with a hemorrhage of the inner ear, which has left her deaf in one ear and has affected her health otherwise.

We are now living in a house trailer at 25214 Gratiot Avenue, (Trailer City) Roseville, Michigan, which eliminates a lot of hard work for both of us. With God's help and the rest cure, we hope to regain our health, and trust that we may be of more service to the church than we have ever been.

I was very sorry not to be privileged to attend our October and July business conferences, on account of my condition. I have caused to ponder, as to why. When in the hospital, I read an article published by a Christian church, entitled, "When the Dark Days Come." I was greatly comforted, and will refer to a few things contained therein. The writer referred to the words of the Apostle Paul: "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose." Rom. 8:28. You will note that the Apostle said "all things," not somethings. The little word "all" makes a great difference. When we think of all things, we think of

such unpleasant things as illness, pain, heartaches, disappointments, etc. Do these things work together for our good? Every detail of life's action seem to be ordered by One, who is all powerful all wise and all loving.

When Job tried to reason out the cause of the terrible things that fell upon him he could say: "If I be wicked, woe unto me; and if I be righteous, yet will I not lift up my head. I am full of confusion; therefore see thou mine affliction;" Job 10:15.

I trust that I may be patient in the hour of my affliction, for I know that God does not suffer any to be tempted above that which we are able, but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that we may be able to bear it. Therefore, I am satisfied that "all things work together for good to them that love god."

Sometimes 'mid scene of deepest gloom,

Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom.

By waters still, o'er troubled sea,
Still 'tis His hand that leadeth me.

THURMAN S. FURNIER

P. S.: Note: To all concerned. My new address will be found by referring to this article.

TIMES AND SEASONS

By A. B. Cadman

But of the times and the seasons brethren, Ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night, for when they shall say peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them as travail upon a woman with child, and they shall not escape. But ye brethren are not in darkness that that day should overtake you as a thief, ye are the children of light, and the children of day, we are not of the night nor of darkness. First Thess. 5; 1st to 5th verses. And to you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power. When He shall come to be glorified in His saints, and be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day. Second Thess. 1: 7, 8, 9, 10. We, The Church of Jesus Christ have always and do believe that Christ will reign on the earth one

thousand years, and that season (thousand years) will follow the first resurrection, as Paul says: the dead in Christ will rise first. The Bible says: that the graves were opened and many bodies of the saints which slept arose and come out of their graves after the resurrection of Christ. Matthew 27:52, 53, and Rev. 14:3, tells of 144 thousand which were redeemed from the earth, and Rev. 5:10, and has made us unto our God, Kings and Priests and we shall reign on the earth Jude 14: Behold the Lord cometh with ten thousands of His saints. This we understand will take place at the end of the world, the great day of tribulation. As Christ refers to: the sun is turned into darkness the moon shall not give her light and the stars shall fall from heaven and the powers of heaven shall be shaken, this is to take place immediately after the tribulation of those days, and then shall appear the sign of the son of man in heaven and then shall all the tribes mourn and they shall see the son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory, and He shall send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet and they shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. Matthew 24:29, 30, 31. The spirit spoke to our brother Ishmael D'Amico when he was sick and could not go to our conference saying: these conferences come and go, but be sure and not miss that general Conference, the morning of the first resurrection. The great day of jubilee that is to follow the seven times or seasons of 1000 years which is typed by the lesser jubilee of each fifty years that followed the 49th year, composing the seven seasons of seven years each. The end of each seven years was a sabbath year, just as the last of seven days was the sabbath day, three score and ten is the half of seven score years and the hundred and forty jubilees is seven thousand years, the times and seasons ordained of God before the end of the world. As we are now about to close the 6000 years or the beginning of the seventh thousandeth year, when the Mountain of the Lords House will be established in the tops of the mountains and nations shall flow unto it. Isaiah 2:2. Also see Micah 4:1. And many nations shall come and say: come and let us go up to the Mountain of the Lord, and to the House of the God of Jacob and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths for the law will

go forth of Zion and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And Isaiah 34:1, 2 says: come near Me ye nations to hear, and hearken, ye people; let the earth hear, and all that is therein, the world and all things that come forth of it, for the indignation of the Lord is upon all nations, and His fury upon all their armies, He has utterly destroyed them, He has delivered them to the slaughter. So we see there is to be a great work to be done before the end comes, a place of refuge for the meek that they may inherit the earth which is called Zion and Jerusalem. "And they shall come to Zion with songs of gladness upon their head, sorrow and sighing shall flee away." They are long to enjoy the work of their hands, they shall build houses and inhabit them and plant vineyards and eat the fruit thereof, they shall not build and other inhabit, they shall not plant and others eat, for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, they shall sit every man under his vine and fig tree and will not say: knowest that the Lord for all shall know Him from the least to the greatest. What more suitable time for this great Mountain of righteousness, this great rest, this wonderful peace when even the lion is to lie down with the lamb, the desert is to blossom as the rose. Then the seventh thousandeth year, a sabbath of rest that all lesser sabbaths is a type of to prepare a people for that change of Immortality. Yes, He is to come to His temple, to His Kingdom, to the Ancient of Days. Not to a divided christianity with all their different beliefs and disbeliefs, but to a people who has one Lord, one faith, and one baptism.

Infant Baptism

(By Bro. W. T. Maxwell, copied from the Gospel Reflector of June 1906)

Editor Reflector: There would be no cause for me or any one else to write on this subject, if believers in the scriptures, and professed Christians were consistent. As there is not one instance or example of infant baptism to be found in the New Testament from beginning to end, therefore we must concede that it is unscriptural. See St. Mark, 16:16. "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." Acts. 8th chapter, we find that belief or faith, was the first and principal qualification. When the Galatians believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, they were baptized, both men and women. The Eunuch, too, who

said: "See, here is water, what hindereth me being baptized?" Philip's answer was: "If thou believest with all thy heart thou mayest." In addition to faith, repentance was taught which also precedes baptism. See Acts. 2: 38. Would common sense teach us that infants were included, or were proper subjects to be baptized? And furthermore, there is no Scriptural authority for godfathers or godmothers to act as sponsors. Such persons cannot intercede as to faith, repentance and confession of infants. Through baptism the penitent believer puts on Christ and becomes an heir of His kingdom. Christ said of infants: "Of such is the kingdom of God." Acts. 8:12, we read: "They were baptized, both men and women." Nothing is said about children or infants. We do read that some households were baptized, viz: Cornelius, Lydia's and the Jailors. Some suppose, and even contend, there was infant children included in the baptisms. But the sacred book is silent as to infants, and the proof is required to establish the facts in the case. It would be an easy task to find hundreds—yes, thousands—of families, or households, that do not include infants. Now to conclude this subject on infant baptism, for the benefit of mankind who have been traditionated by doctrines of men; who have changed the ordinances, and teach for doctrine the commandments of men, I declare, as at the beginning that infant baptism is a doctrine or ordinance of men, and unscriptural, and fear no successful contradiction from the scriptures by conscientious men.

The proper subject is one capable of understanding. The mode we find in Col. 2:12: Buried with Him (Christ) in baptism; and the object to be attained we find in Acts. 2:38 is for the remission of sins. To follow Paul's example, we should pray with the spirit and the understanding, and sing with the spirit and understanding, and in speaking or writing on the doctrines of our Saviour, it should certainly be with the same spirit and understanding. Being ignorant of Latin, Greek and Hebrew I will refer the readers to expressions of some of the learned for their consideration. Calvin says: "But as Christ enjoins them (Mark 16: 16) to teach before baptizing and desires that none but believers shall be admitted to baptism," &c. Curcellaues writes: "The baptism of infants in the two first centuries after Christ was altogether unknown: and the custom did not begin before the third century, and

then without the command of Christ". Dr. Neander, the great German scholar, says: "It is certain that Christ did not ordain infants baptism." Bishop Jeremy Taylor says: "Christ blessed infants, and so dismissed them, but baptized them not." Martin Luther says: "It cannot be proved by the sacred scriptures that infant baptism was instituted by Christ or begun by the first Christians after the Apostles."

These are founders of church, and yet this unscriptural doctrine is taught and practiced by their followers without regard to the proper subject, mode or object. "Consistency, thou art a jewel."

THE RED MAN

(By Amos Deleary, Muncey, Ont.)

We are told by your great teaching
And you've told us face to face,
That we must obey your preaching,
Judging us a fallen race.

Whom are ye that you should
Judge us?
From the pulpit, press so vain,
We can't swear by oath among us,
As to take God's name in vain.

We do praise Him for this blessing,
He has made our language pure;
Kindred tongues are never ceasing,
Swearing oaths that are not pure.
How we often curse this bondage
As an evil to our race,
Civilization, in this age
Has reduced the Red-man's pace

They tell us that civilization
Has enlightened the Red-man,
He has ceased to be a Nation,
In the eyes of a Prudent man.

If you care to know the Red-man,
How he earns his daily bread;
Just approach his humble wigwam,
You! would not live in his stead.

In this state, and this corruption,
That is meated out to him;
He exclaims, there's no redemption
In this land who cares a whim.

But the time is fast approaching,
The oppressor must give heed,
To the lowly Red-man's wailing
In this country of the free.

So the Red-man in his praises,
To his Maker in the past,
Will forget the grim past ages
As he ponders o'er the past.

He believes in his Great Spirit,
To provide him for today,
Never mindful of the morrow,
Only trusting day by day.

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EDITORIAL

I am leaving tomorrow July 19th for northern Michigan where I expect to spend some time with brother Nellis; will go to Detroit first. I have been very busy all week getting material assembled for the August issue of this paper which I will place in the hands of the printer tomorrow morning before leaving my home. I will have everything in shape so that this issue can be placed in the mail while I am away if necessary. I would like to advise my brethren, you that are able to write articles on the various scriptural subjects, to do so. Also any good news in your Branches send them in. I have been run very close to get enough material for this issue. Any news sent should be here by the twentieth of the month. I would like to advise any of you that may not get their paper, that it may be that you have not renewed your subscription. Sincerely Brother Cadman.

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That Great Spirit in His blessing,
Does provide the Red-man's need,
In his wig-wam, fasting, praying,
This to him is life indeed.

So ye Gentiles need not wonder
Why the Red-man never toils,
All you need to do is ponder,
He's a "Man" that never wails.

By Cad gig-nabie, meaning Sitting
Speckled-feather.

A Letter From Mrs. Alice Smith A Lamanite Sister of Muncy, Ont.

Dear Sister Cadman: Your letter dated June 11, 1946 was received. Glad to hear from you, also to know you are well. I am well as could be. You ask me how I come to obey the Gospel. I will try to answer briefly, for it is a long story. I was a member of the United Church and for one year I did not attend church because of unsettled mind. At the end of the year I went to God in mighty prayer, asking Him what He wanted me to do, what or where was the right church? After prayer I heard a

voice saying: "Go and get baptized right away." I answered all right; and I was baptized the very next day. I thank God in bringing me into the light and salvation. I have spent many happy hours in His service since I gave myself to Him. He has been my very refuge and my guide. My greatest desire is to keep on serving Him to the end of my days. So remember me and I will do the same. Best regards to you and brother Cadman. As ever your sister in Christ, Mrs. Alice Seth.

Where Are We Going?

In a recent "United Press" survey it was shown that there were nearly one-half as many divorce suits as there were marriages in the first ten months of this past year in the thirty of the largest cities in the United States. Oklahoma City and Dallas recorded more divorces than weddings. When France got that way, the world began to call her a "dying nation." (Herald of A. Mess).

P. S. My old father was credited with making the following statement many years ago: "Adultery had been the cause of the down-fall of most all nations, and that it would be the down-fall of this one," the "United States of America. In the scripture we have an account of a woman being taken in the act of adultery, according to the law of that time, she could have been stoned to death. Jesus extended mercy, but with a strict command "to go and sin no more." I read that sin is the transgression of a law. In these United States we have freedom and liberty, but if we exercise these privileges and rights to transgress as we may wish to: surely it will bring down the wrath of a just God upon us, for He, God, is not a respecter of persons. Just recently I noticed that one of our most popular "movie stars" wedded her fifth husband, yet she was perfectly within her rights as far as the law of the land is concerned. May I ask, is she within her rights in the sight of her Creator? Verily nay; Jesus says: "but from the beginning it was not so." His word cannot be broken. Mormon calls upon the Gentiles to repent and obey the gospel. Is it much wonder that he warns them? A nation that is so full of adultery; even though it has been legalized, does that fact excuse our nation of people? Nay, but with the freedom and liberty we have, it makes our condemna-

tion greater. Moroni is made to exclaim: "O ye wicked and perverse and stiffnecked people," referring to this Gentile nation of people. He further says: "Behold, I speak unto you as if you were present, and yet ye are not. But behold, Jesus Christ has shown you unto me, and I know your doing." He further says: "Behold, the sword of vengeance hangeth over you; and the time soon cometh that He avengeth the blood of the saints upon you, for He will not suffer their cries any longer." Jesus taught men to be perfect even as your father in heaven is perfect.

EDITOR

OBITUARY

The Mountain Grove, Mo., Journal publishes this obituary at the death of "Mrs. Prayer Meeting" which is attracting widespread attention of those who attest its truth:

"Mrs. Prayer Meeting died recently at the First Neglected church on Worldly avenue. Born many years ago in the midst of great revivals, she was a strong, healthy child, fed largely on testimony and Bible study. Soon growing into world wide prominence and was one of the most influential members of the famous church family. For the past several years, Sister Prayer Meeting has been failing in health, gradually wasting away until rendered helpless by stiffness of knees, coldness of heart, inactivity and weakness of purpose and will power. At the last she was but a shadow of her former happy self, her last whispered words were inquiries concerning the strange absence of her loved ones now busy in the marts of trade and places of worldly amusements. Experts, including Dr. Work, Dr. Reform and Mr. Joiner, disagreed as to the cause of her fatal illness, administering large doses of organization, Social Contest and drives, but to no avail. A post mortem showed that a deficiency of spiritual food, coupled with a lack of faith, heartfelt religion and general support were contributing causes. Only a few present at her death, sobbing over memories of her past beauty and power. In honor of her going, the church doors will be closed on Wednesday night, save on the third Wednesday night of each month, when the Ladies Pink Lemonade Society serve refreshments to the members of the Mens Handball team."

MRS. ANNIE GRACINGER PASSES ON

Sister Gracinger died at her home in Eldora on July 4th. She had been ill for sometime when at last death ended her suffering. Her husband and only child passed on some few years ago. Among those that mourned her loss were four brothers and four sisters, including sister Mae Wilson and sister Ruth Yates Luca. Sister Gracinger obeyed the Gospel some years ago and was laid to rest in the Monongahela Cemetery with Brother W. H. Cadman officiating at the service. She was the daughter of our late brother and sister Stevenson of Eldora. The Gospel News extends sympathy to the bereaved family.

VERSES

By Michael Piacentino

Do you attend the M. B. A. that's held each Friday night?
Do you suppose by staying home you get the same delight?
Do you think an "extra" meeting would be too much for you?
Or are you one that's learned it all, for you there's nothing new?

Is your Book of Mormon laying, full of dust upon the shelf?
Are you thinking less of God each day, and more about your self?
Are you going all out for Jesus, while you enjoy good health?
Or is your time all taken up accumulating wealth?

When you are working part time, can you expect full pay?
Or do you say "I'm busy now, I'll join some other day"?
Just ask yourself these questions, upon them meditate.
Then take the matter up with God, and He will put you straight.

Remember that your efforts here below are not in vain,
You've not a thing to lose, but everything to gain,
When you attend the M. B. A. you're sure to gain some knowledge,
That isn't taught in grade school, universities, or college.

We extend an invitation to all both young and old
To those who once were members and since have grown cold
So accept this invitation friends, at once without delay
And come to church next Friday night and join the M.B.A.

WHAT SHALL THE HARVEST BE

See Galatians 6:7, 8, 9. "Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption, but he that soweth to the spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

Man may try and make himself believe that when we pass out of this world that such is the end of all things. In doing so, man but deceives himself and in the end God is not mocked but His word is simply fulfilled, for He has said: Man shall live again. What wonderful examples we have of life after death. For instance note the vegetable kingdom, how it dies when the cold winter sets in. The forests look so lifeless, yet when the warm sun begins to shine in the spring of the year, life in the forest is apparent. Each tree or bush brings forth its own kind; likewise the seeds that are sown in our gardens, apparently dead yet life is, in some way hidden within. We can't see it, it is hard to understand, but eventually we see with our eyes its growth and we are made to wonder at the variety brought forth from the various little seeds that have been planted. One tiny seed brings forth a radish, another the turnip and so forth. The grain of corn brings forth a multitude like the one which died away in the ground.

With all the power and wisdom we as a world possess, the great structures we build, look at our mechanism, we build machines that penetrate the heavens, we go down into the depths of the seas and emerge again, and what don't we do? It seems as though we have forgotten that there is such a word as CAN'T, yet with the little tiny seeds so insignificant when compared with the mighty things we handle, the little acorn will produce the big oak, the various nuts will produce others of their kind, the little cabbage seed will make a cabbage head, so insignificant and yet with all our wisdom and might, we cannot change the nature of the little seed. We can destroy it but can't change it. As men we curse men, we blaspheme the Creator as well as the creature.

Along with our good deeds, we perform bad ones. We love, we hate, we envy, we praise. If we perform a good deed, it lives and re-

turns to us in some way for good. If we do an evil act, we may make ourselves believe the act is dead, but how often we reap what we have sown, whether it be good or bad. Let all men take heed to what kind of seed they sow. Let us take the admonition of Paul: Do good to all men and especially to those of the household of faith. If all mankind would do only what Jesus would do, scatter good seed, what a wonderful harvest we would be reaping today, and, in the end eternal life. Sincerely W. H. C.

ANOTHER YEAR PASSES ON FOR SISTER MARY TUCKER

On July 12, 1946 was the 84th birthday of our aged sister Mary Tucker and the occasion was commemorated in the evening at the home of brother Teman Cherry. For years her family have gathered together in honor to their Mother, Grandmother, and Great Grandmother on her birthday. She is now getting very feeble and her days on earth are growing short. She has been a very active woman all her life and has raised a family of fourteen children of which twelve still survive. Her partner in life, brother Joseph Tucker, passed on to his reward about thirty five years ago. When they brought in a birthday cake with 84 lighted candles on it, she blew them all out. We ask her what was her favorite hymn, she answered: Jesus Lover of My Soul, We sang it for her, also a few other of our old songs. At the conclusion we sang: Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow and prayer was offered up by Brother W. H. Cadman. May the Lord continue to bless sister Tucker the remaining days she spends upon this earth.

Caldwell-Warden Wedding

A very nice wedding took place at Lorain, Ohio, wherein Mr. Allan Caldwell of Glassport, Pa., and Mrs. Marie A. Warden, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Dore of Lorain were united in marriage on June 8, 1946. Presiding Elder Vernon Chester officiated. The bride's brother, Philip Dore was best man and Katherine Ceu was maid of honor. The guests were the immediate family and a few close friends. A very nice dinner was served following the ceremony. The newly-weds will make their home with the bride's parents for the present. Best wishes extended to Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell.

Tucker-Muniz Wedding

In the Church of Jesus Christ, Sixth and Lincoln street, Monongahela, occurred the marriage on July 12, 1946 of James Tucker, Jr., the son of James Tucker of New Eagle, Pa., and Maria Teresa Muniz, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Muniz of Donora, Pa. The young couple were united in marriage in the presence of a large group of friends, with Brother W. H. Cadman officiating and Ruth Mountain and Sara Vancik rendering music and songs appropriate for the occasion. The ceremony was performed at three o'clock p. m. The wedding party then retired to Sweeney dining room on Route 51 where a very elaborate supper was served to about fifty guests. Both Jimmie and Teresa are very well known in the communities in which they reside. The groom is a veteran of the late war. The Gospel News wishes them a happy and prosperous life together.

SISTERS MEET IN GLASSPORT

The Ladies' Uplift Circle held its general meeting in the Glassport Church, Thursday, June 27. The morning meeting was opened with a short talk by Sister Sadie Cadman, welcoming the sisters. There were many sisters from Aliquippa, Pa., Youngstown, Ohio, and our local circles present. The following officers were present; Sisters Cadman, Mary Wilson, Clara Stevens, Elizabeth Davidson, Hannah Skillen, Violet Sarver, and Sara Vancik. Many sisters bore testimony to the goodness of God and expressed their appreciation of the work of the Circles. Reports of the activities of the Circles were given by delegates and by letters.

Lunch was served at noon by the Glassport sisters. The afternoon meeting was continued with reports of Circles. A report was given on the Indian Mission work. The financial reports were read and donations were made to the General Church and the missionary work. The remainder of the afternoon was spent in special singing and testimonies. The next general meeting will be held in Youngstown, Ohio, in September.

A vote of thanks was extended to the sisters of Glassport for their hospitality, and all present felt it was a day well spent.

GOOD NEWS FROM LOCKPORT, N. Y.

In a letter from brother Ishmael

D'Amico of Rochester, N. Y., he informs us that on a recent trip he made to Lockport they had a wonderful time in the service of God. He says: "Am informing you that this past Sunday we were at Lockport once more and witnessed a wonderful day among the saints there. Shortly before the dismissal of the morning service we were glad to see another soul stand up for Jesus and request baptism. We took that long trip to the river (lake) again and performed the baptism. It was a nice day, the waters were calm, and we felt an assurance that all was well with God on His mighty throne. It does our hearts good to see others come and join in the Holy Band, and it is our constant prayer that in the near future, many more might come from all ends of the earth and accept Christ as their personal Saviour." May the Lord continue to bless you all in Lockport. W. H. C.

NEWS ITEMS

Sister Florence Catena of Rochester, N. Y., after attending the Conference here, is spending the week visiting among friends in these parts. We enjoyed a short visit at our home with her on July 10th. Brother Cadman.

Sister Louise Ciccati of San Diego, California, is spending a week in these parts visiting among friends, after attending our recent Conference. She visited at the home of brother W. H. Cadman and was the over night guest of Barbara Mountain. Sister Louise expects to have quite an extensive visit in the East before returning to California.

Sister Ernest Schultz, after visiting in these parts, also attending Sunday services at our late Conference is about to return to her home in Delray Beach, Florida, where the family had recently removed.

Several of the passengers that were on the chartered bus from New Jersey, which brought them to our recent conference, have sent cards informing us that they had a very enjoyable trip returning back home, arriving at 8:30 p. m. safe. They all seem to have enjoyed the Conference and are looking forward to the October Conference which is to be held in New Jersey.

Sharon, Pa., has been confined to the hospital in Youngstown, Ohio, having a cataract removed from one of her eyes.

Leonard, the young son of brother James and Mary Lovalvo who was so seriously burned, has been brought home from the hospital and from last reports is recovering.

Brother and Sister Reese Jones and daughter, Brother E. Wergen and wife and daughter all of Wichita, Kansas, attended services at our late conference on Sunday afternoon and evening. We were glad to see these folks once more. They were driving and it was understood that they were leaving here on Monday morning for Cumorah Hill, in New York state before returning to their home in Kansas.

"You can get along with a wooden leg but you can't get along with a wooden head. In order that your brain may be kept clear, you must keep your body fit and well. That cannot be done if one drinks liquor."— Dr. Charles Mayo of Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota.

Raymond Kirschner, son of brother and sister Samuel Kirschner is expected some soon now. He has been stationed in Germany for sometime and was to embark on ship for home on July 12th. He has been away going on two years and all his friends will be glad to see him home again.

A card received this day, July 18th, from sister Elsie Miller mailed in the state of Utah, informs me that she is on her way home. Apparently Elsie is having quite a trip, having gone to the coast and visited at the home of brother and sister Stroud in Downey, Calif.

A card was received from brother Cotelesse informing me that they arrived back home in Muncey, Ont., safe and well after attending our recent Conference. He went out in the hay-field the next day to make hay.

IN MEMORY OF
Our Late Beloved Brother
JOSEPH MADONIA
By Brother M. Piacentino

The angels in heaven are rejoicing this day

Sister Mary Cadman Love of

For our brother Madonia, who just
passed away
His body was laid at rest 'neath
the sod,
But his spirit abides in glory with
God.

He's gone to his home he prepared
here on earth,
In the service of God e'er since his
new birth;
Behind him he leaves, an example
for all,
That it pays to serve God and heed
to His call.

Although he was blind and suffer-
ed great pain,
He never lost hope, nor did he com-
plain.
In the glory of God he walked the
last mile,
With a song on his lips, on his face
a sweet smile.

There are some in our midst, who
will never forget
That through his great efforts, the
gospel they met;
When he'd walk many miles
through blizzards and cold,
To tell them the story, that never
grows old.

Yes, the angels in heaven are re-
joicing this day,
For our brother reached home and
is up there to stay.
So, if you're desirous to see him
again,
Just live as he did and you'll meet
him in heaven.

SELECTED

"Every day is a garden where
thought flowers grow,
The thoughts that we think are the
seeds that we sow;
Every kind, loving thought bears a
kind, loving deed;
Each bad, selfish thought is like an
old weed.

"We watch all our thoughts every
minute each day,
We pull out the weed thoughts and
throw them away,
And plant loving seed thoughts so
thick in a row
There will not be room for the weed
thoughts to grow."

DECREES OF GOD

Alma 41:8. Now, the decrees of
God are unalterable; therefore, the
way is prepared that whosoever
will may walk therein and be saved.
Ether 2:9, 10, 11, 12. "And now, we
can behold the decrees of God con-
cerning this land, that it is a land
of promise; and whatsoever nation
shall possess it shall serve God, or

they shall be swept off when the
fulness of His wrath shall come
upon them. And the fulness of
His wrath cometh upon them when
they are ripened in iniquity. For
behold, this is a land (America)
which is choice above all other
lands, wherefore he that doth pos-
sess it shall serve God or shall be
swept off: for it is the everlasting
decree of God. And it is not until
the fulness of iniquity among the
children of the land, that they are
swept off. And this cometh upon
you, O ye Gentiles, that ye may
know the decrees of God—that ye
may repent, and not continue in
your iniquities until the fulness
come, that ye may not bring down
the fulness of the wrath of God
upon you as the inhabitants of the
land have hitherto done. Behold,
this is a choice land, and whatso-
ever nation shall possess it shall be
free from bondage, and from cap-
tivity, and from all other nations
under heaven, if they will but serve
the God of the land, who is Jesus
Christ, who hath been manifested
by the things which we have writ-
ten. In writing about decrees, I

am reminded of the words of Jesus,
for He says: "Except a man be born
of water and of the spirit, he can-
not enter into the kingdom of God."
St. John 3:5. And again in Mark
16:16, Jesus says: "He that be-
lieveth and is baptized shall be
saved; but he that believeth not
shall be damned." I read: that
heaven and earth shall pass away,
but God's word shall not pass away.

—W. H. C.

LIPS

Righteous LIPS are the delight
of kings; and they love him that
speaketh right. The heart of the
wise teacheth his mouth, and add-
eth learning to his LIPS. Proverbs
16-13, 22.

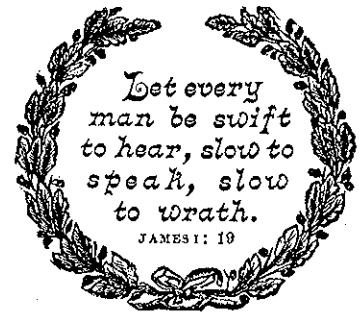
The LIPS of the righteous feed
many, but fools die for want of
wisdom. Proverbs 10-21.

The LIPS of the wise disperse
knowledge; but the heart of the
foolish doeth not so. Proverbs
15-7.

Keep thy tongue from evil, and
thy LIPS from speaking guile.
Psalms 34-13.

My LIPS shall utter praise, when
thou hast taught me thy statutes,
Psalms 119-171.

By him therefore let us offer the
sacrifice of praise to God contin-
ually, that is, the fruit of our
LIPS giving thanks to his name.
Hebrews 13-15.



BIBLE CHARACTERS (By Class of Ruth)

I Am a Greek. I accompanied
Paul in his work also went with
him up to Jerusalem to the Coun-
cil when the false brethren began
to teach the law of circumcision
among the Gentile converts. I was
also with Paul at Corinth and was
left there by Paul to organize the
work at Crete, also to ordain eld-
ers in every city as appointed.
Paul called me, "Mine own son af-
ter the common faith." He also
wrote an epistle to me in which
was the best of advice to all in ev-
ery walk of life. Who am I?

In Memory of Our Late Brother Ford, I Print the Following Letter Dated Jan. 30, 1942

Dear Brother Will: Just a few
lines this morning to try to catch
up on my correspondence with you.
In the first place we received the
letter from you with the money for
the building fund and it is surely
appreciated. It was a big surprise
and seemed quite a big help. Of
course as you said another "O"
would of made it a lot more
weightier but we are thankful it
is as much as it was. Well I have
had quite a time this last few days.
A week ago Monday, I received a
wire from Grand River (Indian Re-
serve) that Sister Fromans baby
was very sick and not expected to
live and would I come at once.
Well, I looked at Sister Ford and
said: I am not Philip to be wafted
away in the spirit, every one was
so busy I did not know where to
get a car. After many telephone
calls I went over to see brother
Johns that is where brother Wat-
son works, and I showed brother
Steve the telegram. As soon as he
read it he looked up and said I am
ready, put me in remembrance of
Isaiah when he answered God.
Well, we had a good trip down
and arrived there about 8:30 that
night, found the baby still living,
it had contracted yellow jaundice
and developed a bad cold and was

taking inward convulsions about every 15 minutes. There was a wonderful flow of the spirit when we anointed it. I just prayed if it was not God's will for it to live that it soon might be taken away. It died Tuesday evening at eight o'clock and we held the funeral the next afternoon, it was my first experience in this line of duty.

I did not have any one to seek for advice, so I depended wholly upon the guidance of God. I used that portion in Esther, "Children have no need for baptism." It seemed very suitable for the occasion, and they all said I did fine. We arrived home on Thursday night and found every one quite worried about us. We did have a lot of car trouble on this trip.

I left on Sunday and spent the week-end with brother Sam Cuomo and family in Creighton Mines near Sudbury, Ont., so all in all we have had a fairly busy time. I did not stop in Toronto on my way back from Sudbury on account of having to go on duty at midnight that day and it would have made me pretty late in getting in at Windsor if I had stayed over in Toronto to see Mr. Johns, so I am going to write Mr. Johns explaining what was done at last Conference and also giving him the drafting of our by-laws as prepared by yourself. We are sorry to hear of sister Sadie being ill and hope she is feeling better by the time this letter reaches you, and if there is anything we can do we are only glad to do it even in calling the Branch for a fast and prayer in her behalf. Things seem to be going along a little smoother in our Branch for which I am thankful, it's peculiar the way the devil tries to work at times, but I thank God that He never leaves us alone and still remembers those of His children when we are humble enough to put Him first and all other things second. Good-bye for now Brother and may God be your company is my sincere desire and prayer for you. Brother Frank Ford. (copied from the Church History).

In Memory of Our Late Brother Cowan

The following letter he wrote on July 11, 1945, was read on the 20th. Muncie, Ont.

Dear Brother Cadman:

We arrived back home yesterday noon, found everything O. K. under the care of Mrs. Cuthbert. Will have our business meeting Saturday night, feet washing on Sunday. Bros. Miller and Cotelesse ex-

pect to be here. Our corn is growing very fast, soy beans and oats together to be put for hay looks very promising. Our oats for grain is in full head now. Bro. Allan Caldwell came back with us, which puts our help situation in good shape, as he is a very good worker and seems very much interested in this project. We have ten loads of new hay in the barn and a lot more to cut. The calves and lambs are growing wonderfully fast. We have a good many thistles infesting our farm and Bro. Alma says we cannot get rid of them, as he gave it up on his farm. So you see we have to take the bitter with the sweet. "Trouble ceases on that tranquil shore" and not before, but the conquest is surely worth while. No wheat cut in Canada but saw a lot cut in Pennsylvania, extra good everywhere.

We had a very pleasant trip, not one bit of trouble in traveling the highways. Enclosed \$1.00 for eight copies of The Gospel News. Hoping that Bro. Cotelesse has good luck in disposing of his holdings in Michigan so that he can take up his duties here in Canada. We are well and hope you are the same. Bro. J. C. Cowan. Brother Cowan attended Conference here in Monongahela and wrote this letter after returning home. —W. H. C.)

Trinidad, Colo.
April 30.

My dear Brother Cadman:

Yesterday afternoon Brother Gorie and Brother Felix, along with their wives called at Mother's house. We were certainly glad to see them although they couldn't stay but just a few hours in all. We had a nice meeting and a very enjoyable time. They certainly are a lovely crowd and so much for the truth of God.

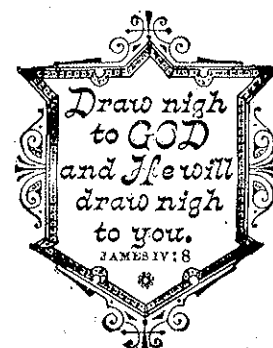
As you instructed them, they came all this way to reinstate me, for which I think it is really wonderful of them. That was done, and now dear Brother I do want to thank all of you for your consideration and study of my case and for acting without delay. I see you are all in earnest for the welfare of our souls, and again may I thank you and all and God Bless You.

With very best regards from all the saints here and God's Blessing, I remain,

Sister Mary Ann Jurneke,
208 S. Convent

P. S. Brother Gorie and the rest left here around 10:00 last night going back to St. John, Kansas, and then on their way home and we

certainly hope they will have a nice trip back to their loved ones.



A SOLDIER'S PRAYER

He knelt beside his lonely bunk,
Not knowing I was there.
And with his faith and trust in
God,
I heard him say his prayer.

Oh God I humbly ask of Thee,
The keeper of my soul;
The strength and courage of our
men,
That we may reach our goal.

Forgive those harsh words that
we spoke,
In trouble time this day.
Watch over our lonely camp to-
night,
And hear me as I pray.

And keep my country clean and
safe;
Let peace and freedom reign,
That I may find it like I left,
When I return again.

Protect us through our battles—
Lord,
And when the war does cease—
Have mercy on our dead were lay,
And let them rest in peace.

And give us help if we are right,
To take this war torn world.
And make a land of peace and love.
With freedom flags unfurled.

And grant us Lord, that those you
took—
Shall not have died in vain;
And let us have when we return,
A world that's free again.

Please hear this prayer I speak
tonight;
Please grant our and then,
Your wish and hope to ever win,
Lie in you our Lord,— Amen.

Then quietly I walked away,
And knelt in silence too,
And said, Oh, God, hear this pray-
er—
For the hope of the world lies in
you."

PATSY RENDA.

THE GOSPEL NEWS

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M. B. A. MEETING

The Missionary Benevolent Association of the young people of the Church held its general meeting in the West Side Branch, Detroit, on Saturday, August 10. The afternoon meeting was opened by the president Brother Gorie Ciaravino, and minutes of the general meeting of August 1945 were read by Secretary Sister Hannah Skillen. Election of officers was held with the following being elected: President, Brother Gorie Ciaravino; Vice president, Brother Thomas Ross; Secretary, Sister Hannah Skillen; Assistant Secretary, Sister Ruth Ackerman; Financial Secretary, Sister Sara Neill; Treasurer, Sister Mabel Bickerton; Chaplain, Brother Dominic Cotellessi; Auditors, Brother and Sister John Mancini; Organizers Brothers Melvin Mountain, Dominic Cotellessi, Joseph Lavolva, John Mancini, Dominic Cotellessi, Philip Dreer and Thomas Ross.

Delegates were present from the following places; Glassport, Monongahela, Vanderbilt and Greensburg, Pa., Lorain, Warren, Youngstown and Cleveland, Ohio, Detroit, Mich., branches numbers One, Two, Three and Four; and from Windsor and Muncey, Ont., Can. Reports were read from St. John, Kansas, Bronx and Brooklyn, N. Y. and Aliquippa, Pa. A new M. B. A. is to be organized at Rochester, N. Y.

At the close of the afternoon meeting a lunch was served in the church basement by the West Side Branch. The evening meeting included the installation of the new officers. The young people of the Branch had charge of the program which was entitled, "Peace." Musical selections were rendered by the visiting young people of the different branches. The building was filled at both meetings, and it is evident that a greater interest is being shown. The next quarterly meeting will be held Nov. 9, at Aliquippa, Pa.

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Clare, Michigan, August 2, 1946

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST MEETS IN DOUGLAS GROVE

The Church of Jesus Christ held an outdoor meeting Sunday in the pine grove of Earl Douglas, in

Greenwood township.

The church believes in the gospel restored in 1830. Their headquarters are in Monongahela City, Penn. Their organization has been functioning for 84 years.

Their president, William Cadman, of Monongahela City, was present, as well as two Apostles, James Lavalvo and Elder Furnier, both of Detroit. There was a fine attendance, with many from Detroit and vicinity.

Two meetings were held, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. At noon a fine lunch was served outdoors from well filled baskets. Many of their people are Italians. As they express their thankfulness in being led to this wonderful land of America with its many opportunities, we are caused to wonder, we who were born here. Perhaps we do not appreciate this wonderful land of ours as we should.

—Contributed by Mrs. Ewing

A TRIP UP IN MICHIGAN

On a recent trip I made arriving in Detroit the evening of July 19th, Brother Carlini meeting me at the depot who took me to his home, where I remained until the afternoon of the next day (Saturday) and then went to brother V. J. Lavalvo's home and from there a car load of us brethren started for Farwell, Michigan, where we arrived at about 11 p. m. Around Farwell, and Coleman is the district where our brethren from Detroit are laboring in the vineyard of the Lord, and have made some progress thus far. The first night there, I spent at the home of brother and sister Geib, while some of the brethren stayed at Brother Martins, and others at brother Nellis' home near Colemand, a distance of about 14 miles from Farwell.

Meetings were held at the latter place in the town hall on Sunday. At the close of our Sunday School meeting we retired to the banks of Tobacco River (what we would call a creek) and baptized Dorothy, a young daughter of sister McCumber. They have a very nice place to baptize and it is very close to the place of meeting. Throughout the day we had very nice meetings, the washing of feet and then preaching service at night. Our crowd was not large but I did enjoy preaching the Gospel. At the

close of the night meeting, our brethren from Detroit started on their return trip home, a distance of about 150 miles to drive and then go to work in the morning. I remained there and held three night meetings during the week, one of these was in one of the homes of one of the brethren and the other two in the hall. On Wednesday of the first week I was there, brother Nellis took me in his car to Frederick, a small town about 100 miles farther north to visit some of his friends. We arrived late in the afternoon and were made welcome in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rolfe who Brother Nellis has worshipped God with in the restored gospel for some years past. We stayed all night with them and had considerable conversation. We could not ask to be treated any better. While there we visited the home of a Mr. and Mrs. Plagen also their son-in-law Ivan Hamelin. We had a very nice visit with these folks. We also visited at the home of a Mr. Hopkins, but he himself was not home.

We had quite a visit with Mrs. Hopkins and her aged mother and also ate dinner with them. These folks I have mentioned have all worshipped with Brother Nellis, but through difficulties that have crept in among them; they are not holding services in that neighborhood and their confidence seems to be somewhat broken. My prayer is that they may find encouragement in the words of the Apostle Paul that: All things work together for good to those that love God, etc. Before leaving the little town of Frederick, we drove two or three miles out to where some few families of Indian people live, but we did not find them at home. We arrived back in Farwell in time for our meeting in the hall on Thursday evening. On Saturday several cars of our people came from Detroit and we had a Sunday School outing at Lake George about 15 miles north of Farwell. (I will just add that there are many lakes in that country). We had lots of good eats and I believe everybody enjoyed the afternoon.

On Sunday, July 28th, we had out-door meetings in a pine grove about seven miles west and south of Farwell, near to the farm home of brother Ewing. For these services there were five or six car loads of our folks from Detroit present, and we had very nice ser-

vices both morning and afternoon. Brother Furnier opened the morning service. You all know that he has had a very critical time of late. He looked very well but is not strong and for that reason he did not talk very long, but turned the meeting over to Bros. V. J. Lovall and myself. At the close of the afternoon service, the folks from Detroit all started on the return trip home except Furniers, they stayed all night at the home of Brother Nellis and left for home the next day. We had a nice crowd at the out-door services and we had a good day in the service of the Lord. I had previously learned of a young lady being sorely afflicted, in fact I saw her being carried from a car and placed in a wheel chair. She lived right close to where we had our out-door services. I ask Brother Martin if he would go with me to her home to see her. We went and found a very pitiful case. The girl was 19 years old, had never walked, could not control her arms, her speech was such that I could hardly understand her. She spent her time in a wheel chair. Her mother showed me some embroidery work that her child did with her toes, some how she would use a needle between her toes and do very nice work indeed. She operated the radio with her toes. She would easily get excited and could not control herself, but her mind seemed to be bright and was pleased that we called to see her. We had prayer with her and I anointed her, I intended to call again before leaving for home, but I did not get around to it. I must say, that we who have reasonable good health and strength should be very careful about complaining. I told the young girl that I would ask our people to pray for her. I did not return to Detroit until the following Wednesday, held two more meetings in the hall at Farwell, and as I have previously said, I enjoyed preaching the gospel in those parts.

On Monday Brother Martin and a Mr. Smith took me out on Lake Perch and we spent about four hours fishing out of a boat. We did not fish in vain, for we had a good fish supper at the home of Brother Martin for five adults. We spent the evening in meeting. On Tuesday Brother Nellis came to Brother Martins' home and took me out visiting and we were gone all day, we had a nice day visiting old friends of Brother Nellis. He also took me to his old home where he was born I believe 44 years ago, showed me where he went to school, though the building was not

there any more. We stopped at an old L.D.S. church building. It is about deserted but I understood that it would be opened for any one to preach the restored gospel in. He drew my attention to another spot where the L.D.S. had torn down a church and moved it away. We stopped at another church that was being repaired and found two young ladies (school teachers) conducting a Bible school for a few weeks trying to gather up the children in a farming district. They said they represented the American Sunday School Association, and they were spending their vacation in that way. I could not help but to admire them for their efforts and in bidding them good-bye, I wished them well in their efforts to gather up young children to learn something about the Bible. Brother Nellis and I proceeded on our way and we went to Mt. Pleasant, Mich., where there had been a large Indian school, but it is not used for that purpose any more. The Indian people, about 19 families have been placed on some land just outside of Mt. Pleasant and in comfortable homes. We stopped at one home, a Mr. Strong. Mr. Strong was not home but we were entertained by Mrs. Strong for possibly an hour. I left her a book of Mormon. The time was then getting late and we had a meeting appointed in the hall at Farwell for the evening. We finally arrived back at the Nellis home, ate a hurried supper and then we drove off to our place of meeting which was 14 miles away. Sister Nellis accompanied us to the meeting. While up there I slept at the home of Bros. Martin, Nellis, Ewing, and brother Geib, who took me to the bus on Wednesday morning, July 31st and I got on my way to Detroit.

I will just say that while I was up there in that country, Brother and Sister Nellis fed me on milk and honey, and red raspberries fresh from the bushes, and it sort of put new life in me, so much so, that I went out in the field and shocked wheat and barley while Brother Nellis operated the Binder. After returning to Detroit I spent Wednesday evening at Branch No. 1 and visited some of the homes of the Saints including the home of Brother Randazzo, Sr. where Sister Randazzo is lying very low. Her condition was such that I did not disturb her. I spent Friday evening at Branch No. 2 and then went to the home of Brother and Sister Romano, where I stayed all night. The next morning early, Sister Romano drove me to where I boarded a bus for the Willow

Run Air-Port, then I went up the stair-way into a big Capital Air Liner and stepped out on the ground at Pittsburgh, about one hour and 14 minutes later. I then spent the day at the Cadman reunion at South Park. At present I am still alive and well.

Brother W. H. Cadman.

WHITTAKER-SEIGHMAN WEDDING

A beautiful wedding took place at The Church of Jesus Christ in Monongahela on July 26, 1946 at 6:45 p. m. when Mr. Thomas Whittaker of Ginger Hill and Miss Jane Seighman of Keenans Road were united in marriage, the double ring ceremony was used. Elder William Tucker officiated.

The bride's sister Elizabeth was maid of honor, while her sister Shirlev, and aunt Sarah Seighman were her maids. Matthew Burns was best man while George Bright, and Norman Kirschner, the bride's cousin served as ushers.

Mr. John Majoros Jr. of Charle-roi was soloist, while Mrs. Majoros accompanied him at the piano. The bride was the grand daughter of the late J. C. and Belle Cowan. A very large audience of friends witnessed the ceremony. A reception was held at the bride's home, the farm of the late J. C. Cowan. The Gospel News wishes the newly-weds much happiness throughout their life together.

GIBSON-D'ANTONIO WEDDING

Thursday morning, August 15, 1946, at 10:30 a. m. in the Church of Jesus Christ at West Aliquippa, Pa., James David Gibson, son of Mrs. Leona Gibson of West Aliquippa, Pa., and Joan D'Antonio, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Domenick D'Antonio, also of West Aliquippa, Pa., were united in marriage. A fairly large audience consisting of relatives and friends witnessed the ceremony. Elder John Ross officiated and a young women's quartet sang an appropriate selection with piano accompaniment by Betty D'Antonio, sister of the bride. Dinner was served in the home of the bride's parents. A reception was tendered in the evening in the home of the groom's mother after which the traditional wedding cake was cut and served. Jimmie and Joan are members of the Sunday School and attend church frequently. Jimmie is a Marine veteran and was wounded in action at Iwo Jima.

SISTER ELSIE MILLER TELLS OF HER TRIP.

Dear Brother Editor:

I am writing this in reply to your request for a letter about the trip which I took recently.

I am very thankful for I had a lovely time. The trip was made by car and we had no trouble except for one flat tire. Our travels took us into 17 states and a total of 7700 miles in a period of three weeks.

We went through Illinois so I visited Carthage, and saw there the jail house where Joseph Smith was killed. From there we went to Nauvoo and saw Joseph Smith's homestead. A girls' camp was being held there for girls from the Re-organized Church. The grounds were in very good condition with green lawns and I thought the house was in a nice location. It is on a hill and faces the Mississippi River. There quite a number of tents on the grounds for the girls camping there.

The next point of interest we visited were the Bad Lands of South Dakota, in the western part of the state. It is desert land and without any vegetation. There are small and large hills, canyons of all different shapes and kinds. The soft colors in places looked like heaps of vanilla and strawberry ice cream. These lands are described as "weird, fantastic, unexplainable freaks of nature created by prehistoric erosion."

Next we went up into the Black Hills and saw Mt. Rushmore where the faces of Washington, Jefferson, T. Roosevelt and Lincoln are carved in rock. The face of Washington is 60 feet long.

Then we crossed over the Big Horn Mountains. Arriving at the top which was like a rolling plain, there were several places where we saw snow.

Later we entered Yellowstone Park. Here we saw hot springs, geysers, and Yellowstone Lake which is 7000 feet above sea level. This was one of the prettiest spots, and the sky was the bluest blue I had ever seen. The water was equally as blue, and in the distance were snow-capped mountains.

The next stop was Salt Lake City. Our main purpose in making this trip was to visit my grandfather who lives there. We found him well. He is now 79 years old. After spending several days there resting from the long trip enroute, I took a train for Los Angeles. I left at 8 o'clock in the evening and arrived about 10:30

the next morning. When I awoke, soon after daybreak, we were in the desert. It was quite ugly with its barren lands and hills except for old dried up cactus trees. However, it was quite a sight. Soon we came to better lands. Then for the first time I saw palm trees, orange and other citrus trees. Also there fields and fields of flowers and because of their varied colors the fields looked like huge rainbows. When I arrived in Los Angeles I looked in the telephone book to see if any of the saints had phones. I found Brother Stroud's number and Sister Stroud answered, giving me instructions on how to reach their place in Downey. I had a very enjoyable visit there. Brother and Sister Stroud kindly took me to see the various saints in Los Angeles and also the sights.

After staying there for two days I left by Greyhound bus for Vallejo, Calif. (about 30 miles from San Francisco), where I met my parents who had driven to visit my aunt. We then drove back to Salt Lake City to spend a few more days with my grandfather. I visited the Mormon Temple grounds, attended a broadcast of their choir and organ, and visited the Utah state capitol.

On our way home we stopped about an hour in St. John, Kans. at Sister Ring's home. Here I also met Brother and Sister Ashley. Sister Ring called Brother Sanders by phone and he, his wife and daughter came over to see us. It was very, very hot, the temperature being quite a bit over 100 degrees. They invited us to stay as they wanted us to attend services there on Sunday and show us the country including the land that Brother Bickerton blessed. However, our time was getting very short and we had to go on our way in order to be back to work on time. I would have liked to have stayed longer but was glad to have the opportunity at least to meet these brothers and sisters. We then continued our journey and finally arrived home safe and sound.

I am very thankful for the privilege of making this trip. It was really wonderful to behold the natural wonders and beauties of God's creation upon this land, to see the fertile lands bearing for hundreds and hundreds of miles, dark green corn plants and as the poet has written, "amber waves of grain," and the other food necessities of life. Also, it was good to see those saints whom I had not seen for quite some time and

to meet others whom I had never met before. Then too, it was interesting to see how people live throughout this land, and how terrible it is to find so few who are really serving God. May God in His infinite mercies continue to shed His wonderful grace upon this great land of ours and may we yet see many who will seek to enter into His kingdom.

WIVES OBEY YOUR HUSBANDS By James Curry

The affinity between the male and female in the marriage state is one of the most remarkable elements of the natural life.

Particularly puzzling (at least emotional make-up of his weaker, to the male) is the mental and but none the less complex, other half.

So baffling, so unpredictable is she, that even the great Solomon was made to exclaim: "Who knoweth the heart of a woman?"

This writer, with true masculine ineptitude, never knew anything more about women than the average male. The story that follows was opened up to him through obedience to the loving heart of our great husband, who sits on the right hand of the eternal Father, providing all things essential for our sustenance and growth.

Let us notice first of all that the woman was made for the man, and that the commandment is to her: "Obey thy husband."

The word obey as used in this connection is very offensive to modern feminine ears. There probably isn't one woman in a million that has any appreciation of its significance in the frame work of the natural life. I'd like to impress upon the readers' minds that it is a great, fixed law, which, if violated, is as merciless to those who violate it as the law of gravitation.

The hospitals are full of people that have broken nature's law. Whether did so ignorantly or not makes no difference, nature exacts her fearful toll of the innocent and the guilty alike.

The word obey is so distasteful to modern femininity, indeed, that many ministers omit the word from the marriage ceremony, thus revealing a most profound ignorance regarding one of life's most wonderful affinities. Nor is the fault always on the ministers' part. The aggressive bridegroom, whose ears are quick to detect the intoning of the fateful word, forthwith

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EDITORIAL

In reading over the minutes of the Niles Conference dated April 1, 1944, the following is recorded: "Under the order of unfinished business the purchasing of a farm at Muncey, Ont., Canada with the object in view to further the gospel work, both temporal and spiritually, among the Indian people was considered. After many remarks pro and con, a good spirit seemed to prevail. Then Brother Furnier rose to his feet and declared: 'We must do something.' That is, among the Indian people. A sister declared that the Lord had revealed to her: that Brother W. H. Cadman had spoken the truth in his remarks. A motion was made that Brother W. H. Cadman be authorized to solicit funds for the purchase of this property (meaning the farm in question). 'God moves in a mysterious way.' Hymn No. 17 was sung. Brother Rocco Biscotti suggested that before a vote be taken, brother T. S. Furnier offer a word of prayer, asking God for divine guidance. After prayer a vote was taken which was unanimously accepted."

I, brother W. H. Cadman wish to state without fear of contradiction that the carrying of the gospel to the seed of Joseph is a serious responsibility resting upon the true people of God, and I consider it my duty as president of this church to urge this matter upon this people. We have been there now less than two years and I think we have done well thus far, but we need money to carry on at Muncey. Some of my brethren have given up their prospects in the world and have put their lives in this work. I ask of you all who read this article: Won't you go down into your treasury and help this work along?

Your humble servant, brother Cadman.

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fashions it into a club, which he wields with true masculine dexterity, over her to whom the word obey is the breath of life—or death.

Benjamin Franklin observed that there is no more unnatural sight in the world than a rooster that cackles or a hen that crows.

What do we conclude from this observation? Simply that God so fashioned the female in the beginning that she was to forever remain a creature who was to find happiness in obedience to the dictates of the loving heart of her husband.

Have we ever found happiness in the strong willed female that hen-pecks her husband? If she is able, by the sheer force of a more powerful will, to dominate him, she will at the same time despise him for his weakness.

Some of us have known strong willed women who live lonely, loveless and embittered lives because they never met the man who was able to dominate them. These poor souls wander restlessly from door to door, trying to project into the lives of others what they have failed to generate in their own; often to the embarrassment, if not outright dismay, of those who make a more excellent application of love on the part of the husband, and obedience on the part of the wife.

Modern husbands are no less guilty than the wives in their failure to understand, or if they do understand, fail to apply, the law of love. As in the spiritual world, love in the marriage state is the fulfilling of the law. If we have this one thing called love, we do all of the things that are required of us unconsciously.

Henry Drummond asks: If a man love God would he take his name in vain? Would he steal from someone he loves? By the same token, would a man impose any hardship upon her whose only source of happiness is in obedience? The iron-fisted husband, that is determined to boss his family at all costs, and who looks upon his mate as a creature of convenience, is in the gall of bitterness and needs to be awakened to the law of cause and effect.

The disobedient wife also, having lost her first love, and finding obedience a task, pours her story of woe into the ears of a lawyer, who sets the well oiled machinery of legal action in motion to secure for her the coveted decree.

Do these two not realize that they are one? If a man brutalizes his wife, he dethrones himself, because the female is the glory of the male.

How is the female the glory of the male?

If she obeys the loving dictates

of this creature's heart, whose judgment in all the affairs of life is, or ought to be, superior to her own, she begins to grow in his image; and because she is a creature delicately sensitive to every pulsation of his heart, she carries her husband's image into every phase of life that she may enter into. Do we find her in a beer garden? Is she on her knees before God? It could very well be that her husband put her there, because she is no more nor less than an obedient manifestation of whatever kind of person the husband may be in his heart.

It is possible to tell a great deal about a man by talking to his wife. A skillful student of human nature could, by observing an obedient wife, gain a pretty accurate estimate of her husband, even though he had never met the man. It is quite possible that we could lift up our voice in praise of him whom we have never seen, because we have just looked upon a vibrant, glowing, physical counterpart of him in the personage of his wife, whose whole being reflects his character and personality.

The sum total of everything that is in the male heart is communicated to the female organism, which thrills to the feelings of peace and happiness that are generated in her by the simple process of obedience.

The diviner precept of protestantism generated a better understanding of God's laws than has been in existence among men since the time of the falling away of those divine precepts which governed the early Church of our Lord.

The foreigner from Rome-ruled lands, arriving upon these American shores, is amazed, delighted, and at the same time scornful of our finer concept of freedom. He accepts the more abundant life that he finds here, while at the same time scorning those institutions which generated that greater abundance. Especially does he sneer at America's treatment of her women folk. It goes without saying that the Romish treatment of the gentler sex is a yardstick with which we are able to measure the worth of his religion.

If he understood the natural application of those laws governing the institution of marriage, he could not fail to understand the spiritual counterpart, because they both operate upon the same principal.

Some four thousand years ago, a woman named Sarah rendered perfect obedience to one Abraham,

calling him lord. Abraham also, understanding both the natural and spiritual applications of the law, rendered that same perfect obedience to God. It was through the medium of their obedience in the natural, and skillful application of God's laws in the spiritual, that the Church under the law was able to conceive and bring forth her greatest Son, which is our great redeemer, husband and King. The son of man and the Son of God.

Modern man may, by making skillful application of love on the part of the husband and obedience on the part of the wife, lead a faithful family into a life of greater and yet greater abundance; but since God has pronounced the sentence of death upon the natural, we turn away from that way of life that seems right to the natural man, to that way of life which leads to the eternal throne of God.

So now we are the bride adorning And preparing for the great I AM That we may all receive a blessing At the marriage supper of the Lamb.

We read in the story of the first creation that the Lord caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, whereupon the Lord opened his side and took out rib, from which he fashioned Eve, the bride of Adam.

In the second creation, as the Saviour slept the sleep of death upon the cross, His side was pierced by the thrust of a spear in the hands of a Roman soldier. The blood and water that flowed from the wound was essential to the creation of the living woman the Church, the bride of Christ.

As in the first creation, the woman, the Church, is a creature whose only chance for happiness lies in obedience to the loving dictates of her husband's heart.

Trust and obey
For there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus
But to trust and obey.

Unlike the imperfect natural man, our Lord Jesus Christ is the ideal, the perfect husband. Unfailing in his supply of love, it remains obedient to His will. If she will do His will, the whole female organism will begin to vibrate in one grand symphony of praise to her Husband's name. How do we praise Him by doing His will? Simply by having within ourselves, and by only for the bride to yield herself reflecting to others, His character and personality.

As in the natural creation, the sincere seeker after truth, in ob-

serving the Bride, is able to lift up his voice in praise of Him whom he has never seen, because he has just looked upon a vibrant, glowing spiritual counterpart of the husband in the personage of the weaker vessel, who thrills to the feelings of peace and happiness that are generated in her by the simple process of obedience.

AN EXPERIENCE

By Paul D'Amico

In October, 1945 while stationed in the city of Manila, Philippine Islands, I petitioned the Lord one evening regarding the future progress of the Church, desiring to know when and where the Gospel would spread. I made mention in particular the Philippine Islands for I was among the Filipino people and could see how far they had drifted from the commandments of God.

Shortly afterward, I dreamed that I was back in the United States and was walking down a busy street in one of our large cities. As I was approaching a large building, the main door opened and approximately 100 brethren of this Church marched out from the building in two columns. A brother of the Priesthood was leading the march and had in his hands sheets of paper which were rolled up tightly. As they arrived at the corner they came to a halt and remained silent for a few moments. Suddenly two more brethren came out from the same building each carrying a large box. These two brethren took the boxes to the brother who was at the head, and then they took their place in line. Since everything was done in good order without questioning or confusion, I concluded that they had had some meeting while in the building. As I stood watching, I saw the brother in charge open these boxes and he then began to distribute the contents to the rest who had formed two columns at the corner. From a distance I could see that he was pairing them up two by two, and giving them a few small wires and a small set of tools. As he was issuing this equipment, he said to each pair of brethren: "You have been told your destination. Go and make necessary connections." When all had gone their way, this brother remained alone. I then approached him and said, "Brother, may I know what has been done?" He said, "Those brothers have just left for various towns and cities in the United States in order to make

connections. We are going to establish a base in the United States with a main switch board." While he was thus speaking, I was still unaware as to what he was referring to. Suddenly he read my mind and said, "I know what you are thinking of but I speak of greater things." Quickly I grasped the sense of his conversation and was about to ask him: "When will the Gospel go to the Philippines?" When again he read my mind and said: "After the main switch board is completed and after our base has been established in the United States we will then make connections elsewhere." He continued saying, "I have in my hands a roll of plans which have a bearing on the future. These plans are secret for the present and I cannot reveal them." He then began to unroll the papers and while doing so he said, "But I can say this much: the time is going to come when connections will be made not only in the United States but," (At this point he covered the surface of the written plans and showed me only one little phrase which read, "TO EVERY KINDRED, TONGUE, AND NATION." The brother then added, "That's all for now; the complete details will be revealed in the future." I then awoke from my dream.

M. B. A. ORGANIZED

The M.B.A. was organized in South Greensburg on June 23, 1946 by Brother John Mancini of the Monongahela Branch of the Church. The services were opened by singing: "Give Your Best To The Master," accompanied at the piano by Sister Mary Mancini. Prayer by Brother Anthony DiBattista and then we sang the hymn titled: "He Knows." Brother Mancini then addressed the audience as to the purpose of the Missionary Benevolent Association and how it should be conducted. Sister Esther DiBattista of Glassport was elected to act as Secretary of the meeting. Brother Mancini then asked all the new members to stand. There were twenty-two of them. He then read the by-laws and obligations.

Officers were elected as follows: President, Nina D'Angelo; Vice President, Yolando Fallovalite; Chaplain, Fred Fair; Secretary, Floyd Stroke; Assistant Secretary, Rob Cross; Librarian, Dorothy Hirshburg; Treasurer, John Stoke; Floral Fund, Rose Peterson; Teacher, William Peterson. The Report Blanks were explained to

the new members. The free will offering of the last meeting in each month, will be sent to the General M.B. A. The M.B.A. thus organized will meet in the South Greensburg Church on Sunday afternoons from one till two o'clock. "Showers of Blessings" was sung while an offering was taken up for the benefit of the newly organized Association. The offering amounted to \$8.50. The meeting was closed with prayer by Brother Anthony Todaro.

By Esther DiBattista.

Concerning Writing On Metal Plates by M. Zvi Udley, Th. M., Ph. D.

For more than a century critics of the BOOK OF MORMON have decried the claim that the Nephites wrote upon metal plates; they maintain that the Jews never used such materials to record their histories. This challenge can hardly be ignored, for it attacks the very foundation of the Latter Day Scripture.

While it is true that the Jews most often used parchment scrolls for the recording of their Scriptures, it is by no means scholarly to claim that this was the only vehicle for the preservation of writing. That the Hebrews were familiar with the process of engraving is evidenced by the command to write upon the crown of the High Priest (Ex. 2:36); however, this is by no means the only instance of Jewish engraving. Isaiah was commanded by the Lord to make a great roll (Isa. 8:1); the original Hebrew reads *gillayon godol*, and any Hebrew lexicon will show that *gillayon* means a TABLET OF METAL. What may have happened to these plates of Isaiah is, of course, a moot question: it is not impossible that they were part of the Brass Plates (1 Nephi 5:10-13). A third and very important reference to engraving is to be found in writings contemporaneous with Lehi (circa 600 B. C.), wherein Jeremiah declared: "The sin of Judah is written with a pen of iron, and with the point of a diamond; it is engraven upon the tablet of their heart." (Jer. 17:1) It will be readily seen that, had the Jews not been familiar with metal-engraving, the statement would have been unintelligible to the Jews to whom it was directed.

However, since the Nephites themselves claim to have been under an Egyptian influence (1 Nephi 1:2; etc.), we may rightly inquire whether the Egyptians

wrote upon metal plates. James Henry Breasted, the greatest American Egyptologist, quotes Pharaoh Ramses III as having declared in his autobiographical sketch: "I made for thee (i.e. the God Amon) great tablets of gold, in beaten work, engraved with the name of thy majesty, bearing my prayers. . . I made for thee great tablets of silver, in beaten work, engraved with the great name of thy majesty, bearing the decrees and inventories of thy house and temples which I made in Egypt, during my reign on earth; in order to administer them in thy name forever. . . I made thee other tablets of copper in beaten work, of a mixture of six (parts) of the color of gold, engraved and carved with the graver's tool with the great name of thy majesty, with the house regulations of thy temples; likewise the many praises and adorations which I have made in thy name. The heart was glad of hearing them, O Lord of Gods." (J. H. Breasted, ANCIENT RECORDS OF EGYPT, Chicago, 1906, vol. iv, pp. 118-119) The references to the varied sizes and materials of the plates is highly suggestive of certain passages in the BOOK OF MORMON.

A third set of customs must also be examined in connection with the Nephite claims: those of the American aborigines. Here again we find the use of metal plates not unknown: "Padre Gay mentions that the Mexican Indians 'sold to some European antiquarians very thin plates of gold, evidently worked with the hammer, which their ancestors had been able to preserve, and on which were engraved ancient hieroglyphics.'" (Marshall H. Saville, THE GOLDSMITH'S ART IN ANCIENT MEXICO, New York, 1920, p. 175); while in the Mississippi valley we find the aborigines to have worked metal into "thin plates wrought with designs." (Frederick S. Dellenbough, THE NORTH AMERICANS OF YESTERDAY, New York, 1901, pp. 291-292). In the mid-western areas copper was anciently considered more valuable than gold, and was frequently used to make metal plates: "In Union County (Ill.), for instance, two copper plates were discovered, one showing dancing figures definitely reminiscent of the Maya, and the other a bird similar to one found in Georgia." (Paul Radin, THE STORY OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN, New York, 1927, p. 199) To these might be added the questionable Davenport plates, found in Iowa (Ignati-

us Donnelly, ATLANTIS: THE ANTEDILUVIAN WORLD, New York, 1910, p. 388), and other examples for which such credible authority is lacking.

Thus it is to be seen that in spite of the criticism which has been offered, there is ample historical proof that the Hebrews, Egyptians, and American Indians were all familiar with writing upon metal plates.

THE WORD OF GOD VERSUS EVOLUTION

By A. B. Cadman

In the Creation of the world according to the Bible, the earth was, but without form and void (of life), darkness was upon the face of the deep and the first seven days constituted the creation of our world, of matter that already existed, that was lifeless and life is only regenerated from life and without life there would be no regeneration therefore life could not come from that which was not, as nothing does not exist; if it did it would be something as the Bible states "that things that are, were not made of things that do appear."

Scientific research has brought to light many things man did not know, but if they did not exist, they could never have been discovered. Evolution teaches, this earth was once a mass of molten lava. If there had been life before, not one germ of life could have survived, but matter could have survived.

Then who could start life? He only that had life, "The Creator" by His spirit which is life. The theory of Evolution is, life sprang from that which is not life. Some power would even have to start evolution and who pulled the switch to stop it, or is it still in process? The locust of Egypt is still the locust, the monkey is still the monkey, man is still man, and only rises or falls in the scale of intelligence or degenerates by his works of righteousness or his works of evil. As it is written, righteousness exalteth a nation. Germany could have found that out by reading past history but she found it out the hard way as others did.

The life of a son is the life of the Father otherwise there would be no sons; this is not all the life of the Father, as a Father may have many sons, yet his life does not diminish thereby. Therefore the life of a son is only a part of the Father which life is of the Father as well as the flesh, trans-

mitted by the power of generation. Without, there would be no sons and this has been from the beginning, back to Adam, who is the Father of all living who came into existence not by the way as other men, as He was the only man not born but by the power of creation, whose body was of the earth as any other man. Enosh was the seventh generation from Adam. Adam was the first of the seven or the first generation brought into existence by the power of creation and was not the son of God until God breathed into his nostrils, the breath of His (God's) life. Without he would not be, as it is written the Son of God, a son not begotten but created. All the offspring of Adam are in a certain sense the Children of God.

But because of the fall they became sinful and mortal, otherwise Adam would have had no children, and all things would have remained as they were when they were created doing no good because they knew no evil, having no joy because they knew no sorrow. Adam felt that man might be and men are that they might have joy. This joy was to come by hope which hope cometh by faith in the Son of God, begotten not of man but by the spirit of the Father which spirit was of the Father without there would be no Son. As it is written this day have I begotten Thee, which prophetic utterance was fulfilled, when the spirit of the Highest overshadowed the virgin Mary and conception took place; and when nature had its course a child was born in Bethlehem, Judaea, the only begotten Son of God. The Father who spoken from heaven "This is my beloved Son hear ye Him."

This should prove to any sensible mind that which is written by the prophet Abinadi on this land that God Himself would come down and take on Him the form of man. The only thing that took place was that which the angel said to Mary, that the spirit of the highest would overshadow thee. This spirit was of God the Father, therefore Christ could say I am in the Father and the Father in me. He that has seen me has seen the Father also, as it is written He was in the express image of the Father. Therefore God manifested Himself to man by His Son Jesus Christ, born as the babe of Bethlehem 1946 years ago. And because He said He was the Son of God He was accused of blasphemy for making Himself equal with God and they condemned Him to death, fulfilling the plan of God

that an infinite atonement might be made for sin, and to break the bands of death and bring about the resurrection or redemption of man, that he as God's great High Priest might present unto the Father, without spot or blemish all that would believe on the name of the only begotten Son of God. This could not be without faith and faith without works is dead. Natural man cannot understand, only that which is natural. Man obtained faith by repentance and good works, therefore the spirit of God which is not natural but divine or heavenly rested on man that they become holy men of God and prophesied of things to come. So it has been throughout all ages and will be until that which is perfect is come and then that which is in part will be done away.

For in perfection there is no progression if so it would not be perfection wherefore His work is not yet done for it is only by a miracle that anything is wrought by the spirit of God and since the Gospel was resored how many thousand have testified of the miraculous power of God and will do so down to the end of this world. For the Gospel of the Kingdom must be preached for a witness unto the world till the end. Miracles are a part of the Gospel, always were and always will be. Without it there would be no fullness. When miracles ceased it was because of lack of faith; faith alone moves the arm of God to a divine manifestation.

A GOOD LETTER FOR ALL TO READ

By Irene Rigby

171 King St., E.
Toronto, Ont.
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Dear Bro. and Sister Cadman:

I have been wanting to write to you for such a long time, and at last I am getting started.

First of all I must tell you of the wonderful trip we had the last two weeks in July. I had my holidays the same as Mr. Attack, our friend who so kindly takes us down home (on the Grand River Reservation), whenever we go to our Services. We try to go about once in four weeks, and I can assure you I certainly look forward to meeting my Brothers and Sisters from wherever they may come.

We (Mr. Attack, Jack and I) left here Saturday, July 13, and spent Sunday with the Saints down home on the Reserve, where we really had a wonderful time,

praising our Lord and Master, and we also took part in the Ordinance of Feet Washing, which I wouldn't miss, as I think that is the most humble Commandment and it seems to draw us closer together. I hope I never lose the desire to be with Saints no matter what happens. We stayed there and visited my youngest brother Stanley, and we also planted some flowers on the graves of my Mother and Dad.

We left there on Tuesday and visited Bro. and Sister Cotellesse on the farm in Muncey. They certainly were surprised to see us. We left late in the afternoon of the following day for Windsor, arriving at Bro. and Sister Burgess' home about 10:30 p.m. What a wonderful time we had visiting the Brothers and Sisters who are so fortunately to live close to each other, where one can go and visit the other in just a few minutes' walk. We then went to Detroit and visited Bro. and Sister Lavalvo, but we found a very sad home, as Sister Virginia's mother is very, very sick; poor soul, she was suffering so much. My heart really ached for her, and I could imagine how Sister Virginia felt, as it isn't so long ago that the Lord saw fit to take my mother away from me. Even yet I miss her, although I know I shouldn't, for she is in a far better place now, and I often sing that lovely hymn, "God's Way Is the Best Way." I guess the Lord doesn't mean for us to know everything, as He surely works in mysterious ways.

Brother Joe and Sister Virginia took us out to see Brother Marco at his home, about 20 miles away. We first went to a Bible Study Class at No. 1 Branch, in Detroit. We had an enjoyable visit with Bro. Marco and his family, then stayed at Bro. Joe's home overnight. We left there Saturday afternoon, and called at Windsor once more, to bid farewell to the Brothers and Sisters there, before leaving for Muncey again. We stayed at Bro. Domenic's and went to the Service at Mt. Bridges, where Bro. Joe holds the services and we met more Brothers and Sisters. I can't explain the joy and happiness that was in my heart to be able to go to all these places, and to be able to shake hands with Saints whom I had never met before. It really gave me new courage to try and serve the Lord better, and to hang on to that wonderful promise that if we serve Him to the end we will be with him forever when our days are ended here below.

The second week we spent visiting my brothers in the flesh, in Buffalo, and then we stayed a few days in cabins and rested up after traveling so much.

Mr. Attack couldn't get over how well we were all greeted, and made welcome, and said it wasn't just from the outside, but right from the inside. He could feel the difference no doubt, in the handshakes. I am sure it was a trip that none of us will ever forget.

One thing I had to cheer me when we got home was the Gospel News. I surely get a lot of comfort when reading them, and I think it is a wonderful little paper. I can pick it up any time and read any part of it, and feel that I am not alone in Toronto. I sincerely hope and pray that you meet with every success in printing them for a long, long time, as I am sure that I am not the only one who enjoys reading them.

You will probably notice the date on my letter, as not being mailed right away. Well, Sister Lambert, from Windsor was visiting me over the week-end, which prevented my finishing your letter. We had a lovely time together, and I find her very sincere in her efforts to please our Lord.

I do hope you and Sister Cadman are enjoying the very best of health, and that you do not find the heat too severe.

I think I have given you about all the news for now. If you have a few extra moments I would enjoy hearing from you, so pray for me Bro. Cadman, that I may prove faithful to the end, and may the Lord bless you both, is my humble prayer.

P.S. Sister Rigby is a daughter of our late Sister Longboat.

News From Rochester, N. Y.

By Paul D'Amico

Dear Brother Editor:

A few lines to say that we are all enjoying good health, with thanks and appreciation to God, and it is hoped that this letter finds you and all there likewise in the best of health.

We were indeed glad to have been with the saints at the past July Conference and felt overjoyed to see the faces of many who I hadn't seen for several years.

We are aware that you have been on another trip to Michigan holding several meetings. It is our hope and prayer that the Lord will bless your humble efforts for we are confident that God is present in any work which might be done for the furtherance of His

kingdom.

I would like to say also that my dad left home last week for New York City and will probably remain there for a week or so, after which he will continue his trip into New Jersey endeavoring to do some good among the saints.

This past week end we were favored with a visit by Brother A. Corrado and family. Brother Corrado delivered a wonderful message to us on Sunday morning (August 4th) reading for his text a portion of scripture found in the 12th Chapter of St. John's Gospel commencing with the 24th verse. He brought forth an interesting talk on the Life, Death, and Resurrection of Christ, the spirit of God prevailing. In our afternoon service he again brought forth a very humble testimony and a large portion of God's blessings were poured out upon all present.

Our Sunday evening was spent in singing hymns with Brother Corrado's daughters, Irene and Emilia as accompanists, both of them having a wonderful talent of singing and playing the piano. At the conclusion of the day, we felt well satisfied that we had been partakers of the Saviour's promise.

Since Conference we have had several visiting saints from Michigan and Ohio and it does our hearts good to worship together knowing that we all form one body in Christ.

SISTER DAISY STROTHER'S MOTHER PASSES ON

Mrs. Sarah Davis, mother of Sister Strother died June 29, 1946 at 2:30 a.m. at the age of 85 years, 5 months and 18 days. She was born January 11, 1861 at Valley Point, Preston County, W. Va.

Survivors are Mrs. Dessie McManus of Wick Haven, Pa., Mrs. Daisy Strother of Whitsett, Pa., and Howard A. Feathers of Morgantown, W. Va. Also surviving are 22 grandchildren, 51 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren. The funeral services were held July 1, 1946, in charge of Brother Joseph Bittinger and interment was in Cochran cemetery at Dawson, Pa.

NEWS ITEMS

I am in receipt of a short letter from Brother Clementte of McKees Rocks, Pa. At the time of writing he was in Bronx, N. Y. laboring among the saints there and also expecting to visit the Churches in New Jersey. On his way

there he called at Altoona, Pa. and preached the Word at that place, also stopped in Culver, Pa., visiting some of our folks there. He also informs me that he met brother Ishmael D'Amico of Rochester in his travels. I think it is a good way for Elders to spend their vacations, visiting other parts of the vineyard and helping along with the work of sowing seeds of righteousness. I also received a card from Brother Corrado of Youngstown, Ohio, mailed at Niagara Falls. He says he paid a visit to the saints in Rochester, N. Y. Alma B. Cadman at this time is visiting at McKees Rocks, Pa. Brother and Sister Ashton of Coal Valley and Brother and Sister Thomas of Vanderbilt, Pa. have gone to Detroit, Mich. for a week or ten days.

"Many a good man is ruined,
And many a good woman too;
By someone starting a rumor,
And not one word of it true.

"So when you hear someone knocking,

A man or a woman's good name;
Be it's a lie . . . forget it,
Never repeat it again."

—Selected

Brother and Sister Furnier, also their son Vincent and his wife paid us a short visit here at our home (Cadmans) on August 13th. We were very glad to have them call.

We have learned of the recent death of Sister Randazzo the mother of Brother Marco Randazzo. She has been ailing for a long time and while it is always hard for loved ones to have to part, yet your mother and our sister in the Gospel has just gone to her reward and ceased her struggling here in the flesh a little before some of the rest of us. May the Lord comfort Brother Randazzo and all his children.

A short letter from Sister Ring of St. John, Kansas informs us that her son Wayne Jr., was baptized on July 21st. He is located at a Naval base in California to where he has returned. We are glad to hear this news. Sister Ring also says that Sister Elsie Miller of New Jersey called on them in St. John recently and were very glad for her short visit. An invitation of welcome is extended to you all in the following words—come over to St. John and help us,

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A VISIT TO GREEN OAK

By Brother Ashton

On September 10th, in company with Brother and Sister Furnier of Detroit; my wife and I visited the old foundation of the Green Oak Church. I had visited there in 1907 and in 1908 with Alexander Cherry and a few others. Thirty eight years have passed since then, and I could not remember the location. Brother Furnier talked to a few old residents and we were directed to one Mr. Forsythe, a Methodist Minister, who lives close to where the building once stood. He has lived there sixty years and knew several of the old brethren, one in particular being Bro. Wm. Bacon. He treated us very kindly and took us to the exact spot. At first we were a little skeptical, but after a thorough investigation we were convinced of it being the original place. Only a few stones are visible, some are buried, while others have been taken and put into buildings in that neighborhood. The old foundation lies approximately twenty five feet across the railroad track of the P. McK. & Y. R. Road. It is probably 150 feet from the Youghiogeny River. Growth of weeds have become dense, much of it being 12 feet high. There is not the slightest attraction whatever. But while brother Furnier went a few paces away to talk to a man nearby, I stood still for a few moments by the stones which protruded from the ground, as thoughts of a sacred nature entered my mind. I thought: Here stood the building wherein our forefather praised and worshiped God through the 1860's and early 70's. Here is where the Apostles were called under the renewal of this work through Wm. Bickerton. As I faced the river, I thought of the great storm which came nearly drowning a boat load of brothers and sisters in those days, while brother George Barnes stood at the corner of the Church and called upon the Lord in their behalf—the storm cringing under the mighty Power of God. Some of the good brothers and sisters traveled many miles, walking the rugged highways to reach this spot, which was dear to their hearts, for it must be remembered that they did not have in those days such as we have now. Again, I thought of the peace of God I enjoyed 38 years ago when I stood there with brothers Cherry,

Samuel Sanders and sisters Gollick, my sister Bertha and my wife.

With these thoughts in mind I lifted my voice to God in thanksgiving and prayer. I desired brother Furnier to join me, but did not like to interrupt his conversation. Our wives were sitting in the car a distance away as it was too rough for them to venture. Brother Furnier and I talked of a marker or small monument being placed there in memory of the place.

So while our hearts may rejoice as we reflect on the past, it is far more essential and becoming to reflect on the future, and the joys that await us. God has made His Son a living Monument of Praise forever, and those who love Him and keep His Commandments, will forever praise Him. If past reflections bring the blessing of God upon us surely our sincere meditations upon the future, should become exceptionally Glorious. If a few dead stones bring sacred memories to us of 85 years ago, surely in memories of our brothers and sisters, (who were living stones in the spiritual building) our desires should mount to high proportions to join them, when time and timely things will be no more. So, it is good to think of the past, but much better to think upon the future.

OUR REASONABLE SERVICE

By PATSY MARINETTI,
Rochester, N. Y.

When one's powers of concentration settle reflectively on the expression contained in scripture, namely, "For I delight in the law of God after the inward Man", a chain of thoughts begin to flash through the mind with such rapidity that only a fraction of those intangible spurts of the mind can be gathered and recorded into a coherent group, in hopes of conveying in expressed form the reactions of the mind and soul when aroused to action.

From the time God instituted the Ten Commandments—using Moses as an instrument—the world from that period of time onward was in possession of the highest standard which could erect the systems and the governments of nations upon a foundation of proper moral behavior and durable civil order. The Ten Commandments paved a strong straight road with constructive signs along the way and dan-

ger lights properly arranged in premonition of approaching trouble; and its consequences if violated. Christ's coming to the earth completely furnished this super-highway—to better human conduct—with all the improvements and additions that would fit the requirements of rightfully calling this of all highways, A KING'S HIGHWAY. Of the many roads which men have assumed correct for spiritual elevation; there exists one that can everlastingly direct him into that sphere where holiness and righteousness prevail. Therefore, when Christ came among men, He very emphatically stressed this moral code; and by supplementing clarifications, He made the dividing line between right and wrong more pronounced; for He indelibly marked the one and only course which could elevate men of good will to transcending heights.

If one's family, relatives, friends, co-workers, etc. with whom an individual in varying degrees is interwoven within complex circumstances and conditions of life; cause him to yield and deviate from tested divine laws of moral integrity, because he fears to stand alone; or because he timidly questions man's social structure and its tarnishing effect on character and morality, or should he passively and compromisingly participate in social indulgences which have a shady and questionable appearance, or should he follow the customs of our times merely because it is sociable to do so; for in harmonizing with the liberties of our times, he may gain social distinction, influential friends, and financial independence; I am of the firm conviction that if he should conform to these above mentioned possibilities, it is an indication that he has yielded ground in order to have chosen an easier way out under these testing circumstances. This yielding also indicates that his spiritual and moral values have suffered such a mortal blow that it may cause his spiritual armor and moral wall of defense to be penetrated to that degree, that he may dangerously expose himself to spiritual disintegration.

Although the world of our present day has gone through inconceivable changes of every description in comparison to the many centuries which preceded our time, nevertheless, the basic causes and forces which prompt men to do

good or evil are the same in this our day, as they have been throughout the history of the world. The moral laws which affect human behavior, one way or another, have been and are still the same. If God wanted His laws elastically interpreted to fit man's changeable and diverting inclinations, He would have inserted Amendments for that purpose.

Upon analyzing life's vital decisions, what brings peace of mind and complete victory to man but the triumph of principles of truth as these principles are applied in every day life. For in the exact proportion to which men adhere to divine principles do they also incline themselves to right or wrong. Although there are many individuals who consider free license as liberty or freedom; and others who because of laxity of positive action in resisting evil have termed this latter stand as being broadminded; yet that man who can stand alone under all conditions in defense of pure truth, is as powerful as that man who is feared by all.

A few examples of those who stood the greatest tests in order to achieve peace of mind and soul, by clinging tenaciously to divine principles are as follows: (1) Noah faced a skeptic and ridiculing world while he build the ark. (2) Abel offered a more excellent sacrifice than his brother. (3) Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his son to God. (4) Jacob humbled himself in deep humility to his brother Esau. (5) Joseph was content to go to prison rather than submit to sin. (6) Moses refused participation in a king's court, and cast his lot with his brethren in bondage. (7) David would not harm Saul because of the deep reverence he had for an anointed of God. (8) Daniel chose the lion's den rather than forsake his allegiance to his God; while his three companions faced a fiery furnace before they would accept idolatry. (9) Paul forsook riches and power in exchange for the despised precepts of Christ. (10) Stephen accepted death rather than withdraw his testimony of Jesus. (11) Lincoln was not afraid to arouse this nation to its sense of guilt and shame. One could enumerate a long list of similar individuals who duplicated and even surpassed the deeds of the above mentioned characters; but their acts are permanently recorded for those who desire to acquaint themselves with these so called giants among men.

Can we in our times, if called upon to face similar tests; endure with the same faithful tenacity the

convictions of unchanging principles?

GREATER THINGS SHALL YE DO

John 14-12: "Verily, Verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me, the works that I do he shall do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go to my Father." This scripture is the plain words of our Saviour, and there is no room for anyone to dispute that fact, that is, he that believeth on Me shall do greater works than those which the Saviour was doing. Jesus did many mighty miracles while among the children of men upon the earth. He healed the lepers, restored the blind to sight, caused the lame to walk, fed the multitudes on a mere pittance, walked on the water and raised the dead. May I ask, what more could He do? Yet with all these wonderful things, yea, rich blessings to the afflicted ones, they were still mortal beings and still subject to afflictions in their mortal bodies and eventually would pass out of this world, prepared or unprepared to meet their God.

The fact that God heals one's body sometimes, is not absolute proof that the soul will be saved, for as I read the word of God, I observe that Jesus had a following, but as the crucial hours of His trial drew on, I read that many of His disciples went back and walked no more with Him. John 6-66. He says unto the twelve: Will ye also go away? In Matthew 26-56, I read that all His disciples forsook Him. All the wonderful things that Jesus did for them was not sufficient on the day of the trial.

On the day of Pentecost only 120 souls had gathered together in response to His command. We are all acquainted with the account given in the second chapter of the Acts, relative to the spirit of God descending upon the disciples of Christ. After this we find them doing the things that the Saviour had done in their midst; they even raised the dead. But of all the great things they did among the children of men, the saving of souls was their greatest work, yea, the saving of a soul is the greatest of all miracles. I think Jesus makes that matter plain when He asks: If ye gain the whole world and lose your soul, what would you give in exchange, etc.

Health is a wonderful blessing to man, yet we are taught that it is better to go through life maimed

than to have our souls cast into hell. I read where men prayed that God would bless their flocks, their crops and so on, then when the good Lord sent down the rain and blessed them abundantly, they got lifted up in pride and forgot God and maybe, lost their souls, for Jesus says that it is them that endure to the end that are saved. It seems to be easy to forget God in times of health and prosperity, but it should not be. Men should serve God because of love for righteousness, not because he may have healed the body or blessed us with an abundance of material things. Much is said about living in the day when we shall live under our own vine and fig tree. A wonderful time to live on this earth no doubt.

I wonder if we ever stop to think about the time the evil fruit comes into the vineyard again, yea, it is so bad that the Lord sends down fire and burns up the vineyard. See Jacob 5-76, 77. It looks as though many that have enjoyed that wonderful peaceful time, will in the end lose their souls. The peaceful time they once enjoyed may taunt them throughout an endless eternity. In the fourth book of Nephi I read that the devil eventually destroyed the peace of those happy people, and according to what is written, he, the devil will do it again, even in what we call the Peaceful Reign. If my soul is saved in the Kingdom of God it will be matterless whether I ever sit under my own fig tree here in this world or not. The greatest of all these is the saving of the soul.

It was a great day when the angel condescended to Joseph Smith, but a greater day is to come when the Kingdom of Christ is to be victorious over the kingdom of the devil, this world. Yea, indeed, but the greatest of all work is the saving of the souls of men and women. I will quote some of the words of Mosiah 15-15, 16, 17: "And O how beautiful upon the mountains were their feet! And again, how beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of those that are still publishing peace! And again, how beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of those who shall hereafter publish peace, yea, from this time henceforth and forever!" We speak much of a great work to do. Let us all remember that that great work is the preaching of the Gospel that the souls of men and women might be saved in the eternal Kingdom of God.

It is true that we are living in

a day when there seems to be little faith in religion, very few seem to be interested, but let us all remember that if the servants of God have that burning inspiration in their souls, the hearts that now seem dead can be made to vibrate once more. To all who love the souls of others even as your own, don't wait until the choice seer comes, for he may not come in your day; don't wait until that great work starts, do your share of that great work now in preaching the Gospel, for it is the power of God unto salvation; what could be greater? I say, great things have been done by the faithful in this day than ever before. **THE SAVING OF SOULS IS THE GREATEST OF ALL WORK.**

W.H.C.

SHUT THE DOOR

One of the greatest difficulties in this day of hurry and worry, is to shut out the world. When we enter into our closet all the world seems to crowd right into the secret place. We preach sermons and do business on our knees. The place for worship becomes a house of merchandise and the place of devotion literally a den of thieves. It is half our victory when entering into the closet to "shut thy door."

It is said that a man was standing in a telephone booth trying to talk. He kept saying, "I can't hear." The man at the other end said, rather sharply, "If you will shut the door you can hear."

Not without a battle will we be able to shut the door, shut out the world, and shut our souls up to God. But unless we learn by pains in prayer to silence the world's din and distraction and get alone to get the ear of our God, we shall only be fighting as one that beateth the air—much ado about nothing. Only behind a shut door will fall showers of blessings from an open Heaven.—Selected.

CLEVELAND NEWS

By Oliver Lloyd

Brother Editor: We are having some good spiritual meetings. Our Branch is pressing on the upward way; our M.B.A. is growing in numbers and we are enjoying the blessings of God. Brother, and Sister Chester visited here recently and a wonderful meeting we had. They are getting up in years, but are more determined to serve God, still holding on to the iron rod which brother Robert Anderson used to speak of so often in his tes-

timony. A few words about The Gospel News: Gospel news has made many a heart glad.

I work with a Minister of another faith, he would like to have a years subscription of The Gospel News. God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform. God bless Michael Piacentino for writing those wonderful verses about the M.B.A. Quotations from the Bible and Book of Mormon: 34th Psalm, 9th verse: "O fear the Lord ye His saints, for their is no want to them that fear Him." John 14-23: Jesus answered and said unto him, if a man love me he will keep my words and my Father will love him and we will come unto him and make our abode with him." Alma 5-14: "And now behold I ask of you my brethren of the church, have ye spiritually been born of God, have ye received His image in your countenance's, have ye experienced His mighty change in your hearts?" Many times in the singing of our hymns God pours His spirit out upon us, for instance, when we sing No. 269, "The Last Mile of the Way." Brother Lloyd makes mention of many sermons that he has heard from various brethren of which he likes to remember. Well it is good to keep in mind the good things which we have heard.

A CONTRIBUTION

(by Emil Huttner of Charleroi, Pa.)

Editor & Readers:

The Gospel News, Dear friends:

I have been receiving The Gospel News regularly, it is being mailed to me through the courtesy of one of my friends who is a member of The Church of Jesus Christ in Monongahela, Pa. I have enjoyed reading the various editorials, publications and personal letters addressed to the Editor and reports of incidents and revelations told by many of its readers who are members of your Church. It is very much gratifying to learn what faith holds in store for some people, and how much religion has to offer to men who embrace religion in a spirit of sincerity, honesty and faithfulness who trust their faith in a church that stores these principles, not only within its walls but in every day's life in dealing with your fellowman in friendship and business. I am personally convinced that The Church of Jesus Christ is housing and preserving as well as practicing these principles. I hope and trust that all its members and adherents thereto possess and practice these

principles in true spirit and righteousness.

The Church of Jesus Christ is one of the few institutions which is fortunate to have able leadership to provide its constituents with newsletters such as The Gospel News, where members can express their views and thoughts which adds considerably in promoting harmony and understanding in its organization. It is therefore wise to make use of it by expressing our views in a manner so as to benefit those who need more enlightenment and development in spirit to communal life as well as to the church. Through reading newspapers and radio reports we learn of men who are seriously deteriorated in mind and their sole purpose in life dwells chiefly on matters benefiting their own selfish and bigoted personality in gaining control over others and in enslavement of men. Men of this caliber will resort to all sort of degradation such as racial persecution, lynchings and murder in order to set themselves up in high office and exercise authority over their fellowmen. We have experienced only recently in some of the southern states where men who by the way are notorious for their pro-Nazi views, publicly exposed by Walter Winchell in his radio broadcasts have openly used the white racial superiority bait in gaining election to office in our government. We have also heard of the unfortunate act by an organized white mob in lynching four innocent Negroes. Hence we cannot lose sight of the connection as a result in the campaign between the two factions, where racial persecution and hatred was publicly instigated. As members of The Church of Jesus Christ, an institution founded on equality of creed, color or race, you must protest vigorously against repetition of such atrocities against race, color or creed for which this Church stands.

Let us embark on these issues, utilize every space in The Gospel News in protest of such gruesome acts by a people who profess to be Christian. If we are to make this a better world, we must make our own nest in the country in which we live a safe dome under God's canopy. We must protest vigorously, not only within the walls of our church but in every communal center, in prayers and gatherings, in our homes and meetings everywhere. Prayers without action have no meaning. We cannot better our own lot unless we cor-

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EDITORIAL

Greetings to you, friend and reader
From a voice completely new;
May these bits of rhyme and reason
Bring the light of joy to you;
Though the day be dark and dreary,
Or the heavens bright and clear,
May this humble little volume
Be a pocketful of cheer.

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rect the evils in our fellowmen. The Churches have failed in their missions in Nazi Germany despite their greatest religious establishments in the world, just because they were not concerned in their fellowmen outside the church. They have failed because they have confined their practices within the walls of their institutions, they have given little, if any thought to their youth outside the Church. Let us not repeat the same blunder.

I have faith in the institutions like The Church of Jesus Christ in principle, will lead in healing the evils of the persecutions of races and creeds and prevent the repetitions of such atrocious acts as we have recently experienced in the state of Georgia. (P. S. I will just add that The Church of Jesus Christ, does not, and cannot condone the acts of injustice that are being imposed upon races and na-

tions of people, either in our land of America or across the seas. Jesus has been hailed as the Prince of Peace now, for near two thousand years and what a terrible plight the world is in today. It is vain to profess to serve God and obey not His commandments. Jesus asks: "And why call ye me Lord and do not the things which I say." He also says: "Except a man be born of water and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." But in spite of what the Redeemer has taught, we have learned Christian people teaching that the birth of the water is not essential to salvation. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.—W. H. C.)

Our Thanks To The Detroit
Brothers And Sisters

We, the young people of Rock Run Branch wish to express our thanks to the brothers and sisters of Detroit for their wonderful hospitality toward us. We received many blessings in all the branches in Detroit.

One of the experiences that we young people had at Detroit was on the night of our departure, Sunday, August 18. We were planning to leave on the 10:15 p. m. bus, but God moves in a mysterious way—He had other plans for us. Brother John Buffa was to take us to the bus terminal when it began to storm; and one of the young people suggested stopping at Sister Campitelli's being that it was close by and traveling was quite difficult. Sister Campitelli was very glad to see us, and she began telling us many of her experiences. While telling us her experiences, we felt a great blessing and we rejoiced with all our hearts. Being that we were so overjoyed we decided to take the 12:30 p. m. bus. We now had no fear of the storm, for we knew God was with us.

A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE
By Robert Watson, Jr.

Dear Brother Editor:

We had an experience here in Windsor, Ont., which I feel would be of interest to all The Gospel News readers. It is an experience testifying to the healing powers of God.

We have a brother in Chatham, Ont., by the name of Dexter Gore, a very nice young man. For four years the doctors told him he had an enlarged heart and an ulcerated stomach. He couldn't work very hard for his family, because of this adverse condition. He came under

the sound of the Gospel about a year ago. Last Feet Washing Service we had in Windsor, he dressed to come to church in Windsor but the people for whom he picked fruit wanted him to work on the Sabbath Day and they laughed and scorned at him because he was willing to lose that money in order to attend church. He felt like fulfilling the words of Christ: "Seek ye first the Kingdom of Heaven and its righteousness and all things shall be added unto you."

When attending that meeting he was having his feet washed by brother Henderson. The spirit of God fell upon them both and brother Henderson asked God to heal him of his affliction that he might properly be able to care for his family. The power of God took effect and the result was, according to his own testimony, a complete healing. In talking to him, he says that the people of Chatham and vicinity including his own father are amazed, for he is now able to do manual labor without the old effect and of having his body swell from his enlarged heart.

This testimony is more precious than gold, and to some afflicted person it may be a light breaking through the dark clouds of sorrow which so often accompanies sickness. I trust that God is continuing to bless you with good health as well as spiritual uplift.

NEWS ITEMS

Of late, the Editor has received a number of letters from several of our members, who are visiting at different places and enjoying themselves in the service of God among those of whom they visit. Sister Buffa, from Detroit writes to me from Bronx, N. Y. telling me of the wonderful time she is having among the saints in those parts of the vineyard. She mentions of one baptism in Brooklyn while she was there. Brother Buffa also was with his wife and redecored the Bronx church while there. I also received a letter from Sister Louise Ciccati who came from California to attend the July Conference, and is still in these parts visiting the various branches of the church. Sister Louise seems to be having a wonderful time at all the places she has visited, and from what I hear she is remaining in the east until after the October Conference. We are glad she is enjoying her visit. Sister Fisher of Parlin, N. J. writes me of the wonderful time they are having in that

district of the church. They have had many visitors and have had much food for their souls while worshipping together. Brother Ishmael D'Amico of Rochester, N. Y. writes to me of him spending better than four weeks in Bronx, Brooklyn, N. Y. and in the New Jersey district. Brother Ishmael writes very encouraging news relative to his labors in those places. Brother Nellis of Coleman, Mich., in a recent letter informs me that Brother V. J. Lovalvo of Detroit, and himself spent a short time at Toronto, Canada, recently preaching the Gospel. Brother Nellis seems very hopeful of some progress to be made there. To you all: It is your duty to sow good seed, and if the seed is properly cared for, there is no doubt but what you shall reap in due time. A beautiful card of scenery has been received from Brother and Sister L. Mar'in of Farwell, Mich., they are spending their vacation at East Tawas, Mich.

Sometime ago we learned that Brother and Sister Nicholas Faragasso, Sr. of New Brunswick, N. J. were going to locate in Florida to make their future home. A card has been received from them mailed at Boynton Beach. Best wishes to brother and sister Faragasso.

Since the closing of the July Conference the Brethren of Monongahela Branch has held a series of meetings at the Jefferson Church near West Elizabeth Pa. also a week's meetings was held by them at Eldora. While the attendance was not large, yet very nice meetings were enjoyed. It was mostly the young brethren from Monongahela that conducted these meetings.

I am not so anxious as to what may be a hundred years hence. He who governed the world before I was born will take care of it when I am dead. My part is to improve the present moment. — John Wesley.

On September 14th, Brother Wilbert Parlor, sister Elizabeth Davidson of the West Elizabeth Branch, and W. H. Cadman and wife drove to Coshocton, Ohio and had a visit at the home of our aged sister Lynch. We found our sister very well for one of her age. She will be 87 years old in October. She gets around the house very well, but her mind wanders some. Her daughter and son Cochran are both at home taking care of her. Sister Lynch was born at Green Oak, Pa.

in the year of 1859. We held services in their home on Sunday, September the 15th. Sister Lynch is a member of the Russell family who were pioneers in The Church of Jesus Christ. She was baptized in the church many years ago.

THE LADIES UPLIFT CIRCLE

From San Diego, California, comes word from Sister Viola Thomas that a Ladies' Circle had been organized last month (August). The letter contained these words—"All of us Sisters are very happy to have a Circle here. The Circle meant so much to all of us and when we didn't have one here we felt as if we had lost something. But now that we have a Circle we feel we have found what was lost." Sister Jennie Costello of Detroit is visiting the saints there and she helped them to organize their Circle. We hope the Lord will be with them and bless them in their meetings. Sister Sadie B. Cadman.

STEVENS-SWINK WEDDING

Wayne K. Stevens and Frieda Swink both of the West Elizabeth district, were united in marriage at the home of Brother W. H. Cadman in Monongahela on September 11, 1946 at 7:30 p. m. in the presence of the groom's parents and Sister Cadman, a very nice, but quiet affair. The groom served three years in the Trinidad theatre of the late war. He is a great grandson of the late Brother Thomas Stevens. His bride is an attractive young lady. The Gospel News wishes Wayne and Frieda a long, happy and prosperous life together.

To the readers of The Gospel News: I have my fathers old scrap book containing Newspaper cuttings. Among them is an article on, or titled "Pre-Millennial" and was published in letter form. I will reproduce them in this paper one letter at a time. The only date I find on them is one made with a pencil which is March, 1879.

PRE-MILLENNIAL

Editors Herald—As there is great interest manifested of late (in both press and pulpit) concerning the fulfillment of prophecy with regard to what is termed "the second advent and millennial reign of Christ," I desire your permission to present a few articles to the consideration and investigation of your readers, fully realizing the

weighty responsibility of so important a duty. I could not, without violence to my own feelings, approach so grand and glorious subject abruptly or without some degree of preparation, as I believe that God will through Christ control the destinies of all nations and men of our vast globe to all eternity, or until mankind are brought back to their primitive state, and the earth is made a fit abode for immortal beings, and Christ's Kingdom both established and perfected; or, in a word, made fit for presentation to the Father. When we begin to explore the future we must proceed by well defined means, otherwise we have no degree of certainty that we will not arrive at erroneous conclusions. The means are the prophecies of the holy prophets which have been since the world began, and the light of the Holy Spirit to truly understand them. Their true meaning can only be comprehended by man (in regard to those not yet fulfilled) in proportion as his mind and soul is illuminated with the latter agency.

In the first place. I maintain the prophecies are worthy of our entire confidence, and that those already fulfilled establish and vindicate the character of the prophets to an extent which makes it impossible for any man of reasonable intelligence to doubt their veracity with regard to events which have not yet transpired, and that the only real difficulty remains with ourselves in attaining to their true meaning. We have ample evidence in the history of the world of their truthfulness in many things already fulfilled. For instance, Daniel plainly foretold the overthrow of Babylon; Isaiah named Cyrus over one hundred years before his birth and styles him God's anointed to reduce that haughty nation, and supposed impregnable city to subjection. He we have an astonishing instance of a heathen prince actuated by the Almighty to execute the will of the God of Israel, whom he never knew, and demonstrate the truthfulness of Isaiah's prediction uttered more than a century previous. See Isaiah 45 ch., compared with Rollins Ancient History of Cyrus, and you cannot doubt the fact of the prophet having clearly and minutely foretold and described the doings of that great King; and that the knowledge of the prophet at that early period was entirely outside the range of human penetration.

Again, Daniel foretold the over-

throw of the Persian Empire, describing minutely circumstances connected with that great event. He had a vision of a ram which had two horns that were high, one being higher than the other; the highest came up last, representing the rise, progress and eventual downfall of the empire of the Medes and Persians. He then described a he-goat coming from the west, touching not the ground, having a notable horn between his eyes which entirely subdued the ram. Then the he-goat waxed great and when he became strong, the great horn was broken and from it came up four notable ones toward the four winds of Heaven. Daniel received the interpretation by an angel: "The ram which thou sawest having two horns are the kings of Media and Persia. And the ro' goat is the King of Grecia; and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king. Now that being broken, whereas four stood up, for it four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not in his power." See Daniel 8 ch. Read the history of Alexander the Great. Begin with his childhood and notice his remarks to his playmates on hearing of the repeated triumphs of his father; in a plaintive tone he exclaimed, "My father will subdue all the enemies of Macedon, and there will be nothing left for me to do."

Ponder over the nature of the inquiries made by him of certain Persian ambassadors whom he entertained during his father's absence, whilst he was yet a mere child, which made them exclaim, "Our King is rich but the Macedon prince is wise," and you will observe the germs of his future greatness. Again notice his address to his army soon after his ascension to the throne at the eve of an engagement with the Athenians, who had been persuaded by Demosthenes to revolt at the death of his father, because Macedon was now ruled by a boy. Said he, "This is the day to convince Demosthenes that the King of Macedon has grown somewhat since last heard from." The event vindicated his sayings, and Demosthenes though perhaps unequalled in any age for oratory and eloquence fled ingloriously from the field of battle in such a state of terror that when a brier caught his mantle he involuntarily gasped, "Spare my life." Witness how soon that boy secured to himself the position previously occupied by his father, which virtually placed him in command of all Greece, and began

earnestly to contemplate the great work of his life, viz., the reduction of the Persian Empire. Certain members of his court earnestly requested him to marry before entering into such a hazardous enterprise, for the purpose of providing an heir to the throne in case of disaster (being ignorant of the fact of Daniel having predicted that his kingdom should not descend to his posterity. See Daniel 11 ch. 4v.) It is very remarkable to notice how quickly he disposed of such reasonable and agreeable advice, manifesting to us that his impatience was such to execute the object of his existence, that he could not for a moment endure the thought of delay. Like Cyrus, he was also an idolator and visited the Oracle at Delphi for the purpose of securing encouragement from the gods. The priestess at first refused to proceed to the temple, but when gently but firmly constrained to do so, she exclaimed, "My son, thou art invincible," which admonishes Christians that false oracles do not invariably make false declarations. With the assurance there received he invaded the dominions of the great Persian King. We must necessarily deny ourselves the pleasure of following him; but may state that Persia (which had demanded and received earth and water from almost all nations, and ruled in a manner universally for ages; had amassed wealth in profusion and whose armies were numerous almost beyond computation) was subdued suddenly. Surely you will subscribe to the conclusion that Daniel was truly inspired and that the Almighty had removed from his mind the veil which generally obscures futurity when he notified the world of the he-goat that came from the west, his speed being such that he touched not the ground, and came to the ram which had two horns and ran into him in the fury of his power. "And I saw him come closer unto the ram, and he was moved with choler against him, and smote the ram and brake his two horns; and there was no power in the ram to stand before him, but he cast him down to the ground and stamped upon him; and there was none that could deliver the ram out of his hands." See Daniel 8 ch. 7v. —(the late William Cadman).

(to be continued.)

A VOICE OF WARNING

(Preface to the first American edition 1837, by Parley P. Pratt).

During the last nine years, the public mind has been constantly agitated, more or less, through all parts of our country, with the cry of "Mormonism, Mormonism, Delusion, Imposture, Fanaticism," etc. chiefly through the instrumentality of the press. Many of the newspapers of the day have been constantly teeming with misrepresentations and slanders of the foulest kind, in order to destroy the influences and character of an innocent society in its very infancy; a society of whose real principles many of them know nothing at all. Every species of wickedness has been resorted to, and all manner of evil has been spoken against them falsely; inasmuch, that in many places houses and ears are closed against them, without the possibility of being heard for a moment.

Were this the only evil, we might have less cause of complaint; but inconsequence of this we have been assaulted by mobs. Some of our houses have been torn down or burned, our goods destroyed, and fields of grain laid waste. Yea, more—some of us have been stoned, whipped, and shot, our blood has been caused to flow, and still smokes to heaven, because of our religious principles, in this our native land, the boasted land of liberty and equal law! While we have sought in vain for redress. Officers of the state have been deaf to the voice of Innocence, imploring at their feet for justice and protection in the enjoyment of rights as American citizens.

Under these circumstances, what could be done? How were we to correct the public mind? We were few in number, and our means of giving information very limited; the columns of most of the papers were closed against us, their popularity being at stake the moment our principles were admitted. It is true we published a monthly paper, in which our principles were clearly set forth; but its circulation was limited to a few thousands. Under these circumstances, had we the tongue of angels, and the zeal of Apostles, with our hearts expanded wide as eternity, with the intelligence of heaven, and the love of God burning in our bosoms; and commissioned to bear as joyful tidings as ever were borne by Michael, the Archangel, from the regions of glory; yet, it would have been as impossible for us to have communicated the same to the public, as it was for Paul, when he stood in the midst of Ephesus, to declare the glad tidings of a crucified and risen Redeemer, when

his voice was lost amid the universal cry of "Great is Diana of the Ephesians!"

Go, lift your voice to the tumultuous waves of the ocean, or try to reason amid the roar of cannon while the tumult of war is gathering thick around, or speak to the howling tempest while it pours a deluge over the plains; let your voice be heard amid the roar of chariots rushing suddenly over the pavements; or, what is still less useful, converse with a man who is lost in slumbers, or reason with a drunkard while he reels to and fro under the influence of the intoxicating poison, and these will convince you of the impossibility of communicating truth to that soul who is willing to make up his judgment upon popular rumor, or to be wafted gently down the current of public opinion, without stopping for a moment to listen, to weigh, to hear both sides of the question, and judge for himself.

One of the greatest obstacles in the way of the spread of truth, in every age, is the tide of public opinion. Let one ray of light burst upon the world in any age, and it is sure to come in contact with the traditions and long established usages of men, and their opinions; or with some religious craft, so that, like the Ephesians, they counsel together what shall be done; their great goddess will be spoken against, her magnificence despised, her temple deserted; or what is still worse, their craft is in danger, for by this they have their wealth. Call to mind the Apostles in contact with the Jewish Rabbis, or with Gentile superstitions; in short, at war with every religious establishment on the earth. Witness the popular clamor: "If we let them thus alone, all men will believe on them, and the Romans will come and take away our place and nation." "These men that turn the world upside down have come hither also." "What new doctrine is this, for thou bringest certain strange things to our ears." "These men do exceedingly trouble our city, and teach customs which are not lawful for us to receive, being Romans." "What will this babbler say, he seems to be a setter forth of strange gods?" And many other such like sayings.

Or, let us for a moment contemplate the events of later date; for instance, the Mother Church against the reformers of various ages; see them belied, slandered, degraded, whipped, stoned, imprisoned, burned, and destroyed in

various ways, while the ignorant multitude were made to believe they were the very worst of men.

Again, think for a moment of the struggles of Columbus, an obscure individual of limited education, but blessed with a largeness of heart, a noble genius, a mind which disdained to confine itself to the old beaten track; accustomed to think for itself, it burst the chains which, in ages past, had held in bondage the nations of the earth; it soared aloft, as it were on eagles wings; it outstripped and left far behind the boasted genius of Greece and Rome; it penetrated the dark mysteries which lay concealed amid the western waters. Behold him struggling for eight years against the learned ignorance of the courts and councils of Europe, while the sneer of contempt, the finger of scorn, and the hiss of derision, were the solid arguments opposed to his theory.

But what was the result when, after many a fruitless struggle, an expedition was fitted out, consisting of three small vessels? A new world presented itself to the wondering nations of the East, destined, at no distant period, to become the theatre of the most glorious and astonishing events of the last days. This fact was no sooner demonstrated than their philosophical, geographical, and religious objections vanished in a moment; haughty ignorance and bigotry were for once constrained to cast their honors in the dust, and bow their reverend heads at the feet of real worth, and learn, in humble silence, that one fact clearly demonstrated, was worth ten thousand theories and opinions of men.

Having said so much to impress upon the human mind the necessity of hearing, and then judging, I would only add, that the object of this publication is to give the public correct information concerning a religious system, which has penetrated every State from Maine to Missouri, as well as the Canadas, in the short space of nine years; organizing Churches and Conferences in every region and gathering in its progress from fifty to a hundred thousand disciples; having, at the same time, to sustain the shock of an overwhelming, religious influence, opposed to it by the combined powers of every sect in America. What but the arm of Omnipotence could have moved it forward amid the rage of mobs? having to contend with the prejudice of the ignorant and

the pen of the learned; at war with every creed and craft in Christendom; while the combined powers of earth and hell were hurling a storm of persecution, unparalleled in the history of our country.

This work is also intended as a warning voice, or proclamation of truth, to all people into whose hands it may fall, that they may understand, and be prepared for the great day of the Lord. Opinion and guesswork in the things of God are worse than useless; facts, well demonstrated, can alone be of service to mankind. And as the Holy Ghost can alone guide us into all truth, we pray God the Eternal Father, in the name of Jesus Christ His Son, that the Spirit of Truth may inspire our hearts in indicting this matter; that we may be able to write the truth in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that it may be the word of God, the everlasting Gospel, the power of God unto salvation, to the Gentile first, and also to the Jew.

A TRIBUTE OF RESPECT

To Our Late Sister Randazzo of Detroit

Sister Randazzo the companion of brother Sam Randazzo died on August 10, 1946 and was buried on the 13th. Brother Charles Ashton delivered the Eulogy, with Brother Peter Capone speaking a few minutes in the Italian language. The service was very touching and solemn, with the songs sung by brother Clifford Burgess and his daughter Dorothy, adding the story which very well told of the sufferings, as well as the glorious hope and joy of being: Safe in the Arms of Jesus. Altogether my mother-in-law suffered terribly, yet at the point of death she passed away (thanks to the Lord) in peace and tranquility.

She was truly blessed in life with a wonderful family which all but one have embraced the Restored Gospel. She was a wonderful mother and wife. Allow me to pay this last tribute; She was all that any child could wish for in a Mother. To know her was to love her! Even her neighbors from far and near paid their last respects by sending her a lovely basket of flowers which further enhanced the beauty of the other large number of wreaths and baskets sent her by the many friends and relatives and brothers and sisters. Altogether, it was a worthy tribute to an illustrious mother.

By V. J. LOVALVO.

BROS. NELLIS AND LOVALVO VISIT TORONTO, ONT.

Brother Editor:

We left last Friday morning (August 23) and reached Toronto in the late afternoon. Our first stop was at brother and sister Rieger's home. We were treated very cordially, and we spent the time until about 11:30 p.m. speaking about various things. The next day we visited several other families and enjoyed talking to them. These people in Toronto are acquainted with the Restored Gospel, although of a different faction than ours. We met with the group, or at least part of their group on Saturday at Sister Oliver's place at 5 p.m. We had supper together and at 8 p.m. we had an enjoyable service. I believe we left a good impression with those folks, for we were asked to return. They promised to take our matters to the Lord in prayer; and of course praying that God will answer to the satisfaction of all concerned. We enjoyed good liberty among them, and I am praying that the good Lord will grant us to meet again very soon. Help us with your prayers.

We left Toronto Sunday morning for the Six Nations Reserve, at which we had a wonderful meeting with the Indian people there.

We left there after the service with the hope of at least, taking in a part of the afternoon service which was being held out-of-doors at Mt. Brydges, Ont. and we reached the meeting about an hour before closing time. Brother Nellis remained at Mt. Brydges while I came home with my family which I found there, much to my joy.

I am praying that the Lord will bless the Ministry of our Church with Grace, Spirit, and Power because I see the great need of this, more so every time I go out on missionary trips. May the Lord condescend to bless us with His Spirit, that we may show the whole world His church in us. Receive my love as always. Yours in the Gospel Cause,

V. James Lovalvo.

TIME FOR EVERYTHING BUT GOD

Time for pleasures, time for gain,
Time to watch an air-o-plane,
Time to work and time to play,
Time to go or time to stay.
Time to be sad, time to be gay,
But never time to kneel and pray.

Time for vacation, time to fix cars,
Time for visitations, time for

bazaars,
Time to wash, to iron, to clean,
Time to stop and rest between.
Time for sewing or books to be read,
But no time to thank God for daily bread.

No time to take Jesus at His word,
No time to give your heart to the Lord,
No time with faith toward Jesus to look,
No time to make sure your name's in His book.
No time to bother, now, you say,
You're putting it off till some other day.

No time for reading His Word today,
No time to go to His house you say,
No time is left when your work is done,
To see what other souls are won.
What? No time left for God in your days,
Your time is all used in other ways.

I have a question to ask you now,
Answer it as before Him you bow.
What do you think you would do,
When to this life there comes an end,
If God should turn to you and say,
Depart, I've no time for you today?
—From McKees Rocks

BIBLE CHARACTERS (By Class of Ruth)

I lived in the days when Israel forgot God and had been delivered into the hands of the Philistines for forty years. I was a descendant of Dan. I was married but we had no children. An angel of the Lord came unto and said I would and I asked him what was his name, so that when his saying came to pass I would do him honor, but he refused and said it was a secret. Then I took a kid with a meat offering, and offered it upon a rock, and as the flame went up toward heaven from off the altar, the angel of the Lord ascended in the flame of the altar. My wife and I fell on our faces to the ground, and I told my wife: "We shall surely die, because we have seen God." But she said if the Lord were pleased to kill us He would not have received our offering nor have told us these things. The Lord blessed our child and the Spirit of the Lord began to move him at times in the camp of Dan to deliver Israel. What is my name also the name of my son?

Lord appeared to my wife and promised her we would have a son. She was told not to drink wine nor any strong drink, nor eat any unclean thing, for the child was chosen of the Lord and he would begin to deliver Israel out of the hands of the Philistines. My wife told me about the visit of the angel, but said she had forgotten to ask him where he was from, or his name, but said his countenance was like the countenance of an angel of God, very terrible.

I then went to prayer and asked God to send the angel or man of God to us again, to teach us what we should do, and the Lord heard me and answered my prayer and appeared to my wife while she was in the field. I was not with her at the time but she called me and I arose and came to where the angel was. I asked him what we were to do in regards to our child, and he said to be very careful to carry out the instructions as had been told my wife. I begged him to remain until I would make ready a kid to eat, but he refused and said: "If I would offer a burnt offering it must be unto the Lord." I didn't

West Elizabeth News

The Elders of the Monongahela Branch held a week's meetings in the little Jefferson Church, beginning on the night of July 21st. Each evening was taken up by a different Elder. The meetings were well attended and the sermons were enjoyed by all. Brother Wilbert Parlor is the presiding Elder here.

Brother Donald Curry of Coal Valley, Pa. and a member of the Glassport Branch of the Church has joined the Navy. He has been in the Hospital in Maryland but soon expects to be home on a furlough.

A Sabbath day well spent
Brings a week of content.
And prepares for the toils of the
Morrow.

But a Sabbath profane
Whatever the gain,
Be it certain forerunner of Sorrow.
—Author unknown

Straight is the way, the door is
straight
That leads to joys on high.
'Tis but a few that find the gate,
While crowds mistake and die.
—Author unknown

The Mongols introduced fire-arms into Europe in the 13th century.

THE GOSPEL NEWS

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Conference In New Jersey

The October quarterly Conference met in the Franklin Township High School near New Brunswick, on October 5th at 10:30 a. m. This was a conference in which we endeavor to do as little business as is possible, and while the regular routine of our business was relinquished very much, yet much was brought before us, but mostly in the way of endeavoring to proclaim the Gospel more extensively than we have yet done. It is a wonderful subject and it opens a broad field of discussion and requires much of our time in Conference.

(I want to say right here: that I appreciate very much the efforts that some of my brethren are making in preaching the Gospel, and too: their efforts are bearing fruit. The Gospel was restored for that purpose and I believe that if any Minister of the Gospel in any way, tries to discourage the preaching of it, he is falling far short of his calling and will have to render an account to Him whose command was to preach the Gospel to every creature.) I started out to write about our conference and may be I have diverted from my subject some. Well, in our Conference we had a very large crowd gathered together and it seems that we are always glad to gather and see one another again. We had representatives from New York state, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Delaware, Michigan, Florida, California, from various places in New Jersey, and also from Windsor, Chatam, and Muncey, Ont., Canada. From the latter place we had a few of our Lamanite members (Indians) present. In all, it made a large crowd assembled together, and our folks in New Jersey are to be commended for the hospitality they extended to the visiting members of The Church of Jesus Christ from the various places from whence they came. I will add that our folks in Detroit chartered a bus and I believe there were thirty six passengers in it, besides the many that came from there by other means. There is a fine auditorium in the School Building in which we met and all day on Sunday it was filled to about its capacity. Before the opening of the preaching service on Sunday morning, the Sabbath Schools of The

Church of Jesus Christ in New Jersey had a short service in the way of singing and short addresses from various young visiting Brethren from different places. Samuel D'Amico of Rochester, N. Y., made the closing address in this session. The morning preaching service was opened by Elder P. Marinetti of Rochester, N. Y. and he was followed by brother Joseph Lovalvo of Detroit. Brother W. H. Cadman made a short address and closed the meeting. The principle theme that was introduced by Brother Marinetti was The Fig Tree putting forth her buds and know ye that summer is nigh.

The afternoon service was in charge of Brother Furnier, and along with a number of his brethren who were on the rostrum with him, occupied the time mostly in the way of bearing testimony to the Gospel. The Sunday night service was occupied by our young people (M.B.A.) in New Jersey, and a wonderful evening was spent in singing, and speaking by various young brethren from the local district as well as by some from distant places. I do not think I would be saying anything out of the way, by mentioning brother Paul D'Amico of Rochester, N. Y. being the principal speaker of the evening. He had spent much time in the Philippine Islands in the late war, and it is interesting indeed, to hear him relate some of the many experiences that he passed through. All told I believe the Conference was enjoyed by all that had the opportunity of being there. Our next Conference will be held in Glassport, Pa. in January 1947. (Remember that the Glassport folks ask for the Conference). Sincerely, written by one that was at Conference.

Here Oh Ye Gentiles

Romans 11-20. "Well because of unbelief they (Israel) were broken off, and thou (Gentiles) standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear." The foregoing scripture is the utterances of the Apostle Paul, with the exception of the words in brackets which are mine, inserted that all may understand who the Apostle is addressing. In the 18th verse, Paul is warning the Gentiles to boast not against the branches, (Israel) and in verse 22 he warns the Gentiles as follows:

"but toward thee goodness, if thou continue in His goodness; otherwise thou also shall be cut off." It is obvious that soon after Christ was nailed to the cross, that the displeasure of God fell upon all the House of Israel and the Gentile nations have since been wonderfully blessed. There was a time when the nations had a fear of the people of Israel and the God who dwelt among them.

In Deuteronomy 28-13, the Lord in speaking to Israel, tells them that if they keep His commandments, He shall make them the head and not the tail, but in verse 44 the Lord says: He will make he (the stranger) the head and thou (Israel) shalt be the tail. The cause of this is, that they did not keep His commandments. Ever since the destruction of Jerusalem and the scattering of the Jews in the year 70, by the Roman army, they have suffered at the hands of most Gentile nations. Ten tribes of Israel are lost to the known world and have been for ages, yet the scriptures abound with evidence, that the Lord will remember them in the last days, and bring them back to the land of their inheritance. In the coming forth of the Book of Mormon in these latter times, the book has revealed to us (Gentiles) that the people who were found on this American continent, known or rather given the name of Indians, are a part of Israel, having descended from Joseph who was sold into Egypt. Hence these two latter parts of the House of Israel, who were once blessed and protected by the Almighty God, and were the head, has now become the tail, or in plain words, the dominion is in the hands of Gentile Nations. Israel lost its place in the world because of transgression, which I might say was climaxed in the rejection of their Messiah, Jesus Christ. I want to say here, that while Israel of old rejected their Messiah, yet the tender mercies of God are to be extended to their off-spring in these last days. The prophet Zechariah makes it plain that the Lord God shall yet fight their battle for them (the Jews) on the Mount of Olives. Zech. 13th chapt.

The Book of Mormon makes it very plain that unless the Gentiles on this land of America, repent and obey the Restored Gospel, they

shall be destroyed, and during the development and fulfilling of these things, God, in some way will bring the lost tribes back from the land in the north, and Gentiles shall be dispossessed of their inheritance upon the lands that God had given to Israel of old, and He will restore and fulfill His word to their children. Therefore, Paul has made it very plain, yet, as plain as words can make it, that if the Gentiles boast against the children of Israel, which includes the Jews and the American Indians, that God will not spare them (the Gentiles) in their transgressions, even as He did not spare Israel. It is surprising to see professed Christian nations persecuting the Jewish people, but the word of God cannot fail. When Jesus stood before Pilate, he, Pilate asked: what shall I do with Jesus? The answer was: crucify Him, and let His blood be upon us and our children. How terrible it has been fulfilled upon them. One might well ask: How long Oh Lord shall it be? I believe I am safe in saying: that unless the Lord extends a helping hand, the Jews will die in despair. But The Church of Jesus Christ has faith in God, that He will not forget His promises.

I have previously mentioned the fact, that the Book of Mormon revealed that the American Indians are a part of scattered Israel. Their fore-fathers also forgot God and disobeyed His commands, and they have suffered at the hands of Christian Nations, they have been driven to the wall and cannot expect deliverance, only in and through Him who promised their forefathers that He would remember their children in the last days. Hence the record of their fathers (the Book of Mormon) has come forth to effect their redemption and their Record pronounces a woe upon this Gentile Nation unless they repent and become clean before God. The prophet Moroni says therein: "I speak to you (Gentiles) as though you were present and yet ye are not. But behold, Jesus Christ has shown you unto me, and I know your doing," read Mormon 8th, chapter. Like Isaiah in chapter 53, who gives a wonderful account of Christ and His sufferings, hundreds of years before Christ was born. Moroni certainly describes the condition of this Gentile nation in its present day wickedness and I warn all unbelievers in the Book of Mormon to beware, boast not, for if God spared not Israel, neither will He spare you. The Gentiles

upon this land of America have been, and still are a wonderfully blessed people, but we are traveling very fast towards the precipice, and I fear that unless the Gentiles repent of their sins and are baptized for the remission of them, we are as a nation going head-long over the brink. May I acquaint you all with this fact, that we as a Nation will be a blessed people if we turn from our wicked ways and walk in righteousness, on the other hand, Woe be unto this American people, unless we wake up and learn righteousness. I read on the walls of many homes that: "Jesus never fails." The same Jesus has said: "Except a man is born of water and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." May God extend His mercy to this Nation of People. Sincerely W. H. Cadman.

A Pleasant Time At Glassport, Pa.

The Glassport M.B.A. enjoyed a wonderful program presented by the Mon City M.B.A. on Friday evening, September 20. The program was opened with a hymn, "Bring Your Vessels Not A Few" by the Mon City choir followed in prayer by Brother Anthony Di Battista. Then the choir sang "Seeking The Lost." The title of their program was "Words of the Bible," several of them being "The greatest word is God," "The Near-est word is Now," "The sweetest name is Jesus," "The longest word is Eternity," and others.

The choir then sang "Under His Wings." A solo by Brother James Campbell was entitled "Shall I Empty Handed Be?" A duet "Alone" was sung by Brother Melvin Mountain and Sister Nancy Serace. The congregation enjoyed singing "His Wonderful Love." Then the Mon City choir sang "There Is No Disappointment In Heaven." A solo was sung by Sister Ruth Mountain entitled "After." A few selections by the choir were followed by the quartet singing "We Shall Shine As The Stars."

A brief resume of all the words talked was given by Brother John Mancini. A selection was given by the Glassport young people, and the meeting was then turned over to their president, Brother Larry All who thanked the Mon City young people wholeheartedly and extended them an invitation to come back soon. The program was surely enjoyed by all and the blessing of God was with all. During the program a vision of a large field of golden wheat appeared to

Sister Catharine Carnival of Glassport.

We were overjoyed also to see the visiting brothers and sisters of McKees Rocks, Greensburg, Jefferson, Vanderbilt, and also Brother and Sister Furnier of Detroit, Mich., the church building being filled to capacity. The meeting was closed by singing Hymn No. 306, "Count Your Blessings," and prayer by Brother John Strokes of Wyano. Brother William Tucker is President of the Monongahela M. B.A.

One Lord, One Faith, And One Baptism Ephesians 4c-5v.

One Lord, one faith, and one baptism is the foundation upon which the whole structure of the gospel of redemption is founded, and it appears to me that we cannot do away with one without undermining the other. In order to have faith there must be something to center faith in, and who could this be?, but the Lord God the Creator of all things visible and invisible, who is from everlasting to everlasting, whose course is one eternal round. I know this is hard for the human mind to fathom, but know this also, harder would it be for anything or person to be created without a Creator. Jesus relied on Him, in the hour of need and cried in prayer mightly, that he sweat as it were great drops of blood and confessed the spirit was willing but the flesh was weak. He it was that said to His mother, "wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business, and on the cross He cried out to His Father, into thy hands commend I my spirit, showing that Jesus Christ our Redeemer centered His affection and faith in Him, (the Father) who was the source of all life.

Isaiah 44th chapter, 8th verse, —Is there a God beside me? Yea, there is no God; I know not any, so from Him and Him alone has come all glory, light, and life, even the angels without Him could not have been, neither the Son. When I speak of the Son, I refer to Him that was born of the Virgin Mary in the town of Bethlehem, of the seed of Abraham, the son of David, according to the flesh, or in other words the seed of Abraham through the lineage of David, as David was of Judah, from which tribe Christ was to be born, but of the eternity of Christ which is evident from the scriptures that He was with the Father from the

beginning and was the Father, and became the Son because of the flesh, therefore the spirit of the Father, which is the source of all creation, and is evident from what is written, was the life of the babe of Bethlehem.

He taught us to pray, "Our Father which art in heaven, etc. In the Book of Mormon, 3rd Nephi 18th chapter, 19th verse, "therefore ye must always pray unto the Father in my name," this He taught to the seed of Joseph after His resurrection, still directing man to pray to him, unto whom he had always himself prayed, for he said the Father was greater than I and also stated when they called Him good Master, why call ye me good, there is none good but God, acknowledging that all the goodness He had or ever would have was of the eternal Father. So God exalted Him far above all, to sit down at His right hand, on His throne. Our faith must center on Him through the mediation of God's only begotten Son, revealing to man the gospel of redemption which we cannot understand except by the one Lord, one faith, and one baptism.

When the devil tempted Christ, after He had fasted forty days and nights, He was afterward an hungered, and said, "If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread." He answered and said, "It is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God," then how can men form creeds to suit themselves, which they present to their followers as essentials, and cast others aside as nonessentials? Is it not a disbelief in Him who has spoken that they call God, do they not know the inhabitants of the earth shall be burned up and few men left, because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinances, and broken the everlasting covenant?—Isaiah 24th chapter. Yes it is a disbelief in God that they have done these things, the clay has attempted to speak to the potter. "Shall the thing framed say of him that framed it he had no understanding?"

"Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Through faith we understand the worlds were framed by the word of God," so our faith must be in Him regardless of what man says, for it is written, cursed is he that putteth his trust in man or maketh flesh his arm, he shall be like the heat in the dessert, he shall go to a salt land

not inhabited. "Blessed is he that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is, he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, whose roots go out to the river, whose leaf remaineth green and shall not cease to yield fruit."—Jeremiah 17th chapter.

So we have presented to you the eternal God from whose source any substance has been the base or foundation of all truth, which truth has been set aside by the spirit of Satan working on the heart of man, as was done by the deception of Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden, so it has been so done throughout all ages of time.

Paganism is a debased apostasy from the original truth as revealed from God himself, by a divine manifestation to men of faith, whose repentance and good work merited the favors of heaven, and preserved only by a remnant of people, such as Noah, Abraham and all the holy prophets down to the coming of the Messiah.

Past history shows how these men contended for the faith that was once delivered to the saints, even though they were rejected by the world. Christ was born amidst sectism of his day, and only a few had or was worthy of the knowledge of what was taking place, although their prophets, which that age had garnished their sepulcher's and their fathers had killed them, had foretold for ages of his coming and Daniel had set the time, but they rejected him, and Paul said if it had not been for a remnant they would have been as Sodom and Gomorrah. The faith of the ages was preserved and taken to the Gentiles, as the Gospel of Christ, unadulterated by the elect of God, the Apostles.

But oh! what pity when we view the great apostasy preceding the dark ages when the heavens were closed. Paganism had got in its work, when they were forced into the Church by the sword of Constantine, then we had the man of sin sitting in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God, the truth trampled down to the ground, the sanctuary trampled underfoot, and the abomination of desolation set up.—Daniel.

All these events preceded the restoration of the gospel when the Lord was to set his hand the second time to recover his people. The angel was to fly through the midst of heaven having the everlasting gospel to preach to them that dwell on the earth. — Revelation 14th

chapter. And while apostasy has gotten in its work in this last dispensation of time, as well as others, this last was not to completely fall away, but a remnant was to return to the children of Israel.—Micah 5th chapter, 3rd verse.

Or as Isaiah says a branch of the Lord shall be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel,—Isaiah 4th chapter, 2nd verse, and this remnant can only be of men who are of one Lord, one faith, and one baptism. These servants are to obey the commandments of the Lord of the vineyard in all things, and the restoration of the house of Israel takes place, and the fruit is laid up against the season for a long time.

A. B. CADMAN.

PRE-MILLENIAL

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(Continued from the October issue)

Alexander, after two important victories over Darius, King of Persia, and other important conquests, marched against Jerusalem fully determined on its utter destruction, because of having previously demanded the submission of its inhabitants in vain. But the God of Israel commanded Jaddus the high priest to go out and meet Alexander and his army (which he did, clothed in his priestly splendor, with a great company) and promised him "he should receive no harm." Witness the surprise of that army at seeing that world-renowned chief bow in humble adoration before the high priest. Parmenio (one of his generals), exclaimed, "Why dost thou, whom all the world adores, adore a Jewish high priest." He explained that he adored the God whom that priest represented. And further that when he was pondering within himself by what means he should conquer Asia, that same priest (whom he recognized in every particular) had appeared to him in a dream and encouraged him in that stupendous undertaking and also had assured him of success in the name of his God; and although Alexander was (as before stated) an idolater, he now discovered the secret of his unparalleled success, viz. that he had been directed and assisted by the God whose temple was at Jerusalem, and he knew that he would entirely subdue Persia. We cannot doubt that his

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EDITORIAL

To the readers of "The Gospel News": I am using this column in this issue of our paper, to appeal to you for used or discarded CHILDREN'S clothing that you may have, and that you can spare. While at Muncey, Ont., just prior to our recent Conference I learned that we had a fair supply of adult clothing on hand, were practically out of children's apparel. On those Reservations where we are laboring, there are always children in need of clothing and especially in the cold winter season. I want you all to know that whatever you give, it will be much appreciated. Please take NOTE, whatever you send, have it clean, and mended if needs be. Should any of you send new goods of any kind, listen to this: Do not wrap it up with used clothing; wrap it separately and MARK it NEW clothing. Bear in mind that new goods must be declared at the Border otherwise we make ourselves liable. Any clothing that you may have, send to the following address: Domenico Cotellesse, 2118 S. Liddesdale, Detroit, Michigan, and it will be taken care of. To you who live afar off and would rather help financially send your offering to W. H. Cadman, Monongahela, Pa. Thanking you in advance, I am your humble servant, W. H. Cadman. Please read Romans 15-25, 26, 27, sincerely. P.S. I expect to leave my home for Canada in the next few days.

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astonishment still increased when Jaddus presented the prophecy of Daniel, which had been written over two hundred years previous, describing his wonderfully prosperous though incomplete career. He honored God by offering sacrifices in accordance with Jewish custom, and recognized the aforesaid simple means of a dream as a Heavenly instrumentality contributing to past success, and on which he largely depended for success in future emergencies. We must dispense with this remarkable character, But oh, how I admire his virtues such as shone forth in his

treatment of his royal (female) captives. Perhaps many voices may respond and say, "I despise his vices, such as authorizing the assassination of the aforementioned Parmenio," etc. etc. By subduing the world he learned to lay aside his moderate Macedonian customs and youthful virtues, and becoming drunken with conquest, authority and flattery, he imbibed the vices of his vanquished enemies and died at an early age, his kingdom descending to his four generals or as Daniel predicts, the great horn was broken and for it came four notable ones towards the four winds of Heaven. In conclusion I would inquire, does not the doings of this man indicate the veracity and reliability of Daniel as a truly inspired prophet? Any man not entirely void of common sense and capable of exercising thought cannot help answering in the affirmative.

We beg leave next to call your attention to the fourth kingdom, or Roman Empire. See Daniel, 7ch. 7-8 verses. "After this I saw in the night visions, and beheld a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly, and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and broke in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it; and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns. I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots; and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth, speaking great things." Now this is universally admitted to refer to the Roman Empire, which had extended its conquests very widely immediately previous to the days of Jesus Christ, and was then at about the zenith of its prosperity. Its conquests were principally extended westward of Greece, but it had also penetrated eastward to Palestine and subdued in a very great degree the nations before it, including the whole of Western Europe.

We must next refer to John's Book of Revelation, 17th ch. He there described unto us the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters, with whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, "And I saw the woman sit upon a scarlet colored beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns, arrayed in purple and scarlet color, and decked with gold and precious stones, having a golden

cup in her hand full of the filthiness of her fornications." And also he declared her to be the mother of harlots and abominations of the earth. The interpretations of these strange expressions are given in the same chapter. "The ten horns are ten kings. The waters which thou sawest where the whore sitteth are people and multitudes and nations and tongues; and the seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sitteth; and the woman is that great city which ruleth over the kings of the earth." The conclusion is unavoidable that Rome is the city referred to, sitting on her seven hills, and that the ten kingdoms are those of Europe which have been incorporated with the Roman Empire and that the noted city stands charged with having introduced many false and fabulous doctrines; and that she is the mother of almost all religious institutions; and that John's Revelation and Daniels Prophecy unite in describing the same fourth beast or empire upon the earth, the only difference being that the former gives a more perfect description in some respects and the latter in others. We will not attempt details on any of these particulars as our object is only to demonstrate the credibility of prophecy.

Now you will have observed that while Daniel considered the ten horns which were upon the fourth beast, that there came up another little horn before whom three of the first horns were plucked up by the roots. The prevailing belief is that the Pope of Rome is that little horn. All writers and expounders of prophecy that I have ever read or heard, uphold that idea with one exception, who upheld Napoleon to that eminence. Now, my friends, I shall beg leave though very respectfully to differ from the generality of people on this particular, and shall show my reasons by drawing your attention to certain peculiarities, characteristics and accomplishments ascribed by Daniel to the little western horn, which the Pope never possessed or displayed. Already you have noticed that it had to pluck up three of the others by the roots. He did indeed disturb the independent condition (according to Miller) of Lombardy, Ravenna, and Rome, but only temporarily, as all those kingdoms are since restored under the names of Sardinia, Sicily and Italy. Is this plucking them up by the roots? I think not. Again, "It has eyes like the eyes of a man." It is a kings or

ruler's province to rule; the eyes are the organs of sight and constitute one of our senses which in a very great degree control our actions of deliberation, and evinces our disposition as rulers. The prophets describe these various rulers as beasts because they ruled by brute force and evinced no other disposition than that of the beasts, toward their subjects, subjecting all men to their own brutish will and desires. The little horn has eyes like the eyes of a man, consequently will arrive at conclusions with regards to the methods of ruling by humane deliberations and evince a humane instead of a brutish disposition toward its subjects in general. Does the method of ruling during the power of the Pope merit this grand distinction? Verily no. Again, its looks had to be more stout than its fellows (than any of the ten kingdoms of Europe). Will that apply any better than the other characteristics mentioned? It will not. The same horn made war against the saints and prevailed against them until the Ancient of Days came and thought to change times and laws which apply no better. But the judgement shall sit and they shall take away his dominion to consume and destroy it unto the end, and the kingdom and dominion and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heavens shall be given to the saints of the Most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all nations shall serve and obey Him. Thus we find that when the dominion is taken from the little horn it is transferred to the saints of the Most High, and develops into one everlasting universal kingdom that shall have no end. The late William Cadman.

(To be continued)

Taken from "The Jewish Criterion"

A touching story of the rescue and hiding of a Jewish baby in Holland, during the war, by a Salvation Army woman officer has just reached Salvation Army National Headquarters, 120 West 14th Street, New York City.

Soon after Holland was overrun by the Germans, this woman officer, saddened by the plight of Dutch orphans, and childless, made application for the adoption of one. Authorities refused her because of conditions in the country.

But one day, shortly after this, she received word from someone that if she would go immediately to a given address, she would find

a baby needing adoption, "and no questions asked."

The Salvationist went to the rendezvous and found a highly agitated young Jewish couple and baby waiting for her. They said that they had been engaged in underground activities. They had kept their baby as long as they could. They had been alerted of immediate peril, and were forced to go into hiding.

The mother in tears, gave the infant to the Salvation Army woman officer. She took the child back to Amsterdam. She had no ration cards with which to get food or clothing, and a Nazi drive to uncover all hidden Jewish children started almost at once.

For many months the Salvationist kept on the move, changing her home four times to avoid discovery of the baby, whom she kept hidden. At length, she found a farm in the country which agreed to take them both. She fed the infant from her own meager supplies, and garbed him from bits of cloth torn, and pieced, from her own few dresses.

During this period of danger and constant flight, she received one letter from the parents. Then she heard that they had been killed.

Today, young Moses, now about four, is plump and happy. He has been outfitted with American clothes sent to the Salvation Army in Holland. He, along with thousands of other Dutch children, is sharing food packages now being sent to Holland, as to other European countries, by the Salvation Army.

Will you remember this little story, which has many counterparts, when the Salvation Army asks you to lend your support?

"Helping Build Zion" (By Rocco Biscotti)

Oct. 18, 1946

Brother Editor: I made a few trips of late and will write these few lines, acquainting you of the same. I spent a Sunday in Youngstown, Ohio and enjoyed myself very much. The blessings of God were in our midst. Later I spent a Sunday in McKees Rocks, Pa. and I must say that I found a wonderful spirit of harmony there among all. A young woman who lives with brother and sister Hendler, was baptized and we felt the presence of God throughout the day. At a later date I spent a Sunday at Warren, Ohio and we had a wonderful day there also. The Warren Branch has a fine group of young people. Labor Day

week-end, I flew to Detroit. It was my first flight. I was uneasy but I kept praying. It was only a 39 minute hop from the Cleveland Airport. Brother V. J. Lovalvo met me and with his family we left at 4:30 a. m. for Coleman, Mich., arriving at the home of brother Nellis at 8:30 a. m. / wonderful breakfast was set before us by our kind Sister Nellis. I felt very much at home and we spent a wonderful Sunday with the Saints in that neighborhood. We held three meetings throughout the day and there were two persons asked for baptism, which were attended to the following Sunday. We spent an enjoyable time after our third meeting, at the home of brother Ewing, where our meetings were held that day. We had mid-night lunch at the Ewing home, and then I spent the night with brother Nellis. On Monday morning early, brother Nellis handed me a Bible and we spent some time searching the prophecies of Isaiah, and I enjoyed being with him. Brother Nellis is quite a searcher of prophecy. I hope to visit there again soon, for I enjoyed my visit very much. On our way back to Detroit we sang hymns most of the way. One which I still keep singing is: "There is Joy, Joy, Joy, down deep in my heart." I visited brother Joseph Lovalvo's home and I met Brother Randazzo, Sr. there. I wanted to see him very much, for he had recently lost his wife. After eating supper with brother and sister Lovalvo and having some conversation, we sang: "Blest be the tie that binds, Our hearts in Christian love" and had prayer. Brother Fred D'Amico then drove me to the depot for the midnight train. I arrived home tired but well satisfied. On October 13th my wife and I spent a wonderful day in Lorain, Ohio. I had wanted to visit there, especially to see brother and sister Chester, for he has not been well for sometime, though I found them both very well and happy in the gospel. We had a day filled with joy meeting with the saints in Lorain. There were five young people baptized during the day and Gods blessings were in our midst. Therefore I feel that our efforts in helping to build up Zion are rewarded with many blessings.

Stelton News

Brother Editor: On October 3rd early in the morning, brother and sister Shazer and brother and sister Lowther came to visit me. I

was very thankful to God for leading them to my home. They had taken a trip to New York and sailed around the Statue of Liberty. I really enjoyed an interesting and spiritual talk by brother Shazer of things I never heard of before. He spoke of the Statue of Liberty; there is a plaque thereon containing an invitation to all nations, welcoming them to this land where they will find freedom of soul and body, which was spoken of as a Golden Door, welcoming them to this land of America.

He also spoke of another statue not too far away, in the state of New York which welcomes all men to the restored Gospel of Jesus Christ which is the Angel Moroni. The Statue of Liberty holds in her left hand the Declaration of Independence and in her right hand a burning torch, lighting the way of the freedom of men in this natural life, while the Angel Moroni holds in his left hand the Records and his right hand pointing to heaven, declaring the authority of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It was a pleasure to have the saints of God in my home. Sincerely, Ivy Fisher.

News From Florida

A letter has just arrived from Sister Faragasso and I will make a note of it in this paper. Faragassos seem to be well pleased in Florida, they are building a new home and have it very well on the way when the letter was written. Sister Faragasso says she is planting a garden and her beans, peas and corn are coming up. Says: it is wonderful. (This land which God gave to Joseph and his posterity is a wonderful land.) Where Brother and Sister Faragasso have located is not very far from where Brother Schultz and family reside, and says they are all well. With Brother Sirangelo located some where in that neighborhood, it would look as though we should have a Mission established in Florida soon. I hope I may have an opportunity of accepting your invitation to visit you all in Florida. Their address is as follows: Nicholas Faragasso, Boynton Beach, Florida; care 5 Acres, Box 127.

Mayan Calendar Date Opens 600 B. C.

The Book of Mormon and its coming forth is a subject of interest to all Latter Day Saints. Like the Bible, its content is the real element which establishes its origin, for that which teaches virtue and truth so consistently as do

these records is not likely to contradict these elements by giving an untrue account of its origin. For this primary reason we therefore assert that we depend largely upon internal evidences to establish the Book of Mormon as a sacred record.

But students of archaeology are ever making new discoveries and working out conclusions, and from a number of these Latter Day Saints have found support for the historical account which the Book of Mormon gives of itself.

In the January Popular Science Magazine is a leading and interesting article upon the many discoveries which have been made by archaeologists. One small portion of this article I find refers to the reading of certain ancient writings of the Mayas, and in this many of our students will take deep interest. That portion of the article reads as follows:

Much closer home is the scene of another remarkable archaeological detective yarn, and its time is much more recent, too. Only a year ago, the finesse of an American sleuth of science solved the secret riddle of the Maya calendar.

Yucatan was the home of the Mayas, the dominant Indian race of Mexico and part of Central America at the time of the Spanish conquests; but the first clew to their writings was discovered in a dusty library in Madrid in 1863. The first real advance in solving the enigma was made at Dresden in 1890; important correlations were accomplished at Washington, D. C., in the last twenty years, and the final interpretation of Mayan history in terms of Christian time, year for year, day for day, and even hour for hour, was worked out only last year.

Linking the Mayan and Christian calendars back to 600 B. C., with the possible error of about a month, Doctor Sylvanus G. Morley, of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, D. C., predicted in 1922 that the error could be eliminated by resorting to astronomy.

His prediction came true. Doctor Herbert J. Spinden, professor of anthropology at Harvard University, by studying the phases of the planet Venus, which were used by the Mayas for time-fixing purposes, finally wound up the "Mayan Calendar Case" exactly sixty-three years after it was first propounded. —Popular Science Monthly, January, 1929.

There is much of interest in this extract, but the item which will hold many of our readers is that

the Mayan calendar should have its opening at such a date as 600 B. C., the very time when a new civilization is pointed out by the Book of Mormon record as having opened in what is now known as America, by the advent of a colony from Jerusalem. This item alone should be enough to start investigation of any inquiring mind, and is a support worth while.

R. J. L.

(Selected)

"Travels of Paul"

By Paul D'Amico

Dear Brother Editor:

Considerable time has elapsed since I last wrote you, but this evening I feel to direct these few lines to you to say that we are all well out here thank God, with the exception of Brother Paul Brown who has been in the hospital for several weeks due to his affliction. It is recommended that we pray in his behalf that God might restore him in health once more.

It is my hope and prayer that this letter find you and family and all the faithful in Christ in the best of health, and still striving to press forward in view of the prize which is awaiting the faithful.

Brother Editor: A few weeks prior to the October Conference we were favored with a visit by Brother & Sister Bittinger of the Bitner, Pa. Mission; and Brother Bailey and his wife from the Little Red Stone Branch. They stayed with us for eight days and their visit proved to be very enjoyable. While in these parts they visited Hill Cumorah; also spent two days in Lockport. It was indeed a great pleasure to have them with us.

There have been other visitors recently; namely: Sister Louise Ciccati, Brother and Sister Scarselli of Detroit and Brother Anthony Gentile. It does our heart good to see visiting saints for it has been our experience when visiting one another that God is with us and blesses us in abundance; hence our desire and determination becomes more strengthened to press forward in the Gospel.

I also want to say it was indeed a great joy to be at this recent conference in New Brunswick and to behold the faces of many of the saints scattered throughout the Church.

I remained in those parts one week after Conference and did a considerable amount of traveling. Permit me to say that the Lord's spirit and blessings followed me

wherever I went. Remaining in New Brunswick on Sunday evening of Conference I lodged at Brother Gabriel Mazzeo's home where I enjoyed the company of Brothers Furnier, Ashton, and Thomas together with their wives. On Monday afternoon I went to Hopelawn, N. J. where I met with Brother Alma Cadman and we remained at Brother Benyola's home for the night. Brother Alma entertained us with some wonderful and interesting subjects and it was considered a great privilege to listen to what God has blessed him with. I have reference in particular to the wonderful gift of Prophecy and to foresee the events of the future. On Tuesday morning I left New Brunswick, via the Pennsylvania Railroad and went to Wilmington, Delaware where Sister Paoli received me with great welcome. She is living with her sister since the housing problem is not so good, but nevertheless I was received and given the best of hospitality. In the evening several visitors came over to the home and it was with great pleasure that I introduced my personal testimony and answered questions which were asked me concerning the faith and doctrine of the Church. Sister Lillian Paoli is alone in Wilmington, and it is her prayer that some day the Lord might see fit to call others in that city. May the Lord grant the desire of her heart. Meanwhile we pray that God might hold her steadfast and firm to the Covenant she made a number of years ago.

On Wednesday morning I went to the Bronx, N. Y. where I spent the evening in service amongst the saints of that locality. The Lord's blessings were in our midst. I lodged at Brother Azzinaro's home and they too received me in the love which binds all Christian hearts together.

On Thursday I went to Brooklyn where I made acquaintance with Gaspar Galante. This was our first meeting and once again our conversation was on heavenly things and we felt good in relating of the goodness of God. Later in the afternoon I went to Harrison, New York where services are being held each Thursday in the hopes that some good may result. There are five of our members residing there and a few strangers attend each time. Brother and Sister Mileco of West Aliquippa were at Harrison at this meeting. A wonderful feeling prevailed in that small room, and it was felt that the evening was well spent. On Friday I returned to Brooklyn where I

remained at Brother Galante's home for the remainder of my stay. Friday evening a service was held in Brother Galante's home and although few in number the promise of the Saviour was with us. I then spent Sunday in South Brooklyn, Mission No. 1 where two services were held. A number of visiting saints from Bronx, New Brunswick, and Hopelawn were present. A wonderful blessing was witnessed in our morning service; and continued to be with us throughout our fellowship service. The Ordinance of Feet Washing was attended to on Sunday afternoon and a good time was had by all present.

Immediately after the fellowship meeting I took a train out of New York for home, arriving in Rochester shortly after midnight Sunday.

I found my family all well and expecting my arrival. It was good to be home again and to know that our desire is still that to carry on in life, in the hopes that when all is ended here on earth, we may receive a room in the mansions of glory where we can spend eternity in peace, joy and happiness.

I'll close now with sincere regards from all to all. My sincere regards in the love of Christ to you, Sister Cadman, and all there remaining.

Lombardo-Caruso, Wedding

(By Lena Perlioni)

On Saturday, Sept. 7, 1946 Miss Lucy Caruso of Cleveland, Ohio was united in marriage to Mr. James Lombardo of Detroit, Michigan, (Branch No. 4). The marriage ceremony was performed by Brother Rocco Biscotti at 9:30 a. m. Miss Pauline Caruso, sister of the bride was maid of honor and Chester Lombardo was best man. Also attending the bride and groom, were Miss Marie Maro and Mr. James DiTomaso. Miss Adelaide Velardi was the pianist. The bride was given away by her uncle. The reception, at 7:30 p. m. was enjoyed by all who attended. The Gospel News extends its best wishes to the newly weds.

Sarver-Ferraro, Wedding

On Saturday, October 12, 1946, Basil Sarver, the only son of Brother and Sister Albert Sarver of Anton Street, Monongahela, Pa. and Jennie Ferraro, the youngest daughter of Brother and Sister James Ferraro, of Park Ave., Monongahela, were united in marriage in The Church of Jesus

Christ at 1:30 p. m. in the presence of friends gathered for the occasion. Brother Samuel Kirschner performing the ceremony. Brother Meredith Griffith and his wife Irene were the attendants, while Brother John Majoros Jr. sang, and his wife Freda accompanied him at the piano. A reception was held at the Ferraro home at 4 p. m.

The groom was in the service of the U. S. during the late war, but did not go overseas. He is employed in the mill at Donora, Pa. The bride has been employed in the office of one of the lumber companies of this city. Both bride and groom are well known in this community and The Gospel News joins in with their many friends, in extending them the best wishes for a long and happy life together. The young couple left for a trip to Washington, D. C.

Downey, California

A letter has been received from Sister Stroud of Downey, Calif., dated October 7, 1946 informing us that her daughter Harriet was baptized on the sixth of the month, Brother Heaps officiating. From what Sister Stroud says they had a wonderful meeting on the occasion, and that she felt that her prayers were answered which she had offered in behalf of her child. No doubt all loving parents love to see their children obey the Gospel, and while brother and sister Stroud rejoices on this occasion, let us all rejoice with them. — Brother Cadman.

M. B. A. Organized at Rochester, N. Y.

(By Guido Marinetti)

Dear Editor:

The Missionary Benevolent Association was organized here in Rochester on Saturday, September 7th, 1946. Brothers Joseph Lovalvo, Dominic Thomas of Detroit performed this work, and was accompanied by brothers Ciaravino, A. D'Amico and N. Pietrangelo. At the conclusion of the meeting brother Ciarvano gave a few words of advice and encouragement to the young people. The following officers were elected: president, Guido Marinetti; vice president Paul D'Amico; secretary, Gloria Marinetti; assistant secretary, Antoinette Marinetti; chaplin, Frank Rosati; financial secretary, Christopher Trovato; treasurer, Loretto Maggio; librarian, Paul Francione; auditors, Ansel D'Amico, Lawrence

Marinetti; floral committee, Florence Catena and Victoria Parrone; teachers, Patsy Marinetti, Michael Marinetti, and Antoinette Marinetti.

The following day, Sunday, Sept. 8th we had a wonderful service, visitors were present from Ohio, including brother Gennaro and his wife; brother Joseph Lovalvo opened the service and was followed by brothers Gennaro and Ciaravino. I am certain that everyone present felt the spirit of God in our midst and received a blessing. The experiences related by these brethren, gave us an insight of the power and blessings that will accompany the Priesthood in the near future, when God will gather Israel. It makes us thankful toward God for this unique privilege of being His chosen people, but it also makes us aware of the responsibility that rests upon us.

PARLIN, NEW JERSEY

We are in receipt of a letter from Sister Fisher informing us of two baptisms at the Stelton Mission, one a young man from that neighborhood and a lady from the mid-west, she being directed to the church by an experience of some kind and at the same time a member of the Catholic faith. She seems to be very happy among this people. Sister Fisher also informs us of brothers Ensano and Rogolina being up in New York state preaching the gospel and that they felt encouraged in the liberty they enjoyed. Sisters Elsie Miller, Pasqua and Grace Sgro all paid a visit to Mission 2 in Brooklyn recently.

At the close of our recent Conference at New Brunswick, N. J. I went to visit our Mission in the Bronx, N. Y. and held a meeting there on Monday night and enjoyed myself in occupying the pulpit for the evening. I might just add that Brother Buffa of Detroit has made a nice job of re-decorating the Church building at the Bronx, very neat indeed. While there I spent a little time at Brother Todaro's bake shop. Brother Dominic seems to be quite an expert in baking bread; he and his wife are kept very busy and seem to be enjoying a profitable business. He does not operate his business on Sunday, and when he wants to visit among the saints, or go to a conference, he closes his shop and goes.

Brother Frank Braiotti took me to Brooklyn on Tuesday where we held a meeting at the home of Brother Galenta. I enjoyed my vis-

it there and at the close of the meeting, Brother Galenta took us part way in his car and then Brother Braiotti and brother and sister Lupo of New York City took me to the train. I left about midnight and stopped at Cresson, Pa. on my way home to visit Elaine Evans Schecz, the granddaughter of brother and sister Charles Behanna. Elaine is in the Sanatorium at Cresson, and I was agreeably surprised to find her looking so well. I visited with her for about one hour. Elaine is in a wonderful institution, located up high in the mountain regions. I hope that she will soon be able to return home to her husband and other friends. Sincerely, Brother Cadman.

DIVORCES AT ALL-TIME HIGH IN U.S. FOR LAST YEAR

Total 502,000 for 1945; one marriage breaks for every three started.

Washington, Sept. 15— (AP) — One American family broke up for every three—approximately—that were formed last year, the Federal Security Agency reported tonight. More than 502,000 marriages ended in divorce courts in 1945, an all-time record representing a 25.5 per cent rise over the previous peak divorce year, 1944.

The divorces were 31 per cent of the marriages, which totaled 1,618,331 last year or about 8.7 per cent below the biggest marriage year, 1942.

FSA's study, the first Federal reporting statistics, generally steers clear of interpretation save to show that both marriage and divorce rates rise with prosperity, wartime or otherwise, and fall with depression.

"The marriage rate is the more sensitive of the two, since a marriage contract can be entered into more readily than it can be dissolved," FSA observes.

For lonely hearts there are few clues except this: The marriage rate is consistently higher in the West and South than in the rest of the country.

"The South and West are seen to be competing for first place with the South leading six years out of (the last) nine. The West, however, provided the highest annual rate for any region when it reached 18.5 (for each 1,000 population) in 1942.

The divorce rate has nearly doubled in nine years, FSA reported.

Quotation from the Book of Mormon, Jacob 3-5: "Behold, the Lamanites your brethren (speak-

ing to the Nephites), whom ye hate because of their filthiness and the cursing which hath come upon their skins, are more righteous than you; for they have not forgotten the commandment of the Lord, which was given unto our fathers—that they should have save it were one wife, and concubines they should have none, and there should not be whoredoms committed among them." — The Lord Jesus Christ has said: Heaven and Earth will pass away, but my word shall not pass away.

The Church of Jesus Christ (By Sister Sylvia Geracitano)

In my dreams each night
I see upon a hill,
A beautiful Church which God
brought forth
He made so firm like steel.

The ways of this little Church,
Is spreading far and wide
But someday it will be more known
All over the country side.

For God gave Joseph Smith.
The records of His plan,
And Joseph Smith interpreted them
Throughout this great land.

Though Joseph Smith was killed
By men who knew not good,
God made the church rise up again
To stand as once it stood.

And now it stands alone
Apart from all the others,
It is The Church of Jesus Christ
Consisting of Sisters and Brothers.

But though this church is scorned
By people of the world,
We the sisters and the brothers
Look upon it as a pearl.

For God thought us good enough
To bring into His loving place,
And here is where we'll worship
Him
That some-day we may see His
face.

Juniper Bids For Fame

Salem, Ore. (UP) — Laboratory tests by the state department of forestry have shown that juniper wood contains cedrol, a chemical used in making insecticides, soaps and cosmetics. This native wood, which grows in large quantities in the dry climate of Eastern Oregon, may supplant Eastern red cedar as a source of this valuable chemical, chemists here believe.

Women's hats provide the U. S. with a retail business worth \$250,000,000.

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THE CHRISTMAS STORY

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger (Luke 2:8-16).

As I read over this scripture, my mind reflects on that night of long ago when I fancy I can see those humble shepherds watching their flocks, and I wonder many times what their conversation was and if they were not expecting something super-natural to happen. No doubt some of their flock were going to be used for sacrifices too, as the descendants of the House of David traveled to their city to be taxed. But oh what a wonderful sight—The angel of the Lord appeared and the glory of the Lord shown around them—Oh what a glorious sight to behold—No wonder fear came upon them—then with the angel, a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: Glory to God in the highest, peace and good will to men. But soon their fear was dispelled when the Angel's voice they heard saying: "Fear not, for I bring you glad tidings of great joy"—Not fear—but great joy, and not for them only but for all people. A child was born in the city of David—The Saviour's birth was announced—Christ the Lord—They were told where to find him lying in a manger—They came with haste and

found even as the angel said—Then another heavenly manifestation—The New Star—In numbers 24:17, we read of a chaldean prophet, Balaam prophesied: "There shall come a Star out of Jacob" and several hundred years later, certain Wise Men came from the East saying: "We have seen His Star and are come to worship Him" Matthew 3:2. No doubt they were familiar with the prophecies and as the Star appeared and beckoned they followed—As they came to Jerusalem they asked: "Where is He that is born King of the Jews, for ye have seen His Star in the East and are come to worship him." By the guidance of the Star they were directed to the home of Joseph and Mary. There they offered to the Christ Child, gifts fitting for a King—Gold Frankincense and Myrrh—They set the example for all mankind—that we may bring unto Him our best in praise and worship and offer ourselves to Him—for His service—Let us remember too, that not only in Palestine was the Saviour's birth announced, but on this land of America, Angels appeared to many—And the great sign appeared of no darkness—for as the sun went down, it remained as light as noonday and the people on this land (America) knew that Christ the Redeemer was born. Let us not forget that great gift. If Christ had not come there would not have been a Saviour—We would still be in our sins and in our lost estate, there would be no redemption in sight—no light in the tomb—no resurrection—no plan of Salvation—Paul says: But now is Christ risen from the dead and become the first fruits of them that slept. God's great Gift was His only Son. John 3:16—His Gift was one of love and grace as only the God of Love could give. So let us offer our gifts as the wise men and shepherds did, with thankful hearts for the priceless Gift from God to man and sing the happy carols as the Angels sung on that night so long ago—Peace on Earth good will to men.

Oh Come All ye faithful joyful and triumphant,

Oh Come ye Oh come ye to Bethlehem;

Come and behold Him born King of Angels,

Oh Come and adore Him—Christ the Lord.

SADIE B. CADMAN.

G. M. B. A. MEETING

The general meeting of the Missionary Benevolent Association was held Nov. 9 in the church at West Aliquippa, Pa. The afternoon meeting was opened with remarks by vice-president Brother Nick Pe'rangelo of Detroit, Michigan followed by the president Brother Gorie Ciaravino also of Detroit. In the absence of two of the officers namely Sister Sara Neill, financial secretary, and Brother Dominic Cotelessi, chaplain, Sister Mary Molisanni and Brother Conchet Alexandria were appointed to fill their vacancies.

The minutes of the May meeting were read by the secretary Sister Skillen. Brother Dominic Thomas gave a report on helping to organize an M. B. A. in Rochester, N. Y. with the help of Brother Joseph Lavoiva. Delegates were present from the following places: Monongahela, West Aliquippa, Vanderbilt, and Greensburg, Pa., Lorain, Warren, Youngstown, and Cleveland, Ohio, Detroit Branches 1, 2, 3, and 4, Rochester, N. Y., New Brunswick, N. J., & Windsor, Canada. Reports were read from St. John, Kansas, Bronx, N. Y., and Brooklyn, N. Y.

The next general meeting is to be held in February at the church in Monongahela, Pa.

Brother Nick L'Aberta of San Diego, California was appointed to organize an M.B.A. in that place.

The treasurer's report was given by Sister Mabel Bickerton as follows: total receipts \$422.61 expenses for quarter \$102.91 leaving balance of \$319.70.

At the close of the afternoon meeting lunch was served by the sisters of the Aliquippa branch.

The evening meeting was in charge of the West Aliquippa M. B. A. The lives of the twelve disciples were given by twelve young men. Special singing was rendered by the girls. Everyone enjoyed their interesting program. Group singing from many M.B.A.s was enjoyed also. The meeting closed with prayer by Brother Alma Cadman. Everyone felt it had been a very enjoyable day and as usual we were happy to see our brothers and sisters from distant places.

PRE-MILLENNIAL

III

(Continued from the November issue).

In my last I gave several reasons for the assumption that the Pope could not possibly represent the little horn spoken of by Daniel in connection with the fourth empire. And although I could furnish a number more, equally as strong as those already given, I will at present refrain from doing so, at least until such proceeding seems necessary. I shall now endeavor to proceed in search of the fulfillment of Daniel's visions. It is worthy of notice that the general direction of these four empires have been westward. Greece is west of Persia, also Rome is west of Greece, and indeed the ten kingdoms of Europe also maintain the same general westerly direction. In pursuing the course thus indicated in search of our object (the little horn) we find ourselves suddenly confronted by the Atlantic Ocean. Here we pause; before us is a world of waters which has until recently limited the enterprises and ambitious designs of the Eastern World. Behind us lies the Eastern Hemisphere, the theatre of all grand and glorious events which ancient history relates. Here we hesitate, involuntarily disposed to gaze westward, but shall not permit ourselves to be carried away with such flights of fancy as to suppose that Daniel and other Prophets had even penetrated into the New World. We then cast our eyes northward over the fields of Europe. It is not there. Then take a long steady gaze eastward with the same result. Then look inquiringly over the sunny climes of Africa, and reluctantly yield to the irresistible conclusion that no nation has arisen north, east or south of the straits of Gibraltar which answers to Daniel's description in the matter of either birth, growth or strength. Therefore it must of necessity be found in the New World.

The West India Islands were discovered by the Spaniards in 1492 and almost immediately a succession of discoveries presented unto an astonished people, a new world in the west. This you are aware transpired during the reign of the ten kings. England, France and Spain were the most energetic and successful in extending their conquests and establishing their dominion in the New World, all grasping with their usual avidity for territory; making war with

the aborigines and frequently with each other for the mastery. This state of things continued with no very important variations until the American Revolution, when for various alleged causes but more particularly to bring about the purposes of God, the Colonies of Great Britain refused submission to, and declared themselves independent of the Mother Country.

Now, we are going to prove that the United States of America is the "little horn" spoken of by Daniel, and shall endeavor to do so by convincing you that it possesses the peculiarities and attributes ascribed by the Prophet. In the first place it is situated in the same general westerly direction which has hitherto marked the progress of the star of the empire. 2nd, It is the last important power which has or will arrive within that empire and this hemisphere is the last territorial extension of said fourth empire containing an important and independent power. And again, no American, we think, will feel humiliated by admitting that (when our political forefathers placed themselves in defiant attitude to the power of Great Britain and submitted the fate of the thirteen colonies to the apparent unequal chance of war) Daniel properly describes our infant republic as a little horn. And again it had to pluck up three of the other horns by the roots. That part of North America now comprising the United States and territories (exclusive of Alaska, lately acquired) all formerly belonged to England, France and Spain: even old Spanish grants had to be adjusted at a late day in California. The thirteen colonies wrested themselves from the domination of England by war, and our country has since swelled to its present enormous extent by purchase from France and treaty with Spain and the result of the Mexican war, which country of course had been previously settled and occupied by Spain.

And now I would ask the question, Has the United States plucked up the power of these three kingdoms by the roots as far as it has progressed, or have those three horns fallen before it? You will certainly admit that such is the case, as there is no point of public policy upon which our people are more firmly decided upon than that "no European King shall rule here." and indeed they go further and have resolved that no European king shall force his services upon our neighbors of the West-

ern Hemisphere. Some of my readers will remember the experiment of Napoleon in Mexico during our late war, menacing our people in this particular and also remember the decided tones of the letter addressed to him by our late lamented Lincoln, assuring him that our people would not suffer such foreign intrusion in the political affairs of our southern neighbors, and that to persist in such a course was to declare war against the United States. He persisted, however, hanging his hopes upon a disruption of our country, but we observed that as soon as our country had regulated its own internal troubles she simply indicated her wish that the French army should immediately retire and leave the Mexicans to their own choice betwixt the empire and republic. The will of forty millions of people was immediately complied with, and this nation generally regretted the unhappy fate of poor Maximilian, who had unwisely permitted himself to be used as Napoleon's instrument. What a mighty terror must have stricken the heart of this proud emperor to immediately surrender his long-cherished hopes of founding an empire in Mexico, and contrary to all principles of honor leave his friend and willing servant to the mercy of the outraged and merciless Mexicans. Furthermore it seems as if the very heavens were indignant at this man's conduct in daring to attempt an object so much at variance with God's will and the genius and disposition of our country, and followed close at his heels with disgrace and defeat until in a very short time we beheld him a prisoner, both dejected and despised and afterward an exile and outcast in a foreign land, reflecting upon his past life only for a sufficient time to hastily review his wicked conduct and quench the last spark of hope either for time or eternity. It was evidently not intended that these three nations were to be entirely destroyed as you will readily observe by referring to Revelation 17 chapter, 15, 17 verses, which proves their existence and speaks of their doings at a much later period than the American Revolution.

But the Almighty foresaw that they would extend their power to the Western World and that an independent power would rise there in their midst, and three of the first horns should fall before it and be plucked up by the roots, where said independent power existed.

Our nation will also bear the application of Daniel's description of the little horn, wherein he says, "it has eyes like the eyes of a man and a mouth speaking great things." We have opened our ports wide to receive the distressed of all nations, giving them a standing invitation to our hospital shores, not to be slaves to some beastly despotism but to be free men and rule themselves. The language of our laws is "come and investigate our political principles if you love them, embrace them, if not you are at liberty to return when and where you please, and none shall molest you." We propagate our principles by conquering the minds instead of the bodies of men; we subdue nations by the same means. If unanimous application was made by our Mexican neighbors for annexation, this whole nation would open its doors wide to receive them, but so long as it wishes to remain as it is and deals justly with our people we will not invade it, however weak it may be, nor will we suffer European despots to do so. The same may be said of Central America, West Indies, Canada and indeed the whole of North and South America, and we predict that neither England or Spain will raise serious objections to such proceedings, for the glorious principles originated by Washington and perpetuated by Lincoln are even penetrating the Old World and have already hurled into deserved oblivion one despotism while others are trembling with fear and bid fair to radically change the political affairs of the whole world. Who then will say that our system of government has not taken a leap heavenward from the brutish method of force, and adopted a system at once human and intellectually dignified, and that our nation not only speaks but is actually accomplishing great things.

(To be continued)

WILLIAM CADMAN.

MY EXPERIENCE

(By Russell Cadman)

The people who are acquainted with my father and mother, know that I was raised in a good home and was taught the true gospel of Jesus Christ in all my youth. As a boy, I attended church with my parents and visited many places among the church people, and always enjoyed myself.

When I was about fifteen years of age, I had a dream in which I saw my father reciting from the

Bible, or telling the meaning of the things that it contained. My mother sat in a chair in front of my father with a Bible in her lap, checking on his interpretation of it and finding that he was right. Also there were two men, who appeared to me as angels who kept nodding their heads that my father was right. My sister Jean and I appeared as little children in my dream. I do not understand this to mean only, that the interpretation by my father was correct, but he also acted as a representative of the true Church and that he was correct in interpreting the teachings of Christ. This dream has always abided with me, and has meant a great deal to me. Although I stayed away from the Church until I was twenty nine years old, it has shown me what was right.

After I was married and my father had moved to Monongahela, Pa., we attended another church. We went there for seven years, and other than what my children learned, it did my wife and I little good. We were asked to join this church; this, we thought we might do, as we desired to bring our children up in some church. We asked for the law books and doctrine concerning their beliefs and we received several. My wife would read from these books and we would compare them with the teachings of the Scripture and found there was no resemblance; they were the doctrines and teachings of men. However, we found in one place in which they stated that one of the teachings of Christ which they still practiced, was the Lords Supper or Communion.

About this time, I had another dream in which I saw the people who belonged to The Church of Jesus Christ in a big woods. There was a stream of water coming out of a large rock. When these people wanted anything to eat, they reached up into the trees and picked the fruit and ate it. I took this to mean that the spiritual fruit was free, and was taught that no man was paid a price to teach them. We know that the blessings of God are free to all who will believe on His name and do His will. I also dreamed that I got into this stream of water and had such a wonderful feeling, such as I never had experienced in all my life. I told these people that I would go home to get my wife and we would be back. Soon after this I made a trip to Monongahela, and as my father was in California, I told my uncle Will and Aunt Sadie that my

wife and I desired to join some church, and as we lived so far away from their church, I wondered if we could serve God in our local church (near our home) where our children could go to Sunday School. My Uncle advised me to wait and not be hasty in doing so. That night after talking with uncle Will, I had the following dream: "I dreamed I was away from home and when I returned, I came to my fathers farm and my other brothers were working for him. They were telling me all about the farm and what wonderful cattle my father had. They could hardly wait until they had eaten their breakfast, so they could go and tend to these cattle. I felt much put out that my brothers were with my father and shared in these good things, and I was just an outsider, as our father had always treated us equally. After breakfast was over, my father took me out to see the farm. There were beautiful cattle in good rich pasture everywhere, and we rejoiced to see so many good things. When we had seen it all, my father turned to me and said: you have seen all of these good cattle which we have, but there is something we lack. We have no machinery with which to operate our farm and care for our cattle; we are looking for someone to furnish the machinery."

I went to church the next day and Uncle Will preached and taught somewhat on there being one true church, and their beliefs which I had heard many times. I felt the presence of the Spirit there, and I said to myself as I sat there, that the next time my wife and I were in Monongahela, that if she were willing we would be baptized. A few weeks later, we were in the April Conference in Youngstown, Ohio and at noon I told my wife of the dream that I had. In the afternoon meeting we heard the testimony of the brothers and sisters of the Church which we both enjoyed and felt the blessing that was present. After the meeting was over, my wife went weeping to my father and told him we would have to have a part in this church and share in its blessings. My father told her to wait a few weeks and if she felt the same she could be baptized.

I thank God that on the fifth day of May, 1946 my wife and I were buried beneath the waves in the Monongahela River and were raised to a new life. We had put away the old man which the Apos-

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EDITORIAL

What About The Command To Keep The Sabbath Day Holy?

Isaiah 56:2, "Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that layeth hold on it; that keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil." Exodus 20:9, 10, 11. "Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work; But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day, and hallowed it." Malachi 3:6, "For I am the Lord, I change not." To him who preacheth that God is the same, should be careful how he himself observes the Sabbath Day. The great Apostle unto the Gentiles, teaches that sin is the breaking of a law. The same God who sent His Son into the world and commanded men to repent and be baptized, also taught men to keep the Sabbath Day holy. In the Book of Mormon, I read in Jarem 1:5. They observed to keep the Sabbath Day holy. In Mosiah 18:23 they were commanded to keep the Sabbath Day holy. I am not commanding you, it is the word of God I have quoted. "There may be some things we can't avoid, but there are lots of things we can avoid and absolutely should be avoided. It is not the prophe's of old that is now speaking, it is the Editor of The Gospel News."

"When I am right, no one remembers;

When I am wrong, no one forgets!"

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the Paul speaks of and had become new beings through the forgiveness of our sins, in obeying the commandments of Christ. Thus we became prisoners of the Lord, not by the teachings of men, but by the true light of the teachings of Jesus Christ. We have rejoiced many times with our brethren and sisters in the Church and are thank-

ful that we were privileged to become one of them. I can further say: that when I was baptized, the water felt as it did in my dream. As the precious day had been cold and rainy and the night much colder, we can say that the coldness of the water was taken away from us, but the next day as I went back to work, I felt an attack of the grippe and a sore throat come on me, of which I am subject to from time to time. I began to think of what my brothers and sisters would say who did not belong to the church, that I had been baptized in the cold water and had become sick. So I prayed to God while at my work to take this sickness away from me, so that it would not become a stumbling block before my brothers and sisters, and I can truly testify that my prayer was answered. When I returned home from work, I was a well man. My experience may not seem very great to some who have had greater ones, but for me they are sufficient, and I pray that I will remain firm in the Gospel with the rest of my brothers and sisters in Christ until the end.

TRAVELS

By W. H. Cadman

Left for Canada on October 24th and after spending two or three days in Detroit, and Windsor, Ont., I arrived at the Six Nations Reserve near Brantford, Ont., on Saturday evening, October 26th. I met Brothers Furnier and Ashton along with their wives on the Reservation, they having arrived at about the same time that I did. They had been at Coleman and Farwell, Michigan a few days and held services while there. They all spent Sunday with me at the Reserve and I will add that we had a very nice day. The weather was fine. We had Sunday School and preaching services in a hall on the west side of the Reserve. In the absence of the little folks teacher, Brother Ashton gave a talk to the little Indian children that had gathered together for Sunday School, and in his talk asked them questions relative to the Bible, and they done very well in answering them, Brother Furnier opened the preaching service and both of these brethren gave very nice talks for the occasion.

Our afternoon service was in the home of sister Sadie Jamieson in Ohsweken, a small village in the center of the Reserve. I believe Brother Furnier led the meeting

and the time was spent in testimony, and we had a very good meeting indeed. The next day (Monday) Furniers and Ashtons started on their way back to Detroit. I stayed on the Reserve until the next Monday. I had very nice weather for the occasion, except for some rain. I did not have a car to travel around in, but I managed to get over on the other side of the Reserve where brother Beavers and Isaac's live, and I held a meeting in each of their homes and found them very well and active in the cause of the Master. Brother Beavers home was very much torn up, due to the fact that he is re-modeling his home in order to have more room and also to accommodate the brethren and sisters that are traveling there to preach the gospel to the Indian people. May the Lord bless them. The rest of the time I spent in Ohsweken, sleeping in the homes of Sis'er Jamieson, and Hillis. During my stay in this place I held meetings in the evenings and on Sunday. The streets in this little town were just recently lighted up with electricity and it is a wonderful improvement.

The Indian Council Hall stands on a slight elevation and was built in 1863. I had the privilege of entering it on this trip and it is quite interesting, as there are many large portraits of Indian superintendents (white) also of old Indian people, and paintings. On Monday morning, November 4th, Sister Jamieson took me into Brantford where I could get a bus for Muncy, Ont. It is rather a scenic ride from the Reserve into this town, especially when traveling by way of the Grand River. The road goes along-side of the stream quite aways. At this point, the river is almost half the width of the Monongahela River. It is a very nice stream and looks as though the water is deep. The Indians at one time owned the land for six miles on each side of the river, from Lake Erie to the source of the stream, but today their holdings have been reduced to a plot, some tell me: 10x12 miles and others say 12x14 miles in area. However, they have good land and many of these Indians are very industrious in the way of farming. An Indian man who was riding in the car with us, pointed out to me the home in which he was born, a beautiful site on a noll over-looking the river. He also pointed out to me, where he caught a fish fifteen feet long, some fish, he says there are lots of

fish in the river.

Well I left Brantford at about 9:10 a. m. and at noon brother Cotellesse met me at the Highway about four miles from Muncey, and took me to his home. His family all seemed to be very well. My visit there on this occasion was short. The first night we went to Mt. Brydges and held a meeting at the home of brother VanBree. There were nine of us in Bro'her Cotellesse's car, seven of our Indian members and him and I. We had a very nice meeting that night, quite a few gathered together. At the close of the meeting, brother VanBree took me to his basement to see part of his potato crop. I never saw such fine big potatoes before. I picked one up and brought it home. It weighs two and one half lbs. Brother VanBee harvested twenty four hundred bags (2400) of potatoes this season. The next day (Tuesday) we held a meeting in the afternoon in the Muncey church. There was a nice turn-out including six non-members of the Indian race. I don't think I ever enjoyed myself better that I did on that occasion, that is in speaking. My text was: Ye must be born of water and the spirit, found in John 3. We had a very good meeting. After supper we went to the home of Sister Schnake on the Reserve, and we had a very pleasant time in this home, some non-members also were present.

The next morning, Nov. 6th, brother Cotellesse took me to the Highway and I boarded a bus for Windsor. You will note that my visit at Muncey was short, but very enjoyable. I visited our old Sister Muskulunge, she must be getting near the century mark. I thought she seemed to be more rugged this time than I had seen her for some-time. I always have prayer with our old sister. I arrived in Windsor about noon, and after getting a rest, I went to the Detroit river and witnessed the baptism of brother Joe Collison, he was confirmed in the night meeting. I stayed in Windsor until the next evening (but as I had promised to be in Detroit to attend a meeting of some kind in the evening of November 7th) Brother Henderson took me along with others in his car to Branch 4, where said meeting was to be held. Well, you all know that I attend all kinds of meetings at the various places I visit, but this one turned out to be a meeting not of the ordinary. I stepped into their place of meeting and hardly got turned around until all began to sing:

"Happy Birthday" to brother Cadman, then I saw a large cake there with 70 little flowers on it. Of course my birthday will not be until December 19th, but the folks took advantage of my presence at the time and honored my approaching seventieth natal day. The evening was spent in singing, and a short talk by myself and brother V. J. Lovaivo. Well, I want you all to know that I appreciate very much your thoughtfulness of me. Many thanks to you all.

By this time I learned that Brother Furnier was in the hospital and had gone through another operation and, one of a serious nature. Instead of leaving for home at mid-night as I had planned, I stayed all night at the home of brother and sister Costelli and the next morning brother J. Lombardo took me to the Hospital where I had a short visit with our Brother before boarding the train for home. Brother Furnier has certainly gone through much in these last couple of years. I found him in very good spirits and apparently getting along all right. It is to be hoped that he will rally from this ordeal and become well and strong again. Bro'her Lombardo then took me to the depot where I boarded a train for home. Thanks to Brother Lombardo.

Very Sad News (By V. J. Lovaivo)

Oct. 22, 1946

Dear Brother Editor: This is to inform you of a terrible tragedy that occurred at Farwell, Michigan. Sister McCumber's home burned down and our little sister Dorothy (the girl you baptized) was burned severely from head to foot. After rushing her to the Hospital at Clare, Michigan, she died after a few hours. It was a terrific blow to the family and to us all. Today we buried her. There were many people present and little Dorothy's school mates turned out in a body to pay their respects to their school-mate. Her teacher was present also. The whole town was deeply moved and they have certainly been wonderful to her. The whole town is also amazed at the love shown her family by our Church people. Dorothy's death may yet turn out to be a blessing. P. S. Sister McCumber and all your family: I want you to know that your brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the Church, mourn with you in the sad hour that has befallen you. May the

Lord help you all in your bereavement. Sincerely, Brother Cadman.

INTERESTING LETTER (By Edith Terrill)

Meadville, Pa.

Dear Editor:

It has been my privilege to attend some of the meetings held every two weeks at my brother Russell Cadman's home near Fredonia. Since Russell and wife Ethel obeyed the gospel, they have opened their hearts and home to the Saints, for which may God bless them richly. On Tuesday, Oct. 24th a goodly number of the Saints from Youngstown, Ohio, Sharon, Fredonia and friends from Greenville, Pa., met together. While it was fresh in my mind, I endeavored to write up an account of the thoughts so ably brought forth by our brothers and the good spirit enjoyed. If I have made it too lengthy, you may omit as you see fit, should you wish to use it for The Gospel News.

Brother Cosetti opened the meeting and several hymns were sung, then he read the entire ninth chapter of St. John's Gospel, which concerns the healing of a blind man. Christ's disciples asked him who had sinned that this man was born blind, and His reply was that neither the man or his parents had sinned, but that the works of God should be manifest in him. This healing was unique in the way it was done. Jesus spat on the ground and made clay of the spit and anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. Then He commanded him to go and wash in the pool of Siloam. He went his way therefore and washed, and came seeing.

Now there was curiosity around as to how he had been healed, and when questioned he gave a good answer, saying that a man called Jesus had made clay, and anointed his eyes and commanded him to wash in the pool of Siloam; after which he received his sight.

Later the Pharisees questioned him on how he had received his sight. Ever ready to find fault, they questioned healing on the Sabbath Day. They had criticized Christ on a similar occasion when they accused Him to His face for healing the man with a withered hand. On that occasion, Christ asked them if they would not pull one sheep out of a pit on the Sabbath Day. To this they had no answer. He had seen within their hearts and they were confused and

confounded, as they always were when they tried to find occasion to accuse Him.

He (the man that had been healed) stood his ground with the Pharisees, answering them in a similar manner and giving the credit to one he now called a prophet. Not satisfied with his reply, the Pharisees then questioned his parents, who because they feared the Jews, referred the questioners again to their son to answer for himself. The opposing forces of evil here tried to persuade this man to deviate from his testimony concerning his healing, but he stood firm and would not be moved. "One thing I know that whereas I was blind, now I see." This same firmness was also seen in the Apostle Paul who stood his ground before King Agrippa and could not be moved from his testimony concerning his experience on the way to Damascus. In making his defence, he was so convincing, that King Agrippa exclaims, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian." The Apostle was not satisfied with this answer but wished that he and all others that heard was altogether persuaded to be as Paul was, except his bonds. This newly found disciple of Christ continued to reason with the Pharisees and said unto them, "Why herein is a marvelous thing, that ye know not from whence He is and yet He hath opened my eyes." "Now we know that God heareth not sinners, but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth His will, him He heareth." "If this Man were not of God, He could do nothing." Refusing to believe him they cast him out. Then Jesus came and found him in the wonderful way that He comes to those who want to believe on Him. "Dost thou believe on the son of God?" "Who is He Lord, that I might believe on Him?" Then Christ said: "Thou hast both seen Him, and it is He that talketh with thee." "Lord I believe" and he worshipped Him.

Brother Corrado spoke of the opposing forces that are at work when the Gospel is introduced for the first time in a city. The little work the brothers have endeavored to begin near Albion, Pa., has met much opposition. They have gathered together a little group of from twelve to fourteen people and preached the gospel to them. However, ministers of other faiths have gone around from house to house too, telling the people we believe this and that; inso-

much that they have confused the minds of some, that the number has dwindled.

Whereas, before they would not send out a preacher to this church, they now have gone so far as to send out free busses to gather up the people to bring them into their churches in Albion. Brother Corrado brought out this thought; that though we may have persecution to endure, still God is supreme. He also spoke somewhat on the obedience of the blind man to go and wash as Christ commanded him. If he had not obeyed, he would not have been healed. He compared this with Naaman, the Syrian Captain, who was healed of leprosy by washing himself seven times in the river Jordan as commanded by the messenger of the prophet Elisha. When the King of Israel could do nothing for him, Elisha heard of his case. Not coming out himself as Naaman expected, he sent a messenger to tell him what to do. Being much put out that the prophet himself did not come and offer up a wonderful prayer, he was reluctant to do as bidden, claiming they had better rivers than Jordan in Damascus. But we all know the story of how when he did obey, his flesh came clean like that of a child and he was healed. He, Brother Corrado, spoke of Christ's command to be baptized, stating it is still necessary to be baptized for the remission of sins. Christ told Nicodemus that he must be born again. If, when Christ pleads with us to come unto Him, we do not hearken and obey, we will remain blind (spiritually speaking) and die blind. Brother Corrado advised those present to obey the Saviour's command when He

speaks to them.

Brother Paul Love spoke concerning the Nephite records being the record of the seed of Joseph. The Christian world of today, as it is generally accepted, has drifted far from the true teachings of Christ and does not believe in miracles. But without miracles, there could be no revelation, and without revelation, we would not know of the time and season in which we live. He spoke of his firm conviction that this is the true Church restored in these latter days. Love to all the saints.

NOAH'S FLOOD

Let Him Who Scoffs, Think Again
(Copied from The Signs of The Times, Oshawa, Ont., Canada)

By C. O. SMITH

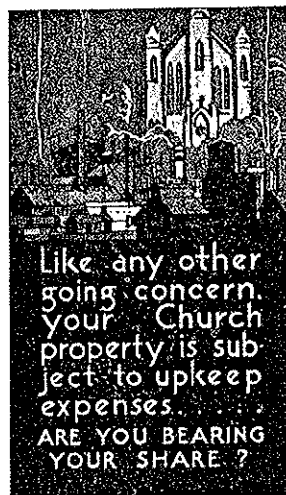
Few stories have been ridiculed and laughed at more than that of Noah's ark and the Flood. Yet Jesus believed that story, so we must conclude from His own words as recorded in Matthew 24:37-39.

"But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."

These are the words of our Saviour. He said, "the Flood came," and who are we to say that it did not come? Besides, Jesus placed the seal of His approval upon Moses' writings in these words: "For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed Me: for he wrote of Me. But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe My words? John 5:46, 47.

Three chapters of Genesis, the sixth, seventh, and eighth of this first book of Moses, are devoted to the story of the Flood. So when Moses, the man of God, writing by inspiration in the Old Testament, and Jesus, the Son of God, as recorded in the New Testament, have testified that the Flood came, believers in the Bible will accept it as a fact.

"But do you think there was really a world flood?" someone asks. "Has not science repudiated that view?" It is true that many scientists, following what is known as the Uniformitarian Hypothesis, have refused to believe that supernatural forces, such as those



which caused the Flood, have ever been in action, and have sought to relegate the story of Noah's Flood to the realm of myth and fable. But evidences confirming the Biblical story are coming more and more to light, and many more scientists are now recognizing its just claims to credence.

Sea shells and fossils of marine life on high mountain tops, coral fossils in Arctic seas, great veins of coal in Arctic and Antarctic regions, bones of huge animals of extinct species buried in large quantities, all testify that some great world upheaval, such as that described in Genesis, actually took place.

As a boy, I often wondered about the clam shells we used to see in abundance on cliffs high above the sea level on the Pacific coast. I was told that the Indians used to have their feasts far up the mountain sides, and carried the clams up from the sea, but I could never quite believe it. There were too many shells. Later I learned that many sea shells are found far inland.

In looking through the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D. C., a few years ago, I took note of a fossil of Sydney crabs taken from Mt. Stephen, 3280 feet above Field, British Columbia, and I remembered the thrill I had the first time I stood on the Canadian Pacific Railway station platform at Field, B. C. and feasted my eyes on that majestic peak, Mt. Stephen. And to think that from that peak of the Canadian Rockies, hundreds of miles inland, this fossil of marine life had been taken! At once my mind went to the Flood as the logical explanation. In addition, on that day in the Smithsonian Institution, I saw a large, well-preserved specimen of a fossil sea urchin which had been taken from the limestone of Missouri, and many exhibits of fossil sea lilies taken from the western part of the state of Kansas. How did this sea life get so far inland? No theory ever advanced accounts for these things nearly so well as the simple Bible account of Noah's Flood.

But someone may ask that old question as to whether there is really enough water in the sea to cover the dry land. Let us consider a few figures. We were all taught in school that the ocean covers approximately three fourths of the surface of the globe (70 per cent of the surface is more exact; 30 per cent of the surface being dry

land). The average depth of the ocean is said to be 13,000 feet, and the average height of the land above the sea level, only 2,300 feet. So we see that the average depth of the ocean is five and a half times the average height of the land. Figure that out for yourself, and you will see that there is more than thirteen times more water below sea level than there is land above it. I am told that it has been carefully calculated that if the surface of the earth were smoothed out level, it would be covered with water more than a mile and a half deep. Think of it—9,000 feet of water over all the earth! That is surely enough for the Flood. The wonder is that the water stays within the confines of the sea, and does not overflow the earth. But God has decreed: "Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further; and here shall thy proud waves be stayed." Job 38:11. Yes, there is plenty of water to cover the entire earth—but God "rules the waves."

God's two books, the Bible and the book of Nature, testify to Noah's Flood. And God appeals to us to listen to the book of Nature's testimony: "Ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee: and the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee: or speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee: and the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee." Job 12:7, 8.

Go where you will, and speak to the earth, and the strata or layers of layers of rock declare that they have been laid down by water. Layers of sandstone, shale, limestone, and other kinds of rock are found; in some areas, interspersed with seams of coal. Now turn to the eighth chapter of Genesis and read in the first few verses: "God made a wind to pass over the earth. . . . The waters returned from off the earth continually." The Hebrew word for "continually" means going and returning." The action of the tides for five months while the earth was inundated, together with the stormy wind, and the fact that "the fountains of the great deep were broken up" (see Genesis 7:11), would deposit layer above layer upon the surface, as the waters were receding. And think of the fact that great beds of coal (which, as we know, is compressed vegetable matter) are found in the prairie provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan, and in the Arctic regions, where there is no vegetation.

(To be continued).

Monongahela News

On Sunday, November 10th, we had a number of visitors from Windsor, Ont., visit our church here in Monongahela. They were as follows: Sister Leata Ford and son Jack, Brother and Sister Henderson and their sons Otto and Lloyd, Sister Mae Burgess and Dorothy and Bobby, Brother and Sister Robert Watson, Jr., and Brother Bert Begby. These folks all attended the M.B.A. Convention at West Aliquippa, Pa., and came on here and spent Sunday forenoon with us. Brothers Watson and Henderson occupied the pulpit and both gave us a very nice sermon. They left for home at the close of the morning service. Come again. At the request of the McKees Rock brethren, Brother W. H. Cadman went there Sunday morning, November 17th and spent the day and three nights with them in their special week of meetings they were holding. The meetings were very well attended including some non-members present. On Sunday night quite a delegation were present from Glassport, and the young folks that were with them, rendered us some very nice singing. On Monday night a car load came from Youngstown, Ohio, who we were all glad to see. Brother Cadman returned home on Wednesday. The meetings were to continue the rest of the week.

Robert Kennedy Passes On.

Sister Violet Sarver received word on November 12th of the death of her brother Robert Kennedy who died on Nov. 6th in Los Angeles, California. He removed to California a few years ago. Aged about 50 years. He was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ in his early life.

NEWS FROM WARREN, OHIO

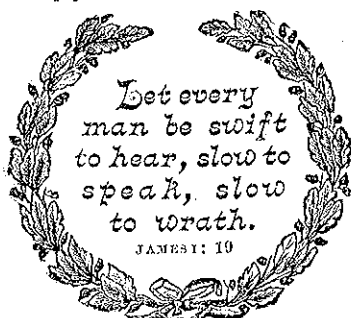
I am in receipt of two letters from Brother Giovannone telling me of the wonderful time they are having in their Branch of the Church. According to his report they have had much sickness, but the Lord has been good to them. He also tells me that he had been attacked by a vicious bull on his farm. Evidently he had a very narrow escape and he attributes him been spared, to the tender mercies of God. He managed to walk from the place of attack (about 1/2 mile) into his house, where he collapsed from loss of blood and shock. He was rushed to the hospital where two very bad wounds had to be

stitched. The bull tossed him up in the air and caught him again coming down. Brother Dominic is very fortunate indeed, that he has been spared. All you that live on farms, better keep your eyes on the bull, and don't get too close to his horns. It seems that in their meeting in Warren on Nov. 3rd they had a wonderful time in the service of God. Sister Toda was not at the meeting due to afflicted condition, but during the service a vision was had by one present, wherein she was seen coming into the meeting all dressed in white. Sister Toda has been very faithful since she obeyed the gospel, she is now getting up in years, her days may not be long in this world. It is requested that you all remember her in your prayers.

TO ALL MY FRIENDS IN THE CHURCH

By Donald Curry

There is a group of boys and girls
I love with all my heart.
I never thought I ever could
Far from those youngsters part.
Alas! I'm sorry now because
I did leave them one day.
And now I wish that I were back.
Back with my friends to stay.
For two long years all I can do
Is memories recall,
About sweet times and joys we
knew,
Together, one and all.
So pray for me dear pals I love,
That God may grant my way
That memories will never fade—
'Til I come back to stay.
I'll also dream of future days
When we'll once more unite,
And live to share again those joys
In still a greater height.
So wait for me, dear friends so
true;
Look forward to the day
When once again I'll wander back,
Back to my friends to stay.
And when at last that day has
come,
And I am home for good,
I'll never, never leave again—
I simply never could.



I'll always cling to those I love,
And share in every way
Our love, our fears, our joys and
tears,
When I come back to stay.

From Voice of Warning

(Parley P. Pratt page 91)

We will now return to the subject of the coming of the Messiah, and the ushering in of that glorious day, called the Millennium, or the rest of a thousand years. We gather from the field of prophecy, through which we have passed: first, that that glorious day will be ushered in by the personal coming of Christ, and the resurrection of all the saints; second, that all the wicked will be destroyed from the earth, by overwhelming judgments of God, and by fire at the time of His coming, insomuch that the earth will be cleansed by fire from its wicked inhabitants, as it once was by water. (The foregoing is taken from the twelfth edition of "A Voice of Warning" and was first published in 1837. It compares identically with the faith of The Church of Jesus Christ today.)

MENCEY NEWS

Nov. 22-46

Dear Brother Editor: I received your letter, and was very glad to hear from you, and I will say that we are all very well for which we thank God. Our aged Sister Musculine has been real sick but is some better now. This past few weeks, we have had some very nice meetings. We had a meeting at Sis'er Musculine's recently and the most of our usual group was present and God showered His blessings down upon us that night. Our aged Sister was quite weak, yet she shouted for joy for the blessings she felt. We had another meeting last evening at brother Amos Deleary home, the room was quite full of people and we all felt very good. Brother Emerson was at our meeting on Sunday. Our M. B. A. Meetings are coming along pretty good on Friday nights. I sold seven pigs recently at \$35.00 each which will help to take care of some of our debts.

Now I will have to tell some of the bad news along with the good. On Nov. 12 somebody broke into my car during the night and took my battery and caused much damage to the radio and the glass in the car. They also broke into the dry shed and took all my personal tools which were in the tool box, also



took some gas out of the tank, and also my rifle. The officers of the law are working on the case, may be they will recover some of the material. The week before, they broke in at The Mt. Elgin Institute and took tires, tools and gasoline. We are all living in hopes that every thing will be recovered. With best wishes to you all.

Sincerely,
Brother Cotellesse.

VANDERBILT NEWS

By Joseph Shazar

Nov. 26-46

Dear Editor:

Recently we had the pleasure of going to Wyano, Pa., and holding meetings. We have the spirit of God with us when meeting with these people. We were highly blessed for our work by having two baptisms on November 24th. The man that was baptized had a vision, and in the vision while brother Shazar was preaching on Sunday morning concerning the wrath of God: "he saw a light behind him (Bro Shazar) and he felt the presence of the Saviour". When the brother and sister were baptized on Sunday evening as the sun was going down, they came out of the water glorifying God. We are told in the scripture that the angels in heaven rejoice when one comes out of this world of sin and accepts the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

We, the brothers and sisters of Vanderbilt are receiving the blessings of God by going out among different people five nights a week, and teaching them the way of the Lord. To all my brethren and sisters: We meet with all kinds of people, we are living in the land where there is all kinds of evil, labor troubles, and politics. Let us be wise as serpents and harmless as doves, and let our conversation be: "Yea Yea, and Nay Nay". May God bless all the brothers and sisters. (Keep the good work going. W. H. C.)