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GIFTS TO CHRIST By Hilda DePiero

Another Christmas is passed and we have given our gifts to one another. My mind now wanders to more spiritual gifts, such as the gift of Christ. One of our first gifts to Him should be our hearts. Faith in Him, meaning trust in His being, purpose, and words of God. Faith in Christ means belief combined with trust in Him. One cannot have faith without belief; yet one may believe and still be lacking in faith. It is by faith that miracles are wrought, and that angels appear unto men. It is by faith that we will be saved. No one can be saved unless he has faith in Christ. If we have faith we will do what the Lord commands. St. Paul wrote in Heb. 11th Chapt., 6th verse: "But without faith it is impossible to please Him; for he that cometh to God must believe that He is and He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him."

Next comes hope: But we cannot obtain faith unless we have hope. What is it we hope for? We hope that by Christ suffering we will have eternal life which He has promised. St. Paul wrote again in Romans 8th Chapt. 24th and 25th verses: "For we are saved by hope; but hope that is seen is not hope; For what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it. Next comes charity: If we have faith and hope we must have charity. For if we have not charity we are worth nothing; therefore we must have charity. In the Bible is the book of Colosians 3rd Chapt. 14th verse it says: "And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness." Also in first Peter fourth Chapt. eighth verse: "And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves; for charity shall cover the multitude of sins." Moroni, speaks in Moroni 7th Chapt., 45th verse: "And charity suffereth long, and is kind, and envieth not, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil, and rejoiceth not in iniquity but rejoiceth in the truth, beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things." Charity is pure love, love for all mankind.

Faith, Hope and Charity is the

fountain of all righteousness. If we have faith, hope, and charity we will always abound in good works. In one of Moroni's teachings: he said that by their works you shall know them, for if their works be good, then they are good. If we are true followers of Jesus, we should possess all three of these gifts, faith, hope, and charity. When He appears let us pray that we will also be like Him.

In Moroni again, the 10th Chapt. 20th, 21st and 23rd verses: "Wherefore there must be faith, and if there must be faith there must also be hope; and if there must be hope there must also be charity. And except ye have charity yet can in no wise be saved in the kingdom of God; neither can ye be saved in the kingdom of God if ye have not faith; neither can ye if ye have no hope. And if ye have no hope ye must needs be in despair; and despair cometh because of iniquity." Possessing these gifts we will be sure to gain salvation. In first Corin. 13th Chapt. 13th verse: "And now abideth faith, hope, and charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." Possessing these gifts, we also are giving gifts to Christ. (very good Hilda.—W. H. C.)

A NEW YEAR

By Fred Scott Shepard

A new year! May it be
A happy, glad new year;
May right prevail o'er
And love transcend all fear;
May hate be cast aside,
And "peace on earth" abide!

A new year! May it be
That men therein may learn
To seek the ways of truth,
And evils concepts spurn;
Enthroned the Prince of Peace,
And senseless warfare cease!

God would make all things new,
Establish righteousness;
The bright of sin remove,
The weary nations bless;
Wait patiently until
He works His sovereign will!

REPENTANCE

By Charles Ashton

To those who possess a believing faith in the Lord, have another step to go to feel a slight touch of His Holiness.

It is Repentance. When a person

feels God's touch before entering His Service, its stirring effect makes one feel very small. Such persons have surgings within, and the big question with them is: Will I yield or forbear? The more pride they have, the harder the struggle. Their carnal nature is so much in opposition to the sacred spirit of the Lord, that they find themselves engaged in the hardest fight of their lives. However, the honest seeker for truth may willingly surrender.

Thousands connect themselves with religious organizations without the least sign of repentance, while others bring forth fruits; showing that a Godly influence has moved upon them, and has left them in the valley of decision, or, as the scripture says: to Choose this day who you will serve.

The big word with the early ministers of Christ was Repentance. Attention to the teaching of the Gospel will bring Repentance to the hungry soul. The Apostle Peter preached it at the opening, or birth of the Church.

And while he associates it with Baptism, yet Baptism is preceded by Repentance. Any man or woman who surrenders to the Lord repentantly, will be anxious to have the ordinance of baptism administered. To be baptized worthily, the true fruits of repentance must be manifested, otherwise, baptism will be of no avail. There are persons, however, that have little to repent of. Such persons, belong to the class which do much good in their lives. Cornelius was one of those kind. When he was directed in the right way, he yielded immediately.

The Saviour told a man, he was not far from the Kingdom of God. Yet, good people like these, will undoubtedly bewail the loss of many days or years they spent, without the true light. But those who neglect God all their lives, those who are much interested in the course of this vain world of sin, find themselves perplexed when the Lord moves upon them. The excellency of this first Divine touch upon one out of Christ, is too excellent to be endured long. Should we strive to run away from it, we may plunge ourselves in eternal danger, but if we bow in humble submission, we become filled with desire to keep the commandments of God. It was a painful experi-

ence for Peter when he denied his Master. Just one "brief look" from the penetrating eyes of the Saviour, pierced Peter to the heart. Immediately he left everyone, because his very soul was darkened, and he retired somewhere in the dark night alone. His denial brought remorse of conscience as he contacted the Divine.

The Scripture says: "He wept bitterly. He had grieved Him whom he loved. The Lord also loved him, and it is logical that Peter would have sacrificed his life rather than lose the Blessed Friendship between him and Jesus.

Truly, this was a bitter ordeal. This was repentance in the full sense of the word.

Now let us consider Paul briefly. There was no name so offensive to him as the name of Jesus. But when he was seized upon by the Power of God, and heard the voice of the Lord from Heaven, he asked who it was that spoke to him. The answer was: "I am Jesus whom thou persecutest." Paul then asked what He would have him do. Paul was a religious man and honestly believed he was doing the will of God. But when he saw he was wrong in his pursuit, he sat for three days and did neither eat or drink. Surely he was grieved very painfully on account of his recent doings, disrupting homes, causing imprisonment and death among the Saints.

So, those of today, who are pursuing in the wrong way, must come down in the valley of Repentance before they can experience that Blessed Peace which emanates from the Bosom of God. Your case may not be identical with the two apostles mentioned above. Nevertheless you have a case, and it is needful that it be settled, for the Lord has concluded all in sin, that He may have Mercy on all; and this Mercy comes through Repentance.

"Awake, O, Ye people, the Saviour is coming
He'll suddenly come to His temple we hear,
Repentance is needed of all that are living,
To gain them a lot of inheritance there."

INTERESTING TRAVELS

By T. S. Furnier

Editor Gospel News:

My wife and I left Michigan August 26th, with the expectation of visiting a number of the churches in the East, my sisters, and my wife's relatives, in Pennsylvania,

hoping to enjoy the fellowship of the Saints and to recuperate from two operations, knowing that I was still facing two more operations, some time in the future, unless hindered by divine intervention. We are perfectly satisfied with the efforts we made and our expectations were fully realized.

We attended a prayer service at Bitner, and a number of meetings at Vanderbilt, Pa. and vicinity. I wish to make particular mention of a prayer service that was held at the home of one of our brothers and sisters at Wyano, Pa. There were approximately thirty persons present, including a number of non members. I am duty bound to say, that it was the best prayer service that I have attended for years. Non members as well as brothers and sisters, taking some part in the meeting. The meeting was dismissed at a rather late hour. If a single soul left the place of meeting that night, without feeling the mercy and blessings of God, it is beyond me to explain why they did. The Vanderbilt Mission is covering a lot of territory, in their efforts to spread the Gospel, and are to be commended highly for their work, which should be given the full support of the church.

While in Allenport, Pa., where my eldest sister resides, and where I spent the early part of my life, I chanced to meet with Mr. Clinton Harper, the Sunady School superintendent of the Methodist church. He told me, if I would stay over until Sunday, that the Minister would be pleased to have me occupy the pulpit. I had made other plans, thanked him, and asked to be excused at this time. We also visited the Griffith family at Allenport, and spent an enjoyable evening, talking over old times. We encouraged him to do his duty. Dunlevy Branch: Please note, and try applying a little of the "Balm of Gilead."

We went to Schellsburg, Pa. to visit my other sister and family. Her husband is a minister of "The Church of Christ," a branch of the "Campbellites." He insisted that I take charge of the Sunday evening service, which was held in a small country church. I had fair liberty speaking in this meeting. My wife was called on to give her religious experiences, which was enjoyed by all present. We drove to Coal Valley, Pa. picked up brother and sister Charles Ashton. We visited the birthplace of the church at Greenock, Pa. (an account was given of this, by brother Ashton, in the October Gospel News.) We al-

so attended meetings at McKees Rocks, Glassport, Monongahela, Dunlevy and Little Redstone branches. We enjoyed all of the services, particularly were we overjoyed to meet with a number of old time Saints at Dunlevy and Little Redstone, with whom we had met with when we first obeyed the Gospel.

October 3rd, we then added to our number brother and sister Oran Thomas and headed for conference. We had a very enjoyable time attending services and visiting many of the homes of our brothers and sisters at McKees Rocks and surrounding towns, New Brunswick, Hopelawn, Stelton, Metuchen, N. J. and Brooklyn, N. Y. We returned to Pennsylvania Oct. 14th. After a few day's rest, brother Ashton and his wife accompanied us to Detroit. While I looked after a few temporal affairs at home, brother and sister Ashton spent some time among the Saints in Detroit. Sunday, Oct. 20th we attended service at Mt. Brydges, Ont., Can. Oct. 24, found us on our journey to Coleman, Mich. Brother Warren Nellis took us to the homes of a number of L. D. S. We appointed a meeting, which was held in a hall, the regular place of meeting, Friday evening. Brother Ashton gave a very favorable address. The weather was bad, and the attendance small. We found a number of honest people, seeking for more Restored Gospel Light, there being a lot of dissatisfaction, under the present conditions. Brother Nellis is in contact with many such people. There is a large field of labor open in that and other communities, which we hope some day, in the not too far distant future, to turn our attention to. Saturday, Oct. 26th, we headed for Grand River, Ontario, Canada, via Port Huron. We spent Saturday evening with brother Hill and family. Brother W. H. Cadman also arrived the same evening. Attended Sunday School and two other services on Sunday. Taking our leave Monday 28th, we arrived in Detroit the same day. Brother Cadman remained there and held several meetings during the week. Brother Ashton and his wife going home via train from Detroit. We covered a distance of 5300 miles in two months. Our brothers and sisters treated us so good and fed us so well every where, that my physical strength had improved wonderfully. My hopes were that I may escape being hospitalized again, but my hopes were soon shattered. The hernia on my left

side had broken through the lower ring, blood circulation had stopped in the hernia on the left side, this with another difficulty was giving me pain and trouble. I entered the hospital and had an operation for double hernia, Nov. 6, and again was operated on for what I hope will be the last, Nov. 19th.

At this writing I am home again. THANK GOD. My body is run down, blood pressure is low, and my physical strength just about exhausted. I had hopes of visiting the churches in Ohio and returning to Coleman, Mich., but apparently I will have to be satisfied to stay near home for a month or so. We hope to meet all of you in January conference at Glassport, and if its God's will get a fresh start.

PRE-MILLENNIAL

(Continued from December Issue)

My last letter proved that the United States corresponds with the little horn, so far as described by Daniel 7c, 8v. Next we notice that the latter is spoken of as looking more stout than its fellows, (see 20th verse). There needs no argument to prove coincidence in this particular, and we are well aware that the United States is at this time a stronger nation than any one of the European nations; indeed Great Britain, which is by no means the most inconsiderate of them, has conceded that her very existence depends upon our broad productive domain. Why has England of late shown us so much consideration in submitting her differences with our nation to arbitration as in the case of Alabama claims, and San Juan boundary question? Simply because we have become a formidable power in the world. Her acute statesmen are less careful to maintain friendly relations with any other nation in the world than with our own. The little horn is become more stout than his fellows.

Again, it has to be diverse from the first (ten horns) see 24v. No one can possibly doubt that there is sufficient variation in our method of government from that practiced in Europe to warrant the application of this distinction to the United States. And further more it has to think to change times and laws. Now I believe that the Almighty, in portraying futurity with regard to these four Empires, allotted a distinct period or time for the existence of each, and when such time expired He provided the means of their over-

throw. This explains unto us the secret of the success of Cyrus, Alexander and others who have been engaged in making great changes amongst the nations in accordance with God's will. Now are you aware that parties who have considered themselves authorized to mould the faith of our nation have asserted and taught that the United States constitutes the stone kingdom or fifth empire, destined to have universal dominion? If not, I would refer you to the discourse of F. E. Pitts before the U. S. Congress in 1857, entitled "Defense of Armageddon." Where these principles were earnestly advocated before a vast concourse of venerable statesmen and learned divines, and, earnestly applauded by the aforementioned representatives of our nation. About two years ago I read extracts from a discourse delivered in Chicago by General Sherman upholding these ideas in full which gave me to understand that even the generals of our army are expounders of prophecy in this particular or have imbibed the principles taught by the aforementioned Mr. Pitts. Although I am an ardent admirer of our political institutions and consider that our independence was gained and our nation has grown to its present stature as far as concerns our dealings with other nations by perfectly honorable means, yet I must admit that our dealings with the poor aborigines (Indians) have been so far the very opposite and if continued will leave a blot upon our otherwise fair fame which eventually will sink us far beneath our present pretensions. The fifth kingdom has to be given to the saints. Webster defines saints as persons eminent for piety and virtue. The word is used by the prophet as contrasting one class of people from all others which of course are sinners, and I solemnly assert that the people of our nation (in that sense) cannot properly be termed saints, and the little stone or fifth kingdoms is to be cut out of the mountain (or brought into existence) without hands. This term of course signifies human agency. Now we know that our nation was brought into existence by a successful war precisely the same human means which has generally secured the independent conditions of all nations. But without investigating Mr. Pitt's ideas further in this letter, I assert that they are sadly at fault, and cannot prove our nation to be the stone kingdom but do prove when endorsed by what is called the intel-

ligence of our nation that we think to change times, or close the scene of one universal empire (the fourth kingdom) and introduce the fifth universal kingdom. But perhaps you will notice that I have treated upon the change of times separate from that of flaws whilst Daniel has them connected. We admit they should be connected because he undoubtedly refers to the laws of general government. And I remember remarks bearing further upon these matters in ex-President Grant's inaugural address. He congratulated the American people upon the rapid advancement of our republican institutions, showed how France and Spain were then imitating our example, also that our republicanism had invaded England, and that American influence was destined speedily to remodel the whole world, and obliterate the very name of monarchy and place the inhabitants of the whole earth upon the common level of fellow citizens of one grand republican confederation." Why, the London Times felt its dignity so far insulted that it passionately appealed to the British government, saying: "Will you continue diplomatic relations with a nation whose chief executive thus insults your sovereign?" I quote these sayings by recollection, but I know that they are correct in substance. When the General was entertained so elegantly by her Majesty at Buckingham Palace, I wondered whether that royal lady had forgotten the circumstances or whether the General explained to her that what he had said was merely politics and had no other meaning than the gratification of the American people who scorn to entertain any other than large ideas, or whether he entered into some arrangements with her more agreeable with her desires, at all events he was treated with great consideration; his son was addressed as prince, which with the addition of Mr. Pitt's theory would constitute Prince of the House of David, all of which indicates that the circumstance was either forgotten or satisfactorily explained, and in viewing these matters we cannot help concluding that they reflect plainly the disposition and ambition of our nation as indicated by the sayings of Daniel above mentioned.

We still invite your attention to Daniel 7c. 21-22 verses: "I beheld and the same horn made war with the saints and prevailed against them; until the ancient of days came and judgement was given

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I insist on all contributors to this paper, when writing an Article to be published therein; when quoting SCRIPTURE, quote it as it is written. Further, do not write on both sides of your paper, and when you type an article (which I appreciate very much) be sure and have it double spaced, single spacing is too close.—Editor.

EDITORIAL

19th Verse: "For the Lord worketh not in secret combinations, neither doth He will that man should shed blood, but in all things hath forbidden it, from the beginning of man. (20) And now I, Moroni, do not write the manner of their caths and combinations, for it hath been made known unto me that they are had among all people, and they are had among the Lamanites. (21) And they have caused the destruction of this people (those who came to this land at the time of the confounding the languages) of whom I am now speaking, and also the destruction of the people of Nephi. (the forefathers of the American Indians). (22) And whatsoever nation shall uphold such secret combinations, to get power and gain, until they shall spread over the nation, behold, they shall be destroyed; for the Lord will not suffer that the blood of His saints, which shall be shed by them, shall always cry unto Him from the ground for vengeance upon them and He avenge them not. (23) Wherefore, O ye Gentiles, it is wisdom in God that these things should be shown unto you, that thereby ye may repent of your sins, and suffer not that these murderous combinations shall get above you, which are built up to get power and gain—and the work, yea, even the work of destruction come upon you, yea, even the sword of the justice of the Eternal God shall fall upon you, to your overthrow and destruction if ye shall suffer these things to be. (24) Wherefore, the Lord commandeth you, when ye shall see these things come among you that ye shall awake to a sense of your awful situation, because of this secret combination which shall be among you; or wo be unto it, be-

cause of the blood of them who have been slain; for they cry from the dust for vengeance upon it, and also upon those who built it up. (25) For it cometh to pass that whoso buildeth it up seeketh to overthrow the freedom of all lands, nations, and countries; and it bringeth to pass the destruction of all people, for it is built up by the devil, who is the father of all lies; even that same liar who beguiled our first parents, yea, even, that same liar who hath caused man to commit murder from the beginning; who hath hardened the hearts of men that they have murdered the prophets, and stoned them, and cast them out from the beginning. (26) Wherefore, I, Moroni, am commanded to write these things that evil may be done away, and that the time may come that satan may have no power upon the hearts of the children of men, but that they may be persuaded to do good continually, that they may come unto the fountain of all righteousness and be saved. Turn to third Nephi 30-2: Turn all ye Gentiles from your wicked ways; and repent of your evil doings, of your lyings and your deceivings, and of your whoredoms, and of your secret abominations, and your idolatries, and of your murders, and your priestcraft, and your envyings, and your strifes, and from all your wickedness and abominations, and come unto Me, and be baptized in My name, that ye may receive a remission of your sins, and be filled with the Holy Ghost, that ye may be numbered with my people who are of the house of Israel". The foregoing, is scripture from the Book of Mormon, the words in brackets are mine. Before closing this article, I want to advise this Gentile Nation of people that it is time you are awakening up. You have discarded the Book of Mormon as a thing of naught now, for over one hundred years. Wake up out of your sleep and read for yourselves, and learn of your destination as a nation of people, unless you repent and obey the restored Gospel of Jesus Christ. Jesus hath said both in Bible and Book of Mormon, that a man cannot enter the kingdom of heaven, unless he is born of water and the spirit.

Please note the following as published in the "Herald of Holiness"

"A recent news release by the Associated Press tells of a teen-aged sextet of real "dead end kids", who call themselves Kid Crime, Inc., and whose three club-houses were well furnished with the \$10,000 proceeds from a string of daring robberies. The leader of the gang was

a 15 year-old boy who admitted the gang's guilt in twenty-five burglaries. Another news item tells of a \$40,000 lot which has been purchased in Las Vegas, Nevada, Where "Hell Incorporated" is to be built. It is to run night and day and will contain every kind of amusement and vice that exists. There is a \$5000 sign in the form of devil with an arrow for a pitchfork which constantly moves and points the way to "Hell." Along the road between Los Angeles and Las Vegas are large signs which say, "You're on the Road to Hell!" "This is the Way to Hell." "Hell is Fun!" P. S. "Americans!" what can we expect of any State or Nation that allows such work as that to go on within its boundaries. And then we have the spectacle of a R. C. Bishop publicly declaring that drinking and gambling within itself is not sinful. Well hath the prophet said: "Hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure." The Saviour, when on earth addressed evil men as follows: "Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?"

Editor

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to the saints of the Most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom." Now I suppose you will say at once that our government has always tolerated all religious people and consequently this cannot apply to the United States. But be careful and let us examine. For the first place let us notice that no country besides our own has produced a religious class of people in these late ages who have assumed the name of saints. Various religious systems were imported from foreign lands and we admit that none of them have been persecuted since this government was established. But a class of religious people arose here in our own country in 1830 which assumed the dignified name of saints. And it is a fact that they were previously persecuted; almost every species of cruelty imaginable was practiced towards them. For instance Joseph Smith the founder of that society and also his brother Hiram were shot dead in June 1844 at Carthage jail in the state of Illinois by a disguised mob of 200 men (or rather creatures that in some degree resembled men) after enduring trial and being honorably discharged. And this is only one case among a great number that might be mentioned and some of them of a much more revolting nature than what is already mentioned; and

we are ashamed to state that no effort was ever made to bring the perpetrators thereof to justice, although ample opportunity existed in some cases. All kinds of excuses were made, political and otherwise, for letting murders go free; even the United States Congress excuses its carelessness of these things behind the thin screen of state sovereignty. We are not preferring charges against our fellow citizens, but treating upon the history of our country forty or fifty years ago, and we fondly hope that our nation may never repeat such conduct. Daniel declares that the same horn will make war with the saints and prevail against them until the Ancient of Days comes, which will terminate its existence as you will observe by reference to Daniel 7 ch. 28 v. "But the judgement shall sit and they shall take away his dominion to consume and to destroy it unto the end." Thus I have shown you the rise, characteristics, progress and final dissolution of the Little Horn. Never was a prophecy more literally and minutely fulfilled, in my humble judgment, than that is by the United States of America, and we invite the most scrutinizing investigation.—By the late William Cadman.

(To be continued).

P. S. I wish to draw your attention to the fact that this article was written many years ago. I find only one date heading it and it was the year of 1879. There are yet, two more letters.—Editor.

NOAH'S FLOOD

(Copied from The Signs of The Times, Oshawa, Ont. By C. O. Smith)

Yes, speak to the earth, and it will tell you that a great catastrophe overtook it. The climate must have been changed from one of moderate, even temperature to one of extremes in many parts, as it is today. It is well known that tropical animals and plants once flourished in Britain, and other parts of the North Temperate zone. Interesting reports are coming from Greenland. "In one case," says Professor Harold W. Clark, "that has been reported from Greenland, three hundred species of plants are found which are now common in the United States. In one such bed were found 175 plants identical with forms growing in Europe, North America, and Asia. Among them were ferns, walnuts, magnolias, pines, oaks, breadfruit, figs, cinnamon, and scores of temperate and semi-tropical trees"—"Fossil Plants

Dispute Evolution." Signs of the Times, (American, August, 1943.

"Ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee," says God. Yes, the great beasts that were upon the earth in Noah's day cry out and tell us that they were overtaken in the catastrophe. Not with audible voice do they cry, of course, but none the less emphatically. Great elephants, mammoths, mastodons, dinosaurs, and many other large creatures lived in large numbers on the tropical vegetation. Now they are extinct—all gone. Why? That is a hard question for those who do not accept the Bible story of the Flood.

In northern Siberia, where the ground is frozen all the year round, large numbers of giant elephants, or mammoths have been found. They have been preserved intact in this great natural refrigerator. Their flesh is eaten by animals, and, in some cases, by explorers. Some have been found with undigested food in their stomachs, and even grass in their mouths. So many of them are there that a regular trade in their tusks, or fossil ivory, as it is called, has been carried on. How was the climate so completely changed so suddenly, and what catastrophe overtook these droves of great beasts? The Flood gives the explanation.

God adds, "The fishes shall declare unto thee." Yes, even the fish talk about the Flood. They tell us that some great catastrophe overtook them. They, too, had a sudden burial. Their fossils are found in great abundance, all intact, with fins extended as if in swimming, or, as some think in fright. Scientists tell us that much of our petroleum comes from the buried bodies of fish and animals.

Truly the book of Nature agrees with the Bible in saying emphatically, "The Flood came."

It is interesting to note the impress this great event left upon the minds of the ancestors of all the great races of the earth as shown by the many traditions of the Flood. India, China, Babylon, Greece, ancient Britain, and other countries, besides the Indians of North and South America, all have the traditions of the Flood, which agree in many points with the story of Genesis. Because of its interest I shall quote a little of the Chinese tradition:

"And now the pillars of heaven were broken, the earth shook to its very foundations; the sun and the stars changed their motions; the earth fell to pieces, and the waters enclosed within its bosom burst

forth with violence, and overflowed. Man having rebelled against heaven, the system of the universe was totally disordered, and the grand harmony of nature destroyed. All of these evils arose from man's despising the supreme power of the universe."—Standard International Bible Encyclopedia, p. 822.

The Bible tells us the reason for the Flood. "God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." Genesis 6:5.

God said: "My Spirit shall not always strive with man" Verse 3. For 120 years Noah preached, and offered salvation in the ark he was preparing. But the proffers of mercy were despised. Man went gaily and ignorantly on to his doom. "They were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, ... and knew not until the Flood came, and took them all away." Matthew 24:38,39.

And the Saviour added these solemn words: "So shall also the coming of the Son of man be."

Now follow this important prophecy with a prediction for our own day. It is found in 2 Peter 3:3-7:

"Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of His coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning the creation. For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: but the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men."

Notice that God says that these scoffers are "willingly ignorant"—willingly ignorant that there was a world flood? What else can it be with all the evidence there is! And being ignorant of this great supernatural event of the past, they will reject the promise of the Lord's coming. The people before the Flood, the Saviour said, "knew not until the Flood came, and took them all away." But they might have known. God's Spirit was striving with them to lead them to repentance, but they would not hear, and "they knew not." Neither will there be any excuse for us if we do not know. We have abundant evidence that the world was destroyed by the Flood, and we have

prophecy after prophecy telling us of our Lord's soon coming. The Saviour warns: "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Matthew 24:44.

Friend, are you ready. Is Jesus your Saviour? Have you come into the ark of safety? If not, don't delay. There is no time to lose. "Be ye also ready." And may you and I, like Noah, be successful in saving our families.

Contributed From McKees Rocks

One of the very important things for the Saints of God to remember is honesty with himself, with others and with God. God is not mocked. He knows who cries unto Him day and night for the perfect and pure love that is a gift of God to be embedded in every heart.

He knows who prays for the ministers of the Gospel, that they be filled with courage and boldness to preach the truth that is in Christ Jesus.

He knows who prays that the hearts of the congregation be opened to receive the word not in criticism but as the word of God coming forth in this later day to enlighten not only the Saints but the whole world.

He knows who prays that wounds caused ignorantly or otherwise be healed and removed never to be opened again.

He knows who longs for contention and strife to cease never to be mentioned among the Saints but the peace of Jesus.

One Who Desires To Become a Saint in Deed.

News From Los Angeles, Calif.

Brother Editor: Just to inform you of our welfare, I write you these few lines. We are enjoying good health as part of the great blessings of God. In Him we have found comfort health, comfort and strength at times when conditions of life brought unto us much sorrow, and caused the present and future to look as though we were going through the "Valley and shadow of death," no shining sun to gladden our troubled hearts, all our efforts seemed futile, all hopes apparently lost. Then comes the Defender of men with all His promises of unchangeable love, making the sorrowing, glad, hearing that sweet voice saying: I never leave thee, nor forsake thee. The sound of these words seasoned with His Holy Spirit will turn the Valley of Death into a Paradise of joy and happiness. We can

truthfully say with the poet, The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want, He make'h me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters, He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His names sake, Yea, though I walk through the Valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me, Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Through The Gospel News we have learned about the terrible tragedy that occurred at Farwell, Mich. It causes our hearts to sorrow in this sad hour that has befallen our Sister McCumber and family. We of the Los Angeles Mission share the sorrow with you dear ones in Farwell, Brother Cadman I am sure all the brothers and sisters will be glad to hear that on December 1st, I took sister Evelyn Kennedy to the waters of baptism and it was a glorious day for all of us.

Brother Cadman I desire to see your face again, won't you come and pay us a visit? It will be appreciated. The Mission sends you \$6.00 for the Indian children, it isn't very much but it may help some. Best regards to all our brothers and sisters in Christ. May the Lord assist us all in our great responsibilities. Your brother, Rocco Meo.

"The Word As It Is."

It is well known fact that when the plates were delivered to Joseph Smith, that only a part of them were translated (now known as the Book of Mormon) the other part of the plates were sealed and shall not be delivered in the day of the wickedness and abominations of the people. See Second Nephi, 27-8. See Third Nephi 26 Ch. beginning with verse 7, "But behold the plates of Nephi do contain the more part of the things which He (Jesus) taught the people. And these things have I (Mormon) written, which are a lesser part of the things which He (Jesus) taught the people; and I (Mormon) have written them to the intent that they may be brought again unto this people, (seed of Joseph) from the Gentiles, according to the words which Jesus hath spoken. And when they seed of Joseph shall

have received this, the Book of Mormon) which is expedient that they should have first, to try their (seed, of Joseph's) faith, and if it so be that they shall believe these things (Book of Mormon) then shall the greater things be made manifest unto them, (the seed of Joseph). And if it so be that they will not believe these things, then shall the greater things be withheld from them, unto their condemnation. Be hold, I (Mormon) was about to write them, all which were engraven upon the plates of Nephi, but the Lord forbade it saying: I will try the faith of my people." (the seed of Joseph). I have quoted the word as it is written. The words in brackets are mine in order to make more plain the writings of Mormon. According to this scripture: It is evident that the Gentiles who have embraced the Restored Gospel, must carry the work forward to the Lamani'e people, and according to the word of the Lord, they must accept it and their faith tried, before the greater things come to them. . . . To all who read these lines and to all The Church of Jesus Christ; I am not as young as I once was. It is now past fifty years since I was baptized into this church. My memory reverts back to the time when the church was built at Jefferson, now past sixty four years ago. I speak in the way of a warning voice to my Brethren and Sisters in Christ, that during my whole life spent in this church, my old brethren who have now gone to their reward, affirmed, time and time again, the fact, that carrying the gospel to Israel was our duty. I remember our late President Cherry many years ago, when this subject was before our people, declare that "now is the time"—President Cadman.

Sister Neill Passes On

Mrs. Ida May Neill, widow of the late Brother George Neill of 403 West Main street, Monongahela, Pa., died at 12:50 p. m. on December 4, 1946 in the 64th year of her life. She was born in Webster, Pa., but had spent the major part of her life in this community. She leaves one son and three daughters, three grand children, one brother and one sister to mourn her loss. Her husband passed away in December of 1924. Sister Neill was baptized into the Church in February of 1905 and her companion followed her one week later. She had not been well for several years and was

stricken severely a few months ago, and died in the hospital on the aforementioned date. Her sufferings are now over and she has gone to reap the reward laid up for her. May the Lord comfort all her children who are named as follows: George, Laverna, Ethel and Louise. The services were attended to by brothers Charles Ashton and William H. Cadman.

William Fry Passes On

In a letter received recently from one of our old neighbors in St. John, Kansas, we were informed that brother Fry had died. We have not as yet received any particulars of his death, but we do know that he had been poorly for several years. Brother Fry obeyed the gospel in McKeesport along about the year of 1902, both him and his wife. They moved to St. John, I believe in the year of 1906 and have resided there ever since. He would be at the time of his death about 80 years old. He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife (sister Fry) and a large family of children. Sister Fry is now well up in years. May the Lord comfort her. Sincerely Brother Cadman.

Sister Sarah Ann Cherry Passes On

Sarah Ann Cherry of 619 Sheridan Street, Monongahela, died at the Memorial Hospital on December 21st at 9:30 p. m., after undergoing an operation a few days previous. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Cratty and was born in Monongahela on September 2nd, 1879. She leaves to mourn her loss, her husband, brother John Cherry, three sons: Arthur Griffith, of Monongahela; Leonel Griffith of Charle-roi, and Charles Griffith of River Hill. Five daughters: Mrs. Gladys Lorber and Mrs. Ruth Scalion of River Hill; Mrs. Amy Martin of Steubenville, Ohio; Mrs. Sarah Crouch of near Butler, Pa., and Mrs. Laverna Lostlen of Los Angeles, Calif. There are 26 grand children and 3 great grand children and one brother, William Cratty of West Elizabeth; besides many other relatives and friends. Sister Cherry was baptized into the Church along about the year of 1905, she has been faithful and has borne a good testimony of the gospel of Christ. Death has relieved her of her suffering, and she has now gone to reap her reward. Services were attended to here in the Church at Monongahela on De-

cember 24th at 2:00 p. m. Brothers Charles Ashton and W. H. Cadman officiating. Also the Rev. Andree of the Nazarene Church this city, taking a part.

NOTES FROM LETTERS

A letter from brother Ansel D'Amico and his wife informs me that they are enjoying themselves in the service of God up in New York s'tate, had services on Thanksgiving morning in Rochester. (Good way to spend the time) He also informs me that while he and his wife were on their way to Palatine Bridge, N. Y. to hold a service, a distance of about 200 miles, they met with a very serious accident, though they escaped any serious injury. There was snow and ice on the roads and they struck a post in some way and the car rolled over. They were very fortunate indeed.

A letter received from brother Sirangelo now of Florida, formerly of New Jersey, informs me that all are well and apparently satisfied with their new home. He says they are holding meetings at the home of brother Ernest Schultz every other Sunday for the present and are enjoying themselves.

A letter from brother A. A. Corrado of Youngstown, Ohio, informing us that they are holding meetings every Sunday afternoon at Albion, Pa. and are having much interest. They had a baptism there on December 11th. He says they are also holding a meeting at the home of brother Russell Cadman every other Thursday evening near Fredonia, Pa.

A car load of us from Monongahela, went to Uniontown, Pa. on the evening of December 11th and attended a meeting at the County Home at that place. The Vanderbilt Branch have been holding meetings there for sometime, and have baptized eight of the inmates. On this particular evening there was from 75 to 100 of the inmates of the home in the Chapel and possibly 50 or 60 of our members present. Our folks had given those poor people a big Christmas treat and also presented them with a large framed portrait of the Saviour, to be placed on the wall of the institution accompanied with a name plate of The Church of Jesus Christ. In this home are people of all kinds of afflictions. The lame, the halt, the feeble minded, are there. I consider our brethren and sisters in that com-

munity are doing a good work. You remember the Saviour told some to go and tell John, that the poor have the Gospel preached to them. What greater work is there to do than to preach the gospel?

A letter from Muncey, Ont., Canada, written by Sister Seth, (one of our Lamanite sisters) informs us that a new boy has been born to Brother and Sister Cotellesse on a Sunday in the Bethesda Salvation Hospital, in London, Ont. Evidently the child was born on December 1st. Both mother and the 9½ lbs. boy are doing fine. Their family is growing for they have now four boys and one girl. This letter was written on December 2nd, and sister Seth says they are having meetings in the various homes on the Reservation, and the Lord mee's with them. There is snow on the ground and she is taking care of the children until mother and babe returns home from the hospital.

Cleveland Note

Brother Editor: Just a few lines along with sending you our contribution for the work at Muncey. At the present time everyone is fine here thank God and we hope the same throughout the church. We had quite a nice meeting this past Sunday. The Lord really blessed us. We pray for more meetings as such. Enclosed you will find check for ——— hoping our little contribution helps to keep the Gospel wheel rolling. Love to all — Brother William Di Franco.

P. S. I am also in receipt of a very nice offering from St. John, Kansas branch of the Church for the work at Muncey, Ont., too. May the Lord bless you all.

Stelton News By Ivy Fisher

Stelton, N. J.—Brother Editor: Recently Brother R. Ensano, accompanied by his son Tony and Sister Elsie Miller, held a meeting up on the Hudson River in New York State. They had a number of non-members present and enjoyed much liberty in preaching the gospel. . . . Brother Ishmael D'Amico visited the Stelton Mission last Sunday (Dec. 8th) and gave us a very encouraging talk from Second Kings, fourth chapter. We were all glad to see him. On Sunday afternoon, Brother D'Amico, Sister Miller and myself visited the saints in Metuchen and had a very enjoyable time in

their meeting. . . In the evening we attended the M. B. A. meeting in New Brunswick. We all had a lovely day in the service of the King.

Grateful To God By Sister Minnie Griffith

Dear brothers and sisters of The Church of Jesus Christ, I thought these few lines would be of interest to you. The more I think of this the more I want to tell you. I arrived at the hospital on Sunday morning October 6th for an operation for goitre. On Monday morning I was perfectly contented, not a worry nor a care. I awakened on this same morning singing hymns. At seven thirty they took me to the operating room. I got up on the table and relaxed as I had never before or since experienced. It was truly something different. I can't explain this to you like I experienced it. I know some prayed for me, and I also know that some ones prayers were answered.

I thank God for this and also thank you for praying for me. This experience has proved to me, that no matter how great our trouble may be, God is there.

"In Memory"

In loving memory of our dear mother, Mrs. Bessie Bloom, who passed away a year ago on December 9, 1945.

We have lost our darling mother, She has bid us all adieu;
She has gone to live in heaven, And her form is lost to view,
Oh that dear one, how we loved her, Oh, how hard to give her up!
But an angel came down for her And removed her from our midst.
Sadly missed by her family.

Hear What God Has Spoken

First Kings 6-11, 12-13. "And the word of the Lord came to Solomon, saying: Concerning this house which thou art building, if thou wilt walk in my statutes, and execute my judgments, and keep all my commandments to walk in them; then will I perform my word with thee, which I spake unto David thy father; and I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake my people Israel." . . . Second Nephi, 1st chapt. part of the 9th verse: "And if it so be that they shall keep my commandments they shall be blessed upon the face of this land, (America) and there shall be none to

molest them or take away the land of their inheritance; and they shall dwell safely forever." . . . Mark 16-17. "And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues." etc. . . In Matthew 28-20. "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

I have written a few quotations of scripture from the Bible and the Book of Mormon to substantiate the fact, that in the various ages of time, God has predicated and determined that if mankind would enjoy His favor, they must of their own free-will, exercise their own free-agency and serve Him. Otherwise God's creature bring about their own miseries through disobedience. This is plainly set forth in the Garden of Eden. As far as God was concerned, our first parents would have lived forever, had they not eaten of the forbidden fruit. It was disobedience that brought death. In the days of Solomon, God tells him in sense, that He would dwell among Israel forever if they kept His commands. Israel wandered away from God, the results were inevitable. In regards to the seed of Joseph on this land of promise, (America) as far as God was concerned they would have been blessed here forever had they served Him faithfully, but they chose rather to partake of the forbidden fruit. The results were inevitable. And let the reader bear in mind that the decree of God is still in force, matterless of what people inhabit this land of promise. They can choose to serve God if they will.

Jesus said as I have quoted, that "These signs shall follow them that believe." I beg leave to say, that as far as God is concerned, that applies to all His creatures, matterless of who they are, where they are, or when they lived upon the earth. Unbelief brings to pass the inevitable results. If, then, as in Matthew 28-20, It is equal to saying: that if you do not observe or keep my commandments in all things; I will not be with you unto the end of the world. Let all men give ear to this fact: that it is easy to see the short-comings of past ages, and close our eyes to our present day and doings. If God has withdrawn His favor in any way from the sons of men today, it is because they are not walking worthily before Him. It is written that God is the same and changes

not. The people of God are commanded to keep themselves unspotted from this sinful world. They have their free-agency today even as they of other ages. I read that God does not look upon sin with the least degree of allowance. He changes not and is a non-respecter of persons. The prophet Isaiah 8-20 says: To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this, it is because there is no light in them." This will apply to all men. Again, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments; (not only a part of them) for this is the whole duty of man." Eccl. 12-13.

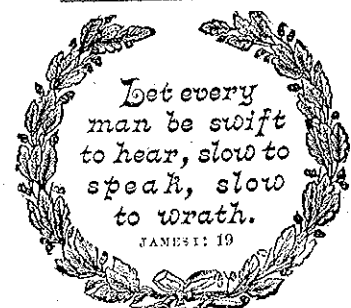
May all people remember that they are their own free-agents to serve God, or yield themselves to the devil if they will. It is written: To whom ye yield yourselves to, his servants ye are. (W.H.C.)

Cemetery in Navajo Country, New Mexico, Discovered.

(Newspaper Clipping Dated 1920)

New York, December 15— (Associated Press)— Discovery of the ruins of a prehistoric village and cemetery, in which were many relics of great value, in the Navajo country in New Mexico, was announced today by the American Museum of Natural History. The discovery was made by an exploration party, headed by Earl H. Morris, which has been conducting excavations in the Pueblo community dwelling at Aztec, N. M.

Fragments of polished pottery glistening in the sun, led the party "by mere chance" to the new discovery, Mr. Morris wrote to headquarters here. Hundreds of pottery vessels of artistic design and scores of ancient tombs, which revealed many interesting habits of living, were unearthed, he said. "There were more than 20 dwellings in the village," he wrote, "varying in size from four to as many as 50 rooms."



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Conference at Glassport

The Conference of The Church of Jesus Christ met in quarterly session on January 4th in the auditorium of the Glassport High School building at Glassport, Pa. President W. H. Cadman and his Counsellors, Charles Ashton, and Joseph Dulisse along with many other officers and members were present. Some from New York, Ohio, New Jersey, Michigan, Ontario, Canada, and from various places here in Pennsylvania. Representations by letters, were from Kansas, and California. All told there was quite a large gathering. As is usual, Saturday was devoted to the business affairs of the Church, such as reading the reports from the various Branches, and Missions which are located at various places, the election of Presiding Elders, and hearing the reports of Missionary efforts of various brethren engaged in such work.

Three long sessions were held throughout the day. Lunch was served to all by the Glassport Saints in the dining room of the school building. We have met in Conference in this same building a number of times now. It is equipped to date, and is very convenient for our purpose.

To the honorable body which compose the School Board, I assure you that the privilege you have given us to hold our Conference in your magnificent structure of Education, is much appreciated by The Church of Jesus Christ, whose Headquarters are at Monongahela, Pa., and I am sure that our church people in Glassport feels very grateful to you. Sincerely W. H. Cadman.

Our business sessions closed about 9:30 p. m. to reconvene in Detroit, Mich., the first Saturday in April 1947.

Sunday Meetings: On Sunday morning there was a very large crowd assembled for the service. The large auditorium was pretty well filled, people gathered together from far and near to hear the word of God, that their souls might be fed with that Bread that comes down from above. Brother R. Biscotti of Cleveland, Ohio lead the service by reading a portion of scripture found in St. John, 8th chapt. part of it was "The truth

will make you free" also reading a few verses from third Nephi. Both brother Biscotti and brother A. B. Cadman occupied the time until about 12:20, bringing forth many good thoughts for the listeners. Brother W. H. Cadman, before closing the meeting occupied the time until 12:45, during this time, brother Furnier was raised from his chair and sang in the spirit of God. Brother Kirschner also arose to his feet and told of an experience he had, part of which was as follows: "When you are ready, I am ready." The singing in the service was very inspiring, and was led by brother Burgess of Windsor, Ont., and sister Mabel Bickerton at the piano. A quartet of young brethren from Monongahela sang one selection "We shall shine as the stars." At the close of this meeting, I believe all was rejoicing and felt that it was good to be there. It was close to one o'clock when the meeting was closed. Lunch was served and every body had opportunity to visit with one another until the afternoon services were opened at 2:30 p. m. when the chairs on the rostrum were filled up mostly with other brethren than were seated there in the morning service, with First Counsellor Dulisse in charge. Brother Warren Nellis of Coleman, Michigan opened the meeting and read from St. Matthew 16th chapt., his text being: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." Well, I must say to you all: brother Nellis gave us a wonderful discourse. It was good for us all that were present, and certainly would have been good for all the Saints to have heard. His text was the words of Jesus. The rest of the time was spent in bearing testimony by the various brethren on the rostrum. There was to be a meeting in the little stone church on Michigan Ave., Glassport in the evening. I had intended to stay for it but the weather got so stormy, most everybody made for home. I came to Monongahela in brother Kirschner's car, and the snow storm made it very bad for driving, but we arrived home all right, though we were obliged to stop and put the chains on. May the peace of God abide with you all.—Brother Cadman.

(Copied From The Washington Observer Washington, Pa., January 18, 1947)

LETTER BOX

Mormon's Viewpoint

Editor of The Observer, Sir:

In the issue of your paper of December 28, 1946, there is an article written by Dr. W. L. Dodd of Amity, Pa., relative to the old story, confusing the Book of Mormon with the "Manuscript Found" written by Solomon Spaulding of Amity, Pa., deceased in 1816.

I beg leave to inform Mr. Dodd that I have been at the Oberlin College at Oberlin, O., have handled with my hands the "Manuscript Found" and have a copy of it in my house. It is not written in Biblical styles as alleged, neither are the names Nephi, Lehi, Moroni and Mormon, the Nephites and Lamanites found therein. Nowhere in it do I find any reference to the Lost Tribes of Israel, nor do I find the name "Israel" mentioned therein. As to Sidney Rigdon being implicated in the matter, it is a fact that cannot be successfully contradicted, that Mr. Rigdon never met Joseph Smith until the early part of the winter of 1830. The Book of Mormon was then in print and in circulation.

The following information was given out by the Oberlin College after the Manuscript was found: "The Manuscript was presented by Mr. Rice to the Library of Oberlin College, and in January, 1836, President Fairchild gave a more extended account of it and of its bearing upon the supposed origin of the Book of Mormon. Meanwhile the Mormons (of Utah) sent to Oberlin and had a copy made, from which they have re-published the Manuscript to prove that the Book of Mormon neither had any connection with this nor any romance which such writer could have produced. With this conclusion of the Mormons, President Fairchild fully agrees, and so it would seem must everyone who gives the matter careful attention." We are told in said article, that Mr. Spaulding was a retired Minister. It seems very strange, that as such, he would resort to the "tavern business." Washington County History, page 89, says that Rev. Spaulding was a graduate of Dartmouth College and settled in

this rural village, (Amity) with a view to banish ennui, (weariness, and dissatisfaction, boredom). I will add that if the "Manuscript Found" is a fair sample of literary standing, he certainly ranks very low indeed.

Here is the statement of L. L. Rice, a printer in whose possession the Spaulding Manuscript was found. It is as follows: "P. S. — Upon reflection, since writing the foregoing, I am of the opinion that no one who reads this Manuscript will give credit to the story that Solomon Spaulding was in any wise the author of the Book of Mormon. It is unlikely that any one who wrote so elaborate a work as the Mormon Bible, would spend his time in getting up so shallow a story as this, which at best is but a feeble imitation of the other. Finally I am more than half convinced that this is his only writing of the sort, and that any pretence that Spaulding was in any sense the author of the other, is a sheer fabrication. It was easy for anybody who may have seen this, or heard anything of its contents, to get up the story, that they were identical." Signed L. L. R.

I will just add that I am a firm believer in the Book of Mormon and that I advocate it to be the Word of God, which has come forth in these last days in fulfillment of prophecy recorded in our Bible, that is, King James translation. Sincerely,

W. H. CADMAN,
Monongahela, Pa.

(Mr. Fairchild mentioned herein, was at the time President of the Oberlin College).

Interesting Account (By Sister Ford of Windsor)

Brother Editor: I thought I had better sit down and write you an account of our visit with the Lamanites this week end. (December 23-26). The young people gathered at brother Burgess's home on Thursday evening and they turned their meeting night into getting the treat ready for the Indian children. I am sure it would have done you good to see the interest they had, some were popping corn, others making the syrups for the popcorn, others sorting the corn to be made into the very best of pop corn balls. We all had a good time and were all stuck up with the syrups and our hands were hot at times from rolling the balls. We had a big box of Christmas candies and a crate of oranges. After we

had all the pop corn rolled into balls, not small ones, but good big ones," the young people packed the bags, one hundred and fifty of them, they really looked nice when all were put in boxes ready for the Indian children's treat. You know it always does my heart good to see the interest our young people have in this work and I felt to ask God to bless them in their effort, also those who made it possible financially. Saturday noon, two year loads left Windsor for the Six Nations Reserve (two hundred miles away). The roads were very hazardous, the ice was all over the road and we saw many cars in the ditch, at times we could hardly go ten miles an hour. I forgot to mention who all went; brother Bert Begbie donated his car to take some of the young people, six of them namely: Sisters Ilene Smith, Dorothy Burgess, Ann Parlina; Bros. Otto Henderson, John Broadley, and Bert Begbie. Then Brother Dannychuck's car had six in it: Bros. Burgess, Henderson, Jack Ford, George Dannychuck, and Sisters Irma Reynolds and Ford.

We arrived at the hall (on the Reserve) at nine o'clock and the seats were all full and many standing at the door. Sister Grace Froman had the children all practiced in singing and little Christmas dialogues and little readings. I felt she had done a good work and was to be complimented, also our young people helped out in the program. Brother Burgess gave a talk on the Gospel, and then gave out the gifts. Sister Irma had little tokens of appreciation for each of her Sunday School class, all in all we had a very pleasant evening, going away for the night well satisfied with our efforts. We all arrived at Sister Sadie Jamieson's home, in Ohsweken a little tired but all willing to sing God's praises. Our young people sang hymns for awhile, then one car with Bros. Henderson, Burgess, Begbie, Sisters Irma and Ilene drove to brother and sister Beavers' home and the rest of us stayed at Sister Jamieson's home, three sleeping in a bed but we were very comfortable, and again felt to thank God for the way He provides for His children when we try to do good. We retired for the night at two o'clock a. m.

On Sunday morning we were up again at eight o'clock getting ready for Sunday School. We went over to the hall with brothers Henderson, Begbie, while brother Burgess, sisters Irma and Ilene stayed at

Beavers and held a meeting in their home. They told us that they had a nice meeting. At the hall we had Sunday School and I felt much at home with the children, you know I love every one of them and they were so glad to see me again in the class. We had for our story the life of Jesus and the children were well behaved, Bro. Allen Henderson gave us a nice sermon and we all felt it was good to be there. We arrived back at Sister Jamieson's home and they had a big table spread in their dining room with lots of good things to eat, and we all enjoyed our dinner. Brother Cadman, don't you think God is good to provide for us in this way? Oh! some times I wonder if we are worthy of all the things He bestows upon us. The brothers and sisters from brother and sister Beavers got back over to sister Jamieson's at three o'clock p. m. then we had another meeting. Brother Henderson opened the meeting and the Lord blessed him with His spirit and we were all blessed. Brother Burgess opened the meeting about five o'clock and windows of heaven were opened and we felt we were sitting in heavenly places. The young people all bore their testimony to the gospel and were blessed. We closed the meeting about five o'clock and started on our journey for the Muncey Church (one hundred miles away) to help brother Cotellesse in his efforts there. The roads were much better and we arrived in Muncey about nine o'clock p. m. and they were in the middle of their Christmas program.

A teacher from there had trained the children and they were very good. What struck me most, was brother Cotellesse's beautiful little girl so fair and white among all those little Indian children, and I felt to pray for her that she might be an example to them. (Sister Ford may your prayer be answered). I believe we all ought to give our brother and sister Cotellesse praise while they are still living, and not wait until after they are gone. They had their little baby, twenty-one days old, with them and had it blessed. May God bless them and their family in their efforts among the Indian people. (again may your prayer be answered). We all helped in the program and when we left we felt we had done a good deed. We arrived back home in Windsor at one o'clock in the morning, all tired, yet all feeling that our efforts had been well paid for in

the blessings God had poured out upon us. We are all well in Windsor and all of us are striving to serve our God. We need your prayers, also I want to ask you all to pray for our sister Beaver who is very sick with a heart condition. Don't you think I have overstepped my mark in writing? You know I don't like to write letters. — (Sister Ford: whether you like to write letters or not, I want you all to know that I appreciate very much indeed, the interest you all have shown towards Joseph's long lost children. I am persuaded that time nor any other matter will not remove from my mind, the interest I have for God's covenant people. That interest has been born into my soul through obedience to the Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ. I say again: I am very glad indeed to see the interest that some of my brothers and sisters have towards the Indian people.) P. S.— I have rewritten this letter about word for word as it was written to me. Words enclosed in brackets are mine.—W.H.C.

WARNING WORDS OF MORONI (Mormon 8 Chapter)

A few verses of Scripture: beginning with verse 33 of the eighth Chapt. of Mormon, O ye wicked and perverse and stiffnecked people, why have ye built up churches unto yourselves to get gain? Why have ye transfigured the holy word of God, that ye might bring damnation upon your souls? Behold, look ye unto the revelations of God; for behold, the time cometh at that day when all these things must be fulfilled. — Behold, the Lord, hath shown unto me great and marvelous things concerning that which must shortly come, at that day when these things shall have come forth among you. — Behold, I speak unto you as if ye were present, and yet ye are not. But behold, Jesus Christ hath shown you unto me, and I know your doing. And I know that ye do walk in the pride of your hearts; and there are none save a few only who do not lift themselves up in the pride of their hearts, unto the wearing of very fine apparel, unto envying, and strifes, and malice, and persecutions, and all manner of iniquities; and your churches, yea, even every one, have become polluted because of the pride of your hearts. — For behold, ye do love money and your substance, and your fine apparel, and the adorning of your churches, more than ye love the poor and the

needy, the sick and the afflicted. — O ye pollutions, ye hypocrites, ye teachers, who sell yourselves for that which will canker, why have ye polluted the holy church of God? Why are ye ashamed to take upon you the name of Christ? Why do ye not think that greater is the value of an endless happiness than that misery which never dies — because of the praise of the world? Why do ye adorn yourselves with that which hath no life, and yet suffer the hungry, and the needy, and the naked, and the sick and the afflicted to pass by you, and notice them not? — Yea why do ye build up your secret abominations to get gain, and cause that widows should mourn before the Lord, and also orphans to mourn before the Lord, and also the blood of their fathers and their husbands to cry unto the Lord from the ground for vengeance upon your heads? — 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. The end of the chapter. —

When a person gives this scripture a close study, it is readily observed that the Prophet Moroni is speaking directly to this Gentile Nation of people. Surely Moroni saw our present day and saw our present day wickedness, just as vivid and accurately as though he was living in our midst, yet he lived about four hundred years after Christ was born. Jesus said: as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the days of the coming of the Son of Man. Surely this American Nation of people are getting ripe in iniquity, yea, their fullness is near at hand. Has all our learning made us more righteous? Have our wars taught us to live better, I ask again, have they? Nay they have not. Who would dare say that conditions have not grown worse since the late war? In Timothy, third chapter, Paul speaks of perilous times to come in the last days. And the peculiar thing is: he is speaking to professing people and charges them very seriously, accuses or charges them with all kinds of misdeeds, and yet they have a form of godliness, but deny His Power. Paul charges them "with ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith." This is very strong language the Apostle uses here, and it

is certainly not used in vain. When was there ever a time when our learned Ministers (both Catholic and Protestant) were more at variance with each other concerning the plan of redemption? Jesus and His immediate followers taught all men the necessity of believing, (not partly) repenting and being baptized for the remission of their sins, that they might receive the Spirit of God which would lead and guide them into all truths etc. Jesus says: "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." How simple the language is that the Saviour used. Any person of ordinary understanding, ought to know that one cannot be born of the water, unless he is first concealed in the water. There must be a conception before a birth can take place. I say without fear of contradiction, this world of people cannot get any better unless we obey the will of God as set forth by His Son Christ Jesus. Therefore, if every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward, How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him: God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to His own will? — Yea, may I ask: what is puny man who thinks he can lay aside the word of God, or transgress His will at leisure? May all men bear in mind that God is not mocked. — W. H. C.

Aged Londoner Baptized at 100 (Copied From London Free Press, Ont. Paper)

Londoners never fail to hear with interest about the feats of their oldest fellow citizen, John Sprague, who just last week reached his 107th birthday.

From this amazing centenarian's minister comes the latest report indicating his imperviousness to hardship, accident or the elements. John Sprague was baptized in the Thames River at the age of 100.

D. D. Coteillesse, minister of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Restoration of the Gospel, at Muncey, described the baptism of Mr. Sprague after reading about his birthday celebration in The Free Press.

"It was seven years ago, when Mr. Sprague was only a hundred," (Continued on Page 4—Column 2)

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EDITORIAL

Contributions made by the American public to religion in 1945 scored a new high by passing the \$1,000,000,000 mark, but they amounted to only one-third of the nation's bill for tobacco and one-eighth its outlay for alcoholic beverages. This is the report of the family economics bureau of the Northwestern National Life Insurance Co., Minneapolis, on the basis of official estimates made by the U. S. Department of Commerce. The estimated total for religious gifts and bequests in 1945 was one billion, 35 million dollars, or nine-tenths of one per cent of the 115 billion dollars for all consumer outlays for the year. It was estimated that of the total, nearly eight billion went for alcoholic beverages; three billions for tobacco and one and one-fifth billions for movies and theatre admissions. In 1942, religion received eight-tenths of one per cent.—Presbyterian.

Thirty thousand Protestants of Spain are appealing to the World Council of Churches in Geneva for the following freedoms: 1—Exemption of Protestant children from Catholic teachings in public schools, and the right to establish their own schools. 2—Privilege to print Protestant literature, tracts, hymn books. (An "underground" Protestant version of the Bible is however, in circulation.) 3—Right to marry Catholic partners in civil ceremony. Spanish law decreed that anyone baptized a Catholic, even in infancy, must be married by a priest. 4—Equal consideration in government jobs; respect for their faith in the army, hospitals or asylums; right to hold Protestant burials in civil cemeteries; right to do missionary work.—Pathfinder. Invariably the answer of Franco to the Protestant pleas is silence, and that "Silence" extends to the Vatican. The Pope is very prone to speak loudly against the persecutions of the Catholics but his attention needs to be turned to the acts of his people in Spain, Mexico and South America. "Con-

sistency, thou art a jewel"—Herald of Holiness.

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said Mr. Cotellesse.

The ceremony was performed in April (when the Thames would still be plenty chilly for most folks) by George Nicholas, an elder of the church.

Although Mr. Sprague was born in Ireland, he married an Indian and takes a keen interest in the affairs of the church at Muncey, which is organized under the Latter Day Saints and has its headquarters at Monongahela, Pa. There is another on the Indian Reservation at Ohsweken, near Brantford, and membership in the two totals about 75.

According to Mr. Cotellesse, Mr. Sprague since his baptism "admits to a greater religious experience in the years following his 100th birthday than during the century before."

News From Albion, Pa. (By Paul Love)

Many of our people are interested to hear of progress being made, and our membership being increased by new converts being baptized into the faith of this Church, or the Restored Gospel. Brother Glenn White was recently baptized at Penside near Albion, Pa. I can say I am very much pleased with our work at Penside, and today another Mr. White, a nephew of Glen White wishes to be baptized also. We have some new folks attending now that are showing much interest, and to them I have given the Book of Mormon. I left home early this morning (Jan. 5th) and called on a family near Penside, and I can say I was very well treated. I did feel good liberty in explaining our faith to them, their names are Mr. and Mrs. Knapp, and their sons. I do expect to see them in our meetings some of these Sundays soon. They told me that they had not been to church for years, and they enjoyed spiritual food while I was in their home.

Opposition by some ministers is high in that community, but I am afraid their faith is going to crumble in due time. I expect to spend a week of my vacation at Albion just as soon as good weather is assured and we can travel easy. Brother Glen White wants me to stay and visit from his home when on my vacation. I held meeting at Penside Church today, and we had

a very good meeting, every one seemed very happy and glad to be there. Our talk was concerning the destruction of Jerusalem before Christ, and leading up to and including the Church set up on this land among the seed of Joseph. Also much was spoken about baptism, death and His resurrection, and His appearance for forty days among the Apostles in the Holy Land, and the setting up of His Church among the seed of Joseph, and why we must believe and accept the Nephite record (Book of Mormon) to again bring about a gathering of the House of Israel in these last days. Many of our brothers and sisters have come to Penside from Erie, Youngstown, and Sharon and we need and greatly appreciate their help. We need the prayers of the saints to help us in our work. So when you pray, remember Penside that our works may continue to bring forth good fruit.

May the blessing of God be with our people is my prayer. Many blessings I have received since I have made an effort to carry the tidings of peace to those that know not God. May God bless and preserve your health brother Will, and also your family. (Your letter is encouraging. W.H.C.)

Ring The Bells of Heaven

The Bells of Heaven rang for John D'Amico at Rochester, N. Y. on Sunday, January 5th, when he arose and requested baptism, after a wonderful manifestation of God's spirit in the morning service. The lesson was taken from the 5th Chapter of Joshua and after a brief talk dwelling on the history of the People of Israel and the coming in of the Gentiles, the Lord's spirit was manifested. The baptism was performed by Brother Paul D'Amico, his first one since his calling in the ministry. The wind and waves were strong but with God's help everything was successful. A wonderful time was had by all. John's obedience to the Gospel makes Brother D'Amico's family complete in the fold of God.

From The Mountains In Idaho (By Sister Bertha Converse)

Dear Brother Cadman, and Sisters of the Women's Bible Class of Monongahela City: Greetings in the name of Christ. Brother it is so fine of you to be sending me the little paper, it is a good little paper; though I don't know the writers, it is nice to read the letters for

some of them are so really touching, and of course I'd like to know them better, but I suppose I never will in this life.

It seems too bad to be isolated from all the saints, but such seems to be the lot of some of us; when I read some good letters or article telling of some good meetings and all that, it makes me hungry for fellowship. I am going to visit brother Newby after January 4th. The fourth is my birthday and it may be that my son and his wife may come out from town on that evening. I'll be sixty years old. Brother Cadman, I see you are seventy and had a surprise cake and seventy little flowers, what an enjoyable time all must have had. Is your health and strength holding up good? I hope so. You are able to travel a lot I no'ice, which should indicate that you are quite well and strong.

The summer past has been a hard one for me, too much hard outside work, helping to put up hay with my brother-in-law who is 71, while my husband is away trying to get the mill to producing, he managed to get home long enough to cut the hay and raked most of it up. This fall when out-door work did not press me so much, I began on this old log house to tack on cardboard and then paste cement sacks over them. I put some pretty wall paper, odds and ends, that was left over from a relative's home, it looks so much better but there is still so much to do, touching up with paint around windows, fixing pictures, and fixing up closets to keep dust out. All this is hard for an old lady to handle alone with no one to help.

I thought by this time I'd have a new home, but it will be next summer before we can get the saw mill set up here on our place, and green lumber must dry in order to build with, so it was a case of fix a little bit to keep out the cold drafts. An old log house keeps a person fixing all the time, without much good in return, as per appearances is concerned, and how it hurts to have some person tell how careless that poor soul is that lives in an old log shack, never dreaming how much one longs for better and more convenient things to do with.

It has taken patience to keep struggling on and raising chickens, milking and taking a little cream for sale, selling eggs and getting less able to keep going, and not able to reach all the house-work. Just as soon as the heavy work lessens, then I dig in too much. Things I had longed to get at for

a year or more, sewing piled high. I am going to try to make some sheets out of flour sacks, also pillow cases. I'd like also to get some quilts finished up. The sewing piles up and it is hard to get to it when one must also do the chores, which was once so easy to do, but now it is a trial for failing eyes. Yet in spite of these troubles, when one looks at the world at large, how glad hundreds would be to have this kind of a place with all its inconveniences. I hope a year from now finds more comforts and all things on the up and up. Praise God for His many blessings. We count a lot on our mill, pray Saints, that all goes well and that we keep strong and well and the mill may help us out with all safety sent by God's angels to our aid. Happy New Years to all. This letter is for all, so brother Cadman let all know I would greet each if I knew them, but the spirit of God can convey to them all, that I wish them that peace and all that is best in every way. I hope the brother in the hospital is well now, and the mother that lost her child in the fire, I hope the loving spirit of Christ reach out to her—her child is safe from the evil of this world and that is much to be thankful for. Good night and a Happy New Year To all. (P. S. I will add a few lines to this letter, Sister Converse's address is Box 2, Ahsahka, Idaho. When brother Paul Costa and myself made a trip to Idaho in 1940 we visited her home upon the mountain side, and stayed over the mountain side, and stayed over night. On this trip we ordained brother Robert Newby into the ministry and he later baptized sister Converse. Brother Newby lives at Kooskia, about forty miles distant from where sister Converse lives. In her letter she speaks of a mill. Her husband is a lumber man, works away from home in the woods. She says she misses the letters of our late Brother Paul Costa. May the Lord bless you all, away in the wilds of Idaho. W.H.C.)

Pre-Millennial

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- In my last letter I proved that the United States was the little horn spoken of by Daniel composing the last political power mentioned in the scriptures within the Roman empire, and consequently the last important political power that will arise on the earth previous to the Kingdom of God which has to be established in the last days;

and also by references to Daniel 7ch. 26v, showed you that when the judgement shall sit it's dominion shall be destroyed. It may not be very agreeable to our feelings to admit that our government will have an end, but it certainly will, and when it falls it will never rise again; and although I believe that it has yet a season of great prosperity before it, yet I believe that season will be very brief, and I shall yet prove that it will be amongst the foremost if not the very first of all the powers on earth to fall.

Now, I trust that by this time my readers will have at least some degree of confidence in the prophets, because faith in their integrity and truthfulness becomes indispensably necessary as we begin to unfold the opening glories of Zion and the great events which have not yet (but are about to) transpire. We have previously noticed that the little horn will be succeeded by the Ancient of Days. "I beheld till the thrones were cast down and the Ancient of Days did sit, whose garments were white as snow and the hair of his head like the pure wool; his throne was like the fiery flame and his wheels as burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him. Thousands and thousands ministered unto him and ten thousand times ten thousands stood before him; the judgement was set and the books were opened," see Daniel 7ch. It has been said, and no doubt correctly, that Adam was the Ancient of Days, and we may also state that he was the first man to whom God gave dominion or swayed a sceptre over human beings. We are accustomed to admire the form of government called democratic and we believe that it is the best form now existing. But we have a promise in Macah 4ch. 8v, that God give us the first dominion, and we shall yet prove that that promise will be fulfilled upon this land (America). The first dominion, then, is the same dominion that was given to Adam, theocratical in character and in extent universal. A theocracy is a government immediately directed by God. A volume, it appears to me, might be written of unapproached importance, showing the many advantages this form of government has above all others. We have a remarkable evidence of God's immediate control in the days of Adams, in the case of Cain before killing Abel. It is generally supposed that the former was angry because his own offering was re-

jected and his brothers accepted. That was only the beginning of his troubles, he feared the final result would be that Abel would succeed his father in exercising dominion instead of himself who was the elder. Therefore the Almighty appeared unto him saying, "Why are you wrath and why is thy countenance fallen if thou doest well? Shalt thou not be accepted, and if thou doest not well sin lieth at the door and unto thee shall be his (Abel's) desire and thou shalt rule over him;" using precisely the same words as were used to Eve in the case of placing her under the dominion of Adam, which in that case included also her offspring. Cain experienced an evidence of God's displeasure in his offering being rejected, but the Almighty encouraged him to do better and plainly held out the promise of dominion on those conditions. But the devil led him on to slay his brother to make the matter sure, blindly supposing that his parents would never have another son to succeed Adam. Then the Almighty appeared unto Cain again and cursed him excluding him from all favors, and afterward we find that Seth was born and Eve rejoiced because God had appointed her another seed instead of Abel whom Cain slew. See Gen. 4ch. 6-7v, also 3ch. 16v.

The ancient of days that will sit, then, is the original government of God re-established upon the earth. Not Adam, but one exercising the same dominion as he. His garments being white conveys the idea of purity. "His hair as the pure wool" proclaims antiquity. The fiery stream that issued and came forth before him, and his wheels as burning fire" indicates the principal means used by the nations at that time, viz, fire.

Almighty in the overthrow of the See Isa. 24ch. 6v; Second Peter 3ch. 10v; Rev. 17ch. 16v., and indeed we might make reference to many more. The thousand thousands that will minister unto him and ten thousand times ten thousands that will stand before him indicate the glory and boundless extent of that glorious kingdom, as described by Daniel 7ch. 27v. "And the kingdom and dominion and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven shall be given to the saints of the Most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom and all dominions shall serve and obey him."

Now we wish it to be understood that this is not the coming of the Saviour, but it is the building up

of the kingdom of God upon some part of the earth prior to his coming,—the stone kingdom or fifth empire which will eventually become universal when our judges will be restored as at first and our counsellors as at the beginning; as is evident by observing Dan. 7ch. 13, 14 v. "I saw in the night visions and behold one like the Son of Man came with the cloud of heaven, and came to the Ancient of Days and they brought him near before him, and there was given him dominion and glory and a kingdom that all people, nations and language should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion which shall not pass away and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed." Here we notice Daniel declares that he saw one like unto the Son of Man coming to the Ancient of Days. We must remember his wonderful description of what he has presented unto us under that term, and unless some person is found sufficiently reckless to maintain that Daniel in this instance is mistaken we must conclude that the Ancient of Days will exist previous to the coming of Christ, and that Christ will come to the Ancient of Days.

Now my friends upon what part of the earth's terra firma will this remarkable event transpire? It certainly will not compare with the account given by Zechariah 14ch. We find there that Jerusalem is besieged, the city taken, the houses rifled, women ravished, half of the people of the city in captivity and the residue cut off from the city; in short we behold the Jews suffering in the direst calamities and the Saviour appears on the Mount of Olives as their deliverer. The two circumstances are entirely different in every particular with the exception that in each case the Saviour appears. Isaiah 59ch. 20v, informs us that the Redeemer will come to Zion and to them that turn from transgression in Jacob, and this will be found upon examination to differ widely in surrounding circumstances, with what transpires in Palestine. You will find an extended account in the 37, 38 and 39 chapters of Ezekiel of the restoration of the house of Israel. That they shall become one nation upon the mountains of Israel, one king shall be king to them all and that they shall no more be divided into two nations, and God's sanctuary shall be in the midst of them, his tabernacles shall also be with them and in short they will become his people for evermore, dwelling safe-

ly and enjoying prosperity; also that they will be invaded by a foreign enemy who without gaining advantages over the people described as Israel, will be utterly destroyed and become food for the fowls of the air and the beasts of the forest, and that God will plead against him with pestilence and with blood and rain upon him, an overflowing rain and great hailstones, fire and brimstone. Now we beg leave to state that this account does not correspond in any degree with what Zechariah describes as taking place at Jerusalem in Palestine, and that there certainly is some mistake in applying these widely varying prophecies to one circumstance, which is to take place in Palestine; and we shall endeavor to prove in future that they have distinct meanings both regard to time and locality and that the locality of these wonderful events when Israel shall become one nation will be in the land that the Lord gave unto Jacob. See Ezek. 37ch. 25v.—By the late William Cadman.

(To be continued)

News From Stelton, N. J.

Sister Fisher says that Sister Miller and herself had a wonderful trip to Conference. We are thankful 'o God for the privilege we had to attend, and we enjoyed every minute of the time. Especially did we enjoy the meetings on Sunday and the wonderful talks which our Brethren gave us. There was much food for our souls and also great encouragement given. It is a pleasure to meet with our brothers and sisters whom we have not seen for a long time and we have a greater desire to attend many more Conferences if it be the Lord's will. We are also very thankful for the hospitality shown us by our brothers and sisters. May these few lines find all well.

A number of our folks here attended meetings in Brooklyn at Mission No. 2 recently and had a very enjoyable time. They were as follows: Elsie Miller, Grace Sgro, Frances Rogolina and Mary Mercurio.

By General Superintendent
Chapman

(Copied from Herald of Holiness)
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Q. We are a group of young people. We want to ask you: Do you think it is wrong to go to a roller skating rink? and, if so, why?

A. When I was a lad I heard a

preacher tell of a professing Christian who went to a dance "just to look on." Since he did not take active part, the man justified his course. But he had a dream in which he thought there was a fearful accident at the dance in which a number of people, including himself, were killed. The devil came, as he saw it in his dream, and commenced to gather up the souls of the people who had died, and among them laid on to the soul was the professing Christian. The professing Christian cried out, "You can't take me. I belong to God!" But the devil replied, "It does not matter, I found you on my territory, and I am taking you either as my own or as a trespasser." The skating rink is altogether the wrong place for a Christian to be found living or dead, since it is so completely a worldly place that there is no chance for it to administer grace to its attendants.

Brothers W. H. Cadman and Warren Nellis Visits At West Valley, N. Y.

While Brother Nellis was still visiting in these parts since attending our recent Conference, I went with him to visit a Mr. and Mrs. Blackmon, of West Valley, N. Y., folks who he once worshiped with. This place is located about fifty miles north of the Pennsylvania State line, near to a place called Springville. We left here (Monongahela) on the morning of Jan. 14th and arrived at our destination about 5 o'clock p. m. It was a very nice day to drive and we were made welcome in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Blackmon. They live on the highlands in that part of the state, are farmers and seem to be very comfortably fixed. They burn wood for fuel and have better than fifty acres of wood on their farm. Brother Nellis had visited there before, but it was my first trip to that locality. We stayed all night with them, sitting up until the early hours of the morning conversing on spiritual matters. It rained very hard during the night. We stayed until about noon the next day and could not ask to be treated better. It was snowing very hard and we concluded we had better get on the way home before we would get snowed in. There were other folks in that neighborhood which Brother Nellis wanted to call on, but the weather got so bad we headed homeward. We had to stop every little bit and wipe the snow off the windshield. It was not cold and by the time we reached

the state line, we had got out of the snow storm. When coming through the town of Johnsonburg, Pa., we called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Griffith, where we were served with hot coffee and a lunch, and after a short visit we continued on our journey home, arriving in Monongahela about 8:45 p. m. Mr. Griffith is a son of Sister Ruth Griffith of West Elizabeth. We extended to Mr. and Mrs. Blackmon an invitation to pay us a visit here in Monongahela sometime.—W. H. C.

NEWS ITEMS

Brother A. B. Cadman of Monongahela, Pa., and Brother and Sister Furnier of Detroit, Mich., left on January 17th, on their trip west. They contemplate spending this winter in California, and on the return trip in the spring, visit Sopris, Colo., St. John, Kansas and other places, especially places where our people are located.

Brother Nellis of Coleman, Mich. and Brother Samuel Kirschner of Eighty Four, Pa. left Monongahela on January 17th for Detroit. It is understood that they will go from there out on some Missionary work, at various places. Brothers Charles Ashton of Coal Valley, Pa., and Isaac Smith of Elizabeth, Pa. were to accompany them as far as Detroit.

Mr. Marek of Charleroi, Pa., was baptized in the Monongahela River here in the Monongahela Branch of the Church on Jan. 19. Elder Walter Anderson officiated. Some of the brethren have been holding meetings in the Marek home at Charleroi for sometime.

Sister Barbara Mountain has been confined to the Memorial Hospital of Monongahela for about two weeks now, it is expected she will be able to return home by the end of this week. (Jan. 25th).

January 22nd. A card just received from Brother Kirschner as follows: Dear brother and sister Cadman, we are doing what we can in the work we have undertaken. Tomorrow we are going to Ypsanti, Mich. to make some visits. We had a special prayer in Branch No. 2 Detroit for Barbara, and I do hope she will receive some benefit. Will go to North Michigan latter part of the week. God bless you and yours.

We had a phone call from Jack Ford last evening inquiring about Barbara Mountain's condition. We were glad to hear Jack's voice, he talked from Windsor, Ontario, but it seemed as though he was talking

from next door. I will just add that Barbara is getting along very well, but is having a blood transfusion today, Jan. 22nd.

Christian Life And Times

Three members of the Volunteers group, "Soldiers of the Cross" of the National Presbyterian Church of Mexico City were thrown into prison November fifth last, for preaching the gospel on the street corner. While the three were in jail a stirring prayer meeting was held at the church, culminating in the release of the three fellows and their joyful return to the group. Undaunted by such an experience, the Volunteers plan to continue their weekly marketplace visits in Mexico City and preach the gospel, distribute tracts and sell gospel portions, New Testaments and sometimes the whole Bible. . . . Opposition has frequently resulted in the furtherance of the gospel. In a fanatical town close to the city one group of volunteers was forced onto a returning city bus with serious threats. . . but the persecution opened a private home where Sunday services are being held at the invitation of this Mexican citizen. Already it has outgrown its seating capacity.

Drunken Drivers Better Take Warning

From the Youngstown, Ohio, newspaper we get the following: Local churchman hailed the new kind of justice handed down in the case of a man who pleaded guilty in a traffic death, and elected to support the family of the man he killed instead of serving a prison sentence. Common Pleas Court Judge Erskine Maiden, Jr., offered Earnest Sandor, aged 24, of Youngstown, the choice of going to jail for an indeterminate sentence or remaining free to work and support the two children of the widowed mother. According to the terms of the unique probation period of five years, Sandor will pay Mrs. Frank Giampetro of Youngstown \$30 a month for each of her two children until they reach the age of 16. Sandor realized at the time he made the choice that he was choosing the harder course, and figured that his support over the next 15 years will only help in a small measure to right the wrong and lighten the burden he placed on the fatherless family while he was driving an auto under the in-

fluence of liquor. Further, Sandor cannot drive an auto for two years, must not become intoxicated, must pay more than \$1000 in hospital and medical and funeral expenses connected with Mrs. Giampetro. The large sum must be paid within five years. In addition, court costs were levied against the young man and he agreed to pay \$10 monthly to repair the damage done to borrowed car which Mr. Giampetro was driving when he met death. —Well, Editor of The Gospel News, believes there should be something done to stop drunken men from driving cars on the Highways. A few more sentences like this one by Judge Erskine Maiden, should cause drinking men to sit up and take notice.

Arsenic-Drinking Cult Must Get Rid of Snakes

Pax, W. Va., Dec. 29 — (UP) — Forty-five snake handling followers of the "Jesus Only" cult who say they "never touch whiskey or tobacco— nothing stronger than s'rychnine," met in the cellar of a small home today for their last meeting in this Fayette county mountain village.

Mayor W. E. Woolwine has notified the leader of the cult, Lloyd Richardson of Deepwater, W. Va., that the faith-healing group must hold their meetings elsewhere after today. If they do not heed his "friendly" order, Woolwine said, he will ask the town council to pass an ordinance prohibiting religious services which use snakes and poisons in the ritual.

The meetings have been held in various parts of Fayette county for the past six months. Many crippled and sick people travel miles to attend the meetings, clinging to the hope that they will be healed of their affliction.

Richardson refers to the Bible when explaining the actions of himself and his followers. He said that they find the basis of their belief in the seventeenth and eighteenth verses of the sixteenth chapter of St. Mark.

Richardson says the signs referred to in the Scripture consist of strychnine and arsenic and the handling of poisonous snakes.

"I have drunk strychnine and arsenic many times," Richardson told his followers today. "I got sick only twice but soon recover-

ed." (P. S. How foolish some people are. —W. H. C.)

Ancient Tombs Are Found In Panama

(Newspaper clipping dated 1924)

A construction engineer, who has returned to New York from Panama, tells a remarkable story of the discovery of ancient tombs in the mountains of the Is'hmus which archaeologists claim to be older than anything yet found in Asia Minor or in Egypt. Among the contents of these burying places were great balls of gold, indicating that the mineral must have been plentiful nearby, and rich and flaming-colored pottery of a kind not now known there. These and other discoveries throughout Central America show that a considerable degree of civilization existed there at an early but indefinite period, and it was already in decay long before the arrival of the Spaniards in the sixteenth century.

Of all these ancient peoples the Mayas of Yukatan seem to offer the most likely key to their history. Innumerable inscriptions on the ruins of their temples await decipherment. Unfortunately there is apparently no trilingual writing to assist the scholar, such as that on the decipherment of the hieroglyphics on the monuments of Egypt or on the rocks at Behistun which led to the restoration of a knowledge of the language of the ancient Persians. It might be, conceivably, that the new and not the old world is the real cradle of civilization.

Present Penney Farms To Christian Herald

J. C. Penney, the founder of Penney Stores, is the son of a Baptist Minister in Missouri. From his parents he inherited ideals which have been a benediction to his generation. He spent \$1,250,000 in establishing Penney Farms, in Clay County, Florida, for retired ministers and missionaries. This institution, free of all incumbrances, now has been presented by Mr. Penney to The Christian Herald, of which Dr. Daniel A. Poling is editor.— Religious Telescope.

Home—Without A Bible

What is home without a Bible?
'Tis a place where daily bread
For the body is provided
But the soul is never fed.

What is home without a Bible?
'Tis a vessel on the sea,
Compass lost and rudder broken,
Drifting, drifting aimlessly.

What is home without a Bible?
Listen! ponder while I speak;
'Tis a home with Bibles in it,
But not opened once a week.

Monday comes and goes, and Tuesday,
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, too,
Saturday, and even Sunday!
Book untouched the whole week through.

Lost! The Bible lost! Its teachings
Lost! I's help, each day in seven,
Lost! To live by, Lost! To die by,
Lost! What's lost? The way to Heaven.

(Selected)

Prophecies Concerning the First Coming of Christ

"The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto Him shall the gathering of the people be" (Gen. 49: 10).

"The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto Him ye shall hearken" (Deut. 18:15).

"I shall see Him, but not now: I shall behold Him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth. * * Out of Jacob shall come He that shall have dominion" (Num. 24:17, 19).

"Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His Name Immanuel" (Is. 7:14).

"For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His Name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace" (Is. 9:6).

"But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall He come forth unto Me that is to be Ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting" (Mic. 5:2).

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"IN MEMORY"

by Sadie B. Cadman

People of every Na'tion, love, honor and respect their great men who have in anyway brought peace and benefits and blessings to them, and set aside a day in memory of them; and their lives. Of all people, we as Americans, should do so and thank God for our great men who He guided to rule our Nation. But the one we should love, honor and remember mostly at this time of the year, is our dear Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, especially the last week of His life when He told His disciples—"Do in remembrance of Me." We will not write of the good and wonderful deeds He did—for we could not—St. John tells us in his gospel—21st chap. verse 25, "if all should be written everyone, not even the world itself could contain the books that should be written." But briefly, let us review together, the last week of His life; the Passover feast was at hand, and the Saviour had told His disciples He was going away but the prophesies had not all been fulfilled.

Zechariah had prophesied He would be honored as King—Let us read Zechariah 9th chap. verse 9, then how minutely it was fulfilled—read St. Matthew 21st chap. first eleven verses. Then let us be with Him and His disciples as they go to that upper room and eat their last supper together—As they eat, He says, "This do in remembrance of Me." Luke 22nd chap. first twenty verses. Matthew 26-26 to 30 verses inclusive. John 14th chap. tells of his going away, but promises a Comforter. After supper He goes to the garden, Matthew 26th chap. 36 to 46 verses inclusive, also Luke 22nd, chap. 39 to 46 verses inclusive.

From the garden of Gethsemane to the priests house, Luke 22nd, chap. 57 to 75th verses, then to the hall of judgement before Pilate, and then to Herod, Matthew 27 chap. 1 to 31. Luke 23rd chap. 7 to 11 verses inclusive. Read Pilates decision, Luke 23 chap. 13 to 26 verses, and let us follow Him to the cross, Matthew 27 th, chap. 31 to 39 th, verses.

Poem by Herbert Buffum
They led Him away to be crucified,
The meek and lowly Jesus;
And there on the cross

Between thieves He died
My wonderful, wonderful Jesus.
They led Him away,
They led Him away
To Calvary's rugged cross;
He followed, alone
Our sins to atone,

This wonderful, wonderful Jesus.
His agony on the Cross, Luke 23-34 to 49. We read in Luke 23-44, 45 of the darkness, and in Matthew 27-51 to 54 inclusive, tells us of the great destruction in Palestine.

Now let us turn to the record of the people on this land and learn what had been prophesied to them—how they would know of the crucifixion of the Messiah by a sign which was to be given them—for three days there would be darkness over all the land, and great destruction would follow, which did. (read third Nephi 8-9, and 10th chapters) What proof do we have? Archeologists of to-day, are still unearthing citys and ruins they cannot account for, and many unfallable proofs that prove to the world, that at some-time there was great destruction on this land, (America). And we too must say with the centurian, "Truly this Man was the Son of God."

Contributed By George Nell

O come let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our maker. Psa. 95-6.—Our judgement is, that it is impossible for any Christian to maintain a prayerful, consistent walk in life, and to build up such a character as are represented by the Apostle as composed of "Gold, Silver, and precious stones," without prayer; more than this, without regularity in prayer—we believe that the experiences and testimonies of the truest and best of the Lord's people who have ever lived will corroborate this.—Watch and pray lest ye enter into temptation. Matthew 14:38.

What may be the character of the temptations we may not clearly discern until they are upon us; for if we knew all about them in advance, they would be but slight temptations, watch therefore and pray always; for the only safe way is to be prepared, because your adversary, the devil, is seeking whom he may devour. He knows your weak points, and is always ready to take advantage of them. Some folks make the mistake of praying

without watching, others make the mistake of watching without praying, but the safe and proper method is that which our Lord directed, that is, to combine the two. We are to watch and be on our guard against the encroachments of the world, the flesh, and the devil. Brothers and Sisters; let us more and more remember and put into practice these words of our Lord—"Watch and pray lest ye enter into temptation."

Whatever might be our natural inclinations with reference to definiteness and persistency in prayer, we must take our instructions from the scriptures.—First Thess. 5:17 "Pray without ceasing." . . . What a blessed privilege, dear fellow disciples of the Lord is ours, to be instant in prayer. Rom. 12:12 When the active duties of the day have been performed under His eye, or at anytime when the soul realizes its necessity; how precious is the privilege of entering into our closets and there, alone with God, unburden our hearts. Prayer is not a privilege merely; but also a necessity, commanded as indispensable to our christian growth. Whoever loses desire to thank and worship, and commune with the Father of Mercies, may rest assured, that he is losing the very spirit of sonship, and should promptly seek and remove the barrier—the world, the flesh or the devil.

Luke 11:1—Lord teach us to pray: Our prayers to be acceptable unto God, must express confident faith, loving esteem and reverence, full of sympathy with the divine plan, and submission to the divine will; childlike dependence upon God, acknowledgement of sins and shortcomings and desire for forgiveness, with humble craving for divine guidance and protection. These may not always be expressed in words, but must always be the attitude of the soul—Prayer is the souls sincere desire, uttered or unexpressed.

If we as a people could all be brought to the point, where the chief aim in life; the burden of all our prayers would be that we might have a larger measure of the Spirit of the Lord, the Spirit of Holiness, the Spirit of Truth, the Spirit of Christ, and the Spirit of a sound mind; what a blessing that would be! and then if we would wreathe

with the Lord until the breaking of day, our hold upon Him would be sure to bring the desired blessing. The Lord has revealed Himself to this people for the very purpose of giving us this blessing, nevertheless, He will withhold it until we learn to appreciate and earnestly desire it.

"My soul be on thy guard,
Ten thousand foes arise;
The hosts of sin are pressing hard
To draw thee from the prize." (Selected).

PRE-MILLENNIAL vi

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My last letter inquired upon what part of the earth the ancient of days would sit, or the nationality of Israel be restored, and concluded by stating that "They would dwell in the land that the Lord gave unto Jacob." See Ezekiel 37 ch. 25v. It is commonly known that the Almighty gave the land of Palestine unto Abraham, which of course passed from him unto his son Isaac. We also find in Genesis 35ch. 12v. that the same land was given by the Almighty unto Jacob and his seed after him. The land of Canaan is referred to in the 34th ch. of Deuteronomy and the 4th verse, as the land that the Lord gave unto Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, which Moses was only permitted to see.

We shall next direct attention to the 49th ch. of Genesis, wherein Jacob blesses his sons and informs them of what shall befall them in the last days. This of course transpired immediately before his death and whilst sojourning in the land of Egypt; see 22nd and 26th, verses inclusive. "Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well, whose branches run over the wall. The archers have sorely grieved him, and hated him, and shot at him; but his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob; (from thence is the shepherd, the stone of Israel.) Even by the God of thy father, who shall help thee; and by the Almighty who shall bless thee with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that lieth under, blessings of the breasts and of the womb. The blessings of thy father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors unto the utmost bounds of the everlasting hills. They shall be on the head of Joseph and on the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren." Now it is

evident that the blessings of Jacob wherein he had prevailed above the blessings of his progenitors (Abraham and Isaac) includes a promised land, as he plainly implies by showing its extent "to the uttermost (farthest off) bound of the everlasting hills."

We have already referred to two passages of scripture wherein the Almighty promised Jacob the land of Canaan, but in these cases he only equaled and did not prevail above the blessings of his progenitors. Therefore it becomes plain that Jacob received a promise from God of a land distinct from and of greater extent than the land of Canaan, and that he bestowed that blessing upon his son Joseph. He predicts also that Joseph shall be fruitful and that his branches (prosperity) shall run over the wall and possess that land. Now the wall in that case would certainly represent the sea, corresponding with the idea of the ancients of the supposed boundary of the then known world. If any of my readers will take the pains of examining a discourse of King Herod's tracing the progress of the Roman conquests through Europe "when Julius Caesar invaded and subdued Britain" he seems to regard it as their greatest achievement, and in describing that country he says, "whose wall the sea was," thus fully sustaining the idea of the wall signifying the sea. See history of Josephus. Indeed if you glance from Cape Horn to Behring Straits you will observe a continuous course of mountains that seems to answer very well to the description of Jacob's land,—"the everlasting hills." Therefore we positively conclude that the Almighty gave Jacob a land farthest off from Egypt, beyond the sea, or supposed boundary of the then known world, a greater land than Palestine, and that Jacob gave that land unto his son Joseph. Examine the 48th ch. of Genesis, wherein Jacob blesses the two sons of Joseph—Ephraim and Manassah and notice that he predicts that they will grow together into a multitude of nations in the midst of the earth. Now, I would ask the question, has there ever a multitude of nations existed in the old world springing from the seed of Joseph? The twelve tribes never divided into more than two nations, viz, Judah and Israel, but when we notice the discovery of the new world we find it occupied by a multitude of different nations of people, though evidently all having a common origin, and some of them

very powerful nations, but of course in a decaying condition. Even now the Indians of America are extremely tenacious of the distinctness of their various nationalities, and the United States government deals with the various tribes as distinct nations. I had a conversation with an Indian chief testing his feelings upon this particular in the summer of 1868. The previous sitting of United States Congress had been endeavoring to pass a bill establishing a territorial government in Indian territory, and this chief had visited Washington remonstrating against that proceeding. After expressing himself very freely (and by no means favorably) concerning several of our public men, he assumed the dignity of a Roman Emperor and exclaimed, "Why if that bill would pass, our nationality would cease!"

And now we assume that the western hemisphere is the land that the Lord gave unto Jacob for an everlasting possession, wherein his blessings surpassed those of his progenitors. A greater and more excellent land than that of Palestine; that it is situated distant from the land wherein the declaration was made, that it is separated both eastward and westward by extensive oceans, that it extends to the uttermost bound of the everlasting hills, that Jacob bestows this land upon his son Joseph and blesses him with blessings of heaven above, or heavenly manifestations, blessings of the deep that lieth under, and blessings of extensive increase, and assures him that his posterity would emigrate beyond the seas and grow into a multitude of nations in the midst of the earth. Why this matter is so palpably demonstrated to my understanding, that I would as soon sail to Iceland to purchase bananas, or to Calcutta for a cargo of ice as to look elsewhere for its fulfillment. And furthermore "the archers have sorely grieved him and hated him and shot at him." Consider the treatment of the Aborigines from 1492 until the present time and certainly a man will have to be possessed of more than ordinary stupidity not to perceive a perfect fulfillment of that passage. "But his bow abode in strength and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob; from thence is the shepherd the stone of Israel." Now we admit that this part of the matter still lies in the future; but the history of the dealings of the God with His people vindicates the

saying that "man's extremity is God's opportunity," and Joseph will yet produce his own shepherd. "The stone of Israel" or the stone that will smite the image at the feet, when the clay and iron, the brass, the silver and gold, will become as the chaff of a summer threshing floor. The End.—P. S. this article is still marked "continued" but it is the last letter in fathers scrapbook. It is six letters that has been published in The Gospel News that was were written by the late Wm. Cadman, who was father of the present A. B. Cadman and W. H. Cadman. I believe that the pamphlet that he wrote titled 'Daniels Little Horn' serves very much as a conclusion of the Article "Pre-Millennium."

RADIO NEWS

Just as this paper is about to go to print, I learn that the Detroit brethren are broadcasting the Restored Gospel over the air. I phoned to Bro. V. James Lovelvo for some information. Hence this short note.—It is known as "The Gospel Hour" and will be on the air at present from 8:30 to 9:00 E. S. T. each Sunday Morning. Brother V. J. Lovelvo is the announcer, and no doubt will prove himself capable of the task. He is using our own talent from our Churches in Detroit, and Windsor, Ont., and the Editor feels that he has a good field to draw from. Any person or persons having a special hymn they would like to have sung, mail your request along with any other help to The Gospel Hour, Station WHLS, Port Huron, Michigan.

INDIAN BOY WRITES

(This young Indian boy has had very little schooling. I will publish his letter just about the way he writes it to me.)

Dear brother Cadman, How are you getting along? My Mother and Bro. is well, and all the Bros. and Sisters as far as I know. But when I went hunting last Sat. it was a cold day. I went from Bro. Amos place.—with his boy Roy. When I was back of his place my feet got cold, so I went to Bro. Amos house and get them warm. But I did not know the frost had got my feet, and when I went inside the store at Muncey that night, that is how I know my feet was bit by frost. I told Almen to take me to Bro. Geo. Nicholas's place to be anointed. So he took me there. Bro. Geo. anointed me. My feet is still not so good

yet, but tell the Bros. and sisters to pray for me that my feet may be healed. I know the Lord will help us if we trust in Him in a humble way. About two or three weeks ago I was walking up stairs in the house. I did not have a light, I ran into a spike, it had cut my eye a little, the blood came running, but my Uncle was home at the time, he said call the Doctor, I said no it will be alright. I could not see out of it very good. I told my Mother to put Bless oil on it. But the next morning was Sunday. I went to church it was a windy day I seen somebody at the store, they said my eye was bad. They told me not to get cold in it. And there was a meeting in London that night. Bro. Dominico (Cotellesse) ask me to go. I said I would go, when the meeting was over the little boy asked to be anointed, Bro. Dominico ask him what was wrong, he said he was sick. When he got through with him I said in my mind I want to be anointed. When I said that in my mind bro Dominico ask me do you want to be anointed, I said yes. He said he was waiting for me to ask him But I did not. But the Lord works in a mysterious way his wonders to perform.

The Lord bless's me manys a time, Pray for me. The Lord had called me in my young age in the Gospel, pray that he may use me in some way to work among my Indian People, for they are many reserve's have not heard the gospel yet.

Yet manys a time I have fell short before Him. But the Lord is willing to help us along. I do not know what to write. Yet I feel thankful to be in the service of God. In this world we find much sorrow, in the Gospel we find joy and peace. Well this letter I think is a little long but I feel I should tell you this. This is all for now May Gods blessing be with you is my prayer. From your Brother in Christ, Edmund Seneca. —P. S. I hope you can read my poor righting and spelling. —P. S. Edmund is one of our Indian boy converts at Muncey, Ont., his learning has been very much limited. He is possibly 17 or 18 years old; but I believe in the letter he has written, he conveys the thought, he wants to do what is right. I have visited their home often, have eaten at their table several times, he and his mother live in a log house on the Reservation. He likes to trap and hunt, also to fish. His father was a very nice, kind and friendly man,

but died about two years ago. His Mother has also been baptized in the Church. When I spent about two weeks in the rooms on the back of our Church a couple of years ago, holding meetings, Sister Seneca and other of the Indian people brought me food and were very kind to me. Brother Edmund: you are yet young, keep out of bad company and do what is right, go out in the Bush often and pray, and the Lord will bless you and your Indian people. There are better days ahead for your race. May the Lord hasten the day — Brother Cadman.

A LETTER TO THE SAINTS

Several months ago, as I knelt before God in prayer, I had an experience of seeing three words float across the bed at which I was kneeling. Each of these words was enclosed in a ball of light. They advanced slowly in the direction of my forehead, which they penetrated, to enter my thought stream. The three words were, "Send vine dressers."

I understood instantly, upon receiving these words, that I was to ask God to send vine dressers to the church. A short time later, as I pondered the significance of this experience, it occurred to me that the words "vine dressers" had a familiar ring. Where should I look for scriptural confirmation? Where, indeed, but in the parable of the pruning of the vineyard.

Opening the Book of Mormon at the sixth chapter of Jacob, I read these words: "The Lord sent His servants into the vineyards, to prune and to nourish them, that the hidden things of the Lord might be revealed." Delighted, I called my wife from another room to read to her what I had found; little realizing that I did so to establish the word of the Lord in the mouth of two witnesses.

The reader has perhaps already guessed that these words are not to be found in the sixth chapter of Jacob. The fact that they were there at the time referred to, shall, however, remain to me forever a living reality. I understood their application to be as follows: The Lord sent His servants into the vineyard to prune and to nourish them, (the saints) that the hidden things of the Lord might be revealed. What the hidden things of the Lord are, I, of course, do not know. The very fact that they are

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EDITORIAL

Brother John Mancini, his wife and son John Charles, visited this Branch on Jan. 16. You may not all know it, but the Mancini family have moved to Erie, Pa., where Bro. Mancini is employed by the General Electric Co. While here Bro. John occupied the Pulpit on the morning of the above date. Everybody, I believe was glad to hear Brother John again. On returning home, Sister Mancini's Mother, sister Maggie Behanna returned with them to visit for a week. Any one wishing to write to brother Mancini, can do so by addressing him as follows; 2122 Union Ave. Wesleyville, Erie, Pa. I will add that Brother Mancini is assisting the brethren from Youngstown, and Fredonia in the work at Albion, Pa.

Any one wanting to obtain any back issues of The Gospel News, I have some and will mail them to you for ten cents per copy. If you will buy yourself a cheap Loose Leaf binder in the 5 & 10 cent stores, you will find that your papers can be preserved very conveniently therein. In years to come your papers will be very nice to have.—We have cloth-bound Books of Mormon for sale at \$1.00 each; Hymn Books, \$1.50 each. Church History \$2.50 each plus ten cts. postage. A few leather bound Books of Mormon \$4.00 each. Sunday School Lesson Books 20 cts. each. We have other literature as well. Editor.

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hidden things demands that their identity be kept a secret.

However, let us turn back the pages of time and apply these same words to another and much more extensive pruning process which occurred among the gentile nations beginning with Luther and ending with Wesley. "The Lord sent His servants, the reformers, into the vineyard of the gentile nations, to prune and to nourish them, that the hidden things of the Lord, i. e. the

Record of the Nephites, might be revealed.

If a member of the Church of Jesus Christ were to be caught up and somehow transported back to those centuries preceeding the advent of Luther upon the stage of gentile reform, he would notice among other things the strangely contrasting pattern of the natural lives of those who lived in Rome-ruled lands, with the pattern of the natural lives of men, women and children in America; particularly of those who comprise the body of the Church of the Prince of Peace.

A glance at the family life of that day would reveal a conformity to type that would be startling in its implications. The aggressive husband, whose word was absolute law. The cowed, over-awed, too submissive wife, who upon every occasion reflected the degeneracy of the husband. Her yoke was hard and her burden was heavy to be borne. The strict discipline of innocent children, whose impressionable minds and tender hearts must also be molded to the diabolical pattern.

Who was responsible for the gross darkness that covered the minds of these poor people? Ignorance, superstition, poverty, disease and death were rampant everywhere. The common man found it so difficult to obtain life's barest necessities, that he sacrificed all of the energies of body, heart, mind and soul upon the altar of physical need. It seems not to have occurred to him that God either blesses or curses the earth in direct proportion to the righteousness that is in man.

The home, we are told, is the cradle of the nation. Every Rome-ruled home was in those days, as they are today, a dictatorship in miniature, a national dictatorship in embryo.

The Apostle Paul foresaw that the man of sin would one day sit in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. See 2nd. Thess. 2nd chap. 4th verse. We need not examine the tenets of the Roman Church to understand that here is the abandoned temple of the Prince of Peace. We need but glance at the pattern of their lives in the natural to conclude that the beautiful Prince had departed many centuries ago, to a realm whose pattern was more in keeping with his divine kingship. But who is this new resident of the once beautiful temple? Behold the overturned altar, the changed or-

dinances, the broken covenant, As we stumble thru its dark corridors we wonder why the place is so dark and illsmelling. A black shape flits before us for a moment and is gone. It is blacker than the gloom of the temple itself. Aha! This is not the Prince of Peace, whom our souls loveth, but that creature of darkness, the son of perdition, who sits in the temple of God, showing himself, and the people believing wholeheartedly, that he is God.

It is all clear to us now; the too aggressive male, the over-awed, dejected female, the discouraging, fearful obedience of the children. The whole set-up is a torpid fount of bitter waters, which reflects to us the personality of the evil genius who lurks everywhere behind the scenes. Further inquiry reveals to us that he is not content to relinquish his hold upon mankind when time has ceased its onward flight, but seeks to extend his kingdom beyond the grave. He promises them a fiery purgatory. We fear that it shall be unto them even as they believe.

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it. Malachi 3rd chapter, 10th verse.

How shall we prove him? Well, you don't put a square peg in a round hole. If the pattern of our lives in the natural agrees minutely with the pattern of life in the heavenly, we shall have created a receptacle, a vessel or a house capable of containing a goodly portion of the spiritual. The temple of Solomon was built to exact specification. God did not condescend to fill that house with His Glory until it had been completed in every detail. When every husband has the same attitude toward the wife as Christ has for the church; when every wife has the same attitude toward the husband as the church has toward her redeemer and king; when every parent enlists the cooperation of every child in obeying them intelligently as creatures of free will, then, and not until then, shall the pattern of our home life approximate that of the spiritual. The Lord teaches His children as creatures of free will. We must learn to do the same. C. S. Lewis, in "The case for Christianity," says that free will, though it makes evil possible, is also the only thing that makes possible any

love or goodness or joy worth having. A world of automata—of creatures that worked like machines—would hardly be worth creating. The happiness which God designs for His higher creatures is the happiness of being freely, voluntarily united to Him and to each other in an ecstasy of love and delight compared with which the most rapturous love between a man and a woman on this earth is mere milk and water. And for that they've got to be free.

If you don't put a square peg in a round hole, neither do you set the four-square City New Jerusalem on the seven hills of Rome. It wouldn't fit.

What great thing would happen if we could arrange the pattern of home life to operate on the same sturdy principles as those of the spiritual? Should we not have led captivity captive? Should we not have regained the dominion of the marriage state? It is the first step in regaining the dominion of the earth.

Think of the potentials in these opposite patterns. While Rome is producing her dictatorships, with its attending miseries of superstition, ignorance, disease and death, the Church of Jesus Christ will quietly produce the children of Zion, who go to build an eternal City, the like of which has never been seen in the earth.

The reformers, beginning with Luther, were a class of people who were primarily interested in learning. It was their difficult task to awaken the intellects of a people who were primarily interested in getting. Let us not suppose that these poor earth bound creatures were actuated by greed, but by necessity. The devil, by many cunning devices, induces men and women to believe that the spiritual, after all, is right here in the natural. He subtly hints that we ought to worship the creature more than the creator. He creates an ever widening gulf between man and God by dispossessing them of everything except that which they are able to apprehend by the use of the physical senses.

We receive our most vivid and lasting impressions through the sense of sight. The super psychologist, satan, knows it, too. His poor, deluded victims imagine they see God in crosses, prayer books, rosaries, vestments, pipe organs and stained glass windows. How well the reformers succeeded in teaching these misguided ones is evidenced by the fact that America

was built by these who were pruned and nourished in the ways of the Lord.

They were a people who dedicated their lives to the proposition that they should seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, trusting that all things would thereby be added unto them. They arranged the pattern of their natural lives to agree more perfectly with the pattern of the heavenly.

What was the over all, grand result? America became, in the eyes of the nations, a bit of heaven. Men and women from lands across the sea came here in such numbers that we had to enact legislation restricting their numbers. Alas, that the getters should come to America seeking the abundance produced by those who sought first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness.

When God first touched the heart of Martin Luther, the Gentile Nations, like some great sleeping giant, began to stir in its sleep. That first touch of the spirit in the life of Luther started the long, long march of the human family back to the Ancient of days. Aroused, Luther took a few faltering steps in the wilderness toward the green pastures of restoration. Others took up the torch where Luther left off. Some two hundred years later, John Wesley arrived at the borderland of complete restoration, but like the children of Israel, was denied entry into its promised land.

They were as the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Repent ye. Make straight the pathways of the Lord. They did their work well. They created a pattern in the earth, that had a wonderful capacity to contain the heavenly. All things were now ready. The record of God's dealings with the Nephites, "sprung out of the earth, and righteousness looked down from heaven." See 85th Psalm.

The founding Fathers of America gave us an excellent interpretation of the moral law when they drew up our constitution. The heavens inspired them, as Katherine Lee Bates has said in "America the Beautiful," to confirm the soul of America in self control, her liberty in law. This pattern of things, this lawful order of things in the earth, made it possible for the Angel (Moroni) to fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, saying with a

loud voice, fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of His judgment is come. and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. See Rev. 14th chap. the 6th and 7th verses. We ask the reader to note particularly the fact that the hour of God's judgment had come. Why?

Consider well the relationship of law to that of free will. Where there is no law, there is no condemnation. Where the moral law is in force, there is free will. Free will in America is a testimony to the excellence of our law, which gives every man and woman the right to worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience. If liberty in America was predicated upon a knowledge of the moral law, if the creation of a pattern having the capacity to contain the heavenly arose from a knowledge of that law, what possible excuse could Americans have had to refuse the gifts of heaven? Does a square hole refuse a square peg?

The reformers did such a good job of pruning and nourishing the gentiles, that they should of had no cloak for the sin of refusal. "They all began with one consent to make excuse." See Luke 14th chap. 18th verse. You can't make excuses unless you know what the standard of moral conduct is. The gentiles in Joseph Smith's day knew—and made excuses. Because they had been pruned and nourished in the ways of the Lord; because America was created a receptacle having the capacity to house the spiritual; because the exercise of free will had been established as a lawful order of things; because the true light of heaven was now in their midst—the hour of God's judgment had come. The evil genius of the dark temple didn't like this order of things. His kingdom suffered an agonizing blow when the Lord raised up Joseph Smith to restore the light of heaven to the earth. The story of how the rebel prevailed against the true government is well known to the saints. We need not recount his misdeeds in this topic.

The newly pruned grape vine is a naked looking thing. Those long branches, which claimed so much of the vital fruit bearing sap to support them, have been cut away. The short branches that remain seem to snuggle up closer to the vine, as if seeking, in their denuded state, for comfort. We are almost moved to feelings of pity

as we observe its forlorn demeanor. As winters cold breath is modified by the gentle zephyrs of spring, the short, strong branches, freed of the necessity of supporting a superfluous foliage, concentrate on bringing forth its fruits more abundantly.

Brothers and sisters, let us not be surprised if we are asked to lay aside ideas and traditions. As we observed on another occasion—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. To change, to grow, we must first learn. That word learn is the keynote of the latter day glory. Not those who are interested in getting, but those who are interested in learning, those who seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, shall inherit the earth.

Not the getters, but the sincere seekers after truth, shall come to America in those abundant, fruitful years to come. "And many nations shall come, and say, come, 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 shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem." Micah 4th chap. 2nd verse.

By Brother James Curry.

"TO THE NATIONS" Read What The Prophet Says

Zechariah chapter 12: "The burden of the word of the Lord for Israel, saith the Lord, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundations of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him.—Behold, will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem.—And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.—In that day, saith the Lord, I will smite every horse with astonishment, and his rider with madness; and I will open mine eyes upon the house of Judah, and will smite every horse of the people with blindness.—And the governors of Judah shall say in their heart, The inhabitants of Jerusalem shall be my strength in the Lord of hosts their God.—In that day will I make

the governors of Judah like an hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and they shall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left: and Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, even in Jerusalem.—The Lord also shall save the tents of Judah first, that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem do not magnify themselves against Judah.—In that day shall the Lord defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of the Lord before them. And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. — And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for Him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his first born.—In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon.—And the land shall mourn, every family apart; the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart;—The family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart; the family of Shimei apart, and their wives apart; All the families that remain, every family apart, and their wives apart.

It is evident from the foregoing prophecy, that the time will come when Jerusalem and the land of Palestine shall become a burden to the Nations. May I ask: has it not reached that stage now? The ex-prime Minister (Churchill) of Great Britain, only recently in effect: advised Britain to withdraw from Palestine unless the United States would do so and so. The Jews seem to be very sternly set against the partitioning of their home land, or against any other move that would tend to deprive them of that which the God of Israel once gave their fathers. Gentile nations had better take warning, lest haply they find themselves fighting against the God who has said: that He will gather Israel back again to their own lands. The Jews rejected their Messiah, (Jesus Christ) they overlooked the "mark," and for that

reason have suffered at the hands of most nations, even though the latter have in "word" accepted Jesus as the Prince of Peace; though in reality have not followed in His footsteps. But have persecuted a helpless people, (Jews) and not only men, but women and children.

God is not asleep, but is wide awake to the hypocrisy of the Gentile Nations, who profess to believe in His Son, yet do not that which He taught: "Thou shalt return good for evil." According to the Prophet Zechariah, the Lord will save the TENTS of Judah first. He will even make the feeble ones like unto David, him, who slew the lion, also the bear, and felled the mighty Giant. The Lord says: In that day He will smite the horse and its rider. He shall pour the spirit of grace and supplications upon the INHABITANTS of Jerusalem and they shall look upon Me whom they have pierced etc, May we not be approaching the time when their looked-for Messiah shall descend upon the Mount of Olives and fight their battle for them? To all Nations you had better beware for the land of Palestine was given to the Jewish people by the God who rules both in heaven and in earth, and His word will be fulfilled in regards to Judah and Palestine, in spite of the Gentile Nations with all their power. It is time the Nations were beating their swords into plow-shares, and get down on their knees and worship the God who made the heavens and the earth, and all there is therein, etc. and worship Him according to the METHOD laid down by His Son: Jesus Christ who ye profess to believe. (WHC)

VANDERBILT MISSION (By Milton H. Barnhart)

Brother Editor: We of the Vanderbilt Mission were organized on Saturday evening, January 18th. Brothers Anthony DiBattista and James Curry were present with us. We felt the spirit of God in the organization.

On Sunday, Jan. 19th, we had two meetings. In the afternoon we attended to the ordinance of Washing Feet. I believe all present were very much blessed. The spirit of God was surely with us. We hope and pray that the Mission will continue in unity and grow to be one of the greatest, if not the greatest Mission throughout the Church. I really feel that there is much work to be done throughout this dis-

trict. We are still holding our meeting at the Fayette County home every other Wednesday evening. (Brother Milton, may the Lord bless your efforts, WHC.)

NEWS ITEM (Youngstown, Ohio)

Sister Minnie DePiero of Youngstown, was presented with a beautiful linen Kerchief from the Ladies' Uplift Circle for not missing any meetings since they organized at that place.

HERALD OF HOLINESS (By Superintendent Chapman)

Q. What is the safe rule about buying and selling on Sunday?

A. The rule about selling is "don't do it." The rule about buying is the same, although the Christian spirit allows for emergencies like medicine and such like. But the idea of buying groceries, cold drinks and other such things is entirely beside the question. No one's Christian influence is promoted by doing such things.

COMMUNION (By Brother Patterson)

Then Jesus said unto them, Verily Verily, I say unto you, except ye eat of the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink His blood, ye have no life in you. John 6:53. . . Who eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. John 6:54. . . For My flesh is meat indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. John 6:55. . . He that eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, dwelleth in Me, and I in him. John 6:56. . . And let us live in such a way so to commune at all times, and not take the bread and wine unworthily; but as a stimulant to the "Inner Man" — The Soul.

"AN EXPERIENCE" (Contributed by Michael Fehr of Fords, N. J.)

We had a baptism of a man recently who was injured in World War I. Seven years ago he saw a wonderful vision in the sky. A beautiful bride in a Bridal Gown, and also the number 22 written in the sky. This vision he had seen three times in three years, and he always wondered what it meant. He was baptized Jan. 26, 1947, but asked for baptism on Jan. 22. He is now satisfied that the number 22 meant that he would be called to obey the gospel on the 22nd day of the year. — Brother Alex Suto.

LOUIS CHECCHI, PASSES ON

Louis Checchi, 39 of Allenport, Pa., was stricken while riding in a friend's car in North Charleroi and died before arriving at the Charleroi-Monessen hospital at ten p. m. Saturday, Jan. 25.

He was born in Dunlevy March 8, 1907, and was a member of Garbaldi Lodge of Dunlevy and the N. I. P.A. of Monessen, Pa.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Bessie Griffith Checchi, and three children, Louis, Joseph and Donald all at home. Two brothers, Ermindo of Dunlevy, John of Monessen, and two sisters, Mrs. Tony Vivian and Mrs. Joseph Righetti, both of Monessen, also survive. Funeral services were conducted by W. H. Cadman in the Methodist church at Allenport, January 29. Mr. Checchi was a son-in-law of Brother James Griffith of Allenport, Pa. The Gospel News extends its sympathy to the bereaved ones.

"A REFRESHING TIME"

(From McKees Rocks, Pa.
February 11, 1947)

Our hearts were gladdened last Sunday afternoon by the testimonies of a few visitors who favored us by stopping in at the meeting while in this locality. Brother Dominic Giovannone and sons of Warren, Ohio arrived just before the opening of the meeting. He was called to open the service and related to us many of his experiences. While so doing we felt the power of God present and we indeed feasted of the many things he touched upon. We rejoiced in the zeal he displayed to glorify God, not only among the saints, but in every place wherever he might be found.

In the midst of our rejoicing we were again pleasantly surprised by having brother Paul D'Amico along with brother Carmine Rossi and family drop in on us. He likewise related many experiences and of his great desire to see the Gospel spread, which seemed to buoy our spirits to new determinations, to strive even harder in the future than we have done in the past.

It was his first visit to this branch and we hope there will be many more like this one in the days to come. We started the meeting early and we remained late; with the many wonderful words spoken and with the peace and blessings of God abiding, and the power of God manifested, we

all are able truthfully to say "it was good to be there."

We are grateful to these brothers for cheering us, and refreshing our spirits. May the Lord repay them richly, that they might be able to so continue, for no doubt there are many standing in need of being refreshed today. We read in Corinthians on one occasion, that even the apostle Paul's spirit was "refreshed" by a group of saints. Surely if a man as he needed refreshing, in his day and time, how much more do we? May God give each of us grace and enough of His Spirit to enable each of us to be apostles of cheer, that by our efforts many might be refreshed, especially those who are laboring diligently in the vineyard of the Lord.

DID YOU SPEAK OF SACRIFICE (By Sara Vancik)

Several weeks ago I heard a Lady Missionary speak on the radio. She had come back to the States for the birth of her child, and the day after the broadcast, she, her husband and child were leaving for South America. As she explained, they were Missionaries and loved their work among the Indians, knowing they were doing good in bringing those people to a knowledge of Christ.

She said they had to be very careful in approach as the Indians in this territory were savage. They had already killed five of their Missionaries. When asked if she was not afraid to go back she answered, "Oh no, that is our work."

First they had to gain the confidence of the natives in order to be able to get them to help build some homes. Then her work began. She studied the language of the natives and translated the Gospels of the Testament into the Indian language. Then she says, in no time at all, we have the Indians sitting around listening to the story of Christ. It is a wonderful work, and in appreciation of their labors, her interviewer presented her with a "movie camera" to take with her. Their field of labor is in Bolivia.

OUR FIRST LETTER

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ: as I sit here reading our little paper "The Gospel News," I feel to write a few lines of encouragement to all readers. I want to say my companion and I are enjoying the Spirit of God very much. these cold wintry days. I want to

say, God sure has been, and is with us. Praise His Holy Name. You know dear brothers and sisters, we are only babes in the Church yet. It will not be a year until the third of March since we were baptized into Christ, but I must say it has been the happiest year of our life, though we suffer many persecutions. I know the last few days have been very hard going, so please pray for us.

Brothers Smith, Ashton, and Claravino were here to spend a night or two with us, and we felt much blessed. Also brother Kirschner spend a couple of days with us, and I will say I never felt the blessing of God anymore in all my life, than I did then. May God always bless these brethren and keep them by His side is my prayer in Jesus Holy Name. I wish brother Kirschner could spend more time with us, for he did do me lots of good, or shall I say God did. I feel as if some of the brothers could come up here and labour a few weeks, there could be much good done. Let us pray that God may see fit to send some one up here. I hope the good Lord will provide a way, so we may be able to attend the Conference in Detroit this coming April, for I did enjoy myself in Youngstown, Ohio last year. So pray for us. With love I remain your brother in Christ. S. L. Martin, Box 111, Farwell, Michigan.

A LETTER

(From Brother Nellis)

I am in receipt of a lengthy letter from Brother Nellis of Coleman, Mich. in which he gives a very extensive account of his travels with Brother Kirschner of the Monongahela Branch of the Church. From the account given in the letter, it would seem that they made good use of their time in visiting at various places, and it is to be hoped that much good seed was sown. They spent a few days in Windsor, Ont., and report a wonderful time among the saints there.

They visited at Detroit, Ypsilanti, Flint and many other places in the interest of spreading the Gospel. In the Coleman-Farwell district they held a number of meetings in homes and in Churches, and seemed to have created much interest with the many who were in attendance. These latter places, or the home of brother and sister Nellis (Coleman) is about one hun-

dred and fifty miles north and a little west of Detroit, consequently it is a cold country, and they encountered much snow which hindered them from getting around as they would of done had the weather been more favorable, though I think they did very well indeed. It is to be hoped that much good will be the results of their trip. I am in receipt of a card from Bro. A. B. Cadman, also one from Bro. Furnier. I learn from one of these cards of a son of brother Nellis who is in U. S. service is attending meetings out there. These cards were written in San Diego, Calif. (W. H. C.)

Nuggets From "Religious Experience"

About this time, that is 1873, or perhaps some earlier, Charles Brown related a dream in a Sabbath morning's meeting in West Elizabeth. He dreamed that himself and some other brethren heard men rapping in the coal mine there for help; they listened, and concluded that these men were closed in by a fall that had taken place in the mine, and went to work to accomplish their deliverance; they finally ceased their efforts, and left those men to die.

After a considerable time had elapsed, and it was supposed these men were all dead, these brethren heard them rapping again; they were much astonished to find that they were still living, and aroused themselves to make another effort to accomplish their deliverance. The second effort was successful. In a short time they found a place, where, by only moving a few cars of loose coal, they effected an entrance, and carried these parties out to the light of day; they were wrapped in blankets, and had the appearance of Indians. These saints offered prayers to God in their behalf, which were soon answered, and they revived; one, I remember it turned out to be a woman, who arose and glorified God; and, almost immediately, was transformed into one of youth and beauty, and richly adorned, entirely beyond description. Charles glorified God on account of this dream. The interpretation was given to me, (Wm. Cadman) there and then. I arose and stated that these men being closed in, represented the condition of the Indian race; that we had made one effort

to affect their deliverance. that failed; that we should yet make another effort that would succeed, and what transpired with the woman, represented the adorning of the House of Jacob. This interpretation was accepted, and, I am certain was of God.

Our General Conference of July 1874, was held at Mount Vernon School House, near Greenoak, Pa. I remember, Wm. Bickerton preached at the Sunday morning's meeting. He read a portion of Isaiah; he endeavored to prove that we were Israel, and that the covenants made to Israel were ours. I had a very distinct and powerful operation of the spirit of God that morning; "That we were not Israel, in the sense of being beneficiary under the covenants made to Israel, until we were incorporated with Israel, and that we would not be incorporated with Israel until we had carried the Gospel to Israel." I do not mention this matter for the purpose of reproaching Wm. Bickerton, but for the purpose of correcting an error, which evidently has been with latter day saints from the beginning in all their schemes of gathering. They have been encouraging themselves by the promises made to Israel, under the covenants, and have neglected the first step in that direction which is preaching the Gospel to the seed of Jacob. I can prove this by referring to their Revelations, (reported by themselves) to have been given almost seventy years ago. We, therefore, wish our people to understand this important truth: "That we are simply Israel by the laws of adoption, under the restored Gospel, and that by performance of our duties toward Israel, we have the promise of being partakers with them in the benefits of the covenants made to them. — P. S. I want to remind all my readers, and especially all members of The Church of Jesus Christ, that the wonderful things we talk so much about, the peaceful reign, yea the time when the people of God will dwell under their own Vine and Fig Tree, yea, the time when Jesus says "I will be in your midst," the building of the New Jerusalem upon this land of promise. I speak to you all with a voice of warning: These things are dependent upon our activity in carrying this Gospel to the seed of Joseph. His offspring is to be the first born saith the prophet. We as Gentiles shall only be their assistants in building that wonderful city. Sincerely (WHC).

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"HE IS RISEN"

As we read over the last chapters of the four Gospels we find these three words, which never were spoken or written before or since of any one. "He is Risen", and what wonderful words they were: for they still are to us tidings of great joy and comfort. For had He not risen, our hope would be in vain.

With sad hearts the followers of Jesus left the tomb where they had laid Him; but oh what joy as they came to the sepulchre and found the stone rolled away, which had been made secure by the decree of Pilate. Matt. 28-63, 68 inclusive. The chief priests and Pharisees had remembered He had said: "After three days I will rise again." But the closest friends of Jesus in their sorrow had forgotten those words, until after He appeared to them—then they remembered—As the two disciples who went to the village of Emmaus when He appeared to them they said, (and I love those words) "Did not our hearts burn within us, while He talked with us by the way, and while He opened to us the scriptures?" But when the women who came to the sepulchre first ran and told the disciples that He was risen, they did not believe until they came and saw for themselves. Then Thomas who was not in the upper-room when Jesus made His appearance to all the disciples, still doubted until the dear Lord showed him His hands and His feet and His side, and said: be not faithless but believing. It seems to me I can hear Thomas say those words: "My Lord and My God." And the words of Jesus to him, "Thomas because thou hast seen thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen and yet have believed." John 20-29. After many appearances to His followers in Palestine, He also made His appearance on this land of ours—as recorded in the history of the Nephite people—who had looked forward to His appearing which had been prophesied, and revealed to them by righteous men who were among them—III Nephi—So with us today, after so many years have passed, rejoice with the disciples of old—and repeat these words,

Oh Jesus Lord how can it be
That you would die to set me free

Upon the Cross! what agony

You took my place to set me free
No strength nor power
Could hold the tomb
Where Jesus laid in that lone hour,
But oh what joy came from within!

He broke the band of death and sin.

Triumphant over all His foes
Our great Redeemer Christ arose

And now upon the throne above
Exalted reigns, where all is Love.

Glory to God—with angels sing
We'll praise His name our Lord and King.

"O grave, where is thy victory
And say, O Death, where is thy sting?"

By Sadie B. Cadman

Downey, Calif. — February 20, 1947.

I suppose the readers of the Gospel News will be looking for a report of our trip west, so we'll attempt to give an outline of our travels.

I left home January 14 and arrived in Cleveland to spend a night with brother Biscotti, then left the next day for Detroit, leaving there in company with brother and sister Furnier by automobile on January 17. We spent the night at Richmond, Ind. Leaving the next morning by way of Indianapolis, crossing the Ohio River to Paducah, Ky. going south to Fulton where we put up for the night. We then proceeded south to Memphis, Tenn., where we crossed the Mississippi River to Arkansas, traveled west to Little Rock where we crossed the Arkansas River, then to Arkadelphia, where we spent the night. Leaving this town January 20, crossed the line into Texas at Texarkana. Part of this town is in Texas and part in Arkansas. The post office and county court house building are on the line of the two states. We then went to Dallas and Fort Worth, Tex. These are very nice towns. We spent the night at a place called Ranger, leaving Ranger at 6:45 A.M. We passed through the oil fields and refineries at Midland and Abilene. We did not encounter any snow and had very nice weather except one day of rain through Arkansas. We stayed all night of January 21 at Sierra Blanca about eighty-six miles east of El Paso, which town is on the western edge

of Texas, right on the Mexican border. Going north to Las Vegas, N. Mex., then on to Tuscon, Ariz., then north to Phoenix, arriving at 9 P. M. This was our longest days drive of about five hundred fifty miles, although we had some tire trouble.

I went to James Yates' home and was gladly received and put up for the night. Leaving there the next day at 9:30 A.M. for Los Angeles, the seventh and last day of our trip a distance of four hundred miles. Arriving at brother Stroud's home 7:30 P. M. where we were served a good meal and we were hungry, at the end of about twenty-eight hundred miles of driving, which was done alone by brother Furnier. Very grateful for our safe arrival without an accident.

Sister Stanley Labananskas came and took us to their home. We visited many of our church members and attended Sabbath School and Church. In speaking of the glory of Christ's birth, also a greater glory of his resurrection and still a greater glory of his appearing that is to come, much liberty being manifested to the satisfying of all present. Brother Furnier spending most of his time at brother Heaps' home, while I put up at brother Stanley's. We spent the second Sabbath at church.

We then went south to San Diego about twenty-five miles from Mexico. Visited our people there for two weeks, had very good meetings and in one of these meetings two young men arose and asked for baptism, namely, Benjamin Cicatti and Chris Thomas, which was attended to by Elder-Pasquale D'Battista at Mission Bay.

Brother D'Battista has his passports now to go to Argentina on his long desired missionary trip.

Will write more later.

A. B. Cadman

"Appreciation"

By Nicholas Liberts of San Diego, California.

Brother A. B. Cadman,

I guess the time has come, that you must depart, so I wish you a merry and happy time on your journey and stay in Los Angeles. Hoping you will be back some time soon again. We have enjoyed your company and stay to the utmost part of our heart. Your talks and teachings have lifted us in spirit

and faith. So please do come back again some time soon.

May God be with you in your travels and talks wherever you may be. I hope and pray that your work in Los Angeles may be to some avail to all the souls there.

So good-bye until we meet again.

"Jesus made an High Priest"

(Hebrews 6-30)

Priesthood, briefly stated, is authority from God, the right to represent him, the authority to perform the rights and ceremonies essential to the well-being of mankind.

Elders are of the Melchisedec priesthood, and as such are to administer in spiritual things. To administer in secular things is important, but to administer in spiritual things is a most sacred responsibility.

Elders are to conduct meetings as they are led by the Holy Ghost. There must, therefore, be a very close relationship existing between the two. He must be in possession of the Holy Spirit, and this Spirit will not dwell in unholy temples.

Elders are to teach. To teach is to cause others to know. To be able to do this the elder must first have a knowledge of the things to be taught; and second, must present the matter in such a way that those being taught may have a similar understanding.

The elders are to "be of cheerful heart and countenance among themselves and in their intercourse with their neighbors and men of the world, yet they must be without blame in word and deed." The work of the elder will bring him in touch with others than those of like precious faith, but whether associating with fellow members or men of the world, he must be without blame in his conduct as well as in the word spoken.

Elders must be clean, clean in body and clothing, and none the less clean in thought, word, and deed. His every act of a character to cheer them and encourage men in righteousness.

The elder must be frugal. Frugal with his time, that he may prepare himself for efficient service and be able to occupy wisely in position of trust, that he may discharge his duties acceptably to God and humanity.

Thus I have enumerated a few of the duties and responsibilities of the office of elder.

Be you, therefore, my brethren, to think seriously upon these

things. That you realize you are about to take upon you a very sacred trust which will bring to you honor and glory as you shall in uprightness, faithfulness, and diligence discharge your duties acceptably to God, and your labors shall be a great blessing to humanity.

May God bless you in your labors as elders.

In a letter I have received from Brother Furnier, him and his wife and brother A. B. Cadman who have been in California, expect to be back in the east for the April conference at Detroit, Mich.

Note: Our brethren are exerting themselves very hard in endeavoring to broadcast the Gospel over the air. From what I am informed, there is already some favorable comment coming their way. At present the area covered is much limited, but remember that the little "Acorns" make big trees. Any help that you can afford, address: The Gospel Hour, Station W H L S Port Huron, Michigan.

The Editor and his wife along with Brother Bittinger and his wife have just returned from a trip to Cherokee, North Carolina, where we spent several days on the Cherokee Reservation. We visited many homes of the Indian people, and were made welcome among them. On Sunday March 16th, we attended their meetings morning and evening, and was given the opportunity of speaking some in both meetings. We also attended a singing practice of their Choir and they have a fine Chorus. In visiting their homes we find some of them very poor. We were made welcome by them with a pressing invitation to come back again. Their Reservation in area covers better than 60,000 acres, all mountain land, with very little land that can be cultivated. The Government has a big school on the grounds and it is an alluring spot for tourists. I hope to make another trip there this summer.

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RODEF SHALOM TEMPLE
BROTHERHOOD MEETING AT
Feb. 1-47. Charleroi, Pa.

The Editor of The Gospel News:

Among the prominent Ministers invited to speak at a Brotherhood meeting sponsored by the B'nai B'rith, a prominent Jewish organization and held at the Rodef Shalom Temple, Friday evening February 21, in Charleroi, Pa. was Rev. William Cadman from Monongahela, known as one of the Apostles in the churches of Jesus Christ in the United States and Canada, of which religious organization Rev. Cadman is the President of the Incorporated Church.

The week of February 16 to February 22, was a period dedicated to Brotherhood of America, celebrated throughout the United States by various religious and philanthropic organizations. I believe The Church of Jesus Christ of Monongahela was well represented at this occasion by having Rev. Cadman at this meeting speak to a large audience that filled the Temple almost to capacity. Among other Ministers present were Reverends, Wittkofski, Carter (colored), Rue and Diaz. Rev. Cadman was the outstanding speaker of the evening who gave his message dedicated to Brotherhood in a most enlightened manner that thrilled the audience.

Rev. Cadman, neatly dressed and with his dignified appearance and silver gray hair received a warm welcome and was seated on the extreme right of the pulpit holding a prayer book in his hands printed in Hebrew and English interpretation which he followed as the pages were announced by the officiating minister Dr. Herzlich who opened the meeting with the Friday evening services which is with the Hebrew custom in ushering in the Sabbath. After the prayer meeting the speakers were called upon in order with the evening program.

Rev. Cadman rose from his seat slowly and addressing the pulpit he proceeded with his remarks; "This is the first time that I am in a Hebrew Synagogue, it is my first experience in addressing a Hebrew Congregation in the House of Israel." He concluded his remarks stressing the importance of unity among men of faith, through which medium the preservation of brotherhood and goodwill of fellow-men can prevail among nations. He quoted from Leviticus 19-18, reflecting on the peace of the entire world, dwelling upon brotherhood and that the slogan "Love thy neighbor as thyself" had been preached and practiced in Israel over two thousand years ago. He supported his assertion with quotations in both the

Old and New Testaments, in which he seemed to be well versed. He vigorously denounced anti-semitism and racial prejudice. He made it clear with quotations from the scriptures, that the hope of the Gentiles in achieving their share of heavenly rewards, rests in the hope of the achievement in the House of Israel. The Rodef Shalom Temple was filled near to capacity with an audience of both Gentiles and Jews, who listened eagerly to every word that poured out of his mouth, who spoke in loud and impressive manner, absorbing every word they could grasp within their reach. As he went on in quoting the scripture and denouncing the Godless people whose designs are to persecute and destroy the Israelites that would eventually bring about a judgement and salvation to mankind. It could be plainly seen that he spoke from the heart with a spirit that dawned upon and not from a pre-arranged speech that most speakers hold before them. His talk was direct from his heart with emotion and a feeling that was directed by the Lord as if the spirit of God had been thrown unto him, and that every word that came from his lips was a word of truth and understanding, words that came from the heart, from an honest servant of the Lord.

It could be felt that the message he delivered to an audience composed of Gentiles and Jews, left a spiritual value in promoting a better understanding in inter-faith and it is hoped that such meetings would lead towards promoting a realistic and everlasting brotherly spirit and unity among men of all creeds and all religions throughout the world, Amen.

Sincerely Emil Huttner.

(Mr. Huttner is a member of the Rodef Shalom congregation.)

Lehi Prophecies to the Jews (First Nephi)

I, Nephi, having been born of goodly parents, therefore I was taught somewhat in all the learning of my father; and having seen many afflictions in the course of my days, nevertheless, having been highly favored of the Lord in all my days; yea, having had a great knowledge of the goodness and the mysteries of God, therefore I make a record of my proceedings in my days. 2. Yea, I make a record in the language of my father, which consists of the learning of the Jews and the language of the Egyptians. 3. And I know that the record which I make is true; and I make it with mine own hand; and I make it according to my knowlege. 4. For it

came to pass in the commencement of the first year of the reign of Zedekiah, king of Judah, (My father Lehi, having dwelt at Jerusalem in all his days; and in that same year there came many prophets, prophesying unto the people that they must repent, or the great city Jerusalem must be destroyed. 18. Therefore, I would that ye should know, that after the Lord had shown so many marvelous things unto my father, Lehi, yea, concerning the destruction of Jerusalem, behold he went forth among the people, and began to prophesy and to declare unto them concerning the things which he had both seen and heard. 19. And it came to pass that the Jews did mock him because of the things which he testified of them; for he truly testified of their wickedness and their abominations; and he testified that the things which he saw and heard, and also the things which he read in the book, manifested plainly of the coming of a Messiah, and also the redemption of the world. 20. And when the Jews heard these things they were angry with him; yea, even as with the prophets of old, whom they had cast out, and stoned, and slain; and they also sought his life, that they might take it away. But behold, I, Nephi, will show unto you that the tender mercies of the Lord are over all those whom He hath chosen, because of their faith, to make them mighty even unto the power of deliverance. The second Chapter of First Nephi shows that he (Lehi) took his family and left Jerusalem and departed into the wilderness and eventually crossed the sea to this land now known as America. In all ages, the Lord has moved in mysterious ways to accomplish his purposes. In Genesis 49:22, Joseph's branches were to run over the wall (Sea.)

In Isaiah 16:8 "For the fields of Heshbon languish, and the vine of Sibmah: the lords of the heathen have broken down the principal plants thereof, they are come even unto Jazer, they wandered through the wilderness: her branches are stretched out, they are gone over the sea." (The heathen nations were most always waring with Israel) Lehi was an Israelite the offspring of Joseph who was sold into Egypt. He lived in Jerusalem in the days when Zedekiah was king of Judah. According to the account given by his son Nephi, he prophesied much, warning the Jewish people of impending destruction if they did not repent. He was warned of God to leave Jerusalem. It is interesting to note what the prophet Jeremiah

has to say during that time: See Jeremiah 25:4 "And the Lord hath sent unto you all His servants the prophets, rising early and sending them; but ye have not hearkened, nor inclined your ear to hear." Note the 8th and 9th verses: "Therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts: Because ye have not heard my words, Behold, I will send and take all the families of the north, saith the Lord, and Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will bring them against this land, and against the inhabitants thereof, and against all these nations round about, and will utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, and an hissing, and perpetual desolations, etc." Note the 36th chapter of second Chronicles I will quote the 15th and 16th verses: "And the Lord God of their fathers sent to them by His messengers, rising up betimes, and sending; because He had compassion on His people, and on His dwelling place: But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised His words, and misused His prophets, until the wrath of the Lord arose against His people, till there was no remedy, etc." How wonderful this agrees with the account related by Nephi in the first book of his writings. Lehi had prophesied to those people just prior to the Babylonian captivity. With his family he leaves there and was directed to this land of America, referred to in Deut. 33:13 as Josephs land. Also in Genesis 49:26 "unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills: they shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren." Lehi and his family are descendants of Joseph the son of Jacob.--WHC.

BROTHER PAUL BROWN AND SISTER FRANCESCA BARTOLO PASS ON.

Rochester, New York.

Brother Paul L. Brown, of the Seminole Tribe, was born on August 12, 1870 in Everglades, Florida. He was baptized in the Church of Jesus Christ on May 28, 1933 by Brother Ishmael D'Amico. He died February 11, 1947 and was buried in the State Burial grounds in Penfield, New York.

Sister Francesca Bartolo (Muscola) was born on November 15, 1860 in Italy. She came to the United States on December 13, 1936 and was baptized in the Church of Jesus Christ on April 18, 1937. She

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EDITORIAL

I am a little overcrowded with material for our paper this time, so some of you may find your letters condensed. I am in receipt of a letter from Brother P. DiBattista of San Diego, California. He says he will board a Plane at 5:00 p.m. at Los Angeles on March 31st for Mendoza, Argentina, and due to arrive there on April 3rd 1947. The trip will take 49 and one-quarter hours. His ticket alone cost him \$645.15. The following is a request he makes of us all: "Dear brother Cadman, I would like to make a request that you present my case before the Church and ask all the saints to pray for me that the Lord may accompany me with His Holy Spirit, and give me success to bring many souls to the knowledge of the true restored Gospel of these latter days." (Let us all remember Brother Patsy. W. H. C.)

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entered into rest on February 25, 1947 and is survived by one son, Francesco, and three daughters: Mrs. Mary Moriale, Mrs. Angela Porta and Mrs. Rose Michla. She leaves also 9 grandchildren and 3 great grand children.

Our brother and Sister have gone to their Eternal Reward and while we mourn their departure, we rejoice to know that they are now safe in the arms of Jesus. May we all live faithful to the very end and thereby gain that same Crown after all is said and done here on earth.
(Brother Paul D'Amico)

JOHN W. DILLINGER PASSES ON

Brother Dillinger of near Uniontown, Pa. died at his home on March 17th, after a brief illness. He leaves his wife and several children to mourn his loss. He was baptized into the Church about 16 years ago, and was a member of the Bittner Mission. He was 69 years old and was well spoken of by all that knew him. Funeral services were conducted on March 19th, by a Minister of the Nazarene Church.

NICHOLAS FARAGASSO PASSES ON

At this date there has not been any word received of the funeral services of Brother Faragasso. However it was generally known that he was very poorly. Word has been received that he died on March 15, and was to be buried on March 19th. His home was in New Brunswick, New Jersey and was one of our most promising young Elders in the Church. He leaves a wife and three children, his parents and many other loved ones to mourn his loss. May the Lord comfort them all. Personally, I regret his passing for he was a fine young man in the church, and no doubt will be much missed by those of his Branch of the Church where he Presided. Let us all have confidence in God that He doeth all things well, and let us abide by His will. Some day we may all understand better than we do now. Brother Cadman

JOHN H. RENNIE PASSES ON

John H. Rennie 58 years old, son of the late William and Ellen Cadman Rennie of West Elizabeth, Pa., died at Miami, Florida February 20th. Services were held at the Abraham Funeral Home in West Elizabeth on Tuesday 25th. Brother W. H. Cadman of Monongahela officiating, burial in Round Hill Cemetery. Surviving are three brothers, Harvey and Ralph of West Elizabeth community, and Harry of Los Angeles, California. Three sisters, Mrs. Lillian Byers and Mrs. Jessie Burd of West Elizabeth, and Mrs. Gertrude Shearer of Butler, Pa. John was a veteran of World War I, was overseas two years in Bat. F. 323 Field Art., was in the Army of occupation in Germany, and a member of American Legion 29, Miami, Florida.—John Rennie was a nephew to W. H., and A. B. Cadman.

Letter From Florida

A letter from Brother Frank Sirangelo of West Palm Beach informs us that himself, wife and daughter motored to Tampa on February 22, held a meeting at the home of Sister Amalong and restored her to fellowship in the Church. Sister Amalong has spent sometime in Florida, due to an affliction that she has been suffering with, for sometime past. She is much improved now. (We had special prayer in her behalf here in Monongahela a short time ago.) We are glad to know of her improvement.

Brother Sirangelo, with his wife and daughter stayed all night with her and enjoyed their visit, though Sister Amalong was a stranger to them. It was quite a long drive for them, as I understand about 200 miles one way. We are informed in the letter that Brother and Sister Faragasso Sr. of Boynton Beach are at present in New Jersey, due to the serious condition of their son, Nicholas, Jr. He also reports that Brother Schultz family are all well. Brother Sirangelo— Address, Air Base Trailer Park, Route 1, Box 562. West Palm Beach, Florida.

St. John, Kansas, March, 13,
Dear Brother and Readers,

A few lines to let you know our whereabouts; Brother Dulisse and I are as ever, busy at the Lord's business. We left Detroit Thursday, February 27th. Arrived at Holidays home that evening, in southern Indiana. Here we had a good visit and left Church literature, along with our testimony of this Church.

Next day was spent in calling at 4 or 5 homes, we had three fine visits and prayers as we left them. Many things were spoken of God's love and of the follies that befall men and women, in the restoration work. We left our Book of Mormon with one home who had seen the evils of the Church in that community: As she told us how God had led her, and warned her of things that took place in their family, before they happened, yes she is one of God's children and our prayer was that he might guide her footsteps.

We stayed that night in Paoli, Indiana at a Brothers home whom I have learned to love, because of his humility. They made room for us, though they were in close quarters to live and his wife not well either. This shows that they have the love of God with them. We left there on March 1st, and went through western Kentucky, and into southern Missouri, to Dexter.

We went to the Hartle home, where I had been many times before. They had sold their old farm, so we found our way to their new home. We were glad to see them, and they glad to see me: As I had not seen them for three years. We had a fine visit there and stayed there two nights. Were there over the Lord's day; talked much of this Church from the East—Isaiah, 41:2, 15-46:9,13. Also on the BRANCH, Zech. 6:12,13-and 3:8 and Isa. 4:2,6-To build the Lord's house and to be Glorious in that day. Yes we as this Church have the promises of God as has no other Church of the

Restoration. And as the Apostle Paul said: What manner of MEN (and WOMEN) ought we to be? Yes we are thankful for the true and righteous brothers and sisters we have found in this Church.

We left there Monday, March 3rd, of course we called on others, and on a daughter of the Hartles, and was made most welcome though her husband was not at home. Yes, we left literature of this Church at all places we visited except one, and they refused it. After this sister desired to make dinner for us and we had enjoyed our visit and dinner immensely, and after prayer we left for West Plains, Mo. We spent two days in visiting and left some literature though some would not hear us: yet we had some interested and feel we did our part. Thus the rest is in God's hands.

Just received a letter—I must tell you about it—Though not desired to be made known at this time by the brother. I will say he has put himself to considerable trouble, to seek for the LIGHT. This one was the most hard man I have visited in my efforts to bring this light to others: As I left him a D'Amico experience and other leaflets: I thought to myself, surely there is no need to give him much. He talked so hard, yet now I see how God softened his heart and has brought him unto repentance, it surely makes me to say, "Great and marvelous are thy works, Oh Lord". He desires to be in our April Conference, and I expect others also to be there.

We started for Saint John, Wednesday and arrived Thursday about noon. Have had meetings here and a few non-members out. Last Sunday we all were made to rejoice as the folks came here from Wichita, the Lord met with us and every heart was filled with greater determination to go on until the end. Many wonderful experiences were told, and desires to continue true to God: As tears of joy trickled down the faces of all. We are expected to stop in Wichita a while as we return, on our way to Independence, Mo. and homeward.

How sad it is to see good men and women following a man who is in the deepest of sin, yet believe God's Holy Angel comes to him. We read of this in 2 Thes. 2:9,13—God shall send them strong DELUSION, etc. Note, delusion is singular. Also we read in 2 Cor. 11:14—How Satan is transformed into an Angel of LIGHT. 2 Peter, 2:14—Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin: beguiling unstable souls; etc Yet thank

God—"Those that were clean ESCAPED from them who live in error" Also "The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptation, etc. 2 Pet. 2:9—So I thank God for the Remnant whom God shall call to bring deliverance unto those who call on the name of the Lord, Joel 2:32—Also the BRANCH that grew up out of his place, (in Penn.) and he SHALL BUILD the TEMPLE of the LORD, Zech. 6:12 13—Also, "For BEHOLD, I will BRING FORTH my SERVANT the BRANCH" Zech. 3:8—Also in that DAY SHALL the BRANCH of the Lord be BEAUTIFUL and GLORIOUS, etc. Isa. 42:6—Again "Who raised up the RIGHTEOUS MAN from the EAST, called him to his foot, gave the NATIONS before him, and made him rule over KING? Isa. 41:2—See verses 10:15—Also, My COUNSEL shall stand, etc. CALLING a ravenous bird from the EAST, the MAN that EXECUTETH my COUNSEL from a far country, etc. Isa. 46:10,11.

May God give understanding to all I pray.—Warren Nellis.

"The Holy City" When Will it Come, and To Where Will it Come?

I have been approached about this matter. I will quote that which is written in the Bible and Book of Mormon. Any of my own writing on the subject will be in brackets. In the fourth chapter of Matthew which gives us an account of the temptation of Christ: I read that the Saviour answered the devil each time by: "IT IS WRITTEN." We advocate the Scriptures to be the revealed word of God. The following is written regarding the Heavenly City: Hebrews 11-10 "For he (Abraham) looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God." (I believe all agree, that this is the Holy City.) In chapter 12-22 verse: "But ye are come unto mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels." In chapter 13-14 verse, "For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come."

In the Book of Revelation, chapter 20-8,9: "And shall go out to receive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the BELOVED CITY: and fire came down from God out

of heaven, and devoured them." (The beloved city, must be the Holy City, and take note: this follows after the devil is loosed out of his prison.) Will the readers please take notice that there is only seven verses in chapters 20 and 21 of "Revelation" that does not start with the word AND. Webster says the word "and" is used to "conjoin word with word, phrase with phrase, clause with clause." It is what is known in the English language, a conjunction. In Rev. 21-1, 2, "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth passed away: and there was no more sea. And I John saw the Holy City, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband." (John first sees the Beloved City on the earth, before he mentions the new heavens and new earth, in chapter 20-9.

In chapter 21-23,24: "And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it." (In this scripture the plural is used: nations and kings of the earth which are saved, bring their glory and honour into the city that came down from heaven. Read verses 25 and 26.) According to verse 27 nothing evil shall enter the City. In chapter 22 15 "For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murders, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie." In chapter 22-18,19: "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book. (Revelation) If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: (Revelation) And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book." (I have thus far quoted the word of God as it is written, and placing my own words in brackets.)

I will now turn to the Book of Mormon, and will follow the same rule that I have thus far done. In Third Nephi 20-22, the "Saviour speaks of the New Jerusalem which is to be built upon this land." In chapter 21-23, 24. "And they (Gentiles) shall assist my people, the remnant of Jacob, and also as many of the House of Israel as shall

come, that they may build a city, which shall be called the New Jerusalem. And then shall they (Gentiles) assist my people that they may be gathered in, who are scattered upon all the face of the land, in unto the New Jerusalem." (It is plain here that a city is to be built upon the land of promise, and be known as "New Jerusalem.") Now turn to the book of Ether, chapter 13 verses 2 and 11 inclusive. "For behold, they rejected all the words of Ether; for he truly told them of all things, from the beginning of man; and that after the waters had receded from off the face of this land (land of promise) it became a choice land above all other lands, a chosen land of the Lord; wherefore the Lord would have that all men should serve Him who dwell upon the face thereof; And that it (the land of promise) was the place of the New Jerusalem, which should come down out of heaven, and the holy sanctuary of the Lord, Behold Ether saw the days of Christ, and he spake concerning a New Jerusalem upon this land. And he spake also concerning the House of Israel, and the Jerusalem (in Palestine) from whence Lehi should come—after it should be destroyed it should be built up again, a holy city unto the Lord; wherefore it could not be a New Jerusalem for it had been in a time of old; but it should be built up again, and become a holy city of the Lord; and it should be built unto the House of Israel. And that a New Jerusalem should be built up upon this land, (land of promise) unto the remnant of the seed of Joseph, for which things there has been a type." (Jerusalem in Palestine is referred to in verse 7.) In verse 8 the holy city to be built upon this land by the seed of Joseph is mentioned, and likened unto the Jerusalem of old. Verse 9 reads thus: "And there shall be a new heaven and a new earth; and they shall be like unto the old save the old have passed away, and all things have become new. Verse 10: And then cometh the New Jerusalem; and blessed are they that dwell therein, for it is they whose garments are white through the blood of the Lamb; and they are they who are numbered among the remnant of the seed of Joseph, who were of the House of Israel, Verse 11: And then also cometh the Jerusalem of old; (of Palestine) and the inhabitants thereof, blessed are they, for they have been washed in the blood of the Lamb; and they are they who were scattered and gathered in from the four quarters

of the earth, and from the north countries, and are partakers of the fulfilling of the covenant which God made with their father, Abraham."

(I have quoted the scripture as it is written): "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because THERE IS no light in them." Isaiah 8-20. (You will note, that according to the prophet Ether, the Jerusalem built upon this land, Joseph's land, and the re-built Jerusalem of Palestine appears upon the new earth, after old things have passed away.)

I will again draw your attention to Ether 13-3 "And that it was the place (this land) of the New Jerusalem, which should come down out of heaven, and the holy sanctuary of the Lord." (It looks as though, that is according to Ether, that the heavenly Jerusalem descends upon THIS PART of the terra firma, no doubt after it is renovated, and made a fit abode for Christ and His saints, and this seems to be in harmony with what John sees in Rev. 20-9 wherein the BELOVED CITY was on the earth.) You will note that I have been very brief in expressing my own views, but I have quoted God's word as it is written and we must remember that there is a WOE pronounced upon him or her that takes from or adds to the "Book of Revelation."

Sincerely W. H. C.

Brother Chester Falls on Street.

We are in receipt of a card from Sister Chester of Lorain, Ohio dated February 28, 1947 informing us that her Husband, Brother Vernon Chester fell on the slippery streets in Lorain and broke his left hip. We are very sorry to hear of this happening to Brother Chester. He is not young anymore and we sincerely hope that he will not have to suffer too much pain, and that he will yet be able to get around again. He is located in St. Josephs Hospital, Lorain, Ohio. Sister Chester: in behalf of your brethren and sisters in the Church, we extend sympathy to you, and to Brother Chester in the hour of your trial.

Sincerely, Bro. W. H. Cadman.

Warren, Ohio Folks Make Trip.

Dear Editor: I am writing in answer to your request concerning our trip to Detroit and Muncy. I was happy to hear of your request. First I would like to mention that

Brothers Peter Molinatto, Wm. Genaro, and myself paid a visit to the meeting at Pennside, Pa. on March 2. Brother Paul Love was in charge on that Sunday. He was very glad to see us in their midst. There was only nine present, but I assure you that God blessed us, which gave us greater determination to serve Him.

Concerning our trip to Detroit, Brothers Jonathan Molinatto, N. Iorio, Sisters Virginia Polasky, Marjory Dorazio accompanied me on this trip. We left home Saturday Morning, March 8th, arriving at the home of Bro. Ferrante's at 9:30 a. m. We found everybody very well. Brother Ferrante has gained some in weight and is getting along much better. Our little visit made them happy. We then went to Brother Carilini's home and had a short visit with them. Then to Brother Joseph Lovalvo's place, arriving just in time to see him and Brother N. Pietrangelo leaving for the Grand River Reserve in Canada, Brother Lovalvo's father-in-law was sick in bed. After a short visit we left for Windsor, taking along Brother Watson, Jr. and his family with us. We visited several of the homes of the saints and then retired for the night, and the next morning we left for Port Huron, Michigan where our folks are broadcasting the Gospel over the radio. There we met Brother James Lovalvo, and a group of young people that take part in the program. The broadcast went on the air at 8:30 (Sunday Morn.) Various ones took part in the singing, while Bro. Robert Watson, Jr. was the speaker. Brother Lovalvo read a few letters over the air, which were from Michigan, Ohio, New York, Canada. One of these letters was from Bro. Lynch of Coshocton, Ohio. He stated in his letter that he was so far away from the church that he could not attend, and he enjoyed himself very much in hearing the word of God over the air, and in hearing the beautiful hymns.

Brother Editor: I can say that we enjoyed ourselves very much in having a privilege to be present at the Station, where our brothers are really trying hard to bring this Gospel forth to every kindred tongue and nation. As the end of time is drawing nigh, many can hear this Gospel preached and can get in touch with this Church. We the saints of the Most High, should do more towards helping our Brethren who are endeavoring to bring this Gospel forth. It costs \$25.00 for one-half hour to broadcast at Port

Huron. This is a small station and can be heard for a radius of only 100 miles. Our brethren would like to get on a larger station, so that people from a farther distance could hear it. The broadcast being over we returned to Windsor and attended the morning service there. We spent the afternoon meeting at No. 2 branch in Detroit and then returned to our homes, arriving a little after midnight. I did not have a chance to go to Muncey on this trip, but I plan to make a trip there soon after Conference.

Frank Giovannone.

"A WONDERFUL DAY"

By Dom Bucci.

We in Youngstown recently had a wonderful day. We had the pleasure of hearing Brother Ashton in an interesting talk on Freedom and Liberty. This was on the 23rd of February.

The highlights of his talk was how wonderful it is to enjoy freedom and liberty in the land o' America. Touching on many interesting facts about the early history of America. The hardships and sufferings of our forefathers, and how they fought and died to make this a free nation. Brother Ashton called this the first freedom, which was a stepping stone to the second freedom.

The second freedom, which is the greatest of the two comes now through the Restored Gospel by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and obedience to the commandments of God. Christ says in John 8:36. (If the Son of man therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.) In Romans 8:2 we read (For the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.) Brother Ashton then urged us to be loyal to our nation and above all to Jesus.

On this wonderful day we also had Brother W. H. Cadman of Monongahela, Pa. guest speaker in the evening for our M. B. A. meeting. He presented unto us a wonderful talk. He told us the beautiful story of Joseph. How suffering was his lot, because of the envy and jealousy of his brethren. But of course it turned out to be well with him because of his righteousness. Touching on many interesting points. He also brought forth some prophecies which have been fulfilled, and some as yet to be fulfilled. A wonderful day spent in Gods way. As we often sing hymn "Gods Way is the Best Way."

In conclusion I pray that God will bless them and keep them strong spiritually and physically

for many years to come, for we need them so. Let us all be faithful and strong, a helping hand in the purpose of God, for this is our responsibility. Peace and love to all the Saints in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Letter From Gatchell, Ont.

Dear Brother Editor: No doubt you have wondered how we are doing up in this wild country. Here at home we are all up and able to labor which is so essential in this life. I'm glad to say our desire to press forward in this beautiful gospel is as great as the day we made that covenant with God at the waters edge, pray for us that we may always remain firm.

We have our Sunday School class every Sunday morning and our fellowship meeting at two in the afternoon and M. B. A. every Friday night, and permit me to say that though we are small in number, we often feel the blessing of God. He says that where two or three gather in His name, He is there with them.

We have just received The Gospel News and have each and every one of us read it through, and we certainly enjoy it. We all look forward to it so much. We're so glad our Church is on the Air, wish we could hear it. It would surely be a blessing to hear our brothers speak and preaching this wonderful Gospel. Dear Brother Cadman I wish you could take another trip up here, we'd love to have you up here so much, our home is open to all the saints. With God's will, Dad and Mother will be at conference.

Sincerely, Rose Cuomo.

P. S.—This letter comes from a small town just west of Sudbury, Ont., possibly 300 miles north and a little west of Toronto. Not very long before Brother Fords death, him and I visited there for a week and was entertained in the home of ister Rose's parents. It is a wild country, not much earth but plenty of rock, and rich in precious metals. What is said to be the largest Nickel mine in the world is located there.

W. H. C.

"MY EYES" (By T.M.Olson)

My eyes are priceless! They are marvelous examples of delicate and intricate mechanism. They are constant reminders of the Creators wisdom and power. Through them I look out upon the world. MY EYES SEE The Good, The Bad and The INDIFFERENT.

My eyes have been fair to me under the most exacting conditions. They have stood the test time and again. I use them constantly from waking until bedtime. In all that I have attempted, my eyes have had their part.

My eyes have enabled me to enjoy the work of artists, authors and poets. My eyes have beheld the wonders of God's creation: the birds, flowers, trees, rivers, seas, hills and plains. My eyes have seen my loved ones: parents, brothers, sisters, relatives and friends. My eyes have beheld multitudes of people, among whom were some of earth's notables.

But for my eyes, the sight of all sights is yet future! for strange as it may seem, my eyes shall one day behold the Lord, Himself. The unfailing Word of God says: "Behold, He cometh with clouds, and EVERY EYE SHALL SEE HIM" (Rev. 1:7) Yes, my eyes shall "behold the King in His beauty." They shall behold the One "who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree" (1 Peter 2:24.)

My eyes shall behold Him in one of two characters: as SAVIOUR, or as JUDGE. The eyes of those who have believed upon Him here, shall behold HIM as SAVIOUR. The Apostle John said: "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for WE SHALL SEE HIM AS HE IS (1 John 3:2.)

The patriarch Job said: "I know that my Redeemer liveth, and He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth; and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh SHALL I SEE GOD, whom I shall see for myself, and MINE EYE SHALL BEHOLD, and not another" (Job. 19:25-27.)

"Face to face, O blissful moment!

Face to face—to see and know.
Face to face with my Redeemer,
Jesus Christ, who loves me so."

But the eyes of unbelievers shall see Him as Judge. "For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son; and hath given Him authority to execute judgement also because He is the Son of Man" (John 5:22-27.) And the Lord Jesus Christ is coming back to judge the living and the dead. To meet Him as JUDGE will mean to perish; for as JUDGE, He says: "Depart from Me."

My eyes, the greatest of all sights await you! You are going to behold the Lord Jesus Christ. Will He as SAVIOUR beam upon

you inexpressible love, or will He as JUDGE pronounce the sentence of eternal doom? WHICH SHALL IT BE? (Published in Tract form by the LeTourneau Evangelistic Center.)

By Edwin C. Hill
February 13, 1935

One of the most arresting of the new books is "The Conquest of the Maya" by J. Leslie Mitchell, for here we have as much as is known of the story of one of the most remarkable peoples that ever lived. And one of the most mysterious. We think of Rome or Greece as ancient. But the rise of the Mayan Empire came long before Nebuchadnezzar fed upon grass in his madness. There are Mayan ruins in Guatemala 8000 years older than the Pyramids or the Sphinx. They are the oldest structures yet found built by man. Over the lintel of the great doorway of a palace in the jungle-strangled, ruined Mayan city of Tikal there is a date which gives the year of the coming of the Mayas to America as 12,042 before Christ. Whence came they? We do not know. They may have crossed over from the lost continent of Atlantis on a land bridge which probably existed thousands of years ago in the South Atlantic. Their dim and distant forefathers may have been kin to the very ancient Egyptians. In some respects their culture exceeded our own. Their cities were as large as ours. Five million dwelt in Tikal. Their knowledge of astronomy was so profound that they predicted, to the accurate minute, eclipses and celestial conjunctions that were to occur thousands of years later when the whole race had vanished and their cities lay in ruin. They possessed engineering secrets lost to the modern world. Without any machinery whatever, without knowledge even of the wheel, they moved huge masses of stone and granite, pieces weighing as much as five hundred tons, over distances up to two hundred miles. They sculptured beautifully in granite, yet no tool has ever been found. Of all their women we have knowledge of only one and she a queen. At Palenque, there is a beautiful mosaic picturing a royal lady having her hair dressed by maids. She reposes on a couch whose four feet are jaguar claws. Her hair is being done in distinctly Grecian style. At Quirigua, I believe there was found this Mayan poem which might well have come from Solomon or Ecclesiastes as translated by Mr. Lawrence T. K. Griswold, noted American archaeologist who has made exten-

sive studies in Guatamala, Honduras and Yucatan...this poem runs as follows: Oh, sons of Kings, sons of great lords, come hither and give heed to my sad and lamenting song, as I relate how passes the flowery springtime and the end of the powerful king Tezozomoc. Who, listening, can withhold his tears? For all these vanished pleasures, these flowers sweet, wither and end with this passing life. Today we possess the beauty of the sunrise and the springtime. We have the odors of flowers, and watch the butterflies as they sip the nectar from the petals but all is like these plucked flowers that are passed from hand to hand, and at the end are cast forth stripped and withered. The whole race perished twelve hundred years ago. We do not know why. The secret is buried in the jungles. Back in those hot savage jungles of Guatemala you come upon slow, dumb creatures who claim some kinship with this vanished race. Shy, fearful, stupid creatures crushed centuries ago under the iron heel of the white man and slinking now from shadow to shadow where their great ancestors built temples to kings and communed with the stars. The ruins of a lost and forgotten civilization, steeped in the hot stillness of centuries. The unhappy children of a race hiding away in the heart of the jungle, among their ruined and desecrated temples, peering with dead hopeless eyes at the intruding white man.

School of the Ozarks By Myra Dantelson

This will be my graduation year from one of the most interesting educational institutions in the world. Every one of us is "adopted."

There are 250 of us young men and women in the School of the Ozarks, an accredited high school all of whose students come from poor hill families which could not afford to send their children to school themselves.

But each student works sixteen hours a week in one of the school's many activities, and the rest of his expense is paid for by a sponsor who "adopts" him for a year. That means there are 250 sponsors willing and able to back our school.

Actually, though, they didn't have to pay too much, because we earn most of our living by the work we do. We have a cannery for the berries, tomatoes, beans, carrots, sweet potatoes, pumpkins, and cherries we grow on the 640 acres the school owns.

We have a dairy herd of register-

ed Jerseys which is considered one of the best in the nation. We do our own weaving, both for our wearing apparel and for sale to outside stores. We do our own haying, getting four crops of alfalfa a year. There are a hundred acres of river bottom land in vegetables, all tended by the students.

We do our own cooking and dishwashing, laundry and housekeeping. We have a printing plant in which we publish our own newspaper, "Our Visitor" with a circulation of 12,000 copies.

There is included on the school property a stone quarry in which the boys have cut and prepared all the stone for our buildings. That is another saving. The boys do all the building, even building for \$50,000 the girls' dormitory, which contractors would not build for less than \$135,000. A seven-room house with bath was put up for a new faculty member for \$5,000.

Our campus has a more beautiful setting than that of most colleges. It is on top of a bluff looking out across White River Valley. There are hills in all directions, and we have three miles of water front along the river. Our post office very appropriately is called Point Lookout.

No effort is made to single out just the smartest or prettiest students to come to the school, but the way is open to our rural hill boys and girls who want an education and are willing to work to get it. They come from within a radius of less than twenty miles of the school from the surrounding Ozarks in southern Missouri and northern Arkansas. There is a waiting list of 550, and from these are drawn fifty students each year, keeping the enrollment constantly at 250, the capacity at present, although there are plans for expansion as rapidly as funds and materials can be produced.

—Young Peoples Weekly

What a contrast in pulling together, and pulling against each other.—(WHC)



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CONFERENCE NEWS

Our recent Conference met in the Fordson High School Building in Dearborn, (Detroit) Michigan on April 5th with a large representation of Officers and Members present from Detroit, and various places in Michigan, Canada, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey. President W. H. Cadman, First Counsellor Charles Ashton, and Second Counsellor Joseph Dulisse, presided over the Conference. This was the second Conference we have held in this building. It is certainly a fine structure and I have understood the building of it was financed by the late Henry Ford, and at the time of erection, it was the largest school building in the United States. This building should serve as a lasting Memorial to Mr. Ford. It is a wonderful building and equipped with the best of accommodations and conveniences. The large Auditorium will seat about eleven hundred people. There was about one thousand seated in the Sunday services, who were served with a loud speaking arrangement, which is necessary in such a large room.

In the transaction of business, all went off very peacefully; various Brethren who were delegated on Missionary work, made very interesting reports of their labors. Brothers Furnier and A. B. Cadman had been to California, Colorado, Kansas and also visited with the Church of Christ people (Temple Lot) in Independence, Mo. Brothers Nellis, Dulisse, and Kirschner also had covered much ground in Missionary work, and their reports were all interesting, and it is hoped much good will result from the efforts of all our Brethren. Brother Joseph Bittinger made a report of a trip made by himself and W. H. Cadman to the Cherokee Indian Reservation in North Carolina. Brothers Ashton and Isaac Smith also had made a trip to northern Michigan, and then east to New Jersey and New York. There was a number of interesting experiences reported to the Conference, two of which are to be published in The Gospel News.

Sunday Morning Service was presided over by First Counsellor Ashton, and the service was opened by Brother D. Bucci of Youngstown, Ohio and was followed by other speakers, namely Brothers

R. Biscotti, Isaac Smith and Charles Ashton. Brother W. H. Cadman was taken to Port Huron, Michigan where he delivered an Easter address over WHLS. The morning service was near over when he returned. The Broadcast in which Brother Cadman took part, is conducted by our folks in Detroit, with Brother V. J. Lovalvo the announcer. On Conference Sunday afternoon, we were entertained by a large group of young people from Detroit, and Windsor, Ont. with a song service for about one hour and a half, with Brother V. J. Lovalvo as conductor, and Brother C. Burgess at the piano. I will just add that we have a fine group of singers in our midst. Sister Mary Mercurio of Hopelawn, N. J. sang a solo by request. At the conclusion of the song service, Brother Samuel Kirschner of Monongahela, Pa., addressed the congregation, and in the closing of our service, a special prayer was offered up by Brother Warren Nellis in behalf of Brother DiBattista, who has gone to Argentina, South America on missionary work. It is our sincere prayer that the Lord will be with our brother. After the close of Conference Brother W. H. Cadman went to Muncey, Ontario where he held a number of meetings with our Indian people. Meetings were held each night in their homes, and in the Muncey Church on Saturday afternoon and Sunday. On Sunday evening Brother Cotellesse took me to the Highway where I met a car load of our folks returning from the Six Nations Reserve, where they had been part of Saturday and Sunday administering the word of God to our Indian people there. They took me in their car, and we drove about 40 miles out of our way to visit Brother and Sister Steve Johns, who had gone through trying experiences in the flood waters where they live. Brother Steve had gone through a very trying experience on a truck or tractor, which he was driving; somehow the brakes refused to work, Steve escaped by jumping, while his companion was drowned. The machine plunged into the deep water. We arrived back in Windsor after midnight. (W.H.C.)

An Experience Related In Conference

On January 5, 1946, I dreamed

that Brother Joseph Dulisse and myself were cleaning our Church building. As we were working I heard the sound of music as though a musical band were passing in front of the church. I said to Brother Dulisse, "It must be a holiday, I hear music playing out on the street." Brother Dulisse answered me and said, "Today all the churches or religions will pass in parade to be approved which is the most just religion, so we went out on the steps in front of the Church and we saw all the churches or religions marching in parade and each Church carried the standard of their religion. Then I said to Brother Dulisse, "Ours is the most pure and chaste faith that there is in the world," and as I talked with the brother there appeared the standard of the Church all white with the name written on it, "The Church of Jesus Christ." We then came down the steps to the sidewalk and I said to the brother, "Here are our Brothers and Sisters." Then I saw two men riding on two white horses, one was Brother Cadman and the other was an Indian Chief. They were going ahead. Also I saw after them twelve personages all dressed in white and four men which were carrying the Ark of the Covenant, and twelve other personages that walk after the Ark of the Covenant. Then a great multitude of people that followed which were brothers and sisters of the Church and were singing "We're Marching to Zion, the Beautiful City of God." Then we also went into the parade. Walking along we came to a place where there was what seemed to be a Royal Throne and three personages were seated on it and they were dressed with white gowns and there was in front of them a pulpit like the one we have in church and on it there rested a crown. Then as Brother Cadman and the Indian Chief passed in front of the Throne the personage in the center stopped them and he took the crown which was on the pulpit and he said to Brother Cadman and the Indian Chief, "This Crown belongs to this Church." Those three personages had gowns as white, bright and transparent as the sun. And with this I awoke singing. Sincerely N. Molantoni.

A Vision Related in Conference

on March 20, 1947, I saw a Vision. At eight-thirty in the morning I got up and knelt down to pray. Then I got in bed again. While lying in bed a person appeared at my bedside all dressed in white. And there was a wall near me in which I saw four persons descending from it. And this man dressed in white went to them and took hold of them by their hands. Then he told me, "You will have to go after these men for in a little while they will return to earth again," and the Vision disappeared. I opened my eyes and meditating to the Lord I said, "Lord, who could these men be?" And I was inspired by the Lord that these men are the Apostles that were taken away in the time of transgression and will soon return back again and I have to go after them.

Alfred Tossi

Radio News

Our Brethren in Detroit are still on the air, and being at the station myself on Easter morning I will say that they are conducting a very nice service. The program could not be better. It is regrettable that the station is a low-powered one, which does limit it being heard very far away. But for those within its radius, surely must enjoy it. There time is on Sunday morning from 8:30 until 9:00. Any one wishing to help the work along, address The Gospel Hour, Station WHLS, Port Huron, Michigan.

He Is Risen

In the end of the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow. And for the fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men. The angel answered saying unto the women, fear not ye; for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here, for he is risen, as he said, come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly, and tell his disciples that He is risen from the dead, and behold he goeth before you into Galilee. There shall ye see him. Lo I have told you.

They departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy, and did run to bring his disciples word.

It is evident from what is written in the scriptures, that Jesus taught very plainly that he would suffer, and die at the hands of cruel men. Yet when he was really nailed to the cross his closest friends were unprepared for the event, and to them all his death was the saddest, and the hardest blow of their lives. Him, whom they had learned to love so well, because of his kindness and tenderness towards them, the wonderful things he did for the helpless, the blind, the lame, and indeed all that were in need of a real friend. And too, all had longed for some one to loose them from the Roman yoke and restore the kingdom back to Israel.

When Jesus expired on the cross the hope of his loved one's expired as well. Peter exclaims later, I go a fishing. His brethren follow him back to their old profession again, no doubt having a thought something like this: Him whom we loved, and in whom we had put out trust, has died as any other man, yea even he has returned back to dust. Thus their hopes were blasted, apparently, never to rise again. For them to walk and talk with Jesus any more upon the earth, I imagine was about the remotest thing from their minds. Yea, I might add. How mysterious God's ways have been among the children of men from the beginning. And, may I draw your attention to the fact that the God of that time is still the God of today. I read that He does not change. The Prophets of old had foreseen and did foretell of Jesus. How he would grow up as a tender plant, how He would be despised and rejected. A man of sorrows and of grief, yet we esteemed him not.

He was wounded for our transgressions, yea, for our sins and wrong-doings. He was made to suffer on the cross, and being forsaken here upon earth, he cries to his father in heaven, why hast thou forsaken me? You remember on one occasion in speaking to his father in heaven He says, I have done thy will in all things. In another place, He says, I have overcome the world. It seems to me that it would of been sufficient for man to forsake him, but why did his father do likewise? It is said that He died alone yea heaven and earth forsook him for the moment, for the purpose as it seems

to me, that all men might become guilty before God. Even as under the law, the best was required for a sacrifice, so our heavenly father spared not the best he had, even his only child, Jesus by name. I repeat again, God's ways are mysterious. Yea, even as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are his ways, and thoughts higher than ours. Well has the Psalmist asked, what is man that thou art so mindful of him? The serpent will coil up on the rock in the bright sun, in honor to its God, but proud and boastful man will curse and blaspheme God from the time he rises out of his bed, until he returns therein.

I admire those faithful women who loved Jesus so much. Yea those faithful friends of the Master who would rise out of bed so early in the morning, and while it was yet dark, go to the tomb where the dead lay. I do not think that there is many of us today that would care to visit a tomb while it was yet dark. They surely must have remembered him as their closest friend. When they would go to his tomb at such a time to perform their last act towards him. I have often said that the extremity of man was God's opportunity. And how wonderfully it was made manifest in this case. Have you stopped to think that if these women had lied in bed that morning, there may not have been anyone at the tomb to receive the news, or the message: He is not here, He is risen, go tell his disciples. The faithfulness of these wonderful sisters gave God an opportunity to acquaint the disciples of the most wonderful news of all time, the message that has filled the world with hope, the message that has never grown old. A message faithful servants of God must bear to the whole world: He Is Risen.

Of course the words of the women were very hard indeed for them to realize, but it was only a short while until they were brought to the reality, that him, who suffered such agony on the cross and gave up the Ghost, still lived. I read in St. Luke Chapt. 24, that at first the women's story seemed to the Apostles as idle tales. In the same chapter I read of two of them on a journey to a village called Emmaus, they were talking of that which had lately happened, the crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and they were sad: Jesus suddenly walks and talks with them, their eyes are holden, they do not

know him. He expounds to them the prophecies concerning himself. Yet they know him not until he breaks bread at their table when their eyes was opened, and they were made to exclaim one to another, Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked with us by the way?

Of-times we hear out of the pulpit, poor Thomas sort of belittled, he is generally referred to as doubting Thomas. Thus far it had not been his privilege to be present with his brethren, when Jesus appeared to them, and knowing that his Master had been nailed to the cross along with two others and no doubt had seen some one thrust a sword into his side where-in blood and water gushed out and then bow his head and died. He evidently knew that his helpless body was taken down and laid in the tomb of Joseph, even as other dead were treated. Let us of today who are upset by so many little things that get into our path-way, ask ourselves the question, what side of the fence do we think we would have been on, had we been in the shoes of Thomas? You remember that after Thomas heard the testimony of his brethren, he was very emphatic in declaring that unless I can see and feel those wounds for myself, I will not believe. It creates a thought something like this. I saw his body torn on the cross, I saw him die, your word is not sufficient for me, I must see for myself. You know there are lot's of people that way today. It is very much evident when you speak of the restoration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, is it not? It seems to me that it happened for a cause. It gave God an opportunity to reveal unto all men, that though we of today may not have seen with our eyes, yet by believing and obeying, we shall be blessed even as those who have seen.

What a wonderful God is he whom Jesus called his father and we who doeth his will are not only his servants, but are his friends. To all my hearers today. We are all in some degree commemorating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. May I ask, have we all died with him? Have we been buried with him in baptism? If so kindly take heed to the following: "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ now sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God." (An Easter Message by W.

H. Cadman on WHLS, Port Huron, Michigan.)

Enjoyed The Trip

To The Editor:

I am grateful to Brother and Sister Bittinger for inviting me to go to Conference with them. Sister Cadman and Brother Bailey went with us.

There was not rejoicing in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, as we have sometimes seen when we all come together, but a great solemnity when we come to realize that the time's truly far spent and so many still out of Christ, I am sure in all humility we were made to appreciate our hope in Christ more than ever before. While Brother and Sister Bittinger and Sister Cadman had made the trip many times, it was the first time Brother Bailey or myself had been to Detroit and Windsor. We came home by way of the lake. I had never seen one of the great lakes before, and I had the same feeling of awe that one so often has when looking at a great rock formation the great works of our Creator. We feel very small and thank Him in our heart that He has been mindful of us.

We wish to thank Brother and Sister Carilini, Sister Ford and son, also Brother and Sister Watson, (both Sr. and Jr.), and all we met there for making our visit so pleasant. I had never been out of the U. S. before, and even though Windsor is so near I enjoyed it very much, and also the river tunnel. Everytime I visit a new branch of the Church I feel the wonder of it all over again, that God has given us so many Brothers and Sisters and I think of the promise, when every man shall be a brother and friend. What a wonderful time that will be. We have all been called into the Church and so nominated to be heirs of Salvation. I know with God's help we can make our election sure, if we are not strong enough to run fast we can go slow and sure. With our dear Lord to help us and direct us we will run our race with patience and we can win. Then fears will vanish and hope become realities.

Sincerely,
Sister Amy Martin

News From San Diego, Calif.
(By Violet Thomas) March 27-47

Dear Brother Editor:

I wanted so much to write to you long before this and as I have

this privilege at the moment, I will endeavor to pen a few lines. Brother Cadman we of San Diego want to thank the Church for sending our Brother Furnier and Brother Alma Cadman for their visit to us. They certainly made us feel uplifted. They taught and spoke to us in such an uplifting manner. We were happy to have them with us, but we felt very saddened to see them leave. We pray God may bless and reward them for their efforts.

Our little San Diego Mission is striving to uphold God's Law. We feel a peace and love and unity among us. God's blessings are shared and enjoyed by all. While Brothers Alma Cadman and Furnier were here, we had two baptisms. One, I can say with happiness and joy, was my husband. The other was Ben Cicati who formerly was of Lorain, Ohio. God is so good to us and we feel unable to repay Him for all His goodness towards us. He even saw fit to spare the lives of our Sister Lena Liberto who had a severe heart attack, and also our Sister Jeanette DiBattista Stacgho's infant son, who was so desperately ill. We know for a surety, if it were not for the Almighty Hand of God, these two would not be among us today. How great "our God is." How could we fail to believe in a Living God — as ours?

Our little Mission of San Diego has now a Ladies Circle — an M. E. A. — Sunday School, and our Wednesday and Sunday meetings. We truthfully can say we enjoy all these meetings. We are distant from you all in miles only, because many times we feel your prayers uttered in our behalf. Monday we had a farewell gathering for our Presiding Officer, Brother DiBattista. He is leaving us next week to go to South America. We shall miss him very much. We pray God will accompany him and may he with the help of God, be able to bring forth the restored gospel to that land. We miss the Conference held there in the East, but we have a hope that some day we may be able to hold a Conference here in California. We are expecting three families soon. Brother and Sister Joseph Smith of Glassport, Pa., will arrive here this coming Wednesday, and Brother and Sister Anthony Ciarravino and Brother and Sister N. Lombardo of Detroit are planning to make their home here in San Diego. We feel happy about their

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EDITORIAL

To all readers of The Gospel News: In my observance among our people for sometime past, there does not seem to be the interest shown towards the preaching the gospel to the covenant people of God (Seed of Joseph) as there once was in The Church of Jesus Christ, and I remember many years back, having spent about all my life among this people, now past fifty years since I was baptized.

The subject of preaching the Gospel to the Indian race always brought the blessing of God into our midst. There is some in the Church yet today who will corroborate that statement, even though they may not have been in the church as long as I have been. I remember our late brother George Neill (who after returning back to the church after the difficulty we had in 1907) speaking to me, relative to carrying the gospel to the Seed of Joseph and saying: "Why Brother Cadman, that has been the life of this church." He expressed himself to the effect, that the folks he had been with had lost the spirit of that work. I do not want to write much here, but you have elected me to preside over this church now for quite a number of years; how much longer I do not know, but in my judgement it will be too bad for this church to elect someone who displays little or no interest in carrying this Gospel to the remnant of Jacob.

We have started a work at Muncey, Ont., Canada. It is true that we have had some things happen which were of a discouraging nature. But has such not been the lot of the people of God in all ages? Is it not the same with all Missionary workers today of all faiths? It certainly is, has been and will be for time to come. I do not expect The Church of Jesus Christ to triumph on flowery beds of ease. They did not in times past, neither will they today, or in this dispensation of time. Brother Cotellesse along with his family left their home in Detroit and including a lucrative business, and

are spending their time at Muncey, laboring among the Indian people, at the same time doing what he can to get our farm on a paying basis. Brother and Sister Cotellesse has a family of five children, they are far away from their loved ones for no other reason than to further along the work which this Church has been interested in from the beginning. If we cannot get more help than what we are now receiving, I hardly know what will become of the work we started there in 1932. Once more, I ask you all: Won't all the members of this church spare me one dollar each, every three months to help the work along? It has been said that brother Cotellesse is not an experienced farmer, that is very true, but neither was Nephi of old a Ship Builder, yet he built a boat that answered the purpose.

While at Muncey just recently, I returned to Windsor in the car with our folks who were on their way home from the Six Nations Reserve. In asking them how our folks were on that Reserve I heard these words from one of my brethren: Brother Cadman we need someone stationed there; such was my hopes in getting started at Muncey, that we might get a similar work started at the Six Nations Reserve. My brethren and all readers of this little paper, do not think me rude, but rather let us all get behind this work and surely God will bless us, for it is not His will that any soul should be lost. Let us all remember the language of Paul: We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we will not take anything out of it. You know we are living in perilous times, floods, fires and disasters of all kind are rampant. Anything may happen today, even in an experience of one of our members recently, in which some of our members from a large city were seen on the farm at Muncey gathering the humble DANDELION for food. The prophet asks: Why spend money for that which is not bread? I will modify the question just a little bit: Why spend SO MUCH MONEY for that which is not bread? Much is said about a great work to be done. I concede there is a great work to do. But remember my readers, the great work began when the Angel of God on Cumorah's Hill, delivered those sacred records into the hands of His beloved servant, Joseph Smith by name. The great work has begun, yea, the preaching of the Gospel and right-

eousness is the VEHICLE that brings about the development of the work of God, or as Daniel says: "the stone became a great mountain and filled the whole earth." Little acorns grow into big trees, but not in one or two years. Sincerely, Editor.

P. S. Take Note: All papers marked thus P-6-47, subscription will expire with issue of the paper.

News from San Diego, Calif.

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coming out and helping us, that we may present to many more the Gospel. Our hearts are consoled that we have a group of brothers and sisters in Los Angeles — because when we get too lonely for our brothers and sisters, we can seek comfort in visiting them. We all send our regards to all the brothers and sisters and we ask you all to keep praying for us — we need your prayers. Regards to you Brother Cadman — to your wife and family. We hope to see you out here too, some day.

Cleveland News

(By R. Biscotti)

Last Sunday we had a very good time and many blessings enjoyed by all present. Brothers Jerome, and Milano were both restored to fellowship. These brethren were very humble, and both declared that the world had nothing to offer. May God bless our brothers.

Experiences From Lorain, Ohio.

(By Sister John Caldwell)

March 17-47

Brother Editor:

The Elders of our Church here have asked me to write you a brief account of the happenings of one Sabbath afternoon meeting, and they desire that it should be published in The Gospel News.

The service began as usual with singing and prayer and then devoted to testimony. The spirit of God was made manifest to us all. Two of our Sisters related experiences that God had given them by way of dreams, and these were of a warning nature. Brother Frank Altomero arose to his feet and spoke to those present in an exhorting manner, telling how the Lord had made known unto him that the saints should all cleanse themselves, and draw nearer to God, for the enemy of our souls was about to try them with much trials, sickness, persecutions, and discouraging them so, that unless we would be found steadfast we could not endure. And also said that there was to be much destruc-

tion on the face of the earth; so terrible was it going to be, that the people of the world would seek refuge in our church. Brother Anthony Calabrese arose, speaking in the gift of tongues, but there was no interpretation given. Brother Delardi was prompted by the spirit to say that these things should be made manifest to all the Branches and Missions of the Church. All in all we spent our time in singing praises to our God for being so good to us, as to warn us of the dangers that are ahead of us.

At this point I wish to add that there is much sickness in our Branch. Brother Patsy Fyre is still in bed and seriously afflicted. Brother Chester met with an accident, and was taken to the hospital with a broken hip; he is getting along fair, his wife also met with a minor accident, and received cuts and bruises about the head and face. There are others here also that are ill. Our meeting place has many vacant seats. May God grant that we may all be blessed with healing grace, and courage is my prayer.

Branch No. 2, Cleveland, Ohio
(By Oliver Lloyd)

Brother Editor: Enclosed you will find a contribution for the work at Muncey, Ont. We are having very good meetings here in Cleveland, and are enjoying the blessings of God. Received a letter from Sister Chester, informing us of Brother Chester having a fall and breaking his hip, was in the hospital but is home now. Troubles and trials in this life, but when we sing Hymn No. 445, everything will be alright "on the other side." Also the 23rd Psalm; "The Lord is My Shepherd, I shall not want, surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." May God bless you and yours and all the saints everywhere. (Thanks to you brethren and sisters for your contribution to help along in the work being carried on among the covenant people of God, for we do stand in need of help. W.H.C.)

"What Are You Sacrificing?"
Congregation Sacrifices Gold
To Rebuild Church.

(From "Young Peoples Weekly.")
Gold rings, bracelets, and family trinkets were sacrificed by Budapest's largest Lutheran con-

gregation to rebuild its war-damaged church.

Because of Hungary's sky-high inflation, gold was the only value the contractor would accept. Members of the congregation decided, therefore, to hold collections of gold ornaments on three consecutive Sundays, and in this way raised the equivalent of 500 grams of gold, enough to meet the builder's bill.

Interesting Letter
(By Sister Nicholas of Muncey)

Brother Editor:

Tonight I thought I had better write to you, for I am alone. Brother Nicholas is gone to the prayer meeting over at Sister Lucy Schnakes home. How are you and dear Sister Cadman, I hope you are both well and happy. As for myself and Brother Nicholas, we are not feeling so good, especially myself, that's why I could not go to the Prayer meeting tonight. I have a bad cold, but I hope I will be alright in a few days. In looking at The Gospel News tonight, I saw where Brother Edmund Seneca wrote to you, and I can say I am so proud to have a young brother like him, you know I mean among us Indian people. Yes I remembered the night that he came to our place and asked to be anointed. It was a cold night. I believe it was the coldest weather we had this winter, and I saw his feet that night, they were white with frost, but this young brother has wonderful faith in his God.

Now I want to thank my brothers and sisters for helping us when our boy was in trouble, for the money they sent us. I hope the Lord will bless them for their kindness and for prayers too. Please tell the Sisters of the Ladies Circle that I and Brother Nicholas are very grateful to them. I don't know what I would do if it wasn't for the Lord, cause my burden was heavy and hard to bear, but He helped me to bear my burden and I will never forget what He done for me.

Dear Brother Cadman: Today as I was reading my Book of Mormon, the 15th chapter of 1st Nephi; about the olive tree, and the tree of life. I felt a blessing as I read the 12th verse: Behold, I say unto you, that the House of Israel was compared unto an olive tree, by the spirit of the Lord which was in our fathers, and behold are we not broken off from the House of Israel, and are we

not a Branch of the House of Israel. 13th verse, And the thing which our Fathers meaneth concerning the grafting in of the natural Branches through the fullness of the Gentiles is, that in the latter days when our seed shall have dwindled in unbelief, yea for the space of many years, and many generations after the Messiah shall be manifested in body unto the children of men, then shall the fullness of the gospel of the Messiah come unto the Gentiles, and from the Gentiles unto the remnant of our seed. 14th verse: And at that day shall the remnant of our seed know that they are of the House of Israel, and that they are the covenant people of the Lord, and then shall they know and come to the knowledge of their fore-fathers, and also to the knowledge of the gospel of their redeemer. Its wonderful to know these things dear Brethren, and I realize dear Brother, if you did not come and bring the gospel to us poor Indian brothers and sisters, we would still be dwindling in unbelief. I hope you will be able to read this letter, for I am no learned woman. I only went as far as grade two. I and Brother Nicholas are planning to go to the Conference in Detroit and we hope to see you and Sister Cadman there, if it is the Lords will. So now I will bring this letter to a close, hoping God will bless you in your efforts in taking the gospel to the Red Man.

P. S. Sister Nicholas says she is not very well learned. Well I am very glad indeed, that with what little learning she has, that she has been so able to convey her thought with the pen as she has done in this letter. May the Lord bless you and your race of people is my prayer. (Brother Cadman)

4222 Euclid
San Diego, 5, Cal.
March 17, 1947

Dear Brother Editor:

Realizing what work and searching must go into the printing of each edition of The Gospel News, I thought I would try to help in some little measure by enclosing these few verses. While doing my household chores and meditating upon the goodness of God, I expressed my thoughts in simple verse and so, if you can use this, you may feel free to do so. I have several others, which, although not poetry in the true sense of the word, still conveys our dreams and hopes of everlasting life.

In closing, I want to say that we have enjoyed immensely having had our Brothers A. B. Cadman and Furnier and Sister Furnier, with us. They were to have left us today, for their return home, and may God bless them in their efforts to uplift the many missions that they visit.

With all sincerity,
Your Sister-in-Christ,
Catherine Poma

JEWELS

What precious little time,
We have upon this earth.
And yet, we spend it foolishly
On things of little worth.
I do believe God meant
Each day to be a gem
Which He will gather one by one
To make a diadem.
Like unto precious stones
Are words, both kind and true,
And when you go to feast,
above,
He'll give them back to you.
An understanding heart,
To Him, has great renown;
It generates the current that
He needs to, Weld our crown.
A good deed done today
With love and tender care,
Is like a precious emerald
That you will someday wear.
And so, each day well spent,
Will serve, then, to complete
That priceless crown, which
waits for us
In heav'n, at Jesus feet.
Catherine Poma

Charleroi, Pa.
April 8, 1947.

The Editor of
The Gospel News.
By Emil Huttner,

Pittsburgh has a symphony orchestra; it also has a state penitentiary.

• To be a member of the symphony orchestra, a person has to devote himself to the art of music. He has to lay upon the altar of art his time, talents, energy, and money. He has to practice temperance, self-discipline and self-sacrifice.

To be a member or inmate of the state penitentiary, a person has to devote himself to crime; to steal, to kill; to rob; to be dishonest, selfish and cruel.

Professional antisemites have long misled the public by saying that the Jewish people were a danger and a liability to the community in which they live. But what are the facts?

I have before me two pages of

statistics; both are as of August 20, 1946. One is of the Western Penitentiary, Pittsburgh; the other is of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra.

The Western Penitentiary had on that date 1,354 members within its walls. Of these only 13 were Jews, and among these 13 members 5 were offsprings of intermarriage with Gentiles; or half of Jewish origin. That makes about 1 per cent. Since the proportion of the Jewish population of the State of Pennsylvania is about 4 1-2 per cent, it means that the Jews had 3 1-2 times less criminals proportionately than their Gentile neighbors. This is all in their favor, and they are no liability on this score.

The Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra at the same date had 93 members, of which 49 were Jews; that makes it about 52 1-2 per cent. The proportion of the Jewish population of Pittsburgh is about 6 per cent of the non-Jewish population, hence the Jews had about 8 times more members devoting themselves to fine art of music than did their Gentile neighbors. That too is in their favor; they are an asset on this score. But who can reason with an antisemite? No logic can change his twisted mind. It was a German historian, Mommsen, who wrote: "Scum remains scum. It is a horrible epidemic like cholera, which can neither be explained nor cured. Christ Jesus and his disciples who were of semitic origin laid no grounds for antisemitism, and those who house antisemitism in their hearts cannot be considered in the realm of Christ, nor can they be considered Christians. A Gentile who hates a man because he is a Jew can have no love for Christ Jesus for He too was a Jew."

OBITUARY

(Of Our Late Brother Faragasso)
March 20-47

Dear Brother Ashton:

Just a few lines to let you know that we are well, hoping you and your wife are well.

Brother Mike told me you sent a card, and also about Sisters Ashton's son, Our sincere sympathy to her for her loss, May the Lord Comfort her.

We bore our Brother Faragasso's body to its last resting place yesterday at three thirty p.m. There was a very large crowd at the funeral. We visited to view his body at the funeral home Monday night and before we left at ten o'clock six members of our choir sang Hymn "Beyond the

Sunset," then Tuesday night we sang Hymn "The Way of the Cross Leads Home," Wednesday before his body was taken to Church we sang Hymn "Near to the Heart of God." Brother D'Amico led in prayer. Two thirty p.m. we were in church for the funeral service, Hymn "Gathering Home" was the first Hymn which five members of the choir sang, Brother I. D'Amico led in prayer again then the next Hymn was sung by five other members of the choir "Nearer My God to thee," Brother I. D'Amico preached the funeral sermon with the church building filled to capacity, the last Hymn used was "It is Well With My Soul," also by members of the choir. We met at the cemetery 15 minutes later where his body was lowered to the place where it now reposes. Everyone joined in to sing Hymn "Shed Not a Tear O'er Your Friends Early Bier," prayer was offered by Brother William Mazzeo, and so ended the last chapter in the life of a dearly beloved Brother, whom since his conversion about eleven years ago, devoted energies and time for the cause of Jesus Christ, who has been a great encouragement to the young people of the church, and had respect for the old. He has lived for Christ, and has died in Christ.

Sincerely Joseph Benyola

THE BLESSED MAN, OR CHURCH.

In Jeremiah 17:5 to 9 we find the prophet of God describes two men. The one spoken of in verses five and six, "is the cursed man" that trusteth in MAN and maketh FLESH his arm, and whose Heart departeth from the Lord.

May we take notice that no man can depart from the Lord: Unless he had once been with the Lord. Thus this man's HEART departed from the Lord.

In the next verse it further describes this man as one that shall inhabit the PARCHED places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited I have always been taught that this referred to the people in Salt Lake Utah.

However as that may be; The part that I am now most interested in is the next two verses that speaks of the BLESSED MAN that trusteth in the Lord and whose hope the Lord is. I feel sure that my brethren in this Church, along with many others, who will consider these things, will agree with me that this MAN can see this Church from the EAST. In my letter written in the April Gospel

News, I gave some of the quotations along the line, of the Man from the EAST.

Verse 8, For HE shall be as a tree planted by the WATERS, and that spreadeth out her roots by the RIVER—(This is fulfilled by the Monongahela river and two others that run into it.) And this MAN is now spoken of as a TREE, that spreadeth out her roots—and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; (which shows a live condition) and shall not be careful in the year of DROUTH, neither shall CEASE from YIELDING FRUIT.

I am sure this last statement is a wonderful hope to all the honest of heart, that do desire to find the way of righteousness and TRUTH. Yes God tells us where we will find the TRUTH: Also this fruit is that most precious fruit spoken of in the Book of Mormon, which Lehi saw in his vision. Yes God has declared the END from the BEGINNING, and from ancient times the things that are not YET done, Saying, My counsel shall stand and I WILL DO ALL MY PLEASURE: CALLING a ravenous BIRD from the EAST, the MAN that executeth my Counsel, etc. Isa. 46:10,11—May God give understanding to the WISE is my prayer. Dan. 12:10.

Your Brother, in Christ,
Warren Nellis, Coleman, Mich.

Wonderful Time At
New Hamburg, Pa.
(By Mary Cosetti)

Brother Editor:

I just have to write about our wonderful meeting during the week of April 10th at New Hamburg, Pa., in the neighborhood of Brother Russel Cadmans home. Brother Samuel Kirschner of Monongahela was visiting in that territory and he opened the meeting on Thursday evening, April 10th with a nice crowd gathered together, a few from Youngstown, Greenville, and Meadville. During the meeting Edward Sweigard asked for baptism. He has been attending our meetings regularly for some time. The baptism to be attended to on the following Sunday at 2:00 p.m. At this meeting there was two more who wanted to be baptized, namely Martha Kelly and Eleanor Sproul, both daughters of Brother A. B. Cadman. We had a very large crowd present, some brothers and sisters from Monongahela, Youngstown, Meadville and Greenville, also many other friends. Brother Kirschner performed the three baptisms. The spirit of God was in

cur midst. It was a blessed day for all who were there. Brother A. B. Cadman opened the meeting. He told of the experiences he had since he has been in the church; which is now over 51 years, and he was very glad to be back from his trip West, in time to see his two daughters baptized, for which he praised God, for his prayers had been answered. We enjoyed very much to hear Brother Kirschner speak about Philip baptizing the Eunuch. The three who were baptized were confirmed by Brothers A. B. Cadman, Samuel Kirschner and A. A. Corrado. We also had communion and sang many hymns. Meeting was closed with prayer by Brother George Neill with all rejoicing. Future meetings will be held there on Thursday evenings.

RELIGIOUS TRAINING PREVENTS DELINQUENCY SAYS POLICE OFFICIAL

"Boys and girls who attend Sunday school and church regularly are not likely to fall into the arms of the law as delinquent children." Lt. Ralph Brophy, head of the police juvenile bureau of Des Moines, Iowa, asserted.

The bureau head made the statement following a survey of the bureau's activities during 1946 which included investigation of juvenile participation in thefts, drinking of intoxicating liquors, running away from home, truancy, smoking, and vandalism.

"At least 83 per cent of the children with which the police juvenile bureau had contact during 1946 were not regular attendants at any church or Sunday school," Brophy said, "and only a few of the remaining 17 per cent attended church or Sunday school with any degree of regularity."

(Young Peoples Weekly)

MY AUTOBIOGRAPHY By Paul D'Amico

(Written in April, 1939 as an assignment in High School)

My grandfathers and grandmothers were born in a small town in Italy which was quite rocky. Both of my parents had the misfortune to lose their fathers when they were very young; therefore they never knew them.

My mother's father happened to be going in the field one day; and while looking around he beheld on a rock, a serpent with horns as a goat. Disregarding this sight he returned home and soon after was seized by a fear of that serpent

which caused him to get the spells. After suffering five years from this great fear which occasionally led to convulsions, he passed away from this life.

My grandparents and parents had a difficult life during childhood. At the age of eight or nine they had to work very hard at agriculture. Women were not excluded, especially if there weren't any men in the home.

At the age of seventeen my father came to America for employment. Since it was difficult to find work at a reasonable salary, he, along with three of his relatives decided to leave for Alaska, thinking they would find labor with fair wages. While in Alaska my father passed through experiences from which he miraculously was saved by some supreme power. I will recall one of them.

Coming to a river which he had to cross, my father spied a log as large as a telephone pole and stepped on this log in an attempt to cross the river. His baggage was heavy and as he reached the middle of the river, still on the log, the log began to sway and losing his balance he fell. As he was falling he grasped the log with one arm, and after calling upon God for help, he was aided by some supernatural power and suddenly found himself standing on the log again. Safely he reached the other side of the river. I think this was a great experience for him.

After returning from Alaska he found a job in Pittsburgh, Pa., and shortly afterward, he returned to Italy and was married at the age of twenty-one. About a year later, he again returned to America and began to work in Pittsburgh, Pa. Three months later my mother came to America.

While living in Glassport, Pa., my mother bore five children, two girls and three boys. However I am not included among these five.

At the age of twenty-nine my parents heard of a Church, named, "The Church of Jesus Christ." After attending this Church for some time they joined it and were baptized in 1919. Up to that time they had been Catholics, but as their eyes began to be opened (in a sense of speaking) they came to realize that the Catholic Church was a Religion established by man and not by God. I think that this was a great event which took place in their lives. Two years later my father went on missionary work to Detroit, Michigan, as he had been ordained in the Ministry. (Our Church has the ancient

pattern plain.) A good number of the Apostles and Disciples of Christ were uneducated yet they were chosen to preach the divine doctrine of Christ, but not as their occupation in life. That is, they did not receive a salary for preaching the Gospel as do the ministers and priests of today.

My father began to search for work in Detroit and at the same time was attempting to spread the Gospel. He finally succeeded in both ways. He was hired at Ford's Factory and began to work there in order to pay his boarding expenses. Soon five people were converted and were baptized and within a short time a mission was established in the city of Detroit. Today, after eighteen years have elapsed there are four branches of our Church there.

Soon after, my father's family moved to Detroit, and on June 26th, 1923 I was born. I do not remember much of my first five years of childhood, but I do remember my first day of school.

When my sister Lauretta brought me to school, I did not know what a school was, and as she left me I began to cry so loud that no one or nothing could quiet me. Soon after I began to get acquainted with the other children, and enjoyed going to school. I attended the Hutchinson School in Detroit from the Kindergarten to the fifth grade.

In 1931, my father came voluntarily to the city of Rochester, New York to spread the Gospel. More than two years later he was employed and called our family to move to Rochester. I can never forget what we suffered on that trip. It happened to be in February and some good friends of ours offered to bring us by automobile. We started our journey on the afternoon of February 16th, 1934, and arrived in Rochester after sixteen hours of suffering from the cold, as there was no heater in the car.

My early school days at Number 20 school were strange and exciting. I found the school system in Rochester much different than in Detroit. What I learned there in the fourth grade, I learned in Rochester in the fifth grade.

Although I left very many good friends in Detroit, I found very faithful friends in Rochester. Their ideas in life are different from mine; yet I love them as true friends. Some of the ideas which differ are on the subject of Religion and worldly pleasures. I never was deeply interested in sports and hobbies even from

childhood. This is something unusual for a boy of my age. I am neither interested in Theaters and wild social celebrations. I don't believe that the ideas of life which I have today will be changed tomorrow or in the future, because I know that if one really wants to serve God in Spirit and in truth he cannot participate with the world in their sinful pleasures and enjoyments.

When I passed into the eighth grade I began to attend Washington High School. I found high school very different but enjoyable. I must confess that from time to time I take too much advantage of the benefits and comforts of the school.

Many times I am ridiculed by the students of our school for belonging to the Church which I spoke of my parents joining, and of which at the present day I too am a member. I was baptized on October 9th, 1938. I shall never forget that day when the greatest event of my life took place. I was baptized by my brother Sam who at present is 25 years of age, and who is a minister of the Church of Jesus Christ. The words of a poet come to my mind which read:

"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."

Therefore it doesn't matter to me if I am ridiculed as long as I know that I'm walking on the right pathway.

My philosophy or the rules by which I guide my life are as follows: I try to do unto others as I would have them do unto me, and I try to obey the law of the land as well as the commandments of God. Last but not the least, I respect my fellow man no matter what position he may occupy in this world.

The "Still Small Voice"

Past Elijah the "Strong Wind" roared

And "rent the mountains" through,

And "brake....the rocks"; yet he faltered not;

His place on the mount he knew.

"An earthquake" next, and then "a fire."

Did not your brave heart quail,

Oh "man of God" when you sought to find

The Lord and seemed to fail?

Oh, Father, may our faith be strong

To know that Thou art near!

To stand until "the still small voice"

Has silenced every fear.

Gilbert C. Carpenter, Jr.

SILENCE

In silence comes all loveliness:
The dawn is ever still,

No noise accompanies the dew
That glistens on the hill.

The sunrise slips up quietly,
The moon is never heard,

And love that animates the eyes

Surpasses any word.

And prayer is best in solitude..

It seems so very odd

That, long before, I did not know

In silence I'd find God.

Jane Sayre.

RELIGION

By James J. Metcalfe)

Some people think religion is

A church of wide acclaim,

Where it is worth their while to have

A record of their name.

Where they may go in Sunday clothes

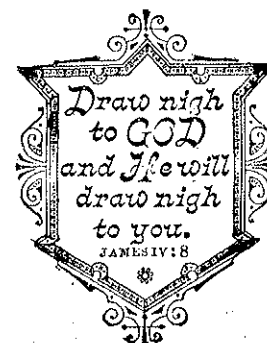
That captivate the eye,
To meet prospective customers
Who have the cash to buy.

But that is not religion or
The reason for a church,
And that is not the golden goal
For which the faithful search.

Religion is that special way
In which we study God,
And church is where we ask His help
Along the path we plod.

Religion is the lamp that shines
To show the wrong from right,
And draw the world from dark design

To everlasting light.



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Something To Think About (By Sadie B. Cadman)

Some time ago our people of Monongahela were invited to a Brotherhood meeting held in a Charleroi Jewish Synagogue — I was not present; but what has been impressed on my mind, was the service that the Jewish people had before the Brotherhood Meeting. It was the service of Welcoming the Sabbath, that has caused me to think — As Gentiles and Christians, how do we welcome our Sabbath? We busy ourselves with our cares many times until the midnight hour preceding our Sabbath with our minds and thoughts troubled about the things of life, and our bodies are tired out. Would it not be wonderful if all our saints when the Sabbath approaches, would lay our cares aside and raise our hearts and minds heavenward, and do as the Jewish people do, spend a little time in quietness and rest, welcoming our Sabbath. The Saviour told His disciples in Luke 21 Chapter 34 verse: "Take heed lest at anytime your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness and cares of this life and so that day (meaning His second coming) come upon you unawares."

I heard a Minister of another church once say—Saturday Evening was his evening, he spent it in meditation and prayer, asking God to direct his mind to His word, so that if he was called upon, that he could feed His flock. That too, has never left my mind. I have thought if we as a people could welcome our Sabbath with our minds and hearts free from care, how we would enjoy our Sabbath Meetings—Perhaps our bodies would feel rested to go to the House of God, and we would have a clear mind to receive the word and be able to enjoy singing the praises of God, then at the close of the day we could thank God for the Sabbath of rest.

Sermon by C. A. Burgess
Of Windsor, Ontario, Canada
Station WHLS
Port Huron, Michigan

Good morning Radio friends. Today is Mother's Day, a day set apart for everyone to lay the cares of life aside and give honour and respect to the one who gave us

birth. Some of us no doubt are privileged to have our Mothers still living, while others will spend the day in memories of a Mother who has passed to her reward. I was privileged to spend last Sabbath with my aged parents, and although both have lived far beyond the allotted time as stated by our Lord, nevertheless I feel that their years have been extended because the desire of their hearts have always been to do good unto their fellow man.

I note in the Word of God as written by the Apostle Matthew, in the 12th Chapter Verses 46 to 50 read as follows: While He (meaning Jesus) yet talked to the people, behold his Mother and his brethren stood without, desiring to speak with him. Then one said unto Him, behold thy Mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with Thee. But He answered and said unto him that told him, who is my Mother? and who are my Brethren? and He stretched forth His hand toward His disciples, and said. Behold my Mother and my brethren; For whosoever shall do the will of My Father which is in Heaven, the same is my brother and sister and mother.

Note the 50th verse the Apostle Matthew in recording the words of Our Lord and Master mentions last, the one, whom this day is set apart for and in her honour. Some might say oh well this is the way Matthew thought he heard it, but if we turn to the writings of the Evangelist Mark 3rd Chapter and Verses 33 to 35, we will see very authentically that Brother Mark must have heard the same words of His Master as written by the Apostle Matthew, as Mother is mentioned last there also.

In the Acts of the Apostles 10th Chapter verse 34, we see the Apostle Peter speaks as follows: "Of truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons. Had He been a respecter of persons His Mother would have been mentioned many more times in the Holy Writ. However His brethren and sisters who had done the will of His Father in Heaven had a place in His heart as great as that for His Mother.

It has been my lot since being a Minister in The Church of Jesus Christ of attending a funeral of someone's Mother and have one of her children approach me and tell me what a wonderful Mother she had been. In the conversation

which followed with the individual, I have heard them say I'll have to change my ways of living or I'll never see Mother again. Remember Radio friends, Mother's life which she lived will not take you to Heaven. You have a Soul to save same as she had, and regardless of how righteously she lived before God, if you believe the words of the Apostle Peter in his 1st Epistle 4th Chapter 18th verse which reads as follows: And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear.

To you whose Mother has passed to her reward and you feel within yourselves this morning that she lived righteously before God, before he removed her from His foot stool here below. If she is scarcely saved in the Kingdom of God, where are you going to appear when your times comes to say farewell to all your earthly friends and relations.

Kindly note that after Jesus Resurrection he returned unto the eleven Apostles as recorded by the Evangelist Mark 16th Chapter verses 14 to 16, Afterward He appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen Him after He was risen. And He said unto them, 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. If this is what He commanded His Apostles to do in that day and time, and it was necessary to be Baptized to be saved in His Kingdom, then isn't it true of this day and age in which we are living?

The Prophet Malachi wrote 450 years before Christ, and in his writings 3rd Chapter 6th verse he plainly states: "For I am the Lord I change not," and again the Apostle Paul in his Epistle to the Hebrews 13th Chapter 8th verse, reads Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever, which shows very conclusively, that there is no variableness in our Lord and Master. Then if He commanded His Apostles, back in those days to Baptize so that the people would be Saved, and being the same Lord today as then, this commandment is still in force.

I advise you Radio friends to think well upon your Soul, you're

the only person who can petition God for your Soul Salvation, this matter is between Him and yourselves, Mother can be a righteous person in your sight, but she has a Soul to save same as you and this is going to keep her busy looking after herself.

I thank God I was born of goodly parents and although my Mother is past 82 years of age, and I believe she is listening in this morning, For her benefit and all Mothers, I am going to close my discourse by reciting a poem I wrote, and am dedicating it to My Mother on this Mother's Day.

(1)

Today is Sunday the eleventh of May;

The people are calling it Mother's Day,

But as the shadows of evening flee

It'll be another day in Mem-o-ry.

(2)

Why set aside one day for Mother;

And still other days for one another,

But as we kneel each day to pray

Let's remember Mother every day.

(3)

T'was her who smiled at our baby ways;

And laboured hard through our childhood days,

Now she is old, worn and gray
Let's make every day "Mother's Day."

(4)

To me she's the dearest friend on earth;

Whether in sickness, sadness or mirth,

And one sure thing there will be no other

Who can take the place of my Dear Mother.

"In Memory of Brother
Frank Ford"

(By Margaret Heaps)

He's been gone a long time now,
Or so it would seem;
I'm sure though that some day,
It will seem like a dream.

We miss his warm greeting,
The clasp of his hand,
Not us only, but every one
Who knew this good man.

He was friend to the friendless
A helper in need,
A sower, of sowers
Who planted good seed.

Tho we miss him and wonder,
Why God took him away,
We know he is resting

Awaiting the day.

When all his dear brothers
And sisters as well,
Shall join him in Heaven
Their Anthems to swell.

FREE WILL AND OBEDIENCE

Know then that every soul is free,

To choose his life and what he'll be;

For this eternal truth is given,

That God will force no man to heaven.

When God created Adam He of course made him a creature of free will. He also knew what would happen to him if he used his freedom the wrong way. What did God do? He set the law before Adam, saying: "Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die."

God set the law before Adam and said no more. A creature enjoying all the advantages of free will, it was up to him to choose whom he would serve. There were no cherubim; no flaming sword to guard the way of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Neither did God stand before the tree with a big stick to prevent this eating the fruit thereof. If he was to love God, it had to be done freely, voluntarily, a thing of his own choosing.

What a delicate situation! The very free will which joined Adam to his creator in a bond of perfect love, gave satan an opportunity to beguile him into yielding to his evil genius the mighty works of Gods' hands. How well he succeeded is evidenced by the fact that he is known until this day as the prince and power of this world.

If there is one thing that satan both loves and hates, it is free will. He loves it because it gives him an opportunity to set up his kingdom in the hearts of the children of men. Consider the Communists in America, who, with true satanic inspiration, use free will in attempting to bring this nation down into captivity. He hates free will because it is the one avenue whereby mankind, who wanders in many forbidden paths, may find his way back to God.

In due course of time God set the machinery of good in motion to redeem a fallen race. Satan, watching the proceedings from afar, conceived a plan to frustrate the works of the Lord. Ha! If he could subdue the wills of the children of Israel, the thing would be

done. Working through the Egyptians, he decreed that these favored ones should be slaves.

Now, a slave has no will of his own. He lives only to do his masters will.

Mere puppets, they, who come and go

At bidding vast, formless things.

—Poe.

A first generation of slaves would no doubt retain a certain capacity to think, to reason, to make decisions for themselves. The second, third, fourth generations would gradually become more machine like in its reactions; doing not as they thought, but doing as they were told. It follows in due course of time that when the will is thus atrophied, the only language one is able to understand is the language of the clenched fist, the whip, the sword. It is the language of the beast.

A mother asks her boy to go to the store. The boy dislikes going to the store. To him it is an evil which puts a damper on the spirit of play. The mother threatens him with the razor strop. The strop is a greater evil than going to the store. What does he do? He accepts the lesser of two evils. The lion in the circus arena understands the language of accepting the lesser of two evils. He will stand precariously atop a high stool rather than feel the sting of the trainers whip. It is the rudest and crudest kind of obedience under the heavens. Needless to say that God can do little or nothing with a people whose understanding of the word obedience does not rise above the level of the beast. What could God do? He could not use a slave to deliver a people whose understanding of the word obedience had sunk to the level of the beast.

God raised up Moses. How? Simply by causing that he should be instructed in the lofty art of using his will to the honor and glory of God. And for that Moses had to be free. Forty years he spent among the Egyptians, enjoying all of the advantages of free will. Forty years more he spent in the land of Midian, where God instilled in him the only kind of obedience that will join mankind to his creator.

An intelligent little girl observes that mother has no bread for dinner. Unasked, she flies to the store on wings of love, seeking no reward save to bring gladness to her mothers' heart. When mother sees what the little girl has done, she recognizes this as the type of obedience which reaches into the lofty places of the mountains to the

stars and beyond — to the throne of God. It is this voluntary kind of obedience which bridges the gulf between the timely and the eternal. The son of God understood that it was only through the medium of free will that He could express God's love for the world. With the destiny of the whole creation in the hollow of His hand, and in an agony of mind which only his great heart could understand, he cried to the Father, "Not my will, but thine be done."

We cannot hold but esteem his decision as the greatest act of obedience ever performed upon this earth. It broke the bands of death, and gave unto mankind a high priest in the heavens.

What does this teach us? Simply that obedience is not obedience unless it gives love expression. Someone has said that art is long and time is fleeting. Learning this lofty, artistic type of obedience requires a great deal of time.

The children of Israel roamed around in the wilderness for forty years, because they could not so soon throw off the shackles of four hundred years of constant degeneration. Their wills had become so atrophied, that their responses to Moses' pleadings were too pitifully feeble. If Moses had gotten behind them with a whip, had talked to them in the only language they understood, they no doubt would have obeyed him, but since there is no faith in choosing the lesser of two evils, they could do nothing more than roam around until all, save two of the six hundred thousand that had left Egypt, had died. If Moses had forced them to look up to the brazen serpent on the pole, they would have died even though they had looked, because it was not the serpent, but faith in Christ, which would have saved them from death.

When the will is free, both good and evil are possible. When the will is bound, only evil is possible. When an evil spirit enters into a man it subdues the will. The unfortunate man or woman thus possessed can do nothing, think nothing or feel nothing but evil. As with the individual, so with the church. Using free will to destroy free will, Satan brought to pass the great apostacy, or falling away, spoken of in the second chapter of second Thessalonians. His tactics were somewhat different in this case. Instead of enslaving their bodies, he corrupted the hearts of the members of the priesthood, which resulted in a state of spiritual slavery unequalled in the annals of time. See

Rev. the 18th Chapter—13th verse. What could God do? He could not use a slave to liberate the souls of those who were in a state of spiritual bankruptcy. Reversing the process used by Satan, God touched and began to refine the heart of Martin Luther. Now, Luther was not another Moses. We know of no one man among the gentiles who ever attained to the Moses-like stature. Nor shall the earth see His like again until the coming of the choice-seer, who shall be of the seed of Joseph. It must be admitted, however, that God poured a little of His own eyesight upon the blind Luther by giving him, firstly, access to the written word, and, secondly, inspiring him to understand it in part. The reader may gauge Luther's understanding of the scriptures when informed that Luther condemned both the book of Hebrews and the book of James. These, said he, were ridiculous.

We esteem Martin Luther very highly. We cannot but marvel that he did so much with so little, but the kind of free will and obedience that God needed to effect a restoration was not yet. A brilliant people in many respects, the German nation never attained too much of an understanding of the meaning of free will. Because they understood so little, they were the first of the reformed peoples of Europe to succumb to the spirit of dictatorship.

As God continued to lavish more and more of his own eyesight, intelligence and love upon succeeding reformers, the light became brighter and brighter until, in that system of religious worship known as Methodism, it reached its zenith. Operating upon whomsoever He would of these whose wills he had liberated, God led them by the thousands to America, where he inspired the founding fathers to establish free will as a lawful order of things; a God given right to worship Him according to the dictates of ones own conscience. Nowhere upon the earth could one find such a highly developed sense of human decency or fair play; which are two of the elements of that moral law which operates upon the consciences of all civilized men. The reformers did their work well. They made it possible for mankind to render unto God that kind of obedience which makes possible the shedding abroad of God's love for the world.

It took Satan some five hundred years to destroy free will. (From the time that Paul first observed the mystery of iniquity at work

until 560 A. D.). It took the Lord, working through the reformers, a little more than 300 years to restore it. Luther was excommunicated from the Roman Church in 1520. John Wesley died in 1791. The Book of Mormon sprung out of the earth in 1827.

Thousands of brave men died in our great civil war to liberate the negro slave. Like a child with a new and highly complicated toy, he could not understand the white man's concept of freedom. Do we wonder of he did things which, in the white man's code, was unlawful? The negro was not to blame. He had no Moses to point the way.

The children of Israel could do little more than look on while God smote the Egyptians. The Book of Mormon implies that God shall deliver the children of Israel in the latter days by executing judgment upon the Gentiles. See third Nephi 29-9. Why? Simply because you logically cannot use a captive or captives to deliver a people who dwell in captivity.

The Church of Jesus Christ is under the necessity of improving its talent before it can receive the sons of Jacob. Let us learn to translate free will into those loftier acts of obedience which give the love of God richer, fuller expression. We need nothing more. It would be foolish to go to Joseph with anything less.

If we shall above all things have fervent love among ourselves, we shall one day see the Choise Seer arise, who shall crown the achievements of the Gentiles as the flower of sweet fulfillment.

James Curry

CRITICISM

(Submitted by a Brother Teacher)

In the world there are men and women who because of their many, or possibly one bold condemnation of the actions of others, have been acclaimed as successful critics. Often after the passing of a few years a change of time brings a change of opinion of these same people and their claims. Therefore we could conclude that their seemingly successful attainments have been because of lack of truth or because of a disregard for truth. The question we as people of God should raise in our minds is, how should we treat this matter of criticism, since we must not only regard truth but also possess it at all times?

Having had spiritual experiences along this line, (very unpleasant ones) I feel it would be well to
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EDITORIAL

I was in hopes that I would of had a letter from Brother P. DiBattista for this paper, but I have not. I have received a letter from his wife in San Diego, Calif. informing me that her husband arrived safely in Argentina. It was quite a trip for him and he was not very well upon his arrival, and it required a little time for him to recuperate. I want to remind you all that our brother has gone a long-ways from home and his loved ones. I feel certain that his motives are good — the saving of souls — the greatest of all professions one can be engaged in. Lehi left his home and riches behind him in Jerusalem, and obeyed the command of God as given him in a dream. Whatever Brother DiBattista's experiences have been, he has heeded them. Let us all remember him in our prayers and in any way we can, also his wife for she is living in hopes of some day joining her beloved husband. Christ died on the Cross for the very purpose of saving the souls of men and women, there is nothing more precious than a soul according to the word of Jesus Christ. There is an Article in this little volume, titled "Criticism," also another one in the November issue of 1945 titled "Flowers and Thorns," everybody read them over, chew the words up good so they will digest proper, then get down on your knees and petition God in behalf of Brother P. DiBattista and when doing so, do not forget Sister Louise. Anyone wanting to write to Brother Patsy, be sure you address him as follows: Senor Pasquale DiBattista, Bodega Battaglia, General Gutierrez, Mendoza - Republica, Argentina, South America.

The Monongahela Church has been holding services all this week, very nice meetings we are having.

Mr. Thomas Evanson of Jackson, Michigan is spending the week with us, and was baptized here in the Monongahela River last evening, May 21st. We have had thus far, visitors from various Branches of the church in this district.

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write somewhat on this matter for enlightenment to any in our midst who will lend an ear. There is no doubt in my mind of there being two kinds of criticism, constructive and destructive. Also — there is no doubt that much destructive criticism goes on in our midst, destroying not the one or ones whom it was aimed at, but rather the one which did the aiming, especially if he continues to the point where his heart is saturated with this spirit. It first breeds slackness of duty and eventually self-righteousness. Sooner or later such a one is found separated from the fold of God. How pathetic for nothing but remorse awaits him in the world. Yet what can a person expect in the world after he has once been enlightened and tasted of the goodness of God; for such are the judgements of God. Oh that the Lord would awaken all those who have left His fold to come back and to beware of the disease that has caused them to become so misfortunate. That He would cause them to realize that their ways have been wordly, according to the nature of the flesh, and therefore deadly. For to what degree we harm others we harm them to heed His counsel even the words of His Son; for no doubt the Lord Jesus knew there would be many things in the church that would cause the flesh to criticise, but which would cause the spirit to pray. Did He not tell us to pray for one another because of our many weaknesses, and many shortcomings?

An unpleasant experience which I mentioned which I would like to relate happening a few years ago, when I first entered the church. I was in the act of criticising a brother of the church to one who was not of the church, which made it doubly worse. During the discourse I heard thunder, it being a nice day I asked the other person if she had heard it. The answer was no. It struck me plainly as the disproving voice of God in this matter. In another instance I was criticising two, of the church, but only in my heart. Once again I received chiding from the Lord, though in a different manner. So I have concluded that criticism openly or inwardly can be very displeasing to our God.

It not only brings about a displeasure from God, but also dampens our spirit, ringing dark clouds of discouragement. And if allowed to continue it will bring us to a sad and awful state. Let

us be wise as our Lord Jesus recommended, let us pray that God might keep away such a spirit; let us also rather pray one for another, and to esteem the others better than ourself, even as Paul the Apostle recommended, then surely a pure divine love of God will fill our hearts. It will cause us to sing sunlight, sunlight in my soul today. To any who are allowing this spirit to darken their spiritual abode, we say "Clear the darkened windows, open wide the door, let a little sunshine in." And with the poet we repeat:

Does your faith grow fainter in the cause you love?
Are your prayers unanswered by your God above?
Clear the darkened windows open wide the door,
Let a little sunshine in. (Selected)

Editors Note: The writer of this article titled "Criticism" requested me not to use his name, but he is one of our good faithful brothers, and I think his article deserves thoughtful consideration of all that will read it. Bear in mind that CRITICISM has killed many a good man. It does not require a person to be spiritual in order to be able to criticise, anybody can do that if they so desire. This article has caused me to think of another article which was published in The Gospel News in November 1945, titled: "FLOWERS AND THORNS," everybody please turn back your pages and read it again, its tendency is, to stir up ones mind toward that which is good.

Authentic Story of Historic Carthage Jail (In Illinois)

Recorded in the above mentioned little volume is the following story. A Methodist preacher named Prior, who visited Nauvoo to hear a Sabbath sermon by the Prophet, recorded the result in these words: "I will not attempt to describe the various feelings of my bosom as I took my seat in a conspicuous place in the congregation, who were waiting in breathless silence for his appearance. While he tarried, I had plenty of time to revolve in my mind the character and common report of that truly singular personage. (Joseph Smith) I fancied that I should behold a countenance sad and sorrowful, yet containing the fire marks of rage and exasperation. I supposed that I should be enabled to discover in him some of those thoughtful and reserved

features, those mystic and sarcastic glances, which I had fancied the ancient sages to possess. I expected to see that fearful, faltering look of conscious shame which from what I had heard of him, he might be expected to evince. He appeared at last; but how was I disappointed when, instead of the heads and horns of the beast and false prophet, I beheld only the appearance of a common man, of tolerably large proportions. I was sadly disappointed, and thought that although his appearance could not be wrested to indicate anything against him, yet he would manifest all I heard of him, when he began to preach. I sat uneasily, and watched him closely. He commenced preaching, not from the Book of Mormon, however, but from the Bible; the first chapter of First Peter was his text. He commenced calmly, and continued dispassionately to pursue his subject, while I sat in breathless silence, waiting to hear that foul aspersion of the other sects, that diabolical disposition of revenge, and to hear that rancorous denunciation of every individual but a Mormon. I waited in vain; listened with surprise; I sat uneasy in my seat, and could hardly persuade myself but that he had been apprised of my presence, and so ordered his discourse on my account, that I might not be able to find fault with it; for instead of a jumbled jargon of half-connected sentences, and a volley of imprecations, and diabolical and malignant denunciations, heaped upon the heads of all who differed from him, and the dreadful twisting of the Scriptures to suit his own particular views, and attempt to weave a web of dark and mystic sophistry around the gospel truths, which I had anticipated, he glided along through a very interesting and elaborate discourse, with all the care and happy facility of one who was well aware of his important station, and his duty to God and man."

The following is taken from this same little volume, (Historic Carthage Jail). An English traveler, who visited Nauvoo, in 1843, had this to say in the course of newspaper letter widely copied at that time: "Joseph Smith, the Mormon Prophet, is a singular character; he lives at the 'Nauvoo Mansion House', which is, I understand, intended to become a home for the stranger and traveler, and I think, from my own personal observation, that it will be deserving of the name. The Prophet is a kind,

cheerful, sociable companion. I believe that he has the good-will of the community at large, and that he is ever ready to stand by and defend them in any extremity; and as I saw the Prophet and his brother Hyrum conversing together one day, I thought I beheld two of the greatest men of the nineteenth century. I have witnessed the Mormons in their assemblies on a Sunday, and I know not where a similar scene could be effected or produced. With respect to the teachings of the Prophet, I must say that there are some things hard to be understood; but he invariably supports himself from our good old Bible. Peace and harmony reign in the city (meaning Nauvoo). The drunkard is scarcely ever seen, as in other cities, neither does the awful imprecation of profane oaths strike upon the ear, but, while all is storm and tempest and confusion abroad respecting the Mormons, all is peace and harmony at home."

P.S. I will just add: that Joseph Smith and his brother Hyrum were murdered in Carthage Jail at Carthage, Ill. in June 1844, in a land of the free and the home of the brave, yea, in a land where man is supposed to have free speech and the right of serving God as to the dictates of his own conscience.

Sincerely the Editor.

The Words of Moroni

"And awake, and arise from the dust, O Jerusalem: yea, and put on thy beautiful garments, O daughter of Zion; and strengthen thy stakes and enlarge thy borders forever, that thou mayest no more be confounded, that the covenants of the Eternal Father which He hath made unto thee, O house of Israel, may be fulfilled. — Yea, come unto Christ and be perfected in Him, and deny yourselves; of all ungodliness; and if ye shall deny yourselves of all ungodliness, and love God with all your might, mind and strength, then is His grace sufficient for you, that by His grace ye may be perfect in Christ; and if by the grace of God ye are perfect in Christ, ye can in no-wise deny the power of God. — And again, if ye by the grace of God are perfect in Christ, and deny not His power, then are ye sanctified in Christ, by the grace of God, through the shedding of the blood of Christ, which is in the covenant of the Father unto the remission of your sins, that ye become holy, without spot."

The Teachings of Paul

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, WHICH IS your reasonable service, — And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. — Follow peace with all MEN, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord."

Peter Teaches

"But as He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy for I am holy. — For the time is come that judgement must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?"

It is evident that these servants of God taught that which Jesus taught, for His words are as follows to His disciples: "Be ye therefore PERFECT, even as your Father is in heaven is Perfect." And again to His disciples, Jesus says: "What manner of MEN ought ye to be? Verily I say unto you, even as I am." Jesus was Holy, and He says we should be like Him. Who dare say we should not be like Him? The Saviour did not teach anything which would be impossible for man to do. When men say we cannot live a holy life here in this world, it is a confession of a lack of faith in the efficacy of the power of Christ, His promises and His teachings. Remember, He has declared that all things are possible to those that believe. — W.H.C.

AN INTERESTING ARTICLE By Earnest Webbe, Kirtland

Editor of the Mentor Monitor.

Dear Sir: In a recent contribution dealing with the Kirtland Reunion of the Latter Day Saints following, mention was made of matters not directly bearing on that occasion and at your kind invitation I am privileged to extend that description somewhat:

I wrote of the four-man delegation that set out from New York state to purchase land in the northwest for a community headquarters, how they followed the ever-broadening trail of Iriquois and Erie Indians along the lake, stay-

ing overnight with a Mentor minister, Rev. Sidney Rigdon, previously secretary to Alexander Campbell, forerunner of the Christian Disciple church. Rigdon liked the program offered by the visiting delegation but hesitated to present it to his immediate congregation until further study. However he was responsible for their visit to the "Common Steekers" so-called, of Kirtland who were absorbed by the new "gospel," so completely in fact that little is left of their former identity. It was the honor of the writer on several occasions to discuss this matter with the late Mr. Sidney S. Wilson of the Historical Association and the only open conclusion we could arrive at was that the "common steekers" were loosely connected with the several Shaker communities then flourishing south and east of Cleveland.

"The Book of Mormon" was carried by these four men in evidence of their mission, and they addressed themselves to the Indians of a few councils they were permitted to attend. One old chief with his hand on his heart said "It makes us feel good here." The Book of Mormon purports to be historical account of the Pre-Columbian tribes or peoples of this continent, Central America and the southern continent. It traces their origin from several migrations from the old world and supported by Biblical facts. Because of this book, never supplanting the Bible but supporting it, the believers were dubbed Mormons, which later became associated in the minds of many with Old Testament accounts of polygamy, a doctrine practised in the section of those who went to Utah, but never accepted here, rather the local church has been foremost in opposing it. The Book of Mormon denounces polygamy in several instances; nowhere endorses. Bob Ripley one time cartooned "Believe It or Not — the Book of Mormon denounces Polygamy."

Probably, the "common steekers" were greatly interested in certain phases of the Mormon history that recounted the prospering and welfare of whole communities having all things common much like the New Testament account under leadership of good men and great. Mormon was one of the historians and prophets of whom there were many, he being almost the last. If it sounds fantastic you must remember the traditions prevalent at the time of Cortez and Montezuma; the Aztecs were far advanced, culturally, of Europe at

that period of time. They attributed their arts and culture to a divinity that had sojourned among their forbears, a bearded character, fair of complexion, who had later been spirited away because of dangerous and powerful foes; he promised to return and set up a kingdom of peace forever. This was the famed Quetzalcoatl of Mexican history. Within the last few years the Mexican Government has officially pronounced the adulation of this character in place of the Santa Claus myth.

There is a very fine book to be had for the reading, compiled by one of the Latter Day Saint Apostles, Paul M. Hanson. It has numerous and interesting extracts from many learned works that support the thought that Quetzalcoatl and Christ are identified as one personality. He said "I have other sheep not far of this fold" and we have no other account of him during the forty days from the Easter grave to his Ascension. I visited a grand old priest in Detroit, Dean of that diocese, in the Cathedral House of which the third floor was entirely given over to exhibition of artifacts, implements, armor and weapons from the vanished races of America, as well as things from ancient Rome, Greece and Palestine. Scientists agree that the Aztec culture was builded upon that of an earlier, more refined and peaceful era. This is exactly what the Mormon history sets forth.

Indeed every South American archaeological development, such as so brilliantly displayed in National Geographic magazine indirectly approves the Book of Mormon to the world at a time when there was nothing in the English language to base such a history upon. It is chaste and moral and in complete harmony with the Bible. The first edition was copyrighted in 1829 and published later in Palmyra, N. Y., but the really first edition published by the new church was printed in Kirtland, your next-door neighbor. Since then it has been translated and printed in German, Swedish, Italian, Spanish, Welsh, Tahitian and others. It is in many public libraries.

James W. Perkins Passes On
Brother James W. Perkins, 53 years old, of Bitner, died in his home April 17th, 1947, after an illness of eighteen months. He was baptized into the Church January 12, 1932, and was a member of the Bitner Mission. He leaves his wife and six children to mourn his loss.

Funeral services were conducted April 20, 1947, at the Pleasant View Church by Brother Joseph Bittinger of the Bitner Mission. Interment was made in the Church cemetery.

William d'Happart Passes On
William d'Happart, son of M. O. d'Happart of West Newton, Pa., and of the late Sister Elizabeth Griffith d'Happart died in a Hospital in Jersey City, N. J. on May 13 1947, after a short illness. His body was brought to West Newton and was buried from the Cullers Funeral Home of that place on May 15th. Brother W. H. Cadman attending the services, singing by Sisters Sarah Neill and Irene Griffith of Monongahela. William was 25 years old and leaves his young beloved wife to mourn his loss, along with his father, two brothers and two sisters. Also his aged grandmother, Sister Ruth Griffith of West Elizabeth, Pa., and many other relatives and friends. He was laid to rest in the Wm. Penn Memorial burying grounds at Wilkinsburg along side of his mother and a brother. We extend our sympathy to the loved ones, and especially to the young widow. May the Lord comfort her.

News from Warren
(By Virginia Polasky)

"On April 27, 1947, Brother and Sister Casasanta, Brother and Sister Ondrasik and Sister Anna Ridosh of McKees Rocks, visited the Warren Ohio Branch. A wonderful blessing was felt by all in both the morning and afternoon meetings. The morning meeting was opened by Brother Dan Casasanta followed by Brother George Ondrasik and Brother Domenic Giovannone. The afternoon meeting was opened by Brother George Ondrasik and testimonies of practically all the Brothers and Sisters followed. The Brothers and Sisters of McKees Rocks left for Pennsylvania at 7:00 P. M. that evening."

A BEAUTIFUL MARRIAGE
(By Virginia Polasky)

"On May 3rd, 1947, a beautiful marriage ceremony was solemnized at The Italian Christian Church, Warren, Ohio. Elvina Ciarrochi, daughter of Brother and Sister Ciarrochi of Warren, and Edward Minotti, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Minotti of Youngstown were united in marriage by Brother William Genaro. The attendants were Mar-

jorie Dorazio, Maid of Honor; Dolores Maffei, Millie Lapricina, Dora Ciarolla and Rose Corrado, Bridesmaids; Robert Ciarrochi, Rest Man; George Gemma, Frank Lapricina, Mike Maffei, and Joseph Genaro, ushers. A large dinner was served to the Eridal party, immediate family and good friends, and in the evening a reception was held for approximately 150 people. The couple then left for a week's trip to Buffalo and New York."

News From Sisters in Detroit
(By Mariette Ruzzi)

April 21, 1947

Dear Bro. Editor:

The Detroit Ladies Uplift Circle held their quarterly meeting at Branch No. 1 on Monday April 14, 1947 with good representation from the four branches.

Part of the meeting was taken up with business. A free-will offering was taken and the total receipts given to a needy Brother.

Several wonderful hymns were sung and then the meeting was turned over to our guest speaker, Brother Nicholas Pietrangelo, who gave a very inspiring talk about the youth of the church, stating that it is his desire to see many more young people connected with the Gospel. He suggested that we older Sisters try to bring at least one young person to our Circle this coming quarter. Bro. Pietrangelo was really blessed in his talk and it proved a blessing to us all to listen to our young Brother.

Bro. Jos. Dulisse followed in the Italian language and a good spirit prevailed.

The remaining time was taken up in testimony by the Sisters, each thanking the Lord for the good derived from the Ladies Circle. Many praised the Lord for Sister Cadman's inspiration in organizing a Circle. Our prayers are that God may continue to bless us that our efforts may bring others to the Gospel.

News From Branch 4, Detroit
(By Dominic Moraco)

April 21, 1947

Dear Bro. Editor:

With deep regrets we announce the departure of four members from Branch 4 to San Diego, California, Bro. and Sister Nicholas Lombardo and Bro. and Sister Anthony Ciaravino. They have been members of Branch No. 4 for a good number of years and we truly are sorry to see them leave us.

They expect to spend a few days with the Saints at St. John, Kansas.

Branch No. 4 hopes to start building in the very near future. We plan to construct a small basement church. We are only a few now but we trust that God will soon increase us in number as well as in his love.

Love to all.

A SHORT LETTER
(by Edith Terril)

Brother Editor:

I am enclosing \$1.50 for one years subscription to The Gospel News. This is a wonderful little paper and I would not be without it. I was at Pennside last Sunday. Brother and Sister Mancini of Erie, Pa. was present, also Bro. Corrado of Youngstown, Ohio and brothers and sisters, Paul Love, Sweigard, Russell, Martha and Eleanor of near Greenville, Pa., and we had very nice meetings. We have had two meetings here at my home in Meadville, and I may write up any future ones to send in to you. It will depend upon whether we can stir up some interest here, as it is pretty far to ask them to come from Youngstown to preach to only our own people. May your appeal for the Muncey work be heeded is my prayer.

**BROTHER BISCOTTI
VISITS MONONGAHELA**

Brother R. Biscotti of Cleveland, Ohio was a guest of the Church here on Sunday, April 27. He spent the whole day here and his visit was enjoyed by us all. He occupied the pulpit on Sunday morning and was greeted by a very nice audience, a number of them present from West Elizabeth, Pa. He read for his text a few verses found in St. Mark 5, about the poor man that dwelt among the tombs. The real text of his talk was "When Jesus comes the tempter's power is broken."

Brother Biscotti gave a lengthy talk in the afternoon service relative to his past experience in being brought to obey the gospel. He also made a brief talk in the Young People's meeting in the evening. All told, we had a very nice day in the Lord's service and the church here felt honored by having Bro. Biscotti spend the day with us. At the close of the service, Presiding Elder Tucker took him in his car to Pittsburgh where boarded the train for his home. In our evening

service, we also had present with us, Bro. and Sister Bittinger and part of their family from near Uniontown, and Bro. Bittinger Sr. from Lonaconing, Maryland. Come again.

TO THE GOSPEL NEWS
April 20-47

Brother Editor: The Niles Mission held its first meeting here in Niles, Ohio Sunday, April 13-47 after a space of approximately 15 years. We had visiting brother and sisters from Girard and Youngstown. Brother A. A. Corrado opened our meeting and the Spirit of God was greatly poured out upon us and our morning service was enjoyed by all that were present.

Our afternoon service was also very much blessed, and enjoyed by us all. The Spirit of God was felt throughout the meeting; every member present bore their testimony in thanking and praising God for His mercy. Sister Toto who is a very sick Sister and had not been to our meetings for some time, was present and we all rejoiced seeing her in our midst again.

The evening meeting was also enjoyed very much; all in all we spent a wonderful day in the service of God. We hope and pray that God will continue to bless us, so that we may continue to grow in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Sincerely, Daniel Corrado.

A Short Note from Trinidad
(By Sister Jurneke)

Sister Jurneke of Trinidad, Colo. renews her subscription to The Gospel News, and sends the following note: "All the members here are fine. We had a short, but very enjoyable visit with Bro. Alma Cadman, Bro. Furnier and his wife. Bro. Cadman stayed over night with us and Bro. Furnier and his wife were at Mother's, so you can see they were here just a short stay, but nevertheless, really enjoyed seeing and having them. I do hope they are all well."

Letter From Coshocton, Ohio
May 9-47

Dear Brother Editor: find enclosed a contribution that I would suggest be used to carry the Gospel to the Lamanite people. (It is evident that our brother has not forgotten the faith of his fathers.) I have also included with this check the amount of three dollars (\$3.00) to pay for my subscription to The

Gospel News for a two year period. I believe you should not have much trouble to secure at least one dollar every three months from each member although I realize some cannot spare that small amount, but there are others who should pay for those who cannot.

I hope you are all enjoying the blessing of good health and that you will have many more years in which to carry on your heart's desire of spreading the gospel of Christ. May God bless you and His work. I ask an interest in your prayers that I with you may be worthy to enjoy the everlasting life. Sincerely your Brother. Dr. R. E. Lynch.

Item from New Brunswick, N. J.

I am in receipt of a short letter from Sister Carmela Mazzeo in which she informs me of their intentions of making a trip to California by car. It is to be hoped that they will have a safe journey. Sister Carmela also renews her subscription to The Gospel News and informs me that she has only one fault to find; she says: "that grand paper is a bit too small." Thank you.

Cleveland, Ohio

To the saints' children who served in World War II. God helped you hit that beach safely at Okinawa, Saipan, Guadalcanal, Iwo Jima and the European theatre. God brought you safely home to your loved ones. The saints always prayed for your safe return home; boys if you have not made yourselves right with God, do it at once, it will make your parents very proud of you.

I have heard some of you talk in the Cleveland Branch, saying you were glad the saints prayed for you during your stay in the war. I had two sons in the Marine Corps, the oldest in the 6th Div., the youngest a sea-going Marine. This writing is also for my sons. I want to quote my oldest boy's exact words when he hit the beach on Okinawa that Easter Sunday morning as follows: "Dad I did not know much about praying, but I opened my mouth and was asking God to help me, and Dad, God did carry me safely through." My boy was glad to get home with God's help.

Boys, it's good to serve God, all you boys that have returned home have been brave and good soldiers. Now you are back home again, be good soldiers for Christ. God answers our prayers if we serve Him with our heart and soul. During

my wife's sickness and mine also, brother Perloni came to my home and anointed us both, and we feel much better. We had faith in God and he helped us. What a friend we have in Jesus. Boys and saints of the most high God, let me tell you it's good to be a saint of the latter days. Brother Dulisse said we only get out of the Church what we put in it, the closer we live before God, the more we will receive God's blessings. May God bless you all.

Oliver Lloyd.

Much Interest at Coleman

The editor is in receipt of a letter from Bro. Nellis of Coleman, Mich., and from all appearances, much interest is being created in that neighborhood in preaching the gospel. It would seem as though brother Nellis has a very promising field to labor in. He reports that at a meeting being held in brother Ewing's home recently, there were about 21 persons present, among them were friends from distant places. He also says that Bro. Reno Bologna and family of Detroit spent a Sunday with them recently and they had a very nice day in God's service. I wish to say that I am pleased too, for the offering sent to me from up there for the work at Muncey, Ont. among our Indian people. May the Lord bless you all. Brother W. H. C.

STELTON NEWS

From Stelton, N. J. comes a letter from Sister Fisher telling us of the many visits the saints are making to the various Missions in that part of the Vineyard of the Lord. Visits are being made to Brooklyn and the Bronx churches by various ones, and very enjoyable times are reported by Sister Fisher. Well, it does one good to move around and mingle with others some. Hearing the testimony of others has a tendency to encourage and strengthen. Brother Rogolino made a trip to Harrison, N. Y. to preach the Gospel. Brother John Buffa, Jr., of Detroit, visited with them in New Jersey recently. May the Lord bless you all.

News From Port Huron, Mich.

The Editor has just received a letter from brother Marco Randazzo, who is a busy worker in the vineyard of the Lord, and the Lord is blessing his efforts and crowning them with success. Brother Randazzo has been laboring at Port Huron for sometime past, and has patiently preached the gospel there. In his letter he informs me

that four converts were baptized there recently and is hopeful of others in the near future. Brother Marco: may the Lord continue to bless you and your co-workers who ever they may be. My predecessors of the Church always urged our brethren to preach the gospel, and I want you to know that I appreciate very much, the efforts that are being put forth in that direction. If we live righteously before God and scatter good seed, it will bring to pass the big things spoken of by the Prophet of old. Not only that, but Jesus said to his disciples: John 1-12, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." May the Lord bless you all in Port Huron. Brother Marco also sends five new subscribers for The Gospel News.

News From Allion District (By Paul O. Love)

Lots of letters coming: One just received from brother Love. He says he spent his vacation in the Albion, Pa., district and visited many homes in the interest of the Gospel of Christ. The closing paragraph of his letter is as follows: "Surely there is much work to do. And we find many people that are not attending Church, because they are dissatisfied with our Protestant and Catholic leaders today. And we find the teachings of the faith of this church, (is music in their ears) and they look amazed and with much interest when these things are taught them. Therefore we thank our God, that we are privileged to partake and understand these things. That we are not of the night; but rather of the day, as written in Thessalonians.— I have received a card this day from Brother and Sister Bittinger of the Bitner Mission. They along with Brother Wm. Bailey of the Redstone Branch, are at Inwood, W. Va. holding meetings. This place is not far from Winchester, Va. May the Lord bless our brethren.

Bible Class Donates Sunday School Bus

A 45-passenger bus donated by the Men's Bible Class of the Methodist Church in Stantonburg, North Carolina has doubled the Sunday-school enrollment. Said the pastor, "It has put new life into a church that was taking a rest."
—Christian Life and Times.

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A Letter From Argentina

Dear Brother Editor: With the help of God, I will write you a few lines letting you know that my health is good. I surely thank God for His mercies in keeping me from day-to-day, and I also thank Him for accompanying me on my trip, which saved me from all danger. I enjoyed the trip very much, it was pleasant on the Plane, only was rough on the mountains. I surely thank God for His goodness and mercies in bringing me here safely, as I said the trip was very good, but I was disappointed because I didn't find things so favorable in regards to the folks that I came to, they are members of the Penticostal Church, only God can open their minds to make them understand the true gospel of His kingdom, but Brother Cadman my hope is not lost, because there are many more people in this land besides them.

I have quite a few addresses of different people who are living in South America, and with the help of God I will try and visit them as soon as I receive my trunk. My hope is that by visiting them the Lord may open the door of their hearts to accept His blessed gospel. Brother Cadman, now that I came here, I can't look after anything else but to try with God's help to establish His restored church on this land of South America, which is a promised land above all other lands unto those that love Him. The things here are not like North America, they are lacking many things of conveniences, nevertheless I will sacrifice anything as long as the Lord will give me the opportunity to establish His church here. I ask you all to remember me in your prayers, that God will never forsake me while I endeavor to do His will. I hope you will excuse my writing, because this is my first attempt to write in English. I hope that some day I can give you lots of good news, even in broken language. My trip took me three and one-half days and three nights, but actual flying time was thirty-two hours and twenty minutes. We stopped at Balboa, Panama; while there I saw the Panama Locks, and I saw a boat going through. We crossed the equator line at 5:45 p.m. There was lots of white clouds and it was kind of rough. Receive my best regards

also sister Cadman and all your family. Give my best love and wishes to all the brothers and sisters back there.

P.S. I received The Gospel News and I thank you very much for your thoughtfulness. I wish you all well. Best regards to Brother Alma B. Cadman and family. Love to all the saints. Your brother in Christ.

Pasquale DiBattista.

(I ask you all to remember our brother in your prayers. W.H.C.)

Naaman the Leper

An address over the radio from Port Huron, Mich., April 27, 1947 by Thurman S. Furnier.)

I wish to refer to 2nd Kings Ch. 5, which gives an interesting account of a man named Naaman, Captain of the host of the king of Syria, an honorable man, and a man of valor, but he was a leper.

There was in his house a captive Israelite maid, and she waited on Naaman's wife. She having knowledge of the prophet Elisha and his good deeds, said unto her mistress; "Would God my lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria! For he would recover him of his leprosy." When this became known to the king of Syria, he sent a letter unto the king of Israel, saying, "Now when this letter is come unto thee, behold, I have therewith sent Naaman my servant to thee, that thou mayest recover him of his leprosy."

When the king of Israel had received the letter, he rent his clothes, and said, "Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man doth send unto me a to recover a man of his leprosy?"

From small things God does great things. For instance we read in St. John 9:1-7 of a man that was born blind. Christ spat on the ground and made clay and anointed the eyes of the blind man with clay and said to him; "Go wash in the pool of Siloam." The blind man went and washed and received his sight.

This was a very simple request, but by obeying the voice of Jesus: "Go wash in the pool of Siloam," the man received his sight.

New let us return to the account of Naaman: "When Elisha the man of God had heard that the king of Israel had rent his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, "Wherefore hast thou rent thy clothes? Let him come now to me,

and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel."

So Naaman came, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha.

"And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, "Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee and thou shalt be clean."

"But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, "Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the Lord his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper."

"Are not Ab'na and Phar'par, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? May I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage."

"And his servant came near, and spake unto him, and said, My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? How much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean?"

"Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean."

It wasn't a hard task, that Naaman should dip himself seven times in Jordan. He tried the experiment. He dipped himself once, twice, three, four, five and six times, the leprosy remained, but the seventh time, "his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean."

From the scriptures we are taught humility and obedience.

Leprosy is incurable only by the power of God. Lepers were put outside the walls of the cities, and a covering put upon their lips, and they cried, unclean, unclean. Leprosy is a type of sin, a pestilential disease, of which the people of this world have been and are sorely afflicted.

Jesus Christ made provisions that the human family could obtain forgiveness of their sins.

St. Matt: 28:19-20 "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

"Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of

the world. Amen."

The next witness testifies a little stronger.

St. Mark 16:15-16 "And he said unto them, 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."

Friends, if you were a leper, and was put outside the walls of the city, and a covering put upon your upper lip, and you were caused to cry; unclean, unclean. I believe I am safe in saying that you would do anything to be healed.

If you are living in sin and transgression and have not obeyed the simple command of Jesus Christ, that is; not having repented of your sins, not having been baptized for the remission of your sins, and have not been cleansed by the reception of the Holy Ghost, you may not have realized it before, but you too are a leper, spiritually speaking. You are out of the walls of the city. If you do not obey the simplicity teachings of Christ, with a broken heart and a contrite spirit, you too will be like the leper and will cry out, unclean, unclean, and under a consciousness of your filthiness before God, you will be shut out of the kingdom of God.

May God help you to believe and obey the voice of the master, Jesus Christ, the redeemer of the human family. Whose arms are extended in mercy to all.

Friends, listen to his pleading voice:

St. Matt: 28-30 "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; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls."

"For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

There doesn't appear to be any peace or rest, only in the hearts of those that have obeyed the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and are trusting in his promises.

Murderous combinations, adultery and a general condition of wickedness, which are built up to get power, gain and pleasure are rapidly bringing destruction, even the sword of the justice of the eternal God upon the people of this nation, if we suffer these things to continue. Wherefore, when you see these things among you, awake to a sense of your awful situation.

The people of this nation have been blessed above all other peoples of the earth, but if we con-

tinue to build up works of darkness and practice all kinds of iniquity, we will suffer as did the people of Sodom and Gomorrah.

Prov. 14:34 "Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people."

May God bless you.

Authentic Story of Historic Carthage Jail (In Illinois)

By Josiah Quincy

"It is by no means improbable that some future text-book, for use of generations yet unborn, will contain a question something like this: 'What historical American of the nineteenth century has exerted the most powerful influence upon the destinies of his countrymen?' And it is by no means impossible that the answer to that interrogatory may thus be written: 'Joseph Smith, the Mormon Prophet' And the reply, absurd as it doubtless seems to most men now living, may be an obvious commonplace to their descendants. History deals in surprises and paradoxes quite as startling as this. The man who established a religion in this age of free debate, who was and is today accepted by hundreds of thousands as a direct emissary from the Most High — such a rare human being is not to be disposed of by pelting his memory with unsavory epithets. Fanatic, imposter, charlatan, he may have been; but these hard names furnish no solution to the problem he presents to us. Fanatics and imposters are living and dying every day, and their memory is buried with them; but the wonderful influence which this founder of a religion exerted and still exerts throws him into relief before us, not as a rogue to be criminated, but as a phenomenon to be explained.

"The most vital question Americans are asking each other today have to do with this man and what he has left us. A generation other than mine must deal with these questions. Burning questions they are which must give a prominent place in the history of the country to that sturdy self-asserter whom I visited at Nauvoo. Joseph Smith, claiming to be an inspired teacher, faced adversity such as few men have been called to meet, enjoyed a brief season of prosperity such as few men have ever attained, and, finally, forty-three days after I saw him, went cheerfully to a martyr's death." (Editors note: I have heard it said that Josiah

Quincy was once mayor of Boston, Mass. I do not know if this is true, but in looking up the matter in the New Standard Encyclopedia, I find that there was a Josiah Quincy, president of the Massachusetts Senate in 1842 and was Mayor of Boston in 1845-49. This being true, Mr. Quincy was a man of standing in his day. Joseph Smith was slain in 1844.)

NEWS FROM ALBION, PA.

(By Glenn W. White)

May 23-47

Brother Editor: Just a line to tell you of the most enjoyable week that I can recall. On Monday May 5th, Brother Paul Love of Fredonia came and spent a few days with me, so he could visit or call on the people here in regards to the Church, its faith and what it stands for. He made many calls and visited many homes while I was at work. In the evenings after I came home from work I would go out with him, visiting homes here and also in Erie, Pa. At one home we called at; Brother Paul showed from the Prophet Ezekiel where the Prophet tells of the two books, also in Rev. 14 in regard to the coming-forth of the Everlasting Gospel, in fact, he gave us a real picture of how this Church and its faith was the same as that which our Lord and Saviour taught when He was upon the earth. We called at various homes, and it was a real treat for me to work with Brother Paul, for I received a very good lesson and many blessings from God those few days, and I hope he can see his way clear to spend some of his August vacation here too. May the Lord bless him in his work. — Brother White says they expect to have two Baptisms at the Pennside Church (near Albion, Pa.) on Sunday May 25th, his Mother being one of them and a Mr. Bentley. He closes his letter with the following paragraph: "Yes: Brothers Paul and Will Love, A. A. Corrado, John Mancini, and their many helpers in the Gospel have been doing the Lords work well and deserve the prayers of all. May the Lord bless and keep them." — P. S. In a letter from Brother Paul Love recently, he reminds me that Brother and Sister Vernon Chester sowed good seed in this territory some few years ago. Since receiving Brother Whites letter I have learned that they baptized the two converts on May 25th, with Brother Mancini of Erie officiating.

My Trip to Monongahela, Pa. (By Thomas Evanson)

Editor: I left Jackson, Michigan May the 16th and arrived in Monongahela, the next day at 5:30 p.m. I stayed nine full days with the saints in that city. I shall never forget their kindness towards me. I was told that the people of The Church of Jesus Christ were benign; this was on my mind so much that I just had to go and find out for myself. Sunday the 18th was my first time in The Church of Jesus Christ at Monongahela, they had meetings every night that week except Saturday, and I took it all in and the outcome: I will leave up to the other fellow to tell. They have a fine Church Building, which I would say cost proximately \$25,000, they are all just common working people, no rich, no poor so far as I could see, but they did have the love of Christ. I do not consider this people as Christians, but Saints in Christ Jesus.

P.S. I want to add, that while Brother Evanson enjoyed his trip and visit to this Branch of the Church, we also enjoyed having him here with us. He was a stranger to most all of us when he came, but became one of our brethren in Christ before returning to his home in Michigan. He was baptized in the Monongahela River while here by Brother W. H. Cadman. Come back again Brother Evanson. W.H.C.

SCIENCE NEWS LETTER SAID:

"Science can tell you whether or not groups of men are marked for early death. They can do this while men are still in good health, before the first appearance of any signs of the disease that will eventually kill them. The conclusions were based on a study of some 200,000 tobacco users."

A more recent survey by Dr. W. J. McCormick of Toronto proved that of all cases of sudden death in that city over a three-year period (269) 151 had been diagnosed as Coronary Thrombosis. Other heart ailment accounted for forty-five more. CT had struck down these men at an average age of fifty-two (twelve at forty-five, six at less than forty). Ninety-four per cent of them were smokers and of the remaining six per cent some had but recently given up tobacco.

Here is found a startling explanation of the recent tremendous increase in the number of sudden deaths from CT which stops the heart with terrifying suddenness by forming a blood clot in a blood vessel. This is now the principal

cause of death for all of middle age.

Dr. McCormick's survey calls attention to the high increase in cigarette consumption. In the United States, 135 billion cigarettes were smoked in 1935. Just in nine years later, in 1944, the number had jumped to 333 billion. A similar colossal increase had taken place in Canada. In both countries there has been a closely parallel rise in deaths from heart disease.

Says Magazine Digest: "On this continent almost a third of a million people will die of heart disease this year. A large percentage of these victims will be killed suddenly; in middle age, by Coronary Thrombosis. You have the evidence showing the appalling rise of this disease with the stupendous increase in cigarette consumption."

Leaving aside all spiritual considerations, need anything more be said?—Quoted from Prophecy (September, 1946). —P.S. With the children of Israel under the leadership of Moses, God told them what to eat and what not to eat, and disease would be the results of disobeying Him. Please read the 28th chapter of Deuteronomy and observe the penalty for disobedience, and keep this FACT in mind that God is still the same. You will find the tobacco question dealt with on pages 62, 63 and 229 of the history of The Church of Jesus Christ. In view of what is now developing from the results of cigarette smoking, May I ask: Was our brethren mistaken in 1872? (W. H.C.)

(Copied from Herald of Holiness)

"THE MORE EXCELLENT WAY"
(From the 94th sermon of John Wesley. Covet earnestly the best gifts, etc. 1 Cor. 12, 31).

In the preceding verses, St. Paul has been speaking of the extraordinary gifts of the Holy Ghost: such as healing the sick, prophesying, in the proper sense of the word; that is, foretelling things to come; speaking with strange tongues such as the speaker had never learned; and the miraculous interpretation of tongues. And these gifts, the apostle allows to be desirable: yea, he exhort the Corinthians, at least the teachers among them, (to whom chiefly, if not solely, they were wont to be given in the first ages of the church), to covet them earnestly, that thereby they might be qualified to be more useful either to Christians or heathens. "And yet," says he, "I show unto you a more excellent way." Far more desira-

ble than all these put together: inasmuch as it will infallibly lead you to happiness, both in this world and in the world to come: whereas you might have all those gifts, yea, in the highest degree, and yet be miserable both in time and eternity.

It does not appear, that these extraordinary gifts of the Holy Ghost were common in the church for more than two or three centuries. We seldom hear of them after that fatal period, when the emperor Constantine called himself a Christian; and from a vain imagination of promoting the Christian cause thereby, heaped riches, and power, and honour, upon the Christians in general; but in particular, upon the Christian clergy. From this time they almost totally ceased: very few instances of the kind were found. The cause of this was not (as has been vulgarly supposed), "because there was no more occasion for them," because all the world was become Christians. This is a miserable mistake: not a twentieth part of it was then nominally Christians. The real cause was, "the love of many," almost of all Christians, so called, was 'waxed cold.' The Christians had no more of the Spirit of Christ, than other heathens. The Son of man, when He came to examine His church, could hardly "find faith upon earth." This was the real cause, why the extraordinary gifts of the Holy Ghost were no longer to be found in the Christian church; because the Christians were turned heathens again, and had only a dead form left.—Thus far I have quoted the first two paragraphs of Wesley's ninety fourth sermon as it is recorded.

Mr. Wesley has always been spoken very highly of. He was a member of the Church of England and along with his brother Charles, was very energetic in preaching the gospel. Eventually their followers became known as the Methodist Church, though I have read that Mr. John Wesley never removed his membership from the Church of England. He traveled far and near to preach, even among the Indians upon this land of America. His indictment of the Christians of his day because of denying the gifts of the gospel, such as the gift of tongues, healing the sick, etc., is that they have all turned heathens again. A very strong indictment indeed. And what I call a very serious matter, is that the word of God bears him out in his argument. In first Cor.

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Editorial

We are a little late this time in getting our material into the hands of the Printer, due to the fact that the Editor has just returned from a trip among our Indian people in Canada. Just arrived home this day June 24th. While at Muncey for one week, I helped Brother Cotellessee preach the gospel, holding meetings in the Church at Muncey, also in the Indians homes. I want to add that I always enjoy preaching the gospel to the Lamanite people. I also believe and advocate, that it is a duty that the Lord expects from His servants in this dispensation of time, in fact it is not only a duty expected of them, but a duty required by Him. Bro. Cotellessee has not got any help with the work he has to do, consequently things are not going along as well as it should, so I got on the tractor (my first experience) and I tore up the soil with a disk-harrow, so as to help him get in his crops, which have been held back considerable by wet weather. On Saturday June 21st, I went with the folks from Windsor, to the Six Nations Reserve, and we held meetings on Saturday night and all day on Sunday. We had very good meetings while there. Our first meeting on Sunday morning was the Sunday School. Sister Erma Reynolds has a very nice class of Indian boys and girls and she is doing her best in the way of instructing them in the ways of God. We also had an adult class, and an interesting lesson from the Book of Mormon, then a preaching service, and then a fellowship meeting in the home of Sister Lewis and Jamieson in Ohsweken on the Reserve. We had a very good meeting. Our Indian members all active, even a little Indian girl possibly five or six years old, got up on her feet and asked us to pray for her. May God bless her little soul. Our folks on the Six Nations Reserve are very anxious for the Church to locate some one on their Reserve permanently. Carrying the Gospel to these people has been our faith from the beginning, BRETHREN what are WE going to do? Brother

Henderson and Sister Ford of Windsor also were present on this trip.

On returning home from this trip I learned that Sister Mary Love has had one of her eyes removed. She has had considerable trouble with cataracts on her eyes for some years past, an attempt to have them removed has not been successful, and the pain became unbearable, so one eye has been removed. Sister Love is a sister of W. H. and A. B. Cadman and is in her 78th year. While in Detroit on my recent trip, I met Brother Marco Randazzo, he has had the misfortune of having part of one finger cut off, and another one badly mangled. The accident happened in some way with a power lawn mower. He has had a very sore hand.

Sincerely, the Editor.

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12, 1. I read: "Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren I would not have you ignorant." The gifts of the gospel were so important, that the great Apostle of Christ must not leave his brethren in ignorance of. In verse four: "And there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit." Verse 14: "For the body is not one member, but many." And goes on to show that one member of the body cannot say I have no need of thee. For instance the eye is needed as well as the ear, likewise the hand as well as the foot. To be lacking in any of these members, our body is not perfect or complete. So with the body or church of Christ, it should have all its members (gifts) in order to be the Church of Jesus Christ. According to Paul there were diversities of gifts in the Church in his day, and also they were numerous. Anyone that will take time to read carefully the twelfth chapter of First Corinthians, will have to conclude that the Gifts of the gospel are necessary to perfect the Body (church) of Christ. Mr. Wesley's conclusion is, that because they were no longer extant in his day, the Christians had all turned heathen again. Again I say: A very severe indictment indeed. W.H.C.

G.M.B.A. MEETS AT ROCHESTER, N. Y.

The general meeting of the Missionary Benevolent Association met in Rochester, N. Y., Saturday May 17th at 2:30 p.m. The meeting was opened by Vice-president Nicholas Pietrangelo with some remarks concerning the work of

the Association. The following officers were present: Vice-president Pietrangelo, Secretary Hannah Skillen and Assistant Secretary Ruth Akerman. Reports from the various locals were given by letter, and also by the different delegates, twenty of them being present. A new local was reported organized at Niles, Ohio with twenty nine members. Many things were discussed during the business session as to improving the work of the M.B.A.

The evening meeting was in charge of the Rochester local. They presented a very nice program on the origin of our Hymn Books, selections were sung by many of the visiting members from the many locals that were represented. Everyone felt it had been a very enjoyable day and the saints of Rochester proved to be a perfect host.

By Hannah Skillen.

A Letter from Warren, Ohio
(By Jean Genaro)

Dear Brother Editor: I am enclosing \$1.50 for one years subscription to The Gospel News. We enjoy every article in each edition and many times I begin reading our little paper intending to read only a little and before I realize it, I have read it all.

Last Sunday June 15th, we had visitors from Lorain, Ohio: Brother Ernest Allesio and family, Brother Frank Altimore and family, Brother Calabrese and family, and another young brother who was baptized a short time ago. We had wonderful meetings all day, and we all felt the blessings, peace, and unity of God.

We had a tornado a few weeks ago, and we went to see the damage it caused. There were large trees and their roots torn out of the ground, and many homes were swept from their foundations and were left a twisted and broken mass of wood. There were several persons killed and many injured, and so much damage done in just a minute or two. As we looked at all this, we thought how small and insignificant we are, and we should always be prepared to meet our Master.

FROM ST. JOHN, KANSAS
(Sister Louise Robinson writes)

Brother Editor: We missed sending our money for last months subscription and we surely would of missed it but were with mother, so of course she loaned us hers. (Your paper was sent to the old

address). Her subscription runs out this month too, so she is sending money as well.

I was especially touched by your plea in the May issue to send money for the Muncey project — so the extra two dollars is for that — for truly we should all want the restored gospel to go to the Covenant People of God. I am new in the Church, and my Husband (Alexander Robinson) and I hope to make it to the July Conference, for I have never been there yet. We are living in St. John now, as we feel we cannot do our work in the Church, unless we are in the same town as the Church. May God bless you and all the saints, and that it be Gods will to hasten the day when many shall understand the Restored Gospel, and that we have the true Church as promised.

P.S. Sister Robinson, I have no doubt but what all the readers of this little paper will be glad to hear from you. May the Lord bless you all in St. John, Kansas. (W.H.C.)

STELTON, N. J.

By Iva Fisher

Sister Fisher sends a few lines to inform us that Brothers A. B. Cadman and V. Clemenette has paid a visit down in their part of the Vineyard. From the account given us, it is evident that the teaching and visit of our brethren has been very much appreciated. Sister Fisher is very grateful to God for calling her out of this world of sin, and expresses her gratitude by quoting a verse of a hymn as follows:

"For mercies so great, What return can I make?

For mercies so constant and sure.

I'll love Him,

I'll serve Him with all that I have.

As long as my life shall endure.

WEDDING BELLS

A quiet, but beautiful wedding took place in The Church of Jesus Christ on Lincoln street, Monongahela, Pa., at 11 a.m. Wednesday June 11-47. The parties were Mr. William Hisiro, son of Mr. John Hisiro, and Miss Helen Herent, the daughter of Mr. Maurice Herent, both of North Charleroi, Pa.

Best man was Taddeck Duda, brother-in-law of the groom, and the bride's sister Mrs. Yvonne Monack was matron of honor. Brother W. H. Cadman officiating.

After the service, the wedding party retired to the home of the bride where a dinner was served, and the young married couple left

for Washington, D. C. on their honeymoon. The Gospel News wishes the young couple a long, happy, and prosperous life together. Only the immediate families and a few friends were present. May the Lord bless you all.

COTTON - EDWARDS NUPTIALS

On April 19, 1947, at the home of Brother and Sister Oron Thomas near Vanderbilt, Pa., Naomi B. Edwards and Donald Cotton were united in marriage, Brother Oron Thomas officiating. Present at the wedding were the bride's mother, sister Margaret Edwards, and Mrs. Molly Lint, a daughter of Brother and Sister Thomas. Naomi is the daughter of the late Brother John Edwards and a granddaughter of the late Brother Martin King. The young couple will reside at present at the home of the bride at Bittner, Pa. Naomi and Donald, The Gospel News extends its best wishes to you for a long and happy life together.

Wedding Announcement of Miss Grace Sgro, of the Stelton Mission. (Copied from a New Jersey paper)

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Sgro, Clark avenue, Route 5, this city, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Grace Sgro, to John Joseph Buffa, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Buffa, Detroit, Mich. A fall wedding is planned.

Miss Sgro attended Clara Barton School and works in the Loyal T. Ives Needle Company. Mr. Buffa attended Detroit schools, spent four years in the service and is an architect in Detroit.

Editors Note: While I was in Canada recently, I learned that Brother John Paleno of Detroit was laid to rest on June 21st. I have not received any "write up" to date relative to his passing, but I understand that he was in the hospital about two months, and suffered very much with cancer. Brother John has been one of our good, kind and pleasant brothers. He has been very faithful since obeying the gospel. I believe he was about 50 years old. He leaves his beloved wife and several children to mourn his loss. May the Lord comfort them all. — also learned while away that Brother Marino of Glassport, Pa., was buried on June 21st. I have not received any information about his death. He was an elderly man and has been poorly for a long time. He obeyed the gospel some years ago. The Gospel News extends its sympathy to one and all.

A VISIT

By Minnie DePiero

Dear Brother Editor: I feel so happy over my latest experience and overjoyed, that I think others should read about it. I wanted to write and tell about the wonderful day we had in Albion, Pa., on Sunday May 27th. Brother and Sister A. A. Corrado were going to Albion, and invited me to go along. We had such a wonderful meeting that cannot be expressed in words. There were two baptisms, the Lord was really with us.

I enjoyed Brother Paul Love's testimony, and also Brother John Mancinni's and several others. When we went down to the river it was raining very hard, but it was so wonderful we did not notice the rain nor the muddy roads. The muddy roads reminded me about the roads of the pioneer days.

Brother Mancinni officiated at the baptisms. It was wonderful to see Sister White baptized, and I thank God for having such a wonderful brother as Brother Mancinni. I also enjoyed the last baptisms we had at Hamburg. I am thankful to the Lord for opening my eyes to this gospel at the age of thirteen years. I have never regretted it, nor I never shall, because the Lord has helped me in so many ways. I hope, trust and pray that our Saviour will continue blessing us and keep us until the end of our days, and hope to meet our loved ones who have gone before us. May God bless you always.

BOOK OF ALL BOOKS

Book of Isaiah Chapter 29 verse 14, "Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvelous work among this people, even a marvelous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid." In this same chapter he gives unmistakable clues by which to identify this great work. In the first verse he says, "Woe to Ariel, to Ariel, the city where David dwelt! Add ye year to year; let them kill sacrifices. Verse 2: Yet I will distress Ariel and there shall be heaviness and sorrow, And it shall be unto me as Ariel. Verse 3: And I will camp against thee round about, and lay siege against thee with a Mount, and I will raise forts against thee. Verse 4: And thou shalt be brought down, and shalt speak out of the ground and thy speech shall be low out of dust, and thy voice shall be as of one

that hath a familiar spirit, out of the ground, And thy speech shall whisper out of the dust."

The name Ariel as here used, refers to Jerusalem, and the prophet predicts the time when she shall be brought down low. In the long run however, the enemies of Jerusalem shall themselves fall and become as a forgotten dream. Verse 7: "And the multitude of all the nations that fight against Ariel even all that fight against her and her munition, and that distress her shall be as a dream of a night vision. Verse 22: Therefore thus saith the Lord, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob, Jacob shall not now be ashamed, neither shall his face now wax pale. Verse 23: 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."

Following this marvelous work there is the return of the Jews to the Holy Land to become again inhabited; and in that day the words of the books would be heard. Verses 17 and 18: "Is it not yet a very little while, and Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be esteemed as a forest, and in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness." This work is to be done in a time when men shall believe that the seers and prophets are persons of the past, when they shall say that revelation has ceased, when the wisdom of their wise men shall have been substituted for sound doctrine. Verse 9 and 10: "Stay yourselves and wonder, cry ye out and cry, they are drunken, but not with wine, they stagger but not with strong drink. For the Lord hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes, the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath he covered. Verse 14: Therefore, behold I will proceed to do a marvelous work among this people, even a marvelous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid." Verses 11, 12 and 13 associated with this work was to be the coming forth of a sealed book. The words of the book were to go to a learned man, who shall refuse to read them. The book itself would be given to one unlearned to read. Those who draw near to the Lord with their lips, while their hearts were far from him, shall be con-

founded. And the vision of all become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one that is learned, saying read this I pray thee, and he saith I cannot for it is sealed, and the book is delivered to him that is not learned. Wherefore the Lord saith, for as much as this people draw near me with their mouth and with their lips do honor me but have removed their hearts far from me, and their fear towards me is taught by the precepts of men. Suggested Readings: Book of Mormon, Ancient Americans by Paul Hanson, The writings of Columbus edited by Arthur Seedman, page 84 published by Charles L. Webster and Co. 1192 New York. Christopher Columbus by J. M. Dickey page 42 Rand McNally and Co. New York, 1892. The restoration of the Gospel, the organization of the church in 1830. The coming forth of the Book of Mormon. These all fit into the prophetic picture as to character and timing. Woe to Ariel had along time come upon Jerusalem, she had been laid waste.

This work began in an era when the prophets and seers had long been covered by the Lord, for a long time no prophet had spoken. The Book of Mormon came forth and the words of the book were delivered to a learned man.

Joseph Smith sent a transcript of characters off the plates of the Book of Mormon to Professor Anthon of New York City. A man celebrated for his literary attainments, who first pronounced them to be genuine characters of ancient languages. But upon being told the story of the book, he refused to have anything further to do with the matter. The unlearned man, Joseph Smith translated the book. The ancient blessings of healing came back with the restored gospel, literally as well as figuratively. The deaf heard the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind saw out of obscurity.

This work came at a time when the very wise and learned had labored for centuries to formulate creeds and doctrines. Some were burned at the stake who would not accept those learned creeds. But the time was at hand when their creeds should be found at fault. Verse 14, "And therefore behold, I will proceed to do a marvelous work among this people, even a marvelous work and a wonder. For their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid. Finally this work will come forth shortly before the return of the Jews begin,

and the rehabilitation of the Holy Land, which will be accomplished in due time, despite wars and all other hindrances.

In an age such as has been described, to the astonishment and resentment of many, there appeared a Prophet announcing the advent of this "Marvelous work and a Wonder." In first Nephi, 13-12. Nephi beholds the spirit of God move upon a man and directs him to the land of promise (Undoubtedly this was Columbus). Would it not be interesting to have a history, telling you about ancient America, or do you think there was nothing to tell about America before the days of Columbus? How do you picture America of that era? America was here with her oceans and lakes, her forests, mountains and plains; "America the Beautiful." What about the people? Were they just wandering tribes of Indians living in tepees? For a long time such was the picture Americans had in mind, when they thought of America as it was before Columbus brought it to the attention of the rest of the world. To their minds, American history began after that event. Now we have learned different. The discovery of many ruined cities in North and South America by Archeologist's, show us that there were great civilization in those times. There was real road-builders, temple-builders, empire-builders. Mexico, Central, and South America are especially rich in these ancient ruins. There is a book of history that tells us the story of those lost peoples. They had their prophets, they had the knowledge of God and of Christ. Their ruined temples with symbols of the Cross bear witness to that fact. Matthew 15 Chapter 24th verse, Christ said to the woman of Samaria, "I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the House of Israel." His mission in the flesh was to Israel, and was limited to the Israelites in the land of Palestine. But again He said in St. John Chapter 10, verse 16: "And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold and one shepherd." He was to visit other sheep of the House of Israel, not of that fold in Palestine. Where then, were they? They were in the Ancient Americas. He visited them after His crucifixion. So they came by the Cross preserved in their ruins. This book of which I write, tells of His visit. Do not permit prejudice to prevent you investi-

gating this book which tells you of ancient America, and which also gives a prophetic message concerning America of today. Where else will you find an inspired book with that sort of a message? This book is the Book of Mormon, of which we shall write in a later chapter (To be continued in next issue). Contributed by Brother V. Chester.

**Milton H. Barnhart
Expresses His Gratitude.**

Brother Editor: Enclosed find three dollars, \$1.50 is for my renewal of The Gospel News, and the other \$1.50 you may use wherever you deem it necessary. I feel that it is not very much, but it will help some. We are living in hopes being able to contribute more for the work among the Lamanite brethren in the near future. Brother Cadman, I hope that my renewal for the "greatest little paper" ever published is not too late, because that is one piece of mail that we look forward too each month.

A Letter from Elyria, Ohio.

Brother Editor: Brother Glen White and his Mother from Albion, Pa., were here to visit us and we were so glad to see them again. Vernon, (my husband) will not be able to get around until about August, according to medical reports, and he is getting very tired. It is now a few days short of four months, and still he cannot get around only on crutches. We ask the whole Church to pray for us without ceasing. We thank all who have so kindly sent cards and little gifts during his illness, and may God reward each one who have remembered us in our darkest hours of sorrow.

While we continue to trust in God for His help of which we have no doubt, for He has come to our rescue many times and He is still the same yesterday, today and forever. Bless His high and Holy name. Asking the remembrance by all the saints throughout the whole Church, we remain Brother and Sister V. Chester.

"The Indian Hunters Lament"

(A song sung by the Indians over a hundred years ago) Contributed by Brother Edmund Seneca of Muncey, Ont.

An old Indian sat in his birch-bark canoe,
And sailed away o'er the water so blue,
He sang of the days when the land was his own

Before the palefaces among them were known.

Oh the time when the Redmen were lords of the soil,
We lived at our ease, free from sorrow and toil;
We hunted the beaver, the otter and deer,
And we roamed through the wild-wood with nothing to fear.

When the white man first came to our own happy land,
We used them like brothers, and gave them our hand;
We knew they were weary, we gave them repose,
Nor dreamed that those white men would e'er be our foes.

For while we lived happy with our white friends around,
And we gave them the best of our great hunting-ground;
They paid us with trinkets that pleased for awhile,
And caused us like children upon them to smile.

But soon they began to encrouch on our right,
And, their numbers increasing, they put us to flight;
They drove us away from our own happy shores,
And the smoke of our camp-fires will rise there no more.

They builded great cities all over the land,
And on our rich meadows their farm-houses stand;
They cleared all the country from Texas to Maine,
And the Indian may seek for his Wigwam in vain.

The pride of the forest that o'er us did grow,
The tall pine and cedar their axes laid low;
The beaver and otter their hunters have slain,
And the red deer they have driven away from the plain.

The graves of our forefathers—Where are they now?
They are rudely o'er-riden and torn by the plow;
On the rich rolling prairies that once was our home,
There the buffalo and Indian may never more roam.

So we will go westward, back into the wood,
Where the white-man is unknown, and the hunting is good;
No more shall the paleface encrouch on our own,

And cause the poor Indian to part from his home.

Then farewell to our children and parents so brave,
We now must go westward and find there a grave;
When the Great Spirit call us away from the plain,
In yon spirit-world we may all meet again.

COULD SAY MORE

Editor, the Post-Gazette:

I read Mr. John Dear's piece in The People Speak. I am with him 100 per cent. I can remember when it was a terrible disgrace for a woman to enter a barroom—but not so nowadays.

If we had more old-fashioned mothers who would stay at home and make a home for the children and the husband, there would not be so many broken homes and divorces. But so many women have stooped to the lowest morals. They have no respect for themselves or their families.

What can be expected of the rising generation when mothers are sitting around an ash tray with a cigaret in their hand, half-dressed, and let the kids go as they please?

One other thing I think is a ruination to the country — pictures put in our daily papers of half-dressed women in bathing suits. I hope there is soon a law passed against putting such pictures in the papers and magazines.

No wonder there are so many crimes committed by crazy maniacs. And the filthy movie pictures are another place for young people to be educated for crimes that are committed in our country. God is a merciful God but will not always withhold judgment on this country. More could be said.

Mrs. A. L. Shoemaker.

New Bethlehem, Pa.

(P.S. Editors note. Mrs. Shoemaker hits the nail right on the head.)

RELIGIOUS COMMENT

"It seems to be very hard for some easy-going Americans who pride themselves on their 'tolerance' to believe that the Roman Catholic Church is the implacable foe of religious freedom. Knowing only a minority Roman Catholicism in this country, they imagine that the Roman church is everywhere what it is here. And here, of course that church poses as the ardent friend of religious liberty because on that it grows and thrives in this nation. Observation of what passes in those countries where Roman Catholicism is in the majority or possesses a favor-

ed position with the government should disillusion all but the most stubbornly blind to the truth. For instance, one of the vaunted 'four freedoms' has already been lost in Italy, so soon after the war, with the recent adoption of the new constitution, which renews the old treaty made by the Pope and Mussolini back in 1929. This pact which gives no legal recognition to any other religion but Roman Catholicism was suspended after the death of Mussolini. Now it is back in operation again, and the Roman Church is firmly enthroned in all matters educational and spiritual in Italy. Much the same thing has happened in Argentina. From now on, unless parents sign a formal objection, their children are compelled to attend religious classes conducted by priests of the Roman Catholic Church. The new law, passed last month, covers Argentine education from the primary school to the university. The law was passed over strenuous objection from all the leading newspapers of the nation. Its passing was demanded by President Peron as part of his deal in gaining the support of the Roman Church. Complete educational control was the price insisted upon by the church. Whenever the Roman Church secures a privileged position with any government or obtains any kind of control over affairs, a monopoly on education is a primary objective. Some day, unless Protestantism awakes, we may see it happen here." — Observation Post, Christian Union Herald.

"ROGERS WILLIAMS"

Young Peoples Weekly

(By Charles Arthur Boyd)
The "Seeker"

Before his arrival at Providence Plantations, Williams had been in turn a Puritan Anglican, a Moderate Separatist, and a Rigid Separatist. Two years after the founding of the new settlement he helped to organize there the first Baptist Church on the American continent. It had only twelve members, and it was years before it had a meeting house. (Today, the beautiful First Baptist Church of Providence, erected in 1775 "for the glory of God and to hold commencement in," is one of the finest gems of colonial architecture in all America.)

Williams, however, did not remain long a Baptist. A few months later he withdrew from this church and became a "Seeker." The reason was his conviction

that all churches had so far departed from New Testament ideals that there could be no worthy church until God should send, miraculously perhaps, some new heaven commissioned "apostle." For the rest of his life he called himself a "Seeker," meaning that he was continually seeking for new truth.

In spite of his strenuous life and difficult experiences, he lived to be over eighty, dying in 1683. In his "Key into the Language of America" he has a number of original verses about the Indians, one of which is especially appropriate as a summary of his life:

"If Nature's sons, both wild and tame,
Humane and courteous be,
How ill becomes its sons of God
To want humanity?"

THE GOOD OF LIFE

(By James J. Metcalfe)

I know that every time I smile
And really look around,
The sun is all that ever makes
The shadows on the ground.

I mean there is no darker side
That is not something good,
If only it is analyzed
And really understood.

The hours may be lonely and
The heavens overcast,
But rain or wind however wild
Is never one to last.

Today my troubles multiply
Tomorrow they divide,
I take away my tears and add
A word of joy and pride.

And so it goes from year to year
If only I can see,
That everything is meant to bring
Some benefit to me.

Start New Technique

in Church Financing

A new technique in church financing was inaugurated by the Rev. Charles F. Innis of the Community Church, Stella, Nebraska, when he rented a farm at the beginning of 1946 and at harvesttime was able to show a profit of almost \$2,000 in the church's venture.

All labor on the farm was donated by members of the congregation, and a harvesttime they husked, shelled, and delivered to the grain elevator 1,492 bushels of wheat which sold for \$1,715.96. An additional \$202.12 was realized from the sale of corn.

The money will be used to build

the first story of the church. During past years the congregation has met in the basement of the uncompleted building.

EVOLUTION

The monstrous dinosaur of the Jurassic Age evolved an enormous body at the expense of a very small brain. When geographical conditions changed and food became hard to find, its great bulk was too cumbersome to permit it to adjust itself to new family ways. The members of the saurus family perished because they did not have the ability to sort out the best of the old and the new and to preserve only those things that would have enabled them to survive.

There is an analogy in the human species now. Since the end of the eighteenth century we have been piling up mechanical and technical developments, one on top of the other. There is a straight line between Watt's steam engine and the atomic bomb. Now comes the test that confronted the dinosaur back in Jurassic times. Will man develop a brain and a mind that will enable him to use this new found energy for his continued advancement? Or will man keep the old mind and eventually use the atom's power to destroy himself?

Mechanical and technical progress mean nothing unless the human species also evolves a higher moral power. If we wish to continue to grow as a species we shall have to develop a mind and a moral sense of responsibility commensurate with our great industrial and technical strides. If we continue to mix what is new in the scientific field with what is old in the moral field we are in line for our own extinction. If we survive as a species we shall do so because we have learned how to discard that which is not good for us, or to evolve new powers and abilities to handle these new potential dangers.

—Atlanta Journal

Human Relations—New emphasis should be placed upon sympathetic understanding and appreciation of races and religions. Relations of our own government with other nations, the history and development of the United Nations organization, and the role of education in the maintenance of world peace should have a definite place in the school curriculum and should not be incidental or accidental studies.

THE GOSPEL NEWS

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GENERAL CONFERENCE AT YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

The General Conference of The Church of Jesus Christ, which was to be held in Monongahela, Pa., assembled in the Chaney High School at Youngstown, Ohio, due to the fact, we did not think the Monongahela Church would accommodate the anticipated crowd. The Church will have to consider some different plans of some kind relative to holding our Conferences, due to the large crowds that are attending these gatherings. A delegation of Brethren will meet in the Monongahela Church on July 12th in order to formulate a plan that will meet with general approval if possible.

The Conference assembled in the Auditorium of the aforementioned School at 2:30 p.m. on July the Fourth with many officers and a large number of brethren and sisters gathered from various places as follows: Michigan, New York, New Jersey, Florida, Canada and throughout Ohio. Some of our Indian folks from Canada were present. Our business throughout the fourth and fifth was carried on in our usual way. Both of these days I believe was enjoyed by all present. Much interest was manifested in the various affairs that came before the Conference. The reading of the reports of the many Branches and Missions of the Church were encouraging, there was reports from the western coast, also from down in Florida, and from the eastern coast. Our brethren and sisters who are locating in various parts of the U. S. is causing our field of labour to spread very much. Especially interesting was the missionary reports of many who have been on the move in preaching the Gospel. New fields are being penetrated and the Restored Gospel which was brought forth by the angel of God in 1829-30, and the bringing forth of the sealed records out of the Hill Cumorah (the Book of Mormon) are being heralded in many places. This American Nation of people will either have to awake, or pay the penalty of their transgressions. Joseph Smith was slain in this land of religious liberty in the year of 1844, but time will yet prove that his blood was not shed in vain. To the Ministers of The Church of Jesus Christ it is your duty to sound the alarm to

this generation.

Our two days of business passed off very satisfactory, and I believe was enjoyed by most all that was present. The General Church officers I believe were all retained in their respective places. Brother W. H. Cadman and Brother Charles Ashton have been reelected year after year now for twenty-five consecutive years in their respective positions in the church.

Sunday morning speakers were greeted with a large audience of listeners, an audience that apparently was eager for something good for their souls. I am glad to say that none needed to be disappointed, and I do not think there could be anyone in the large room who were disappointed. Our singing had a wonderful ring in it. Brother Warren Nellis of Coleman, Michigan, was our first speaker and he acquitted himself very well indeed. Brother Nellis is very well versed in God's word, and gave us a very seasonable sermon. Brother V. J. Lovavo was our next speaker, and his theme was upon the Love of God. In his discourse he said that he knew Jesus loved him. During his discourse there were several displays of the spirit of God, in the way of tongues and interpretations of tongues. Brother T. S. Furnier of Detroit was our next speaker, and the good spirit continued with us. At the conclusion of Brother Furnier's discourse Brother R. Ensano of Highland Park, New Jersey spent about fifteen minutes speaking in the Italian tongue. The writer was told by one who could understand him

that he gave a very good talk, which undoubtedly would be enjoyed by those who could not understand much English. Brother W. H. Cadman was the last speaker in the meeting. He drew the audiences attention to utterances made by the several brethren who had addressed them, and emphasized the fact, that we could not accomplish the purposes of God except through righteousness, we must obey His commands and stressed the fact that we cannot serve God and Mammon. In closing our meeting everybody was feeling so good, we stood on our feet and sang part of two hymns.

The afternoon session was in the charge of Second Counsellor Joseph Dulisse and the meeting was opened by Brother Marco Randaz-

zo. The time was spent by a number of brethren which were seated on the rostrum in bearing their testimony and short addresses, which I believe were enjoyed by all present. In this meeting there was a brother present who had gone through World War I. If I understood it right, a bullet had severed his spinal cord. He was unable to walk, had to be assisted by a brother on each side of him. He is a very pleasant brother, he was directed to the Church by an experience he had. Being afflicted as he is, Brother Joseph Benyola of Hopelawn, N. J. told of several experiences that this brother has had which were prophetic in their nature. He told them in Hopelawn that there was going to be big trouble in Texas just before that big explosion at Texas City occurred. He told them of the big floods in the Mississippi valley before it came to pass. His experiences as related by Brother Benyola were very interesting. He is very badly crippled indeed, but with it all he seems very happy and contented since he obeyed the Gospel. All people who have reasonable good health and strength, have much to be thankful for indeed. Our meeting was closed at about 4:45 p.m. We had three days of meetings and I believe all enjoyed themselves whom had the privilege to attend the Conference.

INTERESTING LETTER

By Sister Barclay of Mt.
Brydges, Ont. July 6-47

Dear Brother Editor: Have intended writing to you for sometime — just wished to let you know what a fine work I think you have done in compiling the History of The Church of Jesus Christ. Reading some of the testimonies in it has proven a great blessing and inspiration to me; as well as making the various brethren and sisters whom I have not met as yet more real to me. It has also helped me feel less lonely; as you know I am the only member of our Church in this village.

Am now receiving The Gospel News regularly and enjoy it very much. The radio broadcast by Brother Jim and others has surely been a Godsend to me, for it is not often I can get to church on Sunday as it is quite a distance to any place of meeting. We have no meetings here now. I wonder if all the

brothers and sisters in the cities appreciate the privilege that is their's, having mid-week as well as Sunday gatherings?

Made my first trip to Grand River Mission with others from Detroit and Windsor recently. Brother Billy Tucker from Pennsylvania was also with us. What wonderful meetings we had there! God surely poured out blessings upon us. I felt spiritually refreshed and uplifted for weeks after. I am enclosing a poem written by a very dear young friend of mine — Miss Marie Wilton, who has been to several of our meetings in this district. I should have said hymn — not poem, for she also has the music for it. It is entitled "Undying Love."

Hope and pray that both you and Sister Cadman are as well as usual. I remember dear Sister Cadman's face well, although having seen her but once. One day when I had let a most wonderful opportunity to witness for my Lord slip by me, in deep remorse and repentance I felt led to write the following:

Forgive Me Lord

O God forgive, I've failed Thee today,
Tho' I never really meant to stray;

I forgot for the moment, to call on Thee

I forgot that Thou wouldest my Anchor be.

The serpent's plea was subtle, but strong,

O, I didn't mean to do anything wrong;

Without intending I slipped —then fell,
How cunningly the wicked one casts his spell!

Before we realize, we're in his power!

But forgive me, Lord, for that weak hour;

For 'twill prove to me my hourly need

Of the One who for me didst suffer and bleed.

O, I will try, Lord, not to fail again,

And to prepare myself for that great day when

With glory Thou shalt come to fulfill Thy Word;

So — wilt Thou not forgive me, Lord?

I hope you all had a time of rejoicing and a great spiritual fast at Conference. How I would have loved to have been there! My prayers were with you throughout both Saturday and Sunday as I tried to

picture you all there. Will be anxiously waiting to hear the reports on it at the first meeting I am able to attend. From your Sister in Christ Jesus

Velda Barclay.

UNDYING LOVE

By Marie Wilton

Christ gave His life, on Calvary's tree;

His precious blood, He shed for me.

His love, His life, so freely given,
That we might be, with Him in heaven.

Undying love, that sets men free,
Undying love, that ransomed me,
So may we cling Oh Christ, to Thee,

And know the love of Jesus.

To Thee O Christ, I owe my all;
To Thee, O Christ, I oftentimes call.
Thy love has given new life to me,
A life through all eternity.

You too may know, this wondrous love,

Sent down to earth, from heaven above.

Christ waits for you; accept Him now,

As at His feet, you humbly bow.

NOTES

(From Ben Ciccati, San Diego, Calif.) July 9-47

This past Sunday we were favored with a visit by Brother Heaps and his family, Brother Stanley and his wife, Sister Harriet Stroud Sister Ellen DiChiera, and her sister; all from Los Angeles. We had a very good meeting and enjoyed ourselves in Fellowship together. As we are only two small Branches here in the west, we are trying to visit one another more often and encourage ourselves in doing God's will. We had a nice group of young people here Sunday, including Brother Don Curry from Coal Valley, Pa. He spent his last Sunday meeting with us, and has now set sail for China. He is with the Navy Branch of the force. We had a wonderful time singing hymns together. God sure blesses us when we try to devote just a portion of our time in His service.

Brother John Gamichia, who is now residing at Modesto, Calif. (about 500 miles from San Diego) also paid us a visit a few Sundays ago. We had not seen him for six or eight months. We also had a nice meeting while he was here.

A group of us went out to one of the Indian Reservations here in southern Calif., about 35 miles from

San Diego and we talked to some of the people there. We especially enjoyed speaking to the "prayer leader" of the group. He is a very intelligent man, and can speak the Indian, Spanish and English languages very fluently. We introduced the Church to him and explained our faith and beliefs. We hope that God will open up their minds so that they may see the light and come unto the knowledge of the truth. The Spanish Missionaries have converted them all into Catholics, and that is the only religion they know. They have a wonderful little Chapel where they meet once a month to hear the priest say mass. There is a great work to be done among the many Indians scattered throughout the west here. We hope the appointed time of God is not far distant. The saints here in San Diego all send their best regards to you all.

TESTIMONY

(By Domenic Giovannone)

Brother Editor: I was converted to the Gospel as taught by The Church of Jesus Christ, November 12, 1922 at Youngstown, Ohio. I was never interested in the Church up until that date, but when I tasted of the love of God and His goodness, it seemed as though I could never be filled up to the full extent. In the January Conference of 1923 a Mission was started at Niles, Ohio, and our elder brethren were doing their best in preaching to us, but they were also young in the Church. I labored hard to be satisfied, but still I was thirsty and hungry to know more of the things of God. I had always hoped that some day the God of heaven would make a way for someone that was well seasoned in the Gospel among my older brothers who were well taught in the cause of Christ to be in our midst and satisfy our wants. Those thoughts are still deep in my heart, even today, and it is almost 25 years since I obeyed the gospel. It seems to me there is a little feeling throughout the Church concerning our old and young brethren. My old father used to say: "It takes a bone from an old beast to make good soup." In my writing I hope that I will not in any way cast reflections upon young people, for I still feel that I am young yet, though I may look old in the eyes of some, for my hair has become very gray. I truly love the young people today and admire the many that has obeyed the gospel, and those who labor among the Laminite People. Furthermore, because I trust God that the young people of today, will be the Church of tomorrow, but let us

reason together a little, and wait 'til tomorrow comes, so we may not regret some things we might do today.

I read scripture found in First Kings 12:1. A young man was made king, and all the congregation of Israel came and spoke unto him, Rehoboam, saying: "Thy father made our yoke grievous, now therefore make the grievous service of thy father and his heavy yoke which he put upon us lighter and we will serve thee. And he said unto them, Depart yet for three days then come again to me and the people departed."

Within these three days King Rehoboam counselled with the old men that stood before Solomon his father, while he yet lived. Desiring advice from them how to answer the people. They answered saying: If thou wilt be a servant unto the people this day, then they will be thy servants forever. Then Rehoboam counselled with the young people, the young people advised him just the opposite from the old. The results were, the ten tribes of the House of Israel departed and chose unto themselves a new king whose name was Jeroboam. First Timothy Fifth Chapter, reads, "Rebuke not an elder, but entreat him as a father, and younger men as brethren." Verse 11, "The elder women as mothers and the younger women as sisters. With all purity." Leviticus 19:32 "Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honour the face of the old man and fear thy God, I am the Lord." I hope that we as saints of the most high shall not make any of those mistakes in this day in which we live. The old men had a lot of experience in those days and through their experience in life, they give the best counsel to King Rehoboam, the young men were inexperienced, yet the King accepted their counsel. They may have meant good, but they were not experienced.

DISCRIMINATION IS CENSURED

By Emil Huttner Charleroi, Pa.

The Editor of The Gospel News: On July 15th, the United Press through its various newspapers have issued the following report: The Kiwanis Club of Oshushie, N. C. held a lottery raffle for which they sold tickets at \$1.00 each. The sale of tickets was not restricted to anyone and the imprint on the tickets read that the winner doesn't have to be present at the drawing in order to be eligible.

The drawing was by a Pittsburgh young lady vocalist with the orchestra for that evening and the winner

was Harvey Johnson, a colored farmhand of that city. The officials of the Kiwanis Club having learned that the winner was a colored man have refused to honor his ticket and instituted the second drawing the the winning prize which was a 1947 Cadillac car valued at \$2,300 was given to a Doctor who already owned a Cadillac. But this wasn't all;

That night at 1:30 a.m. the officials of the Kiwanians accompanied by the Sheriff who was also one of the members, went to the home of Harvey Johnson when he was asleep and took the winning ticket from him. All this was done for no other reason except that the man was created with a black skin.

When I read this report the following morning at the breakfast table my appetite failed and I couldn't control my emotions to think that such shameful act could be carried out right here in this land of liberty.

I felt as if I were struck by a physical blow in the back of my head. I said to myself, "Is this America?" Have our churches and schools failed in their missions? Have the Christian homes gone to idolatry? Have human hearts turned to beasts or have they never changed except that they have been given a respite from animal stage.

When Samuel F. Smith wrote the stirring words of "America," a hymn of freedom, he voiced not only sentiments which every American holds but a universal human longing — "Let freedom ring." How many million who have suffered under Nazi and Japanese tyranny have yearned to return to freedom, as millions more have fought and died that they and all the world might be free. So longed for and bought for at so great a cost, freedom is indeed priceless among all human possessions.

Beyond the glory of freedom in America, Smith put only one other major idea into his hymn. It is that God is the "Author of Liberty." I believe that Liberty doesn't have its origin in man. God has implanted it in Man's breast. The very longing of the heart for release from the claims of tyranny, of lying propaganda, of fear, is of divine origin. But from Him comes more than the longing for freedom. From Him comes Liberty itself. It doesn't seem to be rightfully understood by men with reference to His purposes. It cannot be gained or held without obedience to Him. Disobedience to God is the beginning of the end of freedom.

Some men in all lands have stood up before tyranny and rebuked it.

They knew not only that it was contrary to the will of God but its eventful overthrow was therefore sure to come. The Bible holds the whole story of and truth of the human slavery and human freedom. In it both single persons and whole peoples suffer in physical bondage. It is through faith in the Scripture and because it is the good Book of mankind and because it is God's Book for the redemption of men that men have survived in hope that the day may come that will unite us in brotherhood in a spirit of tolerance and understanding. And that men such as the Kiwanians who have stooped to the level of animal instinct depriving their fellow man of his rights, liberties and God's given freedom may come to understand that all men are created equal in the image of God, and their rights to God's givings shall be shared by all men alike. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life declared. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

BOOK OF BOOKS

(Continued from July issue)

Joseph's Land:—This is the story of some of the Children of Israel who came to America many centuries ago. Jacob was the grandson of Abraham, he was given the name "Israel" at the time when the angel gave him a blessing. From Jacob came the twelve tribes of Israel. We commonly think only of the Jews, the sons of Judah — when we speak of the children of Israel, we refer to the ten lost tribes. It is our belief that long ago the descendants of Joseph, the beloved son of Jacob came to America, and founded a great civilization. They built some of the now ruined cities of ancient America. In some ways the blessings pronounced upon Joseph and his son's Ephraim and Manasseh, were far greater than those upon any of the other tribes. His blessings was to prevail above Jacob's progenitors. In particular was Ephraim (Joseph's son) to become a Nation, yes many Nations. Ephraim was younger than Manasseh, but blind. Jacob crossed his hands purposely when he blessed the two lads and so put his right hand upon Ephraim the younger, and gave him the greater blessing; and said he was to become a multitude of Nations. Genesis 48:17, 18, 19 verses. And Joseph said unto his father: This is the first-born, put thy right hand on his head and his father refused, and said: I know it my son, I know it; he (Manasseh) also shall

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EDITORIAL

Meeting at Monongahela Pa.
July 12, 1947

A delegation of Brethren who were delegated by our recent General Conference, assembled on Saturday morning July 12th in the Monongahela Church to attend to some matters that we were not able to, in the General Conference. Their duty was to formulate plans for the better government of the Church. We had delegates present from various places, namely Detroit, and Coleman, Mich., Windsor, Canada, Warren, Lorain, and Youngstown, Ohio Rochester, Bronx, and Brooklyn, N. Y., New Brunswick, and Hopelawn, N. J., and from various places in Pennsylvania. All told there was 24 delegates present.

After considerable discussion, the following was enacted: First instead of holding a Conference in October, a general gathering of our people will be held in Detroit, Mich. on Saturday and Sunday prior to Labor Day. There will be no business transacted, but our time will be devoted and consecrated to the service of God. All are welcome, you will have Labor Day on which to return home. The Detroit brethren are to arrange this affair. The January Conference of 1948 will be held in Rochester, N. Y., beginning on January 3rd at ten o'clock a.m. for the Elders of the Church only, and to the Elders that can arrange to be present, there will be one hour spent in prayer, that is from 9 until 10 a.m. Sunday services will be open to all but no meals will be served on Sunday.

It is almost a general feeling that there is too much confusion at our Conferences on the Sabbath Day, hence, no serving of meals on that day, should help to better the situation. Many other matters were discussed in our meeting; one of these was, as to how we spend our time on Saturday evenings. It is well for us all on that evening to remember that we expect to be in our House of worship the next day, where we expect the Lord to be with us. His word will be read and expounded, testimony will be borne to His tender mercies extended towards us, our voices will be lifted up in songs of praise to His Holy name; pray-

ers will be offered in behalf of the afflicted. May I ask, what manner of men and women should we be on Saturday evening, and for that matter on all other evenings? There is an article titled "Something to Think About" on the front page of the June issue of this paper which is worthy of serious consideration by every person who professes to be a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ. Let us all remember this fact: He who said, Thou shalt not commit adultery, steal, etc., also hath said: Thou shalt keep the Sabbath Day holy.

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become a people, and he also shall be great; but truly his younger brother (Ephraim) shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a multitude of Nations. Reverting again to the prophetic blessing given by Jacob (Israel) to his beloved youngest son Joseph, these are the words of that blessing: Genesis 49-22,23 24,25,26. "Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall; the archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him, and hated him; But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob; (from thence is the shepherd, the stone of Israel); Even by the God of thy father, who shall bless thee with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that lieth under, blessings of the breasts, and of the womb; The blessings of thy father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors unto the utmost bound

of the everlasting hills; they shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren.

Joseph's blessing was to exceed that of his fathers progenitors Isaac and Abraham — Abraham was given the promised land of Palestine, rich and historic, but small — smaller than some of the states of the United States. Joseph's blessing was greater, it was to be "unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills." His branches were to "run over the wall" — the sea, to that choice land. He had been separated from his brethren when sold into Egypt, and his inheritance was also to be separate, and greater, afar off, over the "wall," over the sea, to "the utmost bound of the everlasting hills" — and that sort of yardstick reached to America later as we have seen.

Moses also blessed Joseph under the spirit of prophecy, and described further the land of his inheritance: Deuteronomy 33-13 to 17 inclusive: "And of Joseph he said Blessed of the Lord be his land, for the precious things of heaven, for the dew and for the deep that coucheth beneath. And for the precious fruits brought forth by the sun, and for the precious things put forth by the Moon, and for the chief things of the ancient mountains, and for the precious things of the lasting hills, and for the precious things of the Earth and the fullness thereof, And for the good will of him that dwelt in the bush; Let the blessing come upon the head of Joseph, and upon the top of the head of him that was separated from his brethren."

The Book of Mormon comes to us by the power of God through the hand of a modern prophet. This book tells us how Lehi and his wife Sariah, and his sons Laman, Lemuel, Nephi and Sam and their respective families came from Jerusalem to this land of promise. These people were direct descendants of Joseph. They founded a great civilization which endured for centuries. In them was partially fulfilled the promises to Joseph and his sons Ephraim, and Manasseh. Joseph's land was to be unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills. It was to be over the wall, the sea. It was to be greater than anything that had been given to Abraham, with the exception of the promise of a Saviour. It was to be blessed with all the riches of the mountains and hills; Minerals, Metals, yea, a land richer than any other on earth. It was to produce

lavishly all the choice fruits of the soil. It was to have an abundance of harvests to be taken from the great deep. It was to be especially blessed "with the good will" of God.

Can you think of any other land on earth to compare with America in all these things? Her riches of every sort of fruits and grains, due to her varied climate and rich soils, from the wheat fields of Canada to the orange groves of Florida. Her vast mineral wealth of the "ancient mountains." Her stores of wealth coming from the two great oceans, the deep that coucheth beneath. In the Book of Mormon are found prophetic messages to and about America, not to be found in any other literature. This book tells us that America was chosen of God to be a choice land a choice land above all others, a land of liberty. That it should never be brought down in bondage to any other people, on conditions of course, the inhabitants be righteous. These promises were to those people who settled here long ago, and they are extended to us today.

History shows that Columbus was a very religious man. He was possessed with what his contemporaries considered an insane passion to outfit a fleet and sail westward upon the uncharted ocean. He was repulsed by King John II of Portugal, and Henry VIII of England. Turning to the Court of Spain, he spent eight years in argument and prayerful pleading, and at last persuaded Ferdinand and Isabella to fit him out with three small vessels with which he embarked upon his glorious adventure to discover a new world. This climaxed a struggle of eighteen years of poverty, he devoutly returned thanks to God. The Encyclopedia America says of him, "Throughout his life he was noted for a strict attention to the offices of religion, nor did his piety consist in mere forms, but partook of that lofty and solemn enthusiasm with which his whole life was tinctured." At last having obtained favor at the Court in Spain in 1492 Columbus wrote his friend Padre Juan Marchena as follows: "Our Lord God has heard the prayers of his servants, The wise and virtuous Isabelle, touched by the grace of heaven, has kindly listened to this poor man's words. All has turned out well. I have been called to the Court to state the proper means for carrying out the designs of providence." Though divinely led, like many others, Columbus did not fully understand the divine plan. He thought that his great adventure was to lead to

India. After his voyage of discovery had ended successfully, he wrote a letter which was translated from the Spanish by Washington Irving: "Thus — it pleased the Lord Almighty, that in the year of our Lord one thousand four hundred and ninety two, I should discover the Continent of the Indians and many Islands." What was that invincible surmise that led Columbus on through years of poverty and adversity and then out upon the many waters with their mystery and danger to his great discovery? It was the prophetic spirit of God. Thus are we assured by the Book of Mormon in First Nephi 13-12 which declares that "the spirit of God came down and wrought upon that man," so that "he went farther upon the many waters to the promised land." And that later this same spirit led many others to flee from captivity to the New World. This was fulfilled when the Puritans and many others came to America, seeking religious and political liberty. As Longfellow wrote: "God sifted three kingdoms for that planting."

A prophet speaks to America today through this book (Book of Mormon), telling her of her greatness her high standing in the plans of Jehovah, and bringing to her also a message of warning. It was in this land choice above all other lands that the church, which was lost during the days of the apostasy, was to re-appear. In this land where religious liberty is written into the Constitution where there was not and is no "established church." In this new, free land preserved by the Lord for such a great destiny in human affairs, in this land of His, so blessed with the "good will of Him who dwelt in the bush," in this land the Church was to appear from the wilderness. Here was the place and here was to come the time of drawing of the great restoration.

Perhaps dear reader, you have heard many misleading statements concerning our faith. However is it not fair and just for all people to be allowed to speak for themselves and interpret their own convictions? Is it right to leave that task solely to enemies? Moreover, it is not quite worth your time to hear both sides concerning the history of events so outstanding in modern history as those we are about to consider? A man with the courage and conviction to stand up before the people of the modern world, that had ceased to think it possible for prophets to appear and declare an astounding message to his age, a man who would suffer stripes

chains, prisons, ostracism, ridicule, slander, and death rather retract — such a man deserves to be heard — certainly so long as his enemies still think him of importance to challenge by their unceasing attack. The testimony sealed with suffering and blood must always command respect.

By Brother V. Chestor

GOODNIGHT, OKLA.

Brother Editor: I just must get this money to you for our Gospel News renewal, because I surely would hate to miss even one issue. Olen and I look forward to receiving The Gospel News and the Conference Minutes more than anything, except maybe a good letter from our brothers and sisters like the one we got from Sister Irma Reynolds this week telling about the four baptisms. It does our hearts good to know that God is drawing the honest in heart into His fold. We especially rejoice to hear of the Lamanite brethren accepting the gospel. Please use the rest of this money either for your transportation in visiting them—or for the work at Muncie (Thank you I will use it at Muncie). We will send more as soon as we can — which will be soon, I hope.

Olen and I are both enjoying farm life. We have been here in Oklahoma since January. We will probably be here until September and then if God wills we plan to make it to October Conference. We really are in the middle of the Indians down here and would like to get established here so that the gospel could be brought to the Indians — rather than attempting to take them to the gospel. We are just marking time at present though, because we don't want to make a move unless God is in the matter. Pray for us that we may do His will. I hope this finds you all well and enjoying God's blessings. Give our love to all in Monongahela. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all continually. Remember us as well that we may prove faithful in doing His will. May He continue to bless you in your efforts to spread the gospel. Sincerely Olen and Helen Ashley, Goodnight Oklahoma. (I am very glad to hear from you folks. W.H.C.)

WYANO, PA.

Dear Brother Editor: I am sending \$1.50 for The Gospel News. Please continue to send that wonderful paper. It brings much in our home, and it is one of the most enjoyable past-times. Your brother in Christ, Frank Angelo.

A LETTER FROM WINDSOR, ONT. — JUNE 24-47

(This letter was written to Sister Sadie Cadman for the Ladies Uplift Circle meeting held at Glassport, Pa., recently, but which arrived here too late, hence I am publishing it in The Gospel News.)

Sister Cadman: This is Tuesday night and I have just arrived home from prayer meeting. I am going to write you a little Epistle as I promised.

The work among the Indian people is still just as dear to me as before and I feel more at home with them than I do with the Gentile people. Last Saturday at noon, Brother Henderson, Sister Irma and myself left Windsor after having prayer that the Lord would bless us on our mission and protect us on the highway. Here I might mention that I have been going to the Reservation every chance I have had for the last eight years. In that time there has not been one accident, don't you think the Lord has protected His people in their efforts? We have turned around on the icy roads and been stuck in the snow, but always have been able to return home safe.

We arrived at Muncey farm about four o'clock, visited a few minutes with Brother Cotellesse and family, and awoke Brother Cadman up out of a little sleep, we gathered around the car, had prayer and we left for the Six Nations Reserve bringing Brother Cadman along with us. We had our supper at Brantford and then went to the Reserve. I believe it is about 17 miles from there. We arrived at Sister Sadie Jamiesons home about 7:30 and had to be in meeting at eight o'clock. There was quite a nice gathering of the Indian people and we had a nice meeting, also good singing. Our Indian brothers and sisters love to sing and they sing some in their Mohawk tongue. We had a number of strangers in and they were quite interested. Brother Cadman gave quite a nice talk and Brother Henderson followed him. We felt like Peter when he said it was good to be there. We arrived back at Sister Sadies home at about eleven o'clock, then Brothers Henderson and Cadman, along with Sister Irma went to Brother and Sister Beavers home and I stayed at Sister Sadies home for the night. We had lunch and we talked about the things of God until near five o'clock in the morning. I had not been there for quite a while, and I felt so happy to be with them again.

We were up again at 7:30 in the

morning, and Sister Lewis had a lovely breakfast for me, then we left for services at the Hall. We had Sunday School and it was good to see the children you know I have quite an interest in those children. It was Brother Ford and I who started this Sunday School.

Brother Cadman opened the meeting speaking on when Jesus came to their forefathers on this land, and we were blessed. Brother Henderson followed on the promises Jesus made to them. We arrived back to Sister Sadies at dinner-time, and Brother Henderson, Sister Irma stayed there for dinner, and Brother Cadman and I went home with Brother Hill. Sister Hill had a lovely dinner waiting for us. After I had my dinner, I went to the Hospital, a Mrs. Froman has been there over two years, she is much afflicted, also a Mrs. Martin, a sister to Sister Lewis. The Hospital is only about ten minutes walk from Sister Hill's home. I had two of our Gospel News papers with me and left them for them to read. Mrs. Froman said she was glad for it is hard for her to handle anything in book form, her hands are so crippled. The Gospel News was so light for her. After I had visited for a little while, I left for the meeting. Our brothers hold meetings at Sister Lewis' place. There were quite a number present and we had a lovely meeting, the spirit of testimony was there and we all enjoyed the blessings of God in our meeting. I felt blessed just to be there. The brethren and sisters on the Reserve have been fasting and praying that God might send an Elder down there to be with them. Let us all fast and pray that the Lord will work on some of our Elders to go, for the need is great, and there are many souls waiting for the good tidings of the gospel. I feel that there is a great work to be done among the Indian people. There is a lot of talk of the Government sending them to Alaska. But I believe the Lord will take a hand in this if they will turn their hearts to the Lord.

I believe the Indian work is the greatest mission work. Our church has the Book of Mormon which was given to us to be taken back to the people who's forefathers wrote it. May God bless our people with more zeal and love for this great work, for we know that until the Indian people learn of these things, the peaceful reign won't come. Please give my love to all the sisters, wish I could be there to enjoy this Conference with you. It is just two years on Thursday since Frank

died. I hope I can be as faithful to the end as he was. Please pray for us in the Windsor Branch.

Sincerely, Sister Ford.

In Memory of Brother Ford
(From The Windsor Daily Star)
Windsor, Ont.

FORD: In cherished memories of our loving brother, Frank, who went to his reward two years ago, June 26, 1945. Two years have passed since last we saw the face of brother Ford. Although the loss was great to us, 'twas gain unto our Lord; The helping hand whom all enjoyed, has ceased to be extended, To countless numbers of associates whom he many times befriended. The smile which greeted all mankind, in every walk of life, And calmed the nerves of many a one, caused by trouble and strife; Has ceased to comfort anyone, during these last two years, But the smile that's gone still lingers on, and causes many tears. As time goes on the memory of him we bade goodnight, For when his eyes were closed in death, and his soul took its flight; Although we knew his work was done with God all things were well, We didn't say goodbye to Frank, we just said farewell. —Ever remembered by his brother Clifford, sisters May and Dorothy and Bobby Burgess.

OUR TRIP TO CONFERENCE (By Milton Barnhart)

Brother Editor: We left on Saturday morning at 6 a.m. and arrived in Youngstown, Ohio at 9:45 a.m., a distance of 130 miles. This being our first trip to Youngstown, we enjoyed it very much. While there we met quite a number of brothers and sisters of the Church whom we had never met before. We spent the night in company with Brother and Sister Ivas Martin of the Dunlevy Branch, also Brother Bailey of the Redstone Branch at the home of Sister Abinada Federer. We had a most enjoyable evening at their home, singing hymns of praise and conversing with one another on the scriptures (The Bible and Book of Mormon). Sister Federer is the daughter-in-law of the late Brother Nephi Federer, who was first Counsellor of the Church at the time of his death. Going to the Sunday morning service, we had the enjoyable privilege of taking along with us two sons and a daughter of our late Brother Nephi. Neither of the two sons have ever obeyed the gospel, but we believe the discourses

of our brethren on Sunday morning were very enlightening to them as well as to the saints. We left Youngstown for home at about 5 p.m. in company with Brother and Sister Oron Thomas. During our journey the traffic was very heavy but we talked, and sang hymns of praise thanking God for His goodness and mercies in bringing us safe home. Love to all the saints.

"AN EXCERPT"

(From the late Joseph Smith's writings)

The following may interest the readers of The Gospel News: Joseph Smith, son of the prophet Joseph makes a reply to a letter published in the "Presbyterian Banner" in the year of 1882 in Pittsburgh, Pa. which was written by R. Patterson, 198 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The part I am printing in our paper, no doubt will be interesting to you all. It was at a time when the Spaulding Manuscript Story was very ripe in the minds of the public. Bear in mind that the following is the writing of the late Joseph Smith, son of the Prophet Joseph who was slain in the jail at Carthage, Ill., on June 27, 1844 just one hundred and three years ago today (June 27, 1947), at about 5 p.m. A tragedy that has always been considered a disgrace to this nation of people, bearing the name of Christianity. I transcribe from the article as follows: "I send you marked articles which please read. My mother states that no acquaintance was formed between Sidney Rigdon and the Smith family till after the Church was organized in 1830. That neither my father nor herself ever saw Sidney Rigdon until long after the Book of Mormon was in print. This agrees with the statements of P. Pratt, who says that he first presented the Book of Mormon to Rigdon. It also corroborates what Rigdon says, that the story of his connection with the Spaulding story and origin of the Book of Mormon is a "base lie," or the "most base of lies."

David Whitmer, whom I saw in April last, at his home in Richmond Missouri, where he is now living, states positively that the Book of Mormon was published long before Sidney Rigdon was known to his family, or the Smith's. He states further, that he knows that the story told of the same romance in connection with the Book of Mormon, is false.

David Whitmer states that when Joseph Smith was engaged in translating the Book of Mormon, he

sat with his face covered, and dictated to those writing for him hour after hour, and day after day, without break or apparent hesitation; and that he would return to the work after a meal or after the nights rest and sleep, and taking his place with his face covered, at once began to dictate without having any portion of what had preceded, read to him. He was asked by another in my presence and at my suggestion, whether at any time, to his knowledge, Joseph Smith had, or used while ostensibly translating, any book or any manuscript copy of any sort, from which to read. He replied emphatically that he had not. It was suggested that he might have had such document, and possessing himself of its contents secretly, might have dictated from memory. He replied that such a thing was impossible; that Joseph Smith was a poor scholar, could scarcely write a legible hand, and could never have read a written copy of any sort without consulting someone to help him.

Oliver Cowdery tells the same story respecting the translating while it was being done.

My mother (widow of the prophet Joseph), whom I interrogated upon the subject stated that she wrote for my father (Oliver Cowdery and one of the Whitmers and Martin Harris also wrote for him), and that she knew the plates to have been in his possession; that they frequently lay upon her table in the room where she was at work; that she had felt of them through the small sack or bag in which they were kept; that they had the feeling of thin metal plates, and that they rustled under the fingers as do the thick leaves of a book when one thumbs the edges, but with a metallic sound; that father frequently translated from them, (as David Whitmer states), without hesitation or break, hour after hour, as fast as she could write (and she was a fair scholar for the times), and that without having any passage already written read to him as a starting point. I asked her the same question that I afterwards had put to David Whitmer, whether he had some manuscript or book or paper copy, from which he read to the scribe. She replied that he had not, neither at the time she wrote for him nor when Oliver Cowdery or Whitmer wrote. I suggested that he might have had such manuscript, concealed and have committed it to memory day by day, and, thus repeated

it to be written. She stated that this could not have been done; for he could not have had any such manuscript or book without her finding it out; besides this, such a thing as that would require more of an intellectual effort than she was willing to give my father credit for possessing. My step-father, present at the interview, asked my mother why she had not undone the sack and examined the plates, while she had opportunity, and also if her husband ever forbade her examining them? To this she replied that she had plenty of opportunities if she had so desired; that she had not been forbidden to handle them, but that she did not feel it to be honorable to examine them in his absence, or have curiosity enough to do so even when he was present. She was satisfied as to what they were, and had faith enough in her husband to believe that he came honestly into the possession of the plates. She also stated that when she wrote for my father there was no screen between him and the writer, and that much of the dictating and writing was done in her presence and in the room in which they lived and where she was at work about her daily tasks, I suggested that it might have been possible for my father to have had some work from which he would commit to memory and so dictate from memory. This she thought impossible because when not engaged in translating he was busy at work about the premises, or with other parties, when he had no opportunity to do so by stealth. My aunt Catharine, father's sister, states that Sidney Rigdon was not known to the Smith family, until he came to Kirkland; that soon after his coming he performed the ceremony of marriage for Mr. Jenkins Salisbury and herself. She was an inmate of her father's family until her marriage, and was well acquainted with the family affairs and knows that Sidney Rigdon's acquaintance with any of the family dated after the publication of the Book of Mormon.

This is as far as I will copy from the writings of the late Joseph Smith, with the exception of one more paragraph which is pointed directly to Mr. Patterson whose article appeared in the "Presbyterian Banner" as previously mentioned. It is as follows: "No, Mr. Patterson, as ingenious and careful as has been your work, aided as I can but fancy by Mr. Cobb, the presumptive proof you have woven together must be overborne by the plainest facts in the case. The in-

consistencies of the claim made for Spaulding's romance are so numerous and striking, that I cannot receive them. I prefer to believe the statements of MY MOTHER, whose character for veracity and honor is as good as that of any reverend gentleman you have named; and she stated that Sidney Rigdon was not in any wise connected with the writing or the issuing of the Book of Mormon. Her opportunities to know were superlatively better than those of any who have testified in your pamphlet." Signed by Joseph Smith in 1882. Mr. Smith died in 1914.

MRS. CHARLES SCHRODER PASSES ON

Word was received here of the death of Matilda Sanders Schroder of St. John, Kansas on July 1st in the Hospital at Stafford, Kansas.

She was a sister to Sister Elizabeth Crall of Monongahela, Pa., and also a sister to Brother Charles Sanders of St. John, Kansas. She will be remembered by many in the West Elizabeth and Stockdale, Pa. districts as "Tillie Sanders," the daughter of the late Brother Samuel Sanders. Was born at St. John in the year of 1876 June 8th, and was laid to rest in Fairview Cemetery at that place. Her parents removed to Pennsylvania when she was quite young where she grew up to womanhood. She went west later and married and spent the rest of her days mostly in St. John. She was widowed some years ago and leaves several children to mourn her loss. When a young woman, she was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ here in Pennsylvania and was not only one of our young crowd back here, but was a faithful young sister in the Church. "Tillie," to all that knew her when a young woman, will be remembered as a bright young sister in the Church. We extend our sympathy to her loved ones in their bereavement.

GOD IS LOVE

The phrases, "The Love of God" and "The Love of Christ," are found in many places in the New Testament, so often in fact that they should have a larger place than they do in our thought and life. And how rich is their meaning! They may be interpreted as including both God's love for us and our love for GOD; Christ's love for us and our love for Him; and perhaps in some cases also the love for our fellowman produced in us by the working of divine love. Truly, "Love is of God — he that

loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love — Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins." — Christian Observer.

Muncey, Ont. And Other News

A card from Brother Cotellesse informs me that he arrived home safe from our recent Conference, and found everybody well. He is busy making hay and already has much of it in the barn. Among the increase on our farm, he tells me that twin calves arrived there recently. A card also received from Brother and Sister Nellis of Coleman, Mich., informs me that they arrived home safe.

After leaving these parts they called at the home of Brother and Sister Biscotti on Cleveland Heights, and enjoyed a short visit with them, also called on some of the folks in Detroit on their way. On arriving home he says it was wet, and it is hindering them from getting their hay in. Brother Nellis ends his card by saying: "My prayer is for all His saints."

Here in Monongahela, our aged Sister Tucker has just celebrated her 85th birthday and while she is growing feeble, she is still very energetic, and while I was present with her and her family gathering in honor to her she began to sing two of our hymns: "It is Well With My Soul," and "In the Sweet By and By." She came to this country from England about 60 years ago.

Sister Violet Sarver who underwent a throat operation recently is convalescing at home. Sister Rullo is home from the Charlevoix-Monesen Hospital after going through a serious operation. Among others in this branch of the church that are growing old and feeble, are Sister Bessie Spence Cater, Sister Schrave, and Brother and Sister Thomas Dixon. Also Brother Crissman has suffered a stroke, and is confined to a Nursing Home in Pittsburgh. He is about 78 years old. Sister Clara Tucker whose health is not good, returned with her brother Ernest Schultz to his home in Florida, that she might recuperate. A letter from Sister Fisher of the Stelton Mission in New Jersey, informs me that Frank Rogolino and three others have been baptized since our late Conference, also that Brother and Sister Siriano of Stelton have removed to Los Angeles, Calif. — Just as I am about to go to print with this paper, I receive a letter from Brother Michael Feher of Fords

N. J., of the Hopelawn Church. I give you the interesting notes of his letter as follows: He says: Brother Marco Randazzo and wife, Brother William Lockamoa and family are visiting us here, also Brother Sirangelo from Florida. They have given us very encouraging talks, and we have enjoyed their visit very much. On July 16th Brother V. J. Lovalvo of Detroit visited us, and it would appear as though he gave them a very stirring sermon, appealing to any or all who had not as yet made a covenant with God to do so. The results were four young girls were baptized by Brother Lovalvo that day, and another or two renewed their covenant again. Brother Feher also mentions the four persons, whom Sister Fisher gave account of being baptized by Brother Sirangelo. To you all: We are glad to hear the good news from our brethren and sisters in New Jersey. May the Lord continue to bless you all.

INDIAN FEATHERS BRISTLE, WHITE MAN'S ACT SCALPED

Federal Legislation Termed Dictatorial, Bureaucratic by Caughnawaga Braves

Ottawa — Quebec Indians set down their peace pipes and raised verbal tomahawks Thursday as they testified before Parliament's joint Senate - Commons committee on Indian affairs.

"Stealing the show was a large and colorfully - garbed delegation from the Caughnawaga reservation near Montreal. Wearing feathered headdresses, doeskin trousers and mocassins, the Caughnawaga termed the federal Indian Act as "the most bureaucratic and dictatorial system ever imposed on Mankind."

Between sessions, the delegates participated over the peace pipes and posed for tourist photographers in front of the Parliament Buildings.

The Caughnawaga demanded recognition as a sovereign nation, restoration of "primordial rights," freedom from taxation, nondenominational schools, and abolition of all forms of enfranchisement.

Violated Treaties

Their denunciations:

"You have violated our treaties.The Indians are a subject raceWe charge you, the Canadian Government aided by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, of invading our domains and forcing foreign laws on our people by force of arms."

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The Marks of a Dying Church

A church is in a state of dying when the congregation is not moved over the conditions of this age. It may be that this age is no worse than other ages past, but suffice to say that the conditions are such now as to alarm every serious-minded Christian man and woman on earth; and one does not have to be a pessimist to see facts just as they are. If the foundations of sobriety, morals, a tender conscience, integrity, and common virtues are not being shaken to the very depth, then I am the worst fooled man that lives today.

A church is dying when there is no sense of fear among evil-doers. A church is dying when there is no hunger and thirst after more of God and the cause of righteousness.

A church is on its way out when there is no evangelistic passion. When a congregation compromises with evil, throws open its doors to all kinds of questionable things, it is paying its own funeral expenses.

Is your church in a state of decay? Is it dying? Is it making any advancement? Is it milling around in the same rut as in years past? What can you do about it? Think it over.—From the Herald of Holiness.

A Prayer In The U. S. Senate

IN THE NAME of Jesus Christ, who was never in a hurry, we pray, O God, that Thou wilt slow us down. With all eternity before us, let us take time to live.—Rev. Peter Marshall, Senate chaplain, in recent prayer.

A VISIT TO INDIAN RESERVES

By Sadie B. Cadman

On July 24, 1947, Brother and Sister Bittinger of the Bitner Mission and Brother Cadman and I left Monongahela for a visit to the Indian saints of our Missions in Canada, also our Indian friends along the way with whom we had visited before. Our first stop was at Mr. Raymond Jimmerson's home on Cattaraugus Reserve in N. Y. state. Mr. and Mrs. Jimmerson were out in the field working so we drove out to where they were. Mr. Jimmerson came over to the car and was very glad to see us. Brother Cadman told him of our recent visit to the Indians in Cherokee, N. C.—he is well

acquainted with many of the folks we met, he having attended school with them. The Indian people at this place seem to be cultivating their land to berries, and have had wonderful crops. I felt disappointed at not meeting Mrs. Jimmerson, she and her daughter were out in the field working. I first met her about 16 years ago, they had twin boys then who were six weeks old, then again we were there when they were about nine years old, now they are sixteen. Brother Cadman spoke to him about the Gospel again, and he said he had not forgotten the words he had spoken before to him, but with his large family, he has been very busy and has not had time to do much reading. He was glad to see us and asked us to come back again. I might add that Brother Cadman spoke in two of their churches in this neighborhood a few years ago. Brother Cadman lost part of his ear-phone, we thought he may of lost it while out in the field at Jimmersons. We then went on to Rochester N. Y., where we spent the night with the saints. The next morning we went to Palmyra, N. Y., and visited the Hill Cumorah where we had prayer and talked of the sacredness of the place where the angel of God revealed the place of the Record of the descendants of Joseph who are the Indians people on this land. Then we went back to Rochester for the night, had meeting in the Church there and visited with the saints, talking over the things of God. The next morning we left for the Tuscarora Reserve, near Lewiston, N. Y. There we called to see sister Margaret Hill Wilson, took a picture of her and her baby. On our way to call on Sister Maybelle Green, we met her and her little girl along the highway. Her face just beamed with smiles as she realized who we were, she was on her way home from the store so she got in the car and we took her home. She is still trying hard to hold fast to the Gospel and serving her Master as best she can. Chief Rickards place was the next stop. They were glad to see us, and the Chief said he was sorry that Brother Cadman had not come up a couple of weeks ago, for their big Border Parade and doings, which they have in July of each year. He said he was sure he would not forget to let him know

about it next year for he wanted him to take part with them. Brother Cadman met with them and took part in their parade a few years ago. From there we went to visit Mr. and Mrs. Reed who own the Bark house, they too were so pleased to see us and Mr. Reed asked why Brother Cadman had not come up to their Border parade. After telling him he had not known the time, Mr. Reed said he was sure he would not forget to let him know next year.

We then started for Canada, crossed at Niagara Falls but did not spend any time there, but went on our way to Ohsweken on the Six Nations Reserve, on the shores of Grand River, near Brantford, Ont. We have a number of members of the Church at this place. While driving by Sister Sadie Jamieson's home we stopped to say hello, and then we went on to Brother and Sister Hill's home where we made our stopping place while visiting there. This same evening we went several miles to Brother and Sister Beavers home for meeting. They were expecting Brother and Sister Henderson from Windsor, Ont., but they did not arrive in time for the meeting, but we had a very nice meeting and all rejoiced to see one another again. On our way back to Hill's home, we passed Brother and Sister Henderson on their way to Beavers. On Sunday morning we had Sunday School in a Hall some distance from Ohsweken. Quite a large crowd attended and the service was concluded with a preaching service. Afternoon meeting was held at Sister Jamieson's home in Ohsweken. We had a wonderful meeting and after the meeting several went to visit a sick lady who wanted them to come and sing and have prayer with her. In the evening we gathered at Sister Irene Rigby's home. She is the daughter of our late Sister Longboat and lives in the old home some six or seven miles from Ohsweken. Brother Cadman opened the meeting, he asked if there was any subject or questions that anyone desired to have answered or to hear. Sister Rigby desired him to speak of the beginning of the Restoration which he did, explaining the prophecy fulfilled about Joseph and his descendants and the Restoration. This was a wonderful day of bless-

ings to us all. The next week we called on the sick and the homes of several and attended meetings somewhere every night. One night we enjoyed three wonderful sermons. Brother Bittinger opened the meeting with the Scripture found in 15th Chapter of Matthew, 17th verse. The revealed will of God was his theme and after he was through, Brothers Cadman and Henderson followed. The Spirit of God surely was present and everybody enjoyed the meeting, several Indian singers being present, sang in the Mohawk language. On Saturday evening we had a meeting at Brother and Sister Beavers home again, there were ten of us present and we surely enjoyed the testimony of our Indian folks. How thankful they are that the gospel had been brought to them by our Brothers. They seem so satisfied and firm in the truth. After meeting we sat down to a lunch and what a fellowship; it seemed divine, as ten of us sat around that table. In my heart was a prayer of thankfulness for the opportunity of being with our Indian saints. Our last meeting was at Brother and Sister Hill's home, which was spent in talking about the Scripture found in 3rd Nephi about the three disciples who were not to taste of death until the Saviour comes and who are still alive today. Brother Jobie Hill attended our meetings and helped us with our singing. Our Indian saints desire to be remembered by all the Church in prayer for the work and progress of the gospel among their people. We enjoyed our visit among them and we pray for God's blessing upon them all.

We left them on Monday morning for Muncey, another Reserve where we have a Mission work among the Indian people. It was very warm and everybody seemed busy in their fields harvesting hay and grain. The fields looked lovely. When I see fields of grain like those, it always brings to me a thought of praise to God for the sunshine and rain which produces the golden grain. We arrived in Muncey at the home of Brother and Sister Cotellesse after driving around to see different places of interest, also past our Church. Our Indian saints in Muncey are mostly older people, but still are firm in the gospel. One old Sister just baptized on June 16th, told me she was so happy. When we hear the testimony of the aged who have a bright hope of the future and have a joy in their hearts now, it too makes us rejoice for the little effort we

have put forth in helping to take the gospel to them. We had a few meetings in Muncey but our time there was short. Our last visit was with Sister Muskoline, who was sick in bed. We had prayer and sang a few hymns for her and she asked to anointed that God would raise her up once more, so she could attend church and give her testimony to His goodness. She praised God for His blessings. They have found out her correct age now. She will be 106 years old on December 15th if she lives. (If anybody wants to have good health and live long, better to to Muncey, Canada.) Please don't forget her, and send her a card if God lengthens out her days for she is surely a sweet child of God. We were getting tired so we travelled to Windsor and rested a day and attended the G.M.B.A. in Detroit, Mich., and on the Sabbath attended meeting in the morning at Branch No. 2 and at Branch No. 1 in the afternoon — went home with Brother and Sister Miller for supper and stayed all night at Brother and Sister Joseph Lovalvo's home, and left for home on Monday morning, arriving at our tired but thankful for the trip and the blessing and protection of God.

THE RESTORATION OF THE ANCIENT OF DAYS

By James Curry

A voice from out the future cries
ONWARD!

But o'er the past — dim gulf
My spirit hovering lies
Mute — motionless — aghast.

Poe

The sons and daughters of Adam and Eve must have had a great curiosity regarding their parents background. Unlike the children of succeeding generations, they had no grandparents, which fact no doubt accentuated the already too deep mystery of life. We can easily imagine these first children vexing their fallen parents with multitudinous questions. What was it like back there in the garden, Dad? Is it true, mother, that you partook first of the forbidden fruit? To which these saddened but wiser parents could but reply: It is unlawful, it is impossible for us to utter, or even conceive, of so great things as we knew before our fall. Our sojourn with the great God of Eden is shrouded in mystery; it is hid from our eyes. Bound down by this natural law, we cannot tear aside the veil to partake of the fruit of the tree of life. A great fixed law, a great yawning gulf, lies between us and

our God. By what means shall we be brought back into His presence? Who will tear aside the veil, that we may again see him face to face?

Moses, who wrote the story of creation as recorded in the book of Genesis, seems also to have been fascinated by the great God of the garden. Acting upon Moses' request to show Himself unto him, He placed Moses in a cleft of a rock, which was a prefigure of Christ, while He passed by before Moses. Moses saw only God's back as He walked away from him.

What did God teach Moses by enacting that little scene? Was He not saying to Moses, in effect: Turn, Moses. You will gain nothing by looking back. Teach my people to look for me rather in the personage of My Son.

If you try to solve the mystery of life by looking back to the story of creation, you will see nothing more than the retreating, the ever receding figure of your God, who goes to abide forever in the ancient of days. If, however, you will receive my law in your hearts, if you will be careful to keep my every commandment, a child will begin to form in the womb of Judah, who shall be the son of man and the son of God. Him shall ye hear in all things. If you will produce this son of man, He will guide you into all truth. It is He who shall lead you back to the ancient of days, not at the beginning, but at the end of the seven thousand year cycle of time allotted to the earth and its people.

Press forward, press forward

The goal is in view

There's a crown of great glory
Awaiting for you.

The children of Israel believed God, looking earnestly and faithfully forward to Christ, who was the first of the sons of men to attain to, and who was the very personification of, the ancient of days.

God having put the lost image of the eternal back into a man, we refer to the man Jesus as the second Adam. It became the peculiar responsibility of this second man Adam to put the image of the eternal back into the human race. As the image of Christ develops in His church, we move slowly, but steadily, back to that personage, and to that stage of development, wherein the human family will be brought, at long last, face to face with its creator.

There were physical giants in the earth in anti-diluvian, or pre-flood days. As time marched on their statures as well as their ages

were gradually, but greatly, reduced. Jacob lamented the fact that he had not attained to the years of his forefathers, saying: Few and evil have been the years of my life. He was a hundred and thirty years old at the time of his melancholy observation.

During the course of the middle or dark ages, during which time the man of sin was having his day, the life expectancy of man was a mere twenty-three years. With the house of Israel lying dead in the valley of dry bones (see 37th Ezekial) and the Gentile Nations lying prostrate in a great sink hole of ignorance, the human family had bedded down to rock bottom in its fall. In the midst of this condition, God touched the heart of Martin Luther, which started the long, long march of the human family back to the Eden of love.

Everything went well until Joseph Smith was shot and killed at Carthage jail, Ill., in 1844; after which time the fateful journey slowed to a snail's pace for the want of adherents. It was not God's will that the gentiles should have neglected so great salvation. Instead of building a spiritual house to the Lord, they chose to follow in the footsteps of blind guides, who have been leading them carefully down to the valley of decision, where they go to keep a rendezvous with death.

When empires shall tremble at Israel's returning,

And earth shall be cleansed by the spirit of burning.

Our great King has not been idle since the death of Joseph Smith. On the contrary, He has been quietly preparing His people to spearhead the onward march back to the ancient of days. The pure breath of eternal life was so powerful in Adam, that he was able to reach out and take to himself this lower order of blood life, with all of its attending miseries and woes.

The spirit of Christ striving within us is able to recreate the perfect, and cause that every trace of that which Adam took to himself shall begin to weaken and die. When Adam fell, the whole creation fell with him. When Adam arises, or in other words, when the image of Christ in His church yields to greater and yet greater change and growth, the human family will go from one progressive stage to another, rising, as it were tier upon tier, until the whole of the lost dominion shall have been regained.

During the course of the thousand year reign of peace that is soon to begin on earth, we shall begin to see certain physical and spiritual signs that the Lord is slowly but surely restoring all things to their original order. Isaiah prophecies that the life span will be extended beyond the seventy year period until the age of a man shall be as the age of a tree. (Isaiah 65-22) Their bones, also, shall flourish like an herb (Isaiah 66-14), which seems to indicate that their physical, and perhaps their spiritual statures, shall increase until there are giants in the earth, as there were in days of old.

We hope that this short article is sufficient to convey the thought that we ought to be a forward looking people. Our hope lies not in the past, but in the restoration of Eden upon the earth. God never asks us to look back, except to catch the vision of things to come, which shone so brightly, so gloriously, in the eyes of those who labored to restore the ancient of days.

'Tis Jesus the first and the last
Whose spirit shall guide us safe home

Will thank Him for all that is past
And trust Him for all that's to come.

(To be continued)

GOD'S HOLY MOUNTAIN

By Peter Capone, Detroit

It is interesting to notice how much of our religion is centered in the HEIGHTS. When we think of God, we think of the heights. When we think of heaven we think of the heights. When we think of morality, or purity, or nobility, unselfishness or kindness, we think of the heights. All that is of God and all that is good is associated with the heights. All that is of the Devil and of evil, is associated with the depths — the low places of life.

True religion must take us to the heights. It must lift us out of the depths of sin and into the heights of righteousness. It must lift us out of the depths of temptation into the heights of victory. It must lift us out of the depth of trouble and into the heights of peace. It must lift us out of the depth of despair and into the heights of hope. It must lift us out of the depths of darkness into the heights of light. If it fails to do these things, something is wrong with it or with us. We must state at this time the Gospel Re-

stored has been able to do all these things, for those who have rendered themselves flexible in God's hands.

In the old Testament, whenever an altar was consecrated to the worship of God, it was placed on the heights. When the law was given to Moses, he was upon Mt. Sinai. When David built the city of Zion, he built it upon the heights. When Solomon built the Temple, he built it upon the heights. So it was whenever the faithful Israelite found himself, he remembered his God by looking to the heights. David said: "I will lift mine eyes into the hills, from whence cometh my help."

Upon the mountain, Moses talked with God and spent forty days and nights upon this mountain. When he came down, he brought something very important with him. First: He brought a call to his people to serve God. "If ye will obey my voice and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people. And ye shall be unto Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." And we must give credit to the people who said: "All that the Lord has spoken we will do."

Second: Moses brought down the Ten Commandments, those great fundamental laws for humanity. They became and have remained ever since, the Great Charter to guide the human family. In religious and ethical content, they were infinitely higher than any other laws of their day. They were based upon a nobler conception of God and demanded a higher standard of morality than was known before. Third: Moses brought down the instructions he had received from God for the setting up of public worship, and for the leading of the people therein. He was to build a tabernacle and place in it the Ark of the Covenant. These were to be the center of divine worship and were to be carried before the people wherever they went. They were to be a constant reminder that God was in the midst of His people, to guide, govern and direct them. A visible sign of God's unfailing presence. After Moses received these instructions, God spoke to him saying: "See that thou make all things according to the pattern showed thee on the Mount." Moses was obedient and "did according to all that the Lord had commanded him."

The Christian religion is also a religion of the HEIGHTS, because
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EDITORIAL

In this issue of the paper, there is a short account from Brother Ewing being somewhat improved in health, and also he extends his appreciation to all who had remembered him during his illness. I was glad to know that he had improved in health again; but as I am about ready to go to print with this issue, I received a card from Sister Ewing informing me that her husband (Brother Ewing) has been taken to the Veterans Facilities Hospital at Grand Rapids, Michigan. She wishes us all to remember him in our prayers. If I understand right, Brother Ewing is a veteran of World War I, and that his ill-health now, is due to the experiences he passed through at that time. Brother Ewing I am safe in saying that all of us wish and pray for your welfare. May the Lord bless you. Sister Ewing also informs me that she is expecting her son home from China by the last of August.

I am still asking everybody to do what you can in the way of increasing the subscription list to The Gospel News. —Editor

much of His time upon the heights. Quite often it is said of him: "He went up into the mountain." Many of the greatest experiences of Jesus are mountain-top experiences. There was the Mount of Temptation. It was on the heights that Jesus gained the victory over temptation. To the voice of evil, Jesus constantly answered: "It is written, it is written, etc." On the heights, conscious of the presence and power of the Father, Jesus gained the victory over temptation. If we ever hope to gain the victory over our temptations, it must be there on the heights with God.

There was the Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus outlined the laws of the kingdom. There where He preached His sermon on the Mount. He told His disciples what it meant to live on the heights. He gave them the principles of high and noble living. He challenged them to live as sons of the Most

High. He said: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Even so does He challenge us today to live on the heights, and to send forth His light to a needy world. There was the Mount of Transfiguration where Peter, James, and John saw Jesus in all His radiant glory. "His face did shine as the sun, and His raiment was white as the light." There on the heights the disciples had a foretaste of the eternal glory that shall belong to every child of God.

We readily see that the laws or Ten Commandments were given in the days of old. Jesus also gave a Great Charter to guide the human family. For as God charged Moses: "See that thou make all things according to the pattern showed thee on the Mount," even so Jesus charges us to live, and fashion our lives according to the SERMON on the Mount. He requires of us to obey His commandments, obey the laws of the Church, to deal justly, to love much and to walk humbly before God. He requires us to be kind one to another. To do good constantly, not only to those of the Church, but to all. Remembering to do good is a duty, because God has commanded it. To do twice as much good is a privilege. To do more than that is a blessing. So do good to others even though they cannot retaliate with a favor. These are our responsibilities according to the teachings of Jesus. We can only be happy by not shirking them. When we live in this fashion we are dwelling on the Mount, and we are doing our bit to build the latter-day Mount Zion spoken of by our brethren of old. Mt. Zion is a spiritual state of the people, or the people of God at their very best.

Then dear reader, let us join hands, and, "Look to the Hill from whence cometh our help," and let us "do all things according to the pattern shown by Jesus Christ our Lord, in the sermon on the Mount." Surely then we shall have a foretaste of eternal glory, even as Peter, James and John enjoyed.

THOSE WONDERFUL WORDS

"For these are they whose sins He has borne; these are they for whom He has died, to redeem them from their transgressions. And now, are they not His seed? —Yea, and are not the prophets, every one that has opened his mouth to prophesy, that has not fallen into transgression, I mean

all the holy prophets ever since the world began? I say unto you that they are His seed.—And these are they who have brought good tidings of good, who have published salvation, and said unto Zion: Thy God reigneth!—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!—And behold, I say unto you, this is not all. For O how beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of Him that bringeth good tidings, that is the founder of peace, yea, even the Lord, who has redeemed His people; yea, Him who has granted salvation unto His people"; — To all who have been called as Ministers of the Lord Jesus Christ, surely these words will have an inspiring effect in your souls. The blessing of God will be upon you that are still publishing peace, not only now, but in days to come as well. The Ministers of God should not be slothful, but should work while it is day, for the night will come when no man shall work. The news I have had from the New Jersey vineyard, wherein eight souls have yielded to the Master, are good news indeed. To my brethren and sisters: According to the word of God, your feet is beautiful upon the MOUNTAINS even as were the Prophets of old, and even as Jesus Himself. I will add that God has blessed your efforts, and He will continue to do so if you abide in Him, by keeping His commandments.

Sincerely (WHC)

UNFAIR TO INDIANS

Editor, Free Press: Allow me some space in your paper to ask the public "What is democracy and how is it applied in this country?" Let me explain.

On the 9th of July a party of us motored to Muncey out of sheer curiosity. Driving through Muncey we came upon a washed out road and were stuck. Endeavoring to get help we found the Indians unfriendly and bitter.

The one young Indian who assisted us proved to be an expert driver of overseas service. I would here like to thank him for his kindness. As we waited in the village the atmosphere was fantastic. Dozens of Indians of all ages grouped about, noisy, gestulating, in and out the store, ignoring us.

They reminded me of cooped-up animals, shut away from the outside world, unwanted and bitter.

I felt so sorry watching them and wondered why they were thus treated. Was this an example of Canadian democracy and justice?

Why were these fine people isolated and forgotten?

Now let me tell you of our own white "gentlemen," who are allowed to roam at will. Returning home we passed a roadhouse where we stopped a moment. We heard cursing and saw cars in the ditch. We thought there had been an accident but they proved to be drunk drivers, brandishing beer bottles. It was horrible. I could not help but think that these idiots belonged in a reserve somewhere, instead of menacing our highways.

I say, help the Indians to freedom and let democracy start right at our own door. Also, where were our police? They could have made a good many arrests right there on the highway.

No wonder people are killed each week-end.

Are they any worse with there drink on the reserves? I doubt it.

Mrs. S. P., Cliftonvale Ave.,

Sub 9, P. O., London.

July, 1947

"AN EXPERIENCE"

By Joseph Lovalvo, Detroit, Mich.

I had this experience in 1933 shortly after I was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ, which I now represent as a member and as a Minister thereof. I could not understand how that Joseph Smith, after being used so mightily as an instrument in the hands of God, could have fallen from His grace and go astray along with his followers. I inquired of the Lord concerning this matter and that same night I had this dream.

I dreamed that I was on my knees, painting the walls and the woodwork of our home white. While in the act of painting I pondered over the matter of which I inquired of the Lord before I retired for the evening. As I was painting, a paper was placed before me. The paper was held in the hand of a person who stood behind me. There was writing on this paper and as I read it silently, the person behind me read the writing out loud. This is what was written on the paper: "The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter - Day Saints of Salt Lake City was the Church that first received the light, but they have transgressed and are in darkness."

The Re-Organized Church of Je-

sus Christ has also transgressed and are in darkness, but the Church of Jesus Christ which you are in, is the Church that is trying to do the will of God.

ARE YOU READY?

Did you know, my friend, Christ is coming again?

O pray, don't cling to your foolish pride.

Be prepared, so that you shall be one of His,

When He comes to claim His bride.

Chorus: (Matthew 24:44)

O, therefore be ye also ready

For as ye think not, in such an hour

Praise God; the Son of man shall come

In glory and in power.

'Ye cannot serve God and mammon too

So serve the Lord, and I'll warrant you this

You'll be able to stand in any trial

Your hand firmly clasped in His.

It's my duty, dear friend, to warn you thus

O, look to God now and change your way:

Be 'born again' then you need never fear

The coming Judgement Day.

Velda Barclay,

Mt. Brydges, Ontario.

A WONDERFUL TRIP

By Matthew T. Miller,
Detroit, Mich.

On Friday July 4th, 1947, I and my wife along with Brother Fred D'Amico, his wife and children, left Detroit and motored over to Youngstown, Ohio to attend church conference and traveled east to visit many of the brothers and sisters in the Gospel of Christ, also desiring to visit many relations and friends who have not yielded obedience to the Gospel.

In Youngstown we stayed at Brother and Sister Capots while attending conference. Our brothers and sisters there treated us royally and gave us a wonderful impression to have a grand time in conference. Everything at conference seemed well tempered with the love and blessings of God, hence, our joys were unspeakable.

We left Youngstown Sunday afternoon for West Aliquippa, Pa. arriving there in time to enjoy a grand repast at Brother and Sister Carman Rossi's home spending the night there also.

We continued our trip at 7:00 a.m. Monday, traveling by way of

the Turn Pike which goes almost into Harrisburg, Pa. Rain accompanied us almost all the way. Fortunately, we had one of my engineers with us, Brother Fred D'Amico at the controls of the car, who by the help of God did a wonderful job in following the route correctly.

We arrived in Brooklyn, N. Y. at 6:00 p.m. Monday and were welcomed to the home of Brother and Sister D'Amico who were expecting us. On Tuesday evening we went to Mission No. 2 in Brother and Sister Galanti's home. There for the first time I had the pleasure of meeting Brother and Sister Galanti's son Gasper, who has been in an unfortunate position for years due to some eruption he suffered during his school career. Sister Galanti, her daughter, and Gasper told us some wonderful experiences. I have no fear that if their faith will increase in our Heavenly Father, there will be a great miracle wrought in their home some of these days that will cause the hearts of men to tingle. I must say that we found Gasper in very high spirits.

We spent Tuesday evening at Brother D'Amico's. I have to extend grand praise and congratulations to Brother Ishmael D'Amico for the good work he does everywhere he goes and resides, not only spiritually, but endeavoring to build up church property as well. May God add his blessings in the humble efforts of Brother D'Amico in spreading the Gospel.

On Wednesday we left for New Brunswick, N. J. We first visited Brother Gabriel Mazzeo's home and were accorded a grand reception and were well fed naturally, enjoying a rich flow of the heavenly benediction. From Brother Mazzeo's home we made a visit to Sister Faragasso and were overjoyed to see that she could smile in the hopefulness of Jesus Christ. Our next stop was at Brother Mario Coppa, who along with his companion and family were overjoyed to see us. We attended the Wednesday evening service in New Brunswick. Brother Fred D'Amico took the lead and I followed with a few encouraging words. Brother Paul D'Amico spoke a few words in the line of testimony. A very interesting subject was taken up in the 27th Chapter of 3rd Nephi, and everyone there enjoyed it tremendously. From this point I went to visit my relatives in Montclair, New Jersey and Brother Fred went back to Brooklyn. We were united again on Friday and all went to the Galanti's home for the

evening service. This meeting was well attended and the good Lord blessed us again, bountifully.

We left Brooklyn Saturday morning, arriving in Rochester, N. Y. 4:30 p.m. at the home of Brother Sam D'Amico. A number of Brothers and Sisters gathered there. We had a most enjoyable time eating, and singing praises to Almighty God, testifying to His goodness, and making some preparation for Sunday worship. On Sunday Brother Marco Randazzo and his group met with us in the Rochester Branch. Being inspired of God I introduced the morning service and felt the blessings of God accompanying me in my discourse. The main thoughts of my subject were, "Obedience is Better Than Sacrifice." I also exhorted the brothers and sisters to righteousness, that we might obtain salvation for our souls and we might be found pure and spotless when we appear before the judgment bar of God. Brother Fred D'Amico spoke of the words that Jesus spoke in his sermon on the mount, teaching the multitudes in what manner they might obtain eternal life. He was followed by Brother Marco Randazzo in the Italian language. We enjoyed the blessings of God and His spirit in our midst abundantly.

We left Rochester, N. Y. after Sunday morning service. Arrived home in Detroit 10:00 p.m. Sunday. I am sure no money could compensate for that which we received spiritually. We only hope we could have more and more liberty so that some day our lives will be fully designated to the glory of Almighty God.

Love to all, and may the Lord God bless each and every one of us in doing our part, that the Gospel of Jesus Christ which has been restored in these the last days might be furthered throughout all the nations of the earth.

SHARING WITH OTHERS

By Rose Corrado

Dear Editor: Sharing the Gospel with others always makes it a greater blessing to us. A thought strikes me now as it has often before, as to the attitude of man — naturally and spiritually. Naturally speaking, each of us when we receive something good, want to save it for ourselves — not even to share it with closest friends or relatives. But when a man or woman is moved upon spiritually, there can be nothing that is good, held back. All they know or receive, they want to share with others, and in sharing with others,

they in turn receive another blessing.

It is with this thought on my mind that I was prompted to write you about our meetings here in Niles last Sunday July 20, 1947. Brother Rocco Biscotti, his wife and two children visited us and stayed all day. Our Morning service was introduced by Brother Biscotti, using for his subject — "What manner of men and women we should be," and using Paul as his example. The lesson he gave was one to be enjoyed and to benefit all present. He was followed by Brother Philip Dreer and Brother Dan Corrado, who also gave a very good lesson on the same topic and a very good spirit prevailed throughout the meeting.

In the afternoon, the Elders of the Niles Mission, placed the meeting entirely in the hands of Brother Biscotti to conduct it as he saw fit. A very good spirit in testimony and singing was enjoyed throughout the afternoon. Our young Brother Frank Gennaro was ordained into the Ministry by Brother Biscotti, and a very good spirit was witnessed by all present. The entire day was one of rejoicing one with another, and we thank God for placing such men as Brother Rocco Biscotti and many others in our midst. May the Lord continue to bless these men throughout the Church is our prayer. We are always happy to receive our brothers and sisters from the various parts of the Church.

News Item From Brooklyn, N. Y. By Brother Paul D'Amico

On July 20th, a Chartered Bus, filled with Brothers, Sisters and members of the M.B.A., from New Brunswick, Stelton, Hopelawn and Metuchen, N. J. arrived in Brooklyn to spend the day with us. Others from New Jersey and the Bronx arrived by automobile and train. The meeting place was filled beyond capacity.

Morning service was opened at 10:30 a.m. with Hymn "Dear to the Heart of the Shepherd"; followed with prayer by Brother Joseph Benyola. Continued with Hymn "Saviour Blessed Saviour." Brother Benyola read for his text from the 11th Chapter of St. Mark and was blessed with much liberty in emphasizing, "OBEDIENCE TO CHRIST." We then sang Hymn "We're Marching to Zion," and Hymn "The Mercies of God." Brothers Gabriel Mazzeo, Sam Risola, and Ishmael D'Amico followed, and each gave an inspiring talk filled with wonderful words

of life. The spirit of God prevailed in our midst. Meeting was dismissed by singing Doxology, and closing prayer by Brother Frank Briotti.

Our fellowship meeting convened at 1:30 p.m. with Hymn "The Christ of the Cross." We were led in prayer by Brother Paul D'Amico. Continued with Hymn "Sound the Battle Cry." Brother Paul D'Amico bore testimony to the truthfulness of the Gospel and related a number of experiences which he had while with the U. S. Army. The meeting was then opened for testimony and a wonderful spirit of fellowship prevailed. Meeting was dismissed at 4:15 p. m. Prayer by Brother Sam Risola.

The Evening Service was given into the hands of the joint M.B.A. of New Brunswick, N. J.; Brother Gabriel Mazzeo (President) and Brother Patsy Renda (Vice-president). The New Brunswick Choir favored the audience with a number of selections and it is beyond exaggeration when we say that the young folks of the Choir can really ring out praises unto God. All were impressed by the wonderful talent of the Choir. A number of hymns were also sung by the entire congregation, with occasional speakers namely, Brothers Ishmael D'Amico, Nicholas Zinzi, Frank Rigolino, Paul D'Amico and Sisters Mary Mercurio and Elsie Miller. All of these gave inspiring and encouraging talks. The evening service came to a close by singing Hymn "The Mercies of God," and closing prayer by Brother Ishmael D'Amico.

Brother Ewing Is Grateful

Brother Earl Ewing of Lake, Mich. in the Coleman district, has written me a short letter asking if I will use a little space in The Gospel News to inform the many that has written him letters of condolence during his recent illness, that your letters were all very much appreciated. He also wants you all to know, that he has cast his lot with The Church of Jesus Christ, being baptized a few weeks ago by Brother G. Ciarravino of Detroit. I will just add that we are glad to know of Brother Ewing being so much better, and it is our prayer that he along with Sister Ewing will enjoy good health. They live on a farm out from Farwell, Michigan, and get their mail on R. D. 1, Lake, Michigan. They also have renewed their subscription to The Gospel News and no doubt are glad to receive it and learn of the many brothers and sisters of whom they have not

yet met. May the Lord bless Brother and Sister Ewing.

NEWS FROM GREENVILLE, PA.

By Martha Kelly

Sister Kelly writes a few items which she thinks we will be interested in. Meetings on Thursday evenings are being held at the home of Brother Russell Cadman with several of the saints from Youngstown attending. They have now started a Sunday School at his home. The first meeting was on August 10th with 13 adults and 10 children present. The services were led by Edler William Love and assisted by Brother Paul Love. This was followed by having a testimony meeting, and they all returned home feeling that the Lord blessed them for their efforts. Sister Kelly informs us that Donna Sumner was baptized at New Hamburg on July 31st. She is the daughter of Sister Sumner of Sharon. She also requests the prayers of all in behalf of their Sunday School and makes the following statement: "As it is so important that the children be brought up with the correct knowledge of the Bible and the teachings of Christ." P. S. May the Lord help you all in your efforts. (W.H.C.)

NEWS FROM STELTON

By Ivy Fisher

Brother Editor: Eighteen years ago on the eleventh of August was the day I made my covenant with God. This is one thing that I have never regretted. I can say, The Church of Jesus Christ is my home, and where I have found peace, joy and comfort. Not only these wonderful gifts, but to know my name is written in the Book of Life, and when God calls me home that I may enter into my Eternal Home. This gives me a great joy and a great blessing to look forward to. My prayers ascent to God that He will help me, if it be His will, for this is my only desire to live upon this earth to build my Eternal Home. Sometimes through difficulties and trials of life, I wonder if life is worth living, but then I say yes, it is worth living to serve God: for Jesus said: Take up thy cross and follow me. This is what I want to do with God's help. He has blessed me spiritually and temporally, and given me much strength and courage. Count Your Many Blessings; it seems impossible for there are so many, and I do appreciate and thank God for everything, for He has blessed me ever since the day I was born.

We have a new brother, Mattheu Rogolina, we all welcome our brother. Mattheu was accompanied by Brother Joseph Faragassa, the baptisms were performed by Brother Paul D'Amico of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Brother Berrado Passes On

James Berrardo of South River, N. J., died on July 10, 1947 at the age of 57 years. He was baptized into the Church on July 10th, 1932. The services were conducted by Brother Joseph Benyola, Presiding Elder of the Hopelawn Church. We extend sympathy to the loved ones who mourn.

The Gospel News Appreciate

By Sister Maffeo

Brother Editor: I am very sorry I didn't send in my contribution for the Gospel News. We like the paper very much and can say: I wish it could be published more often, for it is the only way we get to find out what is going on, because we do not get around much owing to our afflicted condition, but yet I praise God with all my heart and soul for His Blessings, for it is that which keeps us happy. Just recently the young folks chartered a bus to go to Brooklyn, and a few of us older sisters were included. I went along. I had that great desire to go, but get too tired traveling by train. The Lord provided that bus trip and I can surely say: We all had a wonderful time, even the weather was favorable, for we have had rain and humid weather so long, but this morning turned out to be clear and cool.

The three meetings were something to be remembered for a long time. I felt as though it was a foretaste of Heaven, especially to see the zeal of the young folks. We miss our dear departed Brother Faragasso, Jr. so much, but Brother Mazzeo is doing very well. May God bless you in your efforts in spreading the gospel, and may He go with you always.

NEWS FROM WARREN, OHIO

By Jean Genaro

Brother Editor: On Sunday July 13th, we had as visitors, Brothers Nicholas Pietrangelo and Joseph Lovalvo of Detroit, and Brothers C. Burgess and A. Henderson of Windsor, Ont., Canada. What a wonderful day we spent! If only we could convey God's blessings on paper with pen and ink which we enjoyed, so that all our brothers and sisters everywhere could also rejoice with us. Brother Burgess opened the meeting, reading

from the First Corinthians, Chapter 13:11,12 and 13 verses. He was followed by Brother Lovalvo, and then by Brother Pietrangelo, and each related experiences and spoke upon these verses which had been read. We thank God for the wonderful blessings He showered down on us.

Our young Brother Frank Giovannone was to be ordained an Elder, and being that our visiting brothers wanted to start on their journey home, this was attended to in the morning meeting, and we rejoiced in the blessing of God. At this time it was well past 12 o'clock noon and it seemed we could not bring our meeting to a close. Our visiting brothers then said they would stay as long as we would and continue to enjoy themselves. So we had our testimony meeting and we heard many experiences related by our brethren.

We are sorry to hear that Brother V. James Lovalvo's health is poor and we shall remember him in our prayers.

CONCLUDING WORDS OF KING BENJAMIN

Mosiah 4:29,30: "And finally I cannot tell you all the things whereby ye may commit sin; for there are diverse ways, and means, even so many that I cannot number them.—But this much I can tell you, that if you do not watch yourselves, and your thoughts, and your words, and your deeds, and observe the commandments of God, and continue in the faith of what ye have heard concerning the coming of our Lord, even unto the end of your lives, ye must perish. And now, O man, remember and perish not."—I will just add, that Benjamin is emphatic, man must keep the commandments of God, or he will perish.

Paul's words in Romans 2:21,22 He says: "Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? Thou that preacheest a man should not steal, dost thou steal? Thou that sayest a man should not commit adultery, dost thou commit adultery? Thou that abhorrest idols, dost thou commit sacrilege?"—The fact conveyed here is, that the man that teachest another to obey the commands of God should also abide by them himself. He that does not keep the commandments has no right to teach another. — James say: "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him."—James is

in accord with the Master in his teaching; for the Saviour hath said: "If ye love me keep my commandments." and He saith also, speaking to His Father in Heaven: "I have done Thy will in all things." James in another place says: "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill, Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law." —If man has faith in God, he will manifest his faith by works. The true servant of God will keep the commandments of God, leaving the consequences be what they will. The promise of God is, according to Paul as follows: "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

The Gospel as taught by the great Apostle to the Gentiles was after this order: "God forbid: yea, let God be true but every man a liar; as it is written; That thou mightiest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged. But if our unrighteousness commend the righteousness of God, what shall we say? Is God unrighteous who taketh vengeance? (I speak as a man) God forbid: for then how shall God judge the world?" It may well be repeated, "Let God be true but every man a liar."—As a servant of God, my counsel to all men is to give heed to what is written, both in Bible and Book of Mormon. When Jesus came out of the water and was later tempted of the devil, Jesus answered the tempter by that which was Written. He also taught His hearers to be perfect, even as His Father in heaven is perfect. He also teaches men to be even as He is. We are not only to repent and be baptized for a remission of our sins, but we should present ourselves a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service, saith the Apostle of old, yea, him that was willing to spend and be spent. According to history, he sealed his words with his own blood. May I conclude with the words of the Apostle James? "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. W.H.C."

WHY PROTESTANTS WATCH ROMAN CHURCH ACTIVITIES

(Editor's Note: Here is a "letter to the editor" which appeared in The New York Times on June 14th in reply to Cardinal Spellman's charge, recently made, that certain groups and individuals are bigots.)

In The New York Times of June 12th you gave a prominent position on page one to the charge of Cardinal Spellman to the effect that Protestant church groups in the United States are impugning Catholics' patriotism by a crusade of bigotry. We, the undersigned, who have been involved in this issue, would respectfully point out that we and vast numbers of others regard the use of such an opprobrious term as both untrue and unjust in characterizing efforts of American citizens to preserve the United States principle of separation of Church and State.

The very persons and groups who are labeled bigots by Cardinal Spellman are the ones who, through the years, have been devoting their lives to the prevention of bigotry and intolerance.

It is false to declare, as the Cardinal does, "that a crusade is being preached against the Catholic Church in the United States." What animates the anxiety of millions of American citizens with respect to the Roman Catholic Church is to be found not in the activities of the Catholic Church "as a social institution, as a cultural force," but rather in the political activities of the members of the Roman Catholic hierarchy who, as representatives of a foreign power, the Vatican State, have been carrying on unceasing propaganda and utilizing continuous and insistent pressure on press and radio and state and federal officials to break down our United States constitutional guarantee of separation of Church and State.

Clear evidence of this pressure is found in the Cardinal's own words as reported in The New York Times. Referring to the United States Supreme Court's parochial school bus decision, he laments the fact that some newspapers took issue with that decision and laments still more the fact that Protestant church journals have voiced serious alarm over it.

The point is that Protestant groups are alarmed, as were four of the nine justices of the Supreme Court. Would Cardinal Spellman characterize those dissenting justices as "bigots?"

This whole matter, we repeat, is a political issue; it has nothing whatsoever to do with the purely religious practices of the Roman Catholic Church. The stand of Cardinal Spellman on this matter, as reported in The Times, is representative of the stand of other members of the Roman Catholic hierarchy. It represents the political philosophy of the Vatican State.

The world has had opportunity to observe, unfortunately, during the passing years, how this political philosophy of the Vatican has operated to stamp out the ideal of separation of Church and State in many nations, and by so doing to prevent not only true religious liberty but also freedom of the press, freedom of speech, and a free public school system.

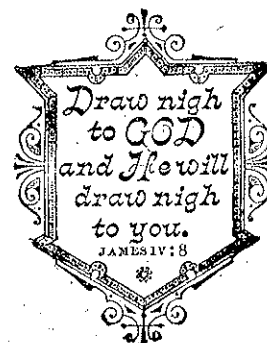
These are the issues with which we are concerned. To accuse others of intolerance and of bigotry and of an attack upon the Catholic religion, merely because they stand for our constitutional guarantee of separation of Church and State, and oppose the Vatican State's political philosophy, which would destroy that principle, is, we maintain, a complete evasion of the real issues.

So long as the Vatican insists upon maintaining a political state and utilizing the hierarchy everywhere to carry forward its political purpose, neither Cardinal Spellman nor any other spokesman for the Vatican has any right to hurl the charge of intolerance against those who are exercising the fundamental American principle of freedom of dissent.

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TWO DAYS MEETINGS IN DETROIT

All day meetings were held on August 30-31 in the Fordson High school auditorium in Dearborn, (Detroit) Michigan as previously appointed. These meetings were held, not for business of any kind, but the time to be spent in ways of worship as we would feel directed. There was not any program arranged for the affair. Two meetings were held on Saturday and two on Sunday. The Auditorium is a large one and is equipped with a loud speaker, which makes it possible for speakers on the rostrum to be heard very well by the audience. We have of course held conferences in this same place prior to this event.

These meetings were conducted so as no one speaker would monopolize all the time therein. Brother W. H. Cadman led the morning service, reading for a theme to be talked upon, Scripture found in Mosiah 15th Chapter, "How beautiful upon the Mountains were the feet," etc. It is a wonderful thought and was dwelt upon by three or four speakers, who all brought out something good for the listeners. Our singing all fit in very nice, being led mostly by Brother V. James Loyalvo of Detroit. The meeting closed at about 12:30 noon, and we had one and a half hours for lunch and visiting. If my mind serves me right, the afternoon service was led by Brother Warren Nellis of Coleman, Mich., and possibly four or five speakers occupied the time which was spent to the edification of all. There was good singing rendered at intervals, sometimes by the congregation, and by groups of our young people. Not holding a night meeting, gave all a good opportunity to visit at the home of our brethren and sisters in Detroit and Windsor.

The Sunday morning service was led by Brother W. H. Cadman, reading for a theme the 12th verse of the First Chapter of Second Timothy, wherein Paul says: "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day." Brothers A. Di-Battista, T. S. Furnier and Charles Ashton took part in the speaking in this service. It must be remembered that we had inspiring songs

of praise during the meeting as well as good speaking.

It was suggested for Sunday afternoon meeting, that instead of us older brethren occupying the rostrum, that we have a number of young brothers and sisters thereon; the audience could hear them because they would be speaking through the microphones. Brother Charles Ashton took charge of this service and Brother Cadman took a seat with the audience. There was 12 or 14 of our young folks on the rostrum, representing various Branches and Missions of the Church. For instance the states of New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, California, Canada, etc., were represented. This was our last meeting on this occasion, and like the Saviour when He turned the water into wine, it was said the good was served last, likewise, this last meeting was a sort of a crowning event. Some of our young folks talks were short, and some were longer, and I believe they made very good impressions with the large audience in bearing testimony to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It also gave them an opportunity of facing a large body of people, and favorable comments were made by many that were present. At the close of this our last service, I believe all felt like Peter of old, "Lord it is good for us to be here."

It is Brother W. H. Cadman that has written this account, and I will add that after the close of these services, I attended the Tuesday night meeting in Windsor, Ont., and while there was not many in attendance, yet I did enjoy myself in their pulpit. I attended meeting at Branch Number 1 in Detroit on Wednesday evening and enjoyed myself speaking to a large audience of our people from scripture found in Second Nephi, Fourth Chapter and beginning at the 15th verse. I always find the seats pretty well filled up at Branch Number 1. While in Detroit I visited Brother Campitelli who was very poorly.

On Thursday morning I went to Muncey, Ont., and spent two nights here, holding a meeting in an Indian home the first night. We had a very good meeting. One of our old Indian brethren in bearing his testimony, said he could not read nor write, but he did praise God for being so good to him. Old Sister Muskilunge who will be 106

years old in December was present, and she praised God for being so good to her. On Friday afternoon, I held a meeting in our church at Muncey, Brother Cotellesse was busy with his work. There was not many present, most people busy at their work. I read the 21 Chapter of St. John and while there was only a few present, we did have an enjoyable afternoon. Sister Barclay of Mt. Brydges was present. I returned to Windsor on Saturday and on Sunday morning Brother Henderson took me to Port Huron, Mich. along with his wife and Sister Ford. Brother Marco Randazzo was holding open-air meetings in the city park at that place, and it was a lovely spot to assemble in the service of God. I took part in both morning and afternoon meetings along with other speakers. Brother Nellis was present from Coleman, Mich. We had very nice meetings, people standing around in the park listening to us. Brother Randazzo has baptized several people at Port Huron. After the close of the afternoon service and after we had eaten a lunch, a car load of us crossed over into Canada to visit an Indian Reserve. I had visited this Reserve several years ago. The Indian people were mostly all away attending Camp meeting services at another Reserve, but we did have a short visit with an Indian man while there. It was late when we arrived back at Brother Marco's home. I had intended to rest there for the night, but learning that there had been a phone call for me from home, I called up my folks and learned that my wife was very sick. Sister Randazzo prepared me a lunch in a hurry, and then Brother Marco took me to the depot where I boarded a midnight train for home. Having a sleeper, I was very well rested on arriving in Pittsburgh, but I found my wife sick in bed, but at this writing is very well again. W. H. C.

"LETTER OF APPRECIATION"

To The Church of Jesus Christ,
Monongahela, Penn'a.
Dear Friends in Christ:

With great love and affection, I send this letter of appreciation in behalf of the Elrama Methodist Church, Elrama, Pa., for the helpful and sincere services, Brother William Tucker, so graciously ren-

dered in the absence of our Pastor "Bro. King."

And for all who came with him, and for those who sang, which was a spiritual inspiration to all.

Thanking you again for this work of love "In the Master's Name.

Isaac Heffner

Chairman of Pulpit Committee

A Radio Address From Port Huron, Michigan, Sunday June 22, 1947, by
T. S. Furnier

Good morning radio friends. Please be referred to St. John 4:19-24 "The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet."

"Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship."

"Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet in Jerusalem, worship the Father."

"Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship; for salvation is of the Jews."

"But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth; for the Father seeketh such to worship him."

"God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."

This was a partial conversation between Jesus Christ and a Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. I wish to call your attention particularly to verses 22 and 23:

"Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship; for salvation is of the Jews." "But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him."

There are two things made clear in these two verses: 1st. Jesus makes it plain that the woman did not know what she was worshipping. 2nd. That God's true followers shall worship him in spirit and in truth.

The Apostle Paul tells us, we must believe that God is, and have faith. Heb. 11:6 "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

The Church of Jesus Christ believes 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 express image of the Father, and that he was with the Father before the foundation of the world; and that in the fulness of time he came from the bosom of the Father and was born of the Virgin Mary according to the scriptures, became man, suffered and died for the sins of the whole world, and on the third day he rose again and brought about the resurrection, (according to the scriptures) and ascended up on high to sit at the right hand of God.

You will note that we believe God to be a personage of glory, and that the Son is the express image of the Father. Thus when we worship God through his Son Jesus Christ, we think upon them as having both body and parts.

May I ask a fair question? What kind of a God do you believe in and worship?

Were I to quote from the books of a number of prominent churches, we would learn that they worship a God who has neither body or parts, and some of them say he has no passions: one of them says he has none of the senses. Pardon me friends, but a god that has no body, has no brains; a god that has no brains, has no understanding.

The scripture is not silent on this important subject. Permit me to call your attention to a few scriptural facts.

Gen. 1:1 "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." NOTE: God created, prepared, formed, fashioned. All of which implies personality.

Gen. 1:26, 27 "And God, said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; — So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them." The word image, has special reference to form, and is used twenty eight times in the Old Testament, and always with reference to form. The word likeness, is throughout the scriptures translated fashion, like, manner and similitude, and therefore applies particularly in this passage to the physical formation of man.

That God has a literal form, and is really a personal Being is affirmed in many places in the Holy Scriptures:

St. John 5:37 "And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither

heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape."

Philippians 2:57 "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men":

Heb. 1:2, 3 "Hath in these last days, spoken unto us by his Son — Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high";

Thus we establish the fact that God has a shape and form and that he is a personal being, that Jesus was the express image, of his person.

Gen. 5:1 "This is the book of the generation of Adam. In the day that God created man in the likeness of God made he him";

Gen. 5:3 "And Adam lived a hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth":

Query: Was Seth in the physical likeness and image of Adam?

Isaiah 29:16 "Surely your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed as the potter's clay: for shall the work say of him that made it, He made me not? Or shall the thing framed say of him that framed it, He hath no understanding?"

Who framed us? We say God. Shall the thing framed (man) say of him that framed it (God) he hath no understanding? That is just what people are saying. They have said God has no body, no parts, no passions; that he cannot fall under the senses. I want to know if that God has any understanding. That God who has neither body, parts nor passions, never created anything.

Having proved from the scriptures the kind of a God that mankind should believe and have faith in, we understand more fully what Jesus answer meant, when on the occasion, Peter called in remembrance the fig tree that withered away, and bore fruit no longer.

"And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God." St. Mark 11:22. We are now in a better position to learn what the word of God teaches us about faith.

Heb. 11:1 "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

St. Matt. 7:7, 8 "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall

find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For everyone that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened."

St. Matt. 21:22 "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."

St. James 1:5 "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him."

Romans 10:12-17 "For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him." "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?" And how shall they preach, except they be sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things": "But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith: Lord, who hath believed our report?" "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

If you exercised belief and faith in God, are you willing to examine God's word further, being willing to obey him in all things? The word of God teaches us, that the next step into his kingdom is repentance.

When John (the forerunner of Christ) was preaching in the wilderness of Judea, he said, "Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." St. Matt. 3:2.

"But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"

"Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance": St. Matt. 3:7, 8.

After Jesus was led up of the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil, and when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, "From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." St. Matt. 4:17.

From these scriptures we learn that repentance precedes baptism. Baptism without repentance availeth nothing. It is a waste of time, and no Minister of the Gospel should administer baptism unless the candidate has properly repented of his or her sins.

The next thing that is in order,

according to God's word is, to be baptized (immersed) by proper authority.

Dear friends my time has expired. Some time I hope to have the privilege of addressing you on the subject of: Faith alone is not sufficient. Baptism. The object and mode of baptism. The proper subjects fit for baptism. The birth of the Holy Spirit. May God bless you.

MY EXPERIENCE

By Esther Goodwin
R.D. 1 West Newton, Pa.

Brother Editor: I received the order Saturday. Thank you very much. No, you have never met me. I saw you at the January Conference in Glassport. I have also had the opportunity of reading several of "The Gospel News." I received a wonderful blessing in reading one of your articles about baptism. May God bless you in the wonderful work of spreading the true Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I would like to tell you a little about my experiences. It is a long story, but maybe I can condense it some. Ever since I was a little girl, I was taught to go to S. School and Church. When I was 13 years old I was baptized (immersed) out in an open stream and joined the United Brethren church. Well, I went to S.S. and to Church, read my Bible, and was very much interested in church work. When I was 24 years old, I married Mr. Earl Goodwin. He had never been taught to go to S. School or Church, but his mother had read the Bible and taught him some. Of course we have had our difficulties. After my first child was born I was very much afflicted, and some thought I would never walk again. While I was in bed for 25 days (part of the time in the hospital and part of the time at home) and while in bed, I was listening to the radio and heard that good old hymn, "In the Garden" being sung; and when they were singing: "And He walks with Me," I thought: "I am going to walk again," and I did. Yet I was about two years getting well. After my second child was born, my husband got a job in the mill on the night-shift, and I was left alone in a country home with two little children. I spent most of my evenings reading the Bible. — I began wondering why we didn't do this in our church, and that in our church. I had heard the hymn, "Every Promise In The Book is Mine," and I wondered why we didn't claim these promises. Then I listened to radio programs and began wondering if I had really

been born again. It seemed as I prayed and read the Bible, the passage of scripture where it tells of the transfiguration of Christ just fairly stood out and was made so plain, that I really understood it for the first time in my life, and the presence of the Lord was right there in the room with me. Well I didn't know what to do, but I finally persuaded my husband to get baptized. So he and the two children were immersed in an open stream and joined the United Brethren Church. Well, I still was not quite satisfied. Then my sister Mary died and I thought: well, what was revealed to me wasn't death but life. About this time my third child was born. In the meantime Mr. Frank Angelo came along and talked to my husband about the Bible and his Church, and invited us to his home to prayer meeting. He brought Messrs. Fred Fair, and Patsy Flow out to see us, but I could not understand why I would have to be re-baptized. But we went to Greensburg to their Church, and all during the next week, that hymn, "Follow Me" kept going through my mind. It was very cold and stormy that week and I thought, what if the Lord would call me when it was so cold, why I would freeze to death getting baptized. Then the next Sunday we went to the Vanderbilt church, and when they served sacrament I felt terrible. I thought I was out of everything. I wanted to be a saint and a sister too, for it had been revealed to me that this was the true Gospel as in the days of old when Jesus was here on earth. I forgot to mention that when I had this revelation of Christ, I wondered where I would be when Christ came for His church, I thought, would I have to be in the "old-country?" I remembered telling a lady that I looked for something terrible to happen in this country sometime. This was during the war. But to revert back to the Vanderbilt Church again, Brother Shazer asked me if I wanted to be baptized. I answered that I did not bring a change of clothes. He said: We will provide those. So my husband and I were baptized, and when I was chosen, I had no thought if it was all right to be baptized over again or not. I just went.

It was November 24th, and when Brother Shazer led me into the water, I thought I would freeze to death, but when I came up out of the water, my hands went straight up in the air, and I shouted: "God Help Me" and I must say: the warmest and nicest feeling came

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EDITORIAL

On September 8th I received a phone call from one of our neighbors informing me that there was four men down at our Church wanting to see me. My brother Alma was here at the time, so we both went down to the church and the following men were there: Mr. Israel Smith of Independence, Mo., President of The Re-organized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. B. Blair an Apostle of the Church, and President of the Ontario, Ohio, Pittsburgh and West Virginia district. William McCune, President of the Youngstown, Ohio and Sharon, Pa., district, and Henry Winship in charge of their Church at North Charleroi, Pa. I had met President Smith before while visiting in Independence, and though I was much surprised to see him here, yet I was glad to see him and his company take time to call on us here. Mr. Smith is a son of the late Joseph Smith, and a grandson of the Prophet Joseph Smith, who was slain at Carthage Jail in Illinois in 1844. We showed them through our Church building which they seemed to appreciate very much. They bought two of our Church Histories while here. Just prior to this event I had a gentleman from Gideon, Mo., to call on me. Mr. W. H. Lunbeck. We had exchanged letters with each other, but had never met before. He was on a vacation tour with his family, and he made a short call at my home. I was glad to meet Mr. Lunbeck. I learned from him that he was a member of the Utah Church. I also showed him and his family through our Church building. He also purchased one of our Church Histories.

I will add that while the reorganized, and the Utah Church, and Church of Jesus Christ of Monongahela are all believers in the Divine calling of the Prophet Joseph Smith, and the Book of Mormon, yet we differ widely in Faith and Doctrine; and as Incorporated bodies, have no affiliation with each other. But with all our differences, we admire the admonition of the apostle Paul wherein he exhorts all, to live in peace with all men

if possible. Call again. W. H. Cadman. — P.S. I will just add that on September 15th our family of grandchildren was increased by the arrival of Arthur Cadman Landrey. One wonders with the high cost of living, and the family growing. What next? But My Oh My! Why should I worry? I am not the child's Dad. I am only its grand Dad.

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down over me, and I have never regretted the day I was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ. Praise His Name.

Last night, August 19th, we had a wonderful prayer meeting at our home. Among the various ones present, were Brother and Sister Furnier of Detroit, also Brother and Sister Lottig of Somerset County, Pa. We have an old lady visiting with us. She has a wonderful Christian experience. Brother Cadman will you please pray for her, also for our people, there is lots of them. I must close now and get breakfast ready. Our children and guest are up. I have written this in a hurry. (Write another one in a hurry someday. WHC)

AN EXPERIENCE

By Joseph Lovalvo

I had this experience about two or three years ago.

I dreamt that I was in a large and massive building. This building was being held up by large marble pillars. It was built in a circular shape. The height of the inside of the building was several stories high. I noticed that around every pillar stood a group of men. Above the group of men at every pillar was an inscription. The name of the Church which they represented. I realized then that every group represented a certain church. I noticed that the first group represented the Roman Catholic Church; Second, Lutheran; Third, Church of England; Fourth, Presbyterian, Baptist; Methodist and so on, every protestant or sectarian church in the world was represented. Then I noticed the inscriptions over the groups that represented the Latter-Day Churches. First, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, second, the Re-Organized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, and Third, The Church of Christ and other organizations that have sprung up since the restoration of the Gospel. A group of Ministers of the Church of Jesus Christ along with myself were also standing under an inscription. It read, "The Church of Jesus Christ." This is the name of the Church which I represent.

I looked around and noticed that

every group was very quiet and attentive as if something great was about to take place.

As we waited a man walked into the building. He was bent over and crippled and his clothes were very worn and shabby. He walked to the center of the building, limping badly. As he reached the center of the building he stopped and cried out, "I'm sick, I'm sick." He then turned completely around and looking at every group that was represented there he shouted loudly, "If the Ministers of the church who has the Priesthood authority of the Son of God will lay hands on me and anoint me and pray for me, I'll be healed." He then sat down in a chair that was in the center of the building. There was a great stirring up among the groups. My heart began to beat fast as I felt the operation of God's Holy Spirit upon me. I looked about at the various groups and saw a man come forward from the Re-Organized Church Group. He was now getting close to the sick man. I watched him very closely waiting upon God to move upon me. All of a sudden the power of God fell upon me and the rest of the Ministers from our group and we went forward with great speed. I reached the sick man just as the Reorganized man was extending his hands to lay them upon the sick man. He stopped abruptly as I spoke to him. "Have you not read in the scriptures what God said to Moses by the burning bush. I am the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. I am the God of the living and not of the dead." As I spoke a great fear took hold of him and he backed away quickly. As I watched him he began to shrivel and shrivel until he shriveled away to nothing. I then turned toward the sick man and as the Ministers of the Church of Jesus Christ, our group circled around, we anointed him and laid hand upon him as my experience finished.

SOUNDING A WARNING NOTE

By Martin Michalko
Corapolis, Pa.

"A prophetic interpretation of tongues, fulfilled." Two weeks ago, that is on August 3, we had the joy of seeing two more souls drawn into our midst by the spirit of God, and immersed in the waters of baptism. Both were women, and each was of a Slavonic nationality. We often sing the hymn "God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform," and have often seen this fulfilled in these latter days.

I would like to relate somewhat

of how the Lord has worked with our people (Slavs), here in McKees Rocks, Pa. A few years ago the membership of the mission in McKees Rocks was comprised mostly of Italian people. Soon, other nationalities began to trickle in, including a Polish sister and family and a Polish brother. After these, Brother George Andrasik, Sr. was baptized, he being a Slovak. While he was giving his first testimony a gift of tongues were spoken, and also an interpretation was given by a sister who has the gift of interpretation. The interpretation given was, "this nation shall be blessed." Since that time a good many of our Slav people have been drawn into the church by the spirit of God. In fact, figures show that twice as many of our people have been called and baptized into the church, as all the others put together, meaning in McKees Rocks. We bless God for this, for as the hymn says, "When He chooses, when He chooses darkness flies at His command." We thank God that He has chosen to call men and women of our nationality into the fold. I being one of them I thank God from the bottom of my heart.

This experience is dear and sweet to us, for not only did we experience hearing the gift of tongues, and the interpretation, but also that we have seen a noticeable fulfillment of it. For we yet hope in the days to come to see more coming into the truth, of our nation. I would like to sound a warning note though to any who have been in our midst who may have ridiculed the gift of tongues, or even if they have acted indifferently towards it. These gifts we of the church cherish, and rejoice in them, for we know that they come by the power of God. We read in the scriptures that in the latter days men will deny the power of God. Non acceptance of these things can be definitely stated as "denial." Paul writes, "from such turn away."

Furthermore we can state that since God is the same yesterday, today and forever, so must His church be the same yesterday, today and forever. His followers must be the same today as they were yesterday. Their deeds must be the same, their words, and if so, their experiences will also be the same. God and truth are compatible, for God is truth, therefore truth must be identically the same today in every respect as that which has been written by the servant of God yesterday.

To the world we again reiterate that God has restored the church, with the same gifts and blessings

as was the church of the apostolic day. We invite all, even as Jesus did in His day — "seek the truth and the truth shall set you free, and ye shall be free indeed."

WAS JESUS CHRIST EVER ON THIS LAND WE NOW CALL AMERICA?

The Book of Mormon is a history of God's dealings with the forefathers of the American Indians! My counsel to the American people is, to awaken and read the Book of Mormon. The following is recorded in third Nephi, Chapter 15 and beginning at the 11th verse. "And now it came to pass that when Jesus had spoken these words, He said unto those twelve whom He had chosen: Ye are my disciples; and ye are a light unto this people, who are a remnant of the house of Joseph. (Him that was sold into Egypt) And behold this is the land of your inheritance (America); and the Father hath given it unto you. And not at any time hath the Father given Me commandment that I should tell it unto your brethren at Jerusalem — Neither at any time hath the Father given me commandment that I should tell unto them concerning the other tribes of the house of Israel, whom the Father hath led away out of the land (meaning out of the land of Palestine). — This much did the Father command Me, that I should tell unto them: — That other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they shall hear My voice; and there shall be one fold, and one Shepherd (read St. John, 10-16). — And now, because of stiffneckedness and unbelief they understood not My word; therefore I was commanded to say no more of the Father concerning this thing unto them. — But, verily, I say unto you that the Father hath commanded Me, and I tell it unto you, that ye were separated from among them because of their iniquity; therefore it is because of their iniquity that they know not of you. — And verily, I say unto you again that the other tribes hath the Father separated from them; and it is because of their iniquity that they know not of them. — And verily I say unto you, that ye are they of whom I said: Other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them I also must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one Shepherd. — And they understood me not, for they supposed it had been the Gentiles; for they understood not that the Gentiles should be converted

through their preaching — and they understood Me not that I said they shall hear My voice; and they understood Me not that the Gentiles should not at any time hear My voice — that I should not manifest Myself unto them save it were by the Holy Ghost. — But behold, ye have both heard My voice, and seen Me; and ye are My sheep, and ye are numbered among those whom the Father hath given me." (There is much more in the Book of Mormon relative to Jesus appearing upon this land of America to His people, who were a part of the House of Israel, and I may follow this article up in future issues of The Gospel News, by bringing out many more of His sayings and teachings. Bear in mind all ye that read this account, that in all ages of time, at least as far as we have history of, the masses have been at variance with the works of God. Therefore we need not be surprised today to see the American people at variance with God's purposes. I say again: Wake up and learn of the things that pertain to your peace, for as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the days of the coming of the Son of man, So saith our Saviour.) The words in parenthesis are mine. By WHC.

LABOR DAY OUTING

By Sister Meo
Of Los Angeles, Calif.

Our Sunday School had an outing on Labor Day in a park at South Gate, a suburb of Los Angeles, with quite a number of brothers and sisters and children present. Some of the saints from San Diego came on Saturday and stayed and attended our outing. An enjoyable time was had by all.

The children played games while the older people sat around and visited with each other. Plenty of food was brought for the occasion. Brother Stracci of Detroit was present with us, having arrived in Los Angeles the week before. In the evening we met in one of our homes to say goodbye to our sister Annette Labanaushas who was leaving the next day to visit her sister in Florida. From morning until evening the day was well spent, and can only be described by the words of a friend who has been attending our meetings of late, "I sure have enjoyed being with you people these two days." (Sunday and Monday.)

NOTE FROM DETROIT

Last Sunday morning, September 14th, my family and I and a few

others from Branch No. 4 went to Muncey, Ont. Two open air meetings were held on the Oneida Reserve across the river from Muncey, in front of Mr. Doxstaders home. We had a wonderful time all day long. All together there were nine car-loads went from Detroit, and a few from Mt. Brydges, Ont. Brother Fumier was there and he is looking fairly well now.

Sincerely, Gorie Claravino.

A Trip To Shenandoah Valley

On August 23, 1947, I accompanied Brother Joseph Bittinger and his wife of near Uniontown, Pa., to Inwood, W. Va., which is located about 14 miles north of Winchester, Va., for the purpose of preaching the Gospel. Brothers Bittinger and William Bailey had made two or three trips there previous to this occasion and had created some interest. On this trip however, we met with some disappointment, our plans were not realized as expected, yet we held a meeting on Saturday evening in a home in Inwood, and then on Sunday afternoon we went up into the mountain and had meeting in a small church, built right in the woods. We arrived just as they were about to close their Sabbath School.

At the close thereof we had a preaching service. Our crowd was not large, but there was some attentive listeners. We made our stopping place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orr, Mrs. Orr being the youngest sister of Brother Bittinger.

Inwood is located in the Shenandoah Valley, famous as a fruit growing country. On returning home, we came by way of Lonaconing, Maryland, and called on a Mr. Joseph Nichols, a nephew of our late Brother James Nichols, one of the early Apostles of this Church, who died at Lonaconing many years ago. This place happens to be the old home place of Brother and Sister Bittinger as well. We arrived at Inwood on Saturday evening and returned home on Monday evening. (WHC.)

Brother Ewing Writes From The Hospital in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Dear Brother Nellis: I received your nice card, many thanks. On Saturday evening the flowers came, they are lovely, yellow flowers and pink, fine bouquet, denoting "sunrise," and later, "sunshine" in all its splendor. Kindly express my thanks to the Saints there, for as I look at the flowers, I think of the prayers offered up in my behalf.

God has been mindful of the prayers offered up. Last Monday I had decided to come home, in fact, I wrote a letter to Laura to come and get me. I was so much worse. I finally decided not to send it until Tuesday morning. I was awakened in the night-time, and the spirit was present in power. Then Brother Marco Randazzo of Detroit, sang again for me, the song he dedicated to me when we were in Port Huron: "Have courage My brother go on." Every word was clear as a bell, and the words pronounced as no one but Brother Marco pronounces them. When the song ended my doubts were gone, so were my worries. I knew that God was directing. The next morning I went before a new doctor. The first word he said was, I never saw you before, but stop your worrying; I am going to help you; confirming to me that which was given to me by the Spirit.

My mind has been at ease ever since, and each day I can see improvement in my condition. Just why it had to come about in this way, is not clear, yet it is wisdom in the Lord. If you feel like sending this letter to Brother Gorrie, it will be all right. I know they are concerned about me. Also read it to the Saints there first. Just how long I will be here I do not know, but everything here is pleasant and the care is good. With love to all the Saints.

JOHN A. GRIMES FUNERAL

Funeral services for John Allen Grimes, 33, of the Port Vue Road, R.F.D. 1, Elizabeth, were held at the Cox Funeral Home, Elizabeth, Pa., Friday, Sept. 12th at 2:00 p.m., with Brother W. H. Cadman officiating.

The son of Mrs. Ada Grimes Jester of Blaine Hill, Elizabeth, and the late Brother Walter Grimes, and grandson of the late Brother John Grimes. Mr. Grimes was born Oct. 31, 1913 in Horning, Pa. and died Sept. 9, 1947 at the McKeesport Hospital, after a ten day illness.

In addition to his mother, Mr. Grimes is survived by his wife, Mrs. Grace Akerman Grimes; (a daughter of Brother and Sister Isaac Smith), a daughter, Linda Carole; a son, John Allen Jr.; two brothers, Walter L. of Blaine Hill, Elizabeth, and George E. of California; and a sister, Mrs. Venetta Dobbins of Fredericktown, Pa.

Brother Cadman read as his text the beautiful 12th Chapter of Ecc., after which he delivered an eloquent sermon, the central theme of

which was "Fear God, and Keep His Commandments; For This is the Whole Duty of Man." Brother Cadman was followed by Brother Charles Ashton, who sketched briefly the life and good works of Mr. Grimes, who was interred in Mount Vernon Cemetery.

Mr. Grimes is sadly missed by his wife and relatives, and leaves behind him a host of grieving friends.

Mrs. Lillie Sanders Passes On

Sister Lillie Sanders, wife of Brother Charles Sanders died at her home in St. John, Kansas in the 63rd year of her life on Sept. 6th, and was laid to rest on Sept. 9th at Fairview Cemetery. Sister Sanders had been ailing for some time past. She has now been relieved of her suffering and has gone to reap her reward. She became a member of The Church of Jesus Christ a good many years ago, and has lived in St. John for many years. She leaves to mourn her loss, her husband, two daughters, Eva at home, Mary of Warren, Ohio, and one son, Lawrence of Detroit. Also several brothers and sisters, and a host of friends. Brother Samuel Kirschner of Monongahela, Pa., officiated at the services which were held in the Church on Second St. West in St. John. He was obliged to travel from here to Wichita, Kansas via plane. He was assisted by Brother Reese Jones. We extend our sympathy towards Brother Sanders and his family.

P.S. At this writing I have learned that Brother Gasper Galenti of Brooklyn, N. Y. has passed on to his reward. May the Lord bless and comfort his parents and all that were near and dear to him.

AN EXPERIENCE

By Dominic Giovannone

Dear Editor: Several years ago, Brother William H. Cadman told me of an experience he had a long time ago. His foreman gave him orders to work on Sunday and he refused to work. The Lord was on his side and he did not lose his job. When he told me this experience, it gave me courage, for the God he serves, is the God I serve, and God could also make way for me. I made up my mind never to work any more on the Sabbath day (meaning Sunday which we hold for Sabbath). Before the war it was not so bad but when the war broke out, things got hot against me. The foreman ordered me to work on Sunday. I operate an overhead crane in the McDonald Mill at Mc-

Donald, Ohio. There were thirteen of us operators on each turn. The mill did work seven days a week while the cranemen worked six days a week and almost every other Sunday. One half, or six men would work one Sunday and the other six the alternate Sunday. When my turn came to work, I refused to do so. My foreman got pretty hot and insisted that I either quit or take my turn and work on Sunday. I always had in mind that which W. H. Cadman told me years ago, and I had faith that God would also help me in this trouble. When the foreman would bother me about this matter, I always told him that I would not quit, but if he wanted to fire me, for him to do so. After a long time he decided to place me on another job. This new job would mean from \$50 to \$60 a month less than I was already receiving. Yet when he told me what he was going to do, I answered him that I would take anything, just so he would leave me off on Sunday. So he (my foreman) made arrangements for me to make a change on the following Monday. I said okay. In the meantime I made it a matter of prayer that if such was the will of God, it would be okay with me, but if it was not His will, I asked Him to make way for me. During this week, a few of my fellow-cranemen who worked on my turn, learned that the foreman was going to remove me from their gang; went to him and told him that if he removed me from that job, they would make trouble for him. At the same time the new man that was to take my place, having learned that it was me (Dominic) who's job he was going to take, refused to do so, for him and I were friends.

I read in Exodus 16 Chapter 19th Verse, "And Moses said, Let no man leave of it til the morning. Verse 20, Notwithstanding they harkened not to Moses, but some of them left of it until the morning and it bred worms and stank; and Moses was wrath with them. Verse 22, And it came to pass, that on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread. Verse 23, And he said unto them, this is that which the Lord hath said, tomorrow is the rest of the holy Sabbath unto the Lord, bake that which ye will bake today and see that ye will see that and that which remaineth lay up for you to be kept until the morning. Verse 24, And they laid it up until the morning as Moses bade; and it did not stink, neither was there any worm therein. Verse 25, And Moses said, Eat that today for today is a Sabbath unto the Lord; today ye

shall not find it in the field. Verse 26, Six days shall ye gather it, but on the seventh day which is the Sabbath, in it there shall be none. Verse 27, And it came to pass that there went some of the people on the seventh day for to gather, and they found none. Verse 28, And the Lord said unto Moses, How long refuse ye to keep my commandments and my laws. Verse 29, See, for that the Lord had given you the Sabbath, therefore he giveth you on the sixth day the bread of two days; abide ye every man in his place, let no man go out of his place on the seventh day. Verse 30, So the people rested on the seventh day."

Now I wonder how we would feel if we were in God's place in giving the people six days or 144 hours and keep us one day or 24 hours. If they would cheat us three or four hours or a half day; how we would take it. So let us all remember to keep the Sabbath Day holy.

Hebrews 13th Chapter, 8th verse: "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever." In this we find that God changes not His laws and commandments. So if we keep the Sabbath day holy, the Lord God would bless what we would make in the six days. We would receive more benefit. Maybe our money would not smell, neither would it breed worms. In other words, we would enjoy the blessings of God in full, and not to spend so much money on doctors and medicine. May God bless you all.

THE ORPHAN GIRL OR NO BREAD FOR THE POOR

"No home, no home," cried an orphan girl

At the door of a princely hall,
As she trembling stood on the polished steps
And leaned on the marble wall.

Her clothes were torn and her head was bare

And she tried to cover her feet
With her dress that was tattered
and covered with snow,
Yes, covered with snow and sleet.

Her dress was thin and her feet were bare

And the snow had covered her head,

"Oh, give me a home," she feebly cried,

"A home and a piece of bread."

"My father, alas, I never knew,"
Tears dimmed the eyes so bright.
"My mother sleeps in a new-made grave,

"Tis an orphan that begs tonight."

"I must freeze," she cries as she sank on the steps
And strove to cover her feet
With her ragged garments covered with snow,
Yes, covered with snow and sleet.

The rich man lay on his velvet couch,
And dreamed of his silver and gold
While the orphan girl in her bed of snow
Was murmuring, "So cold, so cold"

The night was dark and the snow fell fast

As the rich man closed his door,
And his proud lips curled with scorn as he said,
"No bread, no room, for the poor."

The morning dawned but the orphan girl
Still lay at the rich man's door
And her soul had fled to that home above
Where there's bread and room for the poor.

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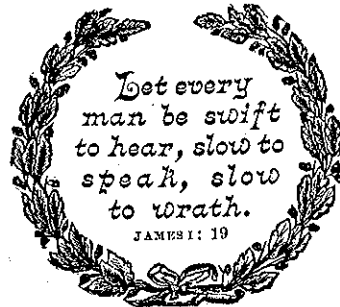
"A REMINDER OF WHAT WE HAVE WRITTEN" From "Religious Experiences"

Here is a Kingdom, then, that we are looking for; the Kingdom of Christ; called by our brother Daniel, "The Ancient of days," which will fulfil the covenants made to Israel; prepare the way for the permanent coming of the Messiah, who shall eventually come to the ancient of days; introduce immortality and assume everlasting dominion. The prophet Daniel gave a wonderfully extensive description of futurity, with regard to these Empires that should succeed each other, when he, by the divine spirit of God, made known unto King Nebuchadnezzar his dream and the interpretation thereof. It is necessary for us to understand how far his declarations have been verified and fulfilled. He declared unto that King: "Thou art this head of gold. And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth." He, then, describes the fourth kingdom, or what is commonly called the Roman Empire, with its legs of iron and its feet part of iron and part of clay. The feet and toes are particularly described as being composed of these materials (iron and clay), which materials will mix together but not cleave to each other, producing a condition of weakness. Just think

of the bones and sinews of human feet being composed of such materials; there would be nothing but the skin to hold them together, how unable they would be to support the body. Just the same with regard to these kingdoms that stand upon such feet. The legs, you understand, were of iron that breaketh and subdueth all things, representing former cruel and tyrannical methods of ruling mankind; the clay represents the more modern, moderate and mild method of accomplishing the same purpose, which is exhibited in our own land, though much mixed with iron. These United States are the feet of that great image. Of that fact there are no scriptural, or reasonable grounds for doubt.

Concerning the description of this image, as here given, I do not know of any material difference, as regards the understanding of it, between us and other people, except the fact of the United States constituting the feet. The Generality of the people, in all ages, have been lacking in the matter of understanding the prophecies bearing upon their own period of time, therefore a similar situation at this time does not surprise us. When we look forward into futurity, these differences will no doubt increase. We cannot grow in the knowledge of prophecy, except we grow step by step, as we would do in any other branch of learning. It is, therefore, necessary to know where the feet are located, in order to understand Daniel's declarations concerning them. See Daniel 2:34 and 35. Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces. Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them; and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth. What wonderful declarations these are. Existing nations, composing the various divisions of the Roman Empire, and the remains of the three preceeding empires are all going to be totally destroyed, and this great and universal destruction will commence at the feet of this image.

To understand the means of this destruction is certainly a matter of immense importance. It is described as a Little stone cut out of the mountain without hands. The mountain, no doubt, represents God Almighty's exaltation, his power and



his glory. The little stone is a small portion of that mountain. Glory be to God! it is introduced from heaven to earth by a power far superior to human agency. It is presented to us here in a national point of view, and not as the peaceable means of the gospel of a humble, patient and suffering Saviour. The Almighty is now taking vengeance on them that know not God, and have not obeyed the gospel of Christ. He is sweeping the whole earth as with the besom of destruction; he is causing the earth to be burned up, and few men left, etc., as the prophets in many cases foretell. The few that are left in all lands will be those who have obeyed the true Gospel of Christ, including the ancient covenant people, who have been trampled under the iron heel of gentile oppression for ages.

Oh Lord! Roll on thy glorious work;

Show forth thy power to wicked men;

Make them, who thy commandments shirk,

Learn tis foolishness and vain
To worship, except within thy word,
Wherein thine Heavenly truths are stored;

That lead men's souls to heavenly bliss,

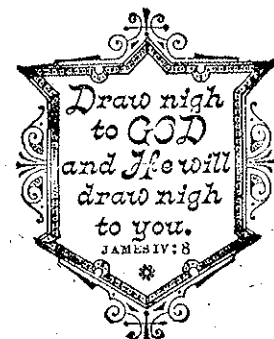
And clothes them with Christ's righteousness.

I have herein stated that the little stone is presented to us here in a national point of view, etc. You will remember, also, that your attention has been drawn to a people who are cursed because they forgot God's holy mountain; you will realize, also, what is meant by his holy mountain; that it includes his gospel, his purposes, and his Kingdom, and to reject God's parts thereof, or at least, in other words, rejecting the first part, which is the gospel, will assuredly deprive men of all blessings promised on condition of faithfulness to the gospel. What right then, or cause, have they to rejoice in the language of the Prophet Isaiah, see chapter 2, concerning the mountain of the Lord's house being established in the top of the mountains; and

all nations flowing unto it. The many people referred to there, as going up to the mountain of the Lord, are the few from all Nations, who will obey and be faithful to the true Gospel of Christ; but, of course, will be many in the aggregate, who will participate in the blessings and benefits of the law that shall go forth from Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem, as has been previously noticed. When God shall have judged among the nations and rebuked many people, is the time when they shall beat their swords into plough shares and their spears into pruning hooks, and shall not learn war any more. There are many more passages of Scripture that I might refer to, which clearly prove the coming judgements and destruction of the nations, and that it will only be a small portion of the Gentiles who will then enjoy his favor and protection; with whom, in connection with the house of Israel, God will build up a universal kingdom, termed by Daniel the Ancient of Days, that will continue until Christ shall come and introduce immortality.

A FAITHFUL MAN

"Blessed art thou Nephi, for those things which thou hast done; for I have beheld how thou hast with unwearyingness declared the word, which I have given unto thee, unto this people. And thou hast not feared them, and hast not sought thine own life, but hast sought My will, and to keep My commandments." He l a m a n 10:4.—We are taught in the word of God, that God cannot look upon sin with the least degree of allowance. We are also taught to abhor that which is evil. Also that the transgression of law is sin. Nephi did not shirk his duty as a servant of God, not even to save his own life, for the Master has said: He that seeketh to save his life, shall lose it. The servant Nephi was blessed because he faithfully kept the commandments of God. Jesus says: "If ye love Me keep my commandments."



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Conference in the Stone Church At Glassport, Pa.

On Saturday morning, October 4, 1947 the quarterly Conference of the Church met at Glassport, Pa., in our stone building which was erected by the saints of that place some few years ago. Morning and afternoon sessions were open to the Elders only. Quite a number gathered together for the occasion, including President W. H. Cadman and both his Counsellors, Charles Ashton and Joseph Dulisse. Both sessions of business passed off very well relative to the various business matters which were brought before us. The major proposition brought before us, was a proposal to lay the Church out in "districts" for the purpose of lessening and simplifying our system of business. Nothing definite was arrived at as yet, but Brothers T. S. Furnier, Warren Nellis and W. H. Cadman were delegated to get together and outline a system which might be easily carried out.

The evening meeting was thrown open to all members that wished to attend. The building in the evening meeting was very well filled up, and after concluding with our business, which was not very extensive, our meeting was turned over to the brethren to address the audience relative to experiences any of them would wish to relate. Each brother was given ten minutes on the floor to express himself. Quite a number took advantage of the privilege and we had a very nice time up and until the meeting was brought to a close. I will also say that the Glassport Sisters served a very nice lunch to us at recess times during the day.

Owing to the expected crowd on Sunday, our meetings were held in the Auditorium of the Glassport High School Building. A very accommodating building, and where we have met many times in Conferences. The morning session of the services was introduced by Brother Joseph Lovalvo of Detroit, Mich., who gave a very interesting talk from the scripture, and also of his personal experiences since obeying the Gospel. The theme of his discourse was, "Ye must be born again." Those wonderful words of the Saviour are found in John 3.

Brother Lovalvo deliberated ex-

tensively on this subject, and brought out much good thought for several of the brethren who followed him in speaking. A very good spirit was prevalent throughout the service, and a very large audience of attentive listeners were present. Brother W. H. Cadman made a few closing remarks and the meeting was closed by singing and prayer.

First Counsellor Ashton took charge of the afternoon meeting. Quite a number of Elders were present on the rostrum. I cannot recall who it was that led the meeting, be that as it may, we had some good speaking by the brothers who had assembled with Brother Ashton on the rostrum. The time was mostly taken up by them. Warren Nellis from Coleman, Mich. gave a very extensive and edifying discourse. Brother Jacob Crissman who had suffered a severe stroke of paralysis some time ago, was able to be present at this meeting. He bore his testimony, supporting himself with a cane. He is very feeble and is getting well advanced in years. It was the first time he had been out for a long while. We had representatives present from Michigan, Ohio, New Jersey, New York, and from many places in Pennsylvania. Besides a number was here from Canada, including Brother and Sister Nicholas from the Muncey Indian Reservation. Among the many that attends Conference we are always glad to see some of our Indian people with us. At the end of a good if not a perfect day, our meeting was closed with prayer, after which our brothers and sisters wended their way homeward, and may the good Lord continue to bless you all. Brother Cadman.

THANKSGIVING By Vina Cadman

Our President will issue a proclamation setting aside a day of Thanksgiving for the people of this nation. This is one of the first holidays made national by our Government. It takes us back over 300 years ago, when 100 English people came to settle in Mass. They had left England because they could not worship God as they wanted to, and had gone to Holland.

In Holland the English children began to talk the Dutch language and to do other things that their parents did not want them to, so

they started on a voyage, crossing the Atlantic Ocean, in the Mayflower.

They landed here December 22, 1620, after a very stormy voyage. Arriving here they did not find comfortable homes, nice stores, streets paved or fine churches to go to. No, they found a snow covered frozen land with nothing to see but timber; snow fell fast and often and food was scarce; so first one was taken sick, and then another, and many died.

The people worked very hard, chopping down trees sawing them up to build log houses; living on the ship in the meantime. In the spring they planted plenty of corn. Summer brought the sunshine to ripen it, and when autumn came they had a fine harvest. They had given thanks every day for their blessings, but they wanted a special day held in their new log church, inviting their Indian friends, who were living here, to join with them in prayer and feasting. Plenty of game was found in the woods; wild turkey, chicken, quail, deer and bear.

So the first Thanksgiving was held in the fall of 1621. How much different our Thanksgiving is today: Man has been blest with everything the heart desires, we have comfortable homes, wonderful schools, this is the land of many churches, we travel in comfort, from the soil we produce fruits and vegetables in abundance, also minerals of all kinds, coal and gas to heat our homes; in fact there is no end to these things used for our needs.

Why not stop to thank God for everything; is He not worthy of the praise that should come from our lips? Are not the blessings of life all tokens of God's love for you, do you appreciate them as you should or do you look on them as the common things of life? Let me ask you this, what have you that does not come from the hands of God? Thanksgiving should become a daily duty for us, for Christ set the example in "giving thanks" when He broke bread.

In Ephesians 5:20 "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Count all my blessings? I can't do it
Though I've tried it o'er and o'er;
Delving in the halls of memory

Always I am finding more
Often tho' I think I've ransacked
Every nook and corner there;
I can never pause a moment
Till they're crowding everywhere,
So I just keep saying "Howdy"
As they show their smiling face;
And conclude I ne'er can fathom
Half the wonders of God's grace.

With My Whole Being

My tongue shall speak the praise
of Him
Whose beauty makes the earth
grow dim;
My hands shall praise Him day by
day
By serving Him in Praiseful way.
My feet shall praise Him as they
bear
His blessed tidings everywhere;
My knees shall praise Him as they
bend
To intercede for foe and friend.
My eyes shall praise Him when
they see
Approaching wrong, and from it
flee;
My ears shall praise Him when
they hear
The cry of souls to Him so dear.
My thoughts shall praise Him
when they dwell
On this "He doeth all things well."
My songs shall praise Him in the
night
When naught but faith can see the
light.
And now, combining every thing,
I want my Life His Praise to sing;
Adoring at His feet I fall,
And, praising, crown Him Lord of
all.

Selected by V. C.

The Word of God Never Fails (By Robert L. Frye)

The prophecy of God never fails. Isaiah 46:9:10. "I am God, and there is none like me; declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done." The ability to foretell is the seal of God's deity which he claims cannot be counterfeited. The Bible challenges others everywhere to foretell the future: "...who as I shall declare the things that are coming, and that shall come to pass, let them declare." Isaiah 44:7.

Such strong claims are not casually made. Have we a cause to present? Hear Isaiah 41:21:23 "Produce your course, saith Jehovah: Bring forth your strong reasons." Now what are the strong reasons? Let us read on: "Declare unto us what shall happen; declare ye things to come; declare the things that are to come hereafter,

that we may know that ye are Gods."

Has your Bible fulfilled these conditions? Have I not declared unto they of old and showed it?... asks God in Isaiah 44:8. And then, He says, "Ye are My witnesses."

One of the foremost and outstanding cities of Asia was the city of Tyre. For two thousand years Tyre grew in importance until she was mistress of the sea. She was the commercial center of the world.

Tyre....Tyre.... the beautiful, the rich, the learned, into which flowed the fine horses of Armenia, the precious stones of Aram, the beautiful ivories of Damascus, the rich perfumes of Sheba, the fine gold of Tarshish, and the slaves of Javan.

Ships from all nations anchored in her harbor. Tyre was the metropolis of Asia.

Bedlam raged in her congested streets...nations bartered and sold amid the confusion of peoples. Tyre was at the height of her glory and power and it seemed inevitable that she must stand forever.

Along came Ezekiel, a servant of God who prophesied about 590 B. C. and said: "They shall destroy the walls of Tyre and break down her towers: I will also scrape the dust from her and make her like the top of a rock; it shall be a place for the spreading of nets in the midst of the sea, for I have spoken it," saith the Lord God. "...and they shall lay thy stones and thy timber and thy dust in the midst of the water....and I will make thee like the top of a rock: Thou shalt be a place to spread nets upon: Thou shall be built no more; for I, the Lord have spoken it."

Ezekiel 26:4:14. Here God declares a complete annihilation of Tyre. Soon after God warned Tyre through Ezekiel the prophet, Nebuchadnezzar besieged Tyre, and after thirteen years of effort, took the city and destroyed it, wrecking fearful vengeance on buildings and people.

We believe this prophecy of Ezekiel to be two hundred years before Nebuchadnezzar besieged Tyre. Though the prophecy began with the king of Babylon's siege, its predictions looked more than two hundred years into the future. Observe, that while the ruins of the old city Tyre remained after Nebuchadnezzar had withdrawn his armies, the prophecy declared that the timbers and rocks and even the dust that covered the rock should be cast into the sea,

leaving a bare rock to be used for the spreading of fishermen's nets.

Let the reader not be impatient in reading of this prophecy. God will fulfill all prophecies in due time. This prediction was not fulfilled by the king of Babylon and it seemed improbable that it ever would be fulfilled; for if Nebuchadnezzar in his fury and anger had not taken full vengeance, and had thought of this, who was likely to care enough about the ruins of a deserted city to be so violently destructive? It would be the very frenzy of madness: But meanwhile there stood the prophetic words awaiting fulfillment.

Two hundred years passed and still the remains of the old ruined city stood, a challenge to the accuracy of prophecy.

Then through the East the fame of Alexander the Great, sent a thrill of terror. He marched to attack New Tyre, 332 B. C. Reaching the shore, he saw the city he had come to take with half a mile of water surging between them, for it was built on an island. Alexander's plan of attack was speedily formed and vigorously executed. He took the walls, towers, timbers and, with them built a causeway to the island city. So great was the demand for material that the very dust was scraped from the site and laid in the sea.

"Thou shalt be built no more: For I, the Lord, have spoken it," says the prophecy. Read it yourself in Ezekiel 26:14. The reason it cannot be rebuilt is here given.

Volney, the French skeptic tells of visiting this spot and observing fishermen drying their nets on the rocks just as the prophet said they would. (Travels Volume 11, Page 212). Here is a test that God has set for the boasting world's population; a simple test of rebuilding a city. To do so would disprove God's word and blast forever the Bible. Many large cities have been rebuilt in a few months time. Rome rose again after Nero had it burned to furnish him with poetic inspiration; while Tyre remains barren of even the lowest form of life. "Thou shalt be built no more, for I the Lord have spoken it."

Once more we illustrate: Ezekiel turned his attention to Tyre's still more ancient sister city only thirty miles distant. For centuries Sidon had been declining in power while Tyre was still glorying in splendor. While Sidon was still in a state of decay, it was taken by Artaxerxes Ochus, King of Persia in 351 B. C. and destroyed.

Let us read the words of the prophet Ezekiel (Chapter 28:20-23)

"The word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 'Son of man, set thy face toward Sidon and prophesy against it and say, 'Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Behold I am against thee, O, Sidon....For I will send pestilence into her and blood into her streets and the wounded shall fall in the midst of her, with the sword upon her on every side.'"

Observe that the judgement on Sidon was not utter extinction like that on Tyre, but, only blood in her streets, wounded in her midst and the sword on every side. In spite of so much suffering, having been destroyed and rebuilt, Sidon has continued on in uninterrupted existence down to the present time, with a population of about ten thousand.

Now suppose Ezekiel had said that both Tyre and Sidon were to be destroyed and were to be built no more: Then every one of the ten thousand inhabitants of Sidon would be a living proof of the falsity of the prophecy. How did Ezekiel know that in spite of the many terrible experiences, it would continue a place of strength which age after age would be fought for, and passed on wet with blood from one conqueror to another?

(To be continued)

GATHERING AT THE HOPELAWN CHURCH

By Michael Fehr

On September 14, 1947 the Hopelawn Church was filled to capacity. The occasion being a general gathering of the various Missions and Branches of the Church in New Jersey, and of New York City. Brothers Charles Ashton of Coal Valley, Pa., and A. A. Corrado of Youngstown, Ohio were present.

The morning service was led by Brother Ashton, who used as his text the scripture, concerning the lame man at the beautiful gate of the temple. He was followed by Brother Corrado who addressed the audience in the Italian language. Appropriate hymns were sung for the occasion. Brother Ishmael D'Amico of Brooklyn, N. Y., dismissed the meeting with prayer. A lunch was served in the basement of the Church.

The afternoon service was led by Brother Corrado, and while he was addressing the congregation, there was a manifestation of the gift of "tongues" and also the interpretation was given. The time was taken up by the members who were present by giving testimony to the gospel of Christ. The benediction was pronounced by Brother

Gabriel Mazzeo of the New Brunswick, N. J. branch of the Church. Lunch was again served in the basement of the Church.

The evening meeting convened at 6:30 and was conducted by the Missionary Benevolent Association and led by the vice-president, Brother Patsy Renda. The time was spent in singing and speaking, a number of the members relating experiences of which they had been blessed with. A solo was sung by Sister Mary Mercurio of Hopelawn, N. J. It would seem from the account given of this general gathering, that a very enjoyable day was had. The benediction was pronounced by Brother Lupo of Brooklyn, N. Y.

WARREN, OHIO BRANCH OPENS THEIR NEW BUILDING

Brother Editor: We saints here in Warren thank God for His helping hand to fulfill our long desire of having a meeting place of our own, though it only consists of a basement thus far.

On Sunday Oct. 12, 1947 we enjoyed our first meeting in our new building and it resembled a small conference. The morning service was opened by singing hymn "Our Church" and prayer by Brother G. Ciaravino from Detroit, followed with hymn "Gods Way." Brother Ciaravino made many interesting remarks from First Kings, 8th Chapter concerning how pleased God was when Solomon built a temple, adding that God was also pleased with us in building a place to worship Him in. He was followed by Brother A. B. Cadman of Monongahela, Pa., continuing with the same subject, but making it plain that God does not dwell in temples made of wood or stone, but dwells in temples of flesh, that is, in the hearts of men and women. Presiding Elder Giovonnone of Warren in expressing himself, referred to an accident he had about one year ago, and had he died at that time, he would not have had the privilege of seeing this new building, which has been his desire for many years. Morning meeting was closed with prayer by Brother Raymond Cosetti of Youngstown, Ohio. During recess lunch was served by the sisters of the Warren Church.

The afternoon service was opened by Brother Cassasanta of McKees Rocks, Pa. He bore his testimony to the gospel and the afternoon was spent by the many present in the same way. For the opening of our building we had visitors present from Greenville,

Glassport, and Monongahela, McKees Rocks, Pa., Detroit, Michigan and from various places here in Ohio. We enjoyed the visit of all our brothers and sisters, the spirit of God was present with us throughout the day, and our closing service was closed with prayer by Brother Russell Cadman. We, the Warren Church thank all who helped us in any way whatever, making possible for us to have a place of our own wherein we can worship God. Sister Jean Genaro

"AN EXCERPT"

From Our Doctrinal Pamphlet
By the late Wm. Cadman, J. L.
Armbrust and W. D. Wright

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 shone.
The priesthood was to him restored,
That priesthood did the gifts afford;
The callings, too, he did renew,
These words are faithful, just and true.
But now we sorrow 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.
His 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 be likewise be turned aside;
Through greediness, or lust, or pride.

These verses were published about that time by our people in a pamphlet called "The Ensign," and it was considered at that time as a real endorsement of Joseph Smith as a man of God, which we

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EDITORIAL NOTES

On this date Oct. 20th I received a short letter from Brother Di-Battista in Argentina. Conditions have not changed with him, but he is still exerting himself in striving to preach the restored gospel down in that country.

I am in receipt of a letter from Sister Janey Castelli of San Diego, Calif. asking us all to remember her in our prayers. Apparently her condition is rather critical. Thus far she has refused to yield to the request of her doctor to go through an operation. She is leaving herself in the hands of God. I ask you all to remember Sister Castelli in prayer.

For some time past we were unable to supply the demand for our small pamphlet, known as "A Brief History of The Church." We now have a large supply on hand at \$2.50 per hundred copies. Will all the Branches and Missions buy a hundred as soon as convenient? The printing fund stands in need of financial help. Also, we have plenty of cloth bound Books of Mormon at \$1.00 each. Imitation leather bound at \$3.25 while they last. We have a fine Hymn Book at \$1.50. The History of The Church of Jesus Christ, at \$2.50 per copy.

We stand in need of more subscribers to The Gospel News. Christmas is drawing near. In making gifts, remember some of your friends with a years subscription to this little paper. It is a gift that will last a whole year.

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noticed also that it will indicate a divergence, by that people, from the truths of the Gospel that had been restored; it also sets forth that the Almighty built up this people as his Church properly organized, as in the previous instance, and solemnly warned them against three very prominent deficiencies of the human heart, and an exhortation to the practice of purity. Neglect of the latter opens the door of the heart wide for the acceptance of the former, leading men speedily to destruction. The

last verse was truly prophetic of this people, and although Men and Women, many in number, under my observation, have left this Church under all kinds of pretended reasons, I say that neglect of the principles embodied in the last verse has furnished ninety - nine per cent of the real causes, and the remaining one per cent is not admitted as an exception until proven. Many of them have united themselves with other churches (so-called), and many have died through wrong-doing; and eternity will only reveal the full and true situation. May I recall some statements made by our ancient brother, Paul, in this particular — that is, in their doing wrong in a certain particular. He states to the Corinthian brethren: "For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the World." The above plainly teaches that disease and death may come upon the Saints because of sin; and that the same may (at least) in some cases be avoided by righteous conduct. Also, that when we neglect judging ourselves or controlling our lives and conduct by the divine law, inasmuch that the Almighty judges and punishes us for our sins in this life, it is for a merciful purpose, even to save us from a future judgment, and condemnation.

"HE LIVES"

By Dom. Bucci

He lives! What beautiful words, what joy to the soul, what wonderful words of life. To comprehend the significance of these two words, one must be born again. A question may arise as it did with Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews in the day of Jesus; how can a man be born again? Jesus answered him, and said: "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." John 3:5. Ye must be born again. To understand and feel the joy of the things of God, you must have the spirit of God. By the spirit of revelation, we know that our Redeemer and Saviour lives and is sitting on the right hand of God today, ready to intercede for those who love and obey Him.

It is apparent that the great masses of this world has gone astray, fulfilling the words of the prophet Isaiah, "All we like sheep

have gone astray, we have turned every one to his own way." Isaiah 53:6.

After a great war, can we say there is peace? The prophet Jeremiah speaks of some saying: "Peace, Peace when there is no peace." Jer. 6:14. How readily we can apply those words today. The world today is at cross roads, a very, very sick world, and there is only one road, one prescription. The straight and narrow way — a return back to God. As we read in the word of God, the Nephite Records: "Woe, Woe unto the inhabitants of this world except they repent and be baptized for the remission of sins." What shall we say then in this present crisis? I say, awaken! Come out of your slumbers, O ye inhabitants of the world, for the devil laugheth, and as the Apostle Peter speaks: "Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary, the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." 1st Peter 5:8. Our theme in the restored gospel of Jesus Christ is, Come and repent, be baptized for the remission of sins and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Does Jesus live? Yes, He lives. He lives in the hearts of those who love Him, and believe in Him. Evidently it is very difficult for the world to believe in someone who lived approximately 1900 years ago. Yet in our educational institutions, and secular literature where we learn of great men which lived thousands of years ago, they believe, and readily accept that which has been written by the power and wisdom of men, though it is good in its respective place. Therefore it is much more important to read and accept the greatest piece of literature in the world, the Bible; written by Godly inspired men. It is sold more than any other book. The great apostle of the Gentiles, Paul, said: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." 2 Tim. 3:16. In this great masterpiece, we find the beautiful story of Jesus, His birth, life, death and resurrection told by men who were eye witnesses of these things, and they sealed their testimony by death.

A brief story of the resurrection: After the death of Jesus, and on the first day of the week early in the morning, certain women went to the tomb with spices prepared. When they arrived near the sepulchre, they found the stone rolled away which had been placed at the entrance of the tomb. Being

perplexed, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments, and said to the women who were frightened and had bowed their faces down to the earth: "Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but 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, and they remembered. "Luke 24:5,6. After this Jesus made His appearance to His Apostles, and as the apostle Paul informs us, He was seen by above five hundred brethren at one time. Does He live? Yes, He lives. Paul speaks again: "For what if some did not believe, shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? God forbid. Yea, let God be true, but every man a liar." Romans 3:3,4.

The highlights of an experience which I had a few days after the January conference of 1944. "I dreamed that I was sitting high up in a room, and off to one side of me, a Negro also was sitting high up and was saying these words: "In the name of Jesus Christ come through this door." I too began to say the same thing. Suddenly a form began to appear in the doorway. I noticed he was dressed in a white robe which had a golden glow to it, he was thin and tall, dark hair down to his shoulders, and a short beard. One thing I noticed in particular, he had a small straight nose. There was something about him which was beautiful. He started to walk slowly, and I was saying to myself; "Could this be Jesus the Christ?" I was weeping with a desire to kiss his feet. He came to the center of the room looking up at me, slowly raising one foot up in front of himself so that I was able to look under his foot. I noticed a hole in the center of his foot. I immediately said to myself, "THE IMPRINT OF A NAIL, IT IS MY SAVIOUR," weeping the more and a greater desire to kiss his feet, my heart was filled with joy. He then turns around and walks out the door and disappeared. In the morning when I awoke I began to praise God, weeping with joy and exclaiming: I know that my Redeemer lives.

I urge all who may read this to have faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, for He lives, and let us put into effect the words which we often read in The Gospel News on the last page: "Draw nigh unto God and He will draw nigh to

you." James 4:8. Peace to all and faith in Jesus. Amen.

SISTER DAMORE PASSES ON

Brother Editor: In memory of our Mother, I would like to contribute the following: My mother was fortunate in having met up with the Gospel in 1919 and was baptized in Glassport, Pa. She was faithful to the end. She was ordained a deaconess in the Church, and was ever faithful in the performance of her duties. In 1929 her husband, the late Brother Carl Damore preceded her in death, leaving her with six children to raise. Two other children were married. She did her best to raise her children up in the fear of the Lord, and in the faith of The Church of Jesus Christ. At this time there are four of her children members of the Church, besides her daughter, Virginia Damore Fyre who was a faithful member of the church when she passed on to her reward in 1939.

Sickness took place in Mother's life at various times, but she was healed through the tender mercies of God. In 1935 she was stricken with a stroke of paralysis and was confined to her bed for six months, when a miracle took place and she was healed instantly by the power of God.

Well, years passed by, and later on she became very feeble but always attended her church, until about fourteen months ago when she became totally bedfast, yet her desire for the church remained as ever. Not long before she died she told her daughter Alma that she wanted to go to church. Just five days prior to her passing, she suffered another stroke of paralysis which proved fatal. A few of the immediate family was present at her bedside when she passed away in peace on Sept. 24, 1947.

Now that our Mother is gone, leaving to mourn her loss, seven children and seven grandchildren besides other relatives and friends, we all desire to hold fast to the Gospel of Christ, the Solid Rock which she leaned upon during all her trials in life, patiently waiting for the Lord to take her home to her eternal rest. Brother Charles Ashton of Coal Valley, Pa., officiated at the funeral service, and in doing so, he dwelt some upon her life history in the Church. Her family wishes to extend their gratitude to all who were so thoughtful in sending telegrams, cards of sympathy, and your prayers of sustaining grace in the time of

their deepest sorrow.

Contributed by her daughter Sister A. A. Corrado.

In Loving Memory of Our Late Beloved Brother, Gaspare Galanti, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

From Brother Frank Calabro, of Hopelawn, New Jersey
Weep not for me, nor wish me back,
I am from pain now free;
And in my Saviour's arms now rest
That is where I longed to be.
You watched for me beside my bed,
Now I'll watch for you,
And when you reach the Golden Gates
I'll come and lead you through.

Was Jesus Christ Ever on This Land We Call America?

III Book of Nephi, in The Book of Mormon

Eleventh chapter beginning with the sixth verse:— "And behold, the third time they did understand the voice which they heard; and it said unto them:— Behold my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased, in whom I have glorified my name — hear ye Him.— And it came to pass, as they understood they cast their eyes towards heaven; and behold, they saw a man descending out of heaven; and he was clothed in a white robe; and he came down and stood in the midst of them; and the eyes of the whole multitude were turned upon him, and they durst not open their mouths, even one to another, and wist not what it meant, for they thought it was an angel that had appeared unto them.— And it came to pass that he stretched forth his hand and spake unto the people, saying:— Behold, I am Jesus Christ, whom the prophets testified shall come into the world.— And behold, I am the light and the life of the world; and I have drunk out of that bitter cup which the Father hath given me, and have glorified the Father in taking upon me the sins of the world, in the which I have suffered the will of the Father in all things from the beginning.— And it came to pass that when Jesus had spoken these words the whole multitude fell to the earth; for they remembered that it had been prophesied among them that Christ should show himself unto them after his ascension into heaven.— And it came to pass that the Lord spake unto them saying:

—Arise and come forth unto me, that ye may thrust your hands into my side, and also that ye may feel the prints of the nails in my hands and in my feet, that ye may know that I am the God of Israel, and the God of the whole earth, and have been slain for the sins of the world.— And it came to pass that the multitude went forth, and thrust their hands into his side, and did feel the prints of the nails in his hands and in his feet; and this they did do, going forth one by one until they had all gone forth, and did see with their eyes and did feel with their hands, and did know of a surety and did bear record, that it was he, of whom it was written by the prophets, that should come.— And when they had all gone forth and had witnessed for themselves, they did cry out with one accord, saying:— Hosanna! Blessed be the name of the Most High God! And they did fall down at the feet of Jesus, and did worship him.” P.S. I have quoted from the record known as the Book of Mormon, the record of the people that inhabited this Western Hemisphere before the days of Columbus coming to these shores. I say to the American people: Wake up! Don't allow yourselves to be deluded with the silly story of the Amity, Pa. tavern keeper, known as “Reverend Solomon Spaulding.” Jesus told them in His day to Search the scriptures for in them ye think ye have eternal life. My counsel to all of you: is to read the Book of Mormon yourselves and learn of the wonderful things of God. The salvation of our souls is the greatest proposition of our lives. I say again to the American people, wake up and read for yourselves. (WHC)

Wedding Bells Are Ringing

A BEAUTIFUL WEDDING

On September 16, 1947 a beautiful wedding took place at the Church of Jesus Christ, Rochester, N. Y. Grace Simone, daughter of Brother and Sister Perry Simone of Lockport, N. Y., became the bride of Paul D'Amico of Brooklyn, N. Y.

The ceremony was performed by Brother Patsy Marinetti of Rochester. Miss Etta Rosati was the maid of honor, and Misses Louise DiGiovanni and Lydia DiBernardo were bridesmaids.

Joseph Parrone was best man and Paul Francione and Michael Marinetti were ushers. Mr. Warren Marsl was the soloist and Mr. Scott Ford played a few selections on the piano. In the evening a re-

ception was held out-doors. The couple will reside in Brooklyn, N. Y. The Gospel News extends best wishes to Paul and Grace for a long and happy life together.

DONKIN-ROSSI NUPTIALS

Margaret Rossi, daughter of Brother Anthony Rossi, of near Monaca, Pa., and Walter E. Donkin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Donkin of Elizabeth, Pa., were united in marriage in The Church of Jesus Christ at West Aliquippa, Pa., on Oct. 11, 1947 at 10:30 a.m., Elder John Ross officiating. Louise Rossi, sister of the bride was maid of honor and Cecil Donkin, brother of the groom was best man. Dorcas Rossi and Sue D'Antonio were bridesmaids. John Leikus and Fred Rossi were ushers. The bride is a graduate of the Hopewell High School and of the McKeesport Hospital School of Nursing. The groom attended the Elizabeth, Pa., High School, and is now employed at the Carnegie Illinois Steel Corp. at Clairton, Pa. After a short wedding trip, the couple will reside in Elizabeth, Pa. This little paper extends its best wishes to the newlywed couple. Contributed by Erma Rossi.

PEZZENTI-MARCHANDO NUPTIALS

By Pauline Ritz

On September 28, 1947, at 4:30 p.m. a beautiful wedding ceremony was performed in The Church of Jesus Christ, South Forest Street, Youngstown, Ohio.

Miss Florence Marchando, daughter of Brother and Sister Thomas Marchando, was given in marriage to Mr. Albert Pezzenti, by her father. The bride's cousin, Mrs. Joseph Ficocelli was matron of honor. Miss Betty Ritz the bride's niece, and Miss Mary Pezzenti a sister of the bridegroom were bridesmaids. Mr. Carl Pezzenti a brother of the groom was best man, and Mr. Albert Marchando and Mr. Joseph Ficocelli ushered.

A solo “I Love You Truly” was sung by Miss Anna Senediak, accompanied at the piano by Miss Amelia Corrado. Prayer was offered by Brother Charles Ashton, while the ceremony was performed by the Presiding Elder, A. A. Corrado.

The bride was lovely, dressed in a white satin gown with a fingertip veil, seed pearl headdress. Her bouquet was of white lilies.

A dinner was served to the bridal party and the immediate family. The couple then left for a months trip to Florida. The Gospel

News extends its best wishes to Albert and Florence.

DePIERO-KIEFER, NUPTIALS

John DePiero, son of Brother and Sister Peter DePiero of Glassport, Pa., and Gertrude Kiefer of Baden Baden, Germany, were married in The Church of Jesus Christ at Glassport on October 18th. The ceremony being performed by Brother Charles Ashton. The bridesmaid was Mrs. Mary Gibilisco, sister of the bridegroom, and Mrs. Clara Preler, also a sister of the bridegroom was matron of honor. The best man was Mr. John Molinari, and Sebastian Gibilisco was usher. Music was furnished by Sister Mabel Bickerton. This young couple met while John was overseas in the late war. The results were, after about two years or more, Gertrude flies to the United States, just recently, and marries the young man of her choice. Her parents live in Brazil, S. A. At present the young couple will reside at the home of the grooms parents. The Gospel News extends congratulations to you both. And may the Lord bless you.

A Trip to the Bronx Mission By Sister Fisher

Sister Fisher of the Stelton, N. J., Mission informs us that they chartered a bus recently and visited at the Bronx Mission in New York.

She reports they had a wonderful day in the service of God, and speaks praisingly of the hospitality shown them by the saints of that place. Among the speakers of the day were Brother Ensano of Highland Park, N. J., who's text was the prayer offered up by Solomon at the dedication of the temple in Jerusalem, also Brother Paul D'Amico of Brooklyn, N. Y., following him in the Italian language.

CLEVELAND News

By Angeline M. Biscotti

Brother Editor: The Cleveland saints had a wonderful Sabbath Day on Sept. 28th. The Niles Mission visited Cleveland Branch No. 1, which is on the east side of the city. Niles Mission has a wonderful group of saints, and a very nice group of young folks. We enjoyed their visit very much. Also in our midst, was Sister Crall of Monongahela, Pa., Brother Frank Altomare and family, and Carmen Altomare of Lorain, Ohio, and Iva McGraw, whom is Sister Nellis' sister. She visits us occasionally.

The morning service was opened by Brother Frank Gennaro, his talk was interesting and was en-

joyed by all. The afternoon service was in charge of the Niles Elders, and a good spirit was felt throughout the service. Many bore testimony to the goodness of God, and it was uplifting to us all.

Between services the young folks from Niles sang several hymns, and their singing was excellent. These kind of visits are uplifting, and we are thankful to God for the love that is in the hearts of the saints. We hope more of these visits will come our way. Love to all.

REFINEMENT & CULTURE

By Peter Capone, Detroit, Mich.

Much has been said about culture and refinement, and there are various opinions as to what virtues constitutes these conditions.

Websters dictionary defines the word "culture" as cultivation or tillage, and also as the "act of improving or developing by education, discipline, etc. The enlightenment and discipline acquired by mental and moral training."

Accordingly we see that culture is not something that we can buy with money. It is something that must come from within. Money, wealth, and position do not necessarily indicate culture and refinement. As so many people are prone to believe. Our Lord Jesus Christ said: "Take heed, and beware of covetousness; for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." St. Luke 12-15. This fact is well shown in the parable of our Lord regarding the rich man and Lazarus. If the rich man would have been endowed with real culture and refinement, he certainly would have been kinder and more charitable to the poor beggar.

It would be well for us to remember the biblical illustration of what happened to men over-impressed with their self-importance, and culture in their day, Herod, Nebuchadnezzar, etc. The Apostle Paul, a well learned man in his day realized after his visitation, that all schemes of human effort, all the strenuous moralities, all attempts to meet the requirements of a demanding God, perished for him in the humiliating but saving discovery that this could never be the way. The Gospel of foolishness became the wisdom and culture (refinement) of his life.

The world with its idea of culture and refinement parades before us today in one shot through with fallacies. We find the Gospel of Jesus Christ ridiculed and attack-

ed. This reminds us of the words of Paul in First Cor. 1-21, "The world by wisdom knows not God." This is quite applicable to our present day. Then how important it is that we strive to show how bankrupt is the moral position which forms the alternative to Christianity.

We can sum all this up in this way — man's culture, wisdom or refinement is very much incomplete. It lacks in fact the main ingredient of true culture and wisdom, the guidance of God. There is refinement and culture in our midst. It is in the heart of those who serve the Lord with humility and submissiveness of spirit. Any other type of refinement is valueless as it is of a temporal nature and shall pass away like other tarnished tinsel of this world.

Yes, brothers and sisters let the world keep its standard of culture and refinement, but let us keep the kind that God loves, which will carry us into eternity.

What Shall I Do With Jesus?

(A sermon of the late Bishop, R. C. Evans of Toronto, Canada).

Permit me to draw your attention to the 27th chapter of the gospel as recorded by St. Matthew, where you will read these words: "What shall I do with Jesus?" and a part of the 22nd verse. This important question was propounded by Pilate, who was the judge of Jesus Christ and the one that condemned Him to death. He was surrounded by a howling mob who were thirsty for the blood of the Holy One whose life had been a perpetual benediction to the people.

Pilate Feared the People

This man, Pilate, was placed in the same condition to a large extent as we frequently are, in this sense: It would seem that he desired to be fair, to be just. Because of what he had seen and heard that day, there is no doubt in my mind but that he inclined to be favorable to Jesus Christ. Not only the serenity that rested like the halo from the unseen world upon the Master of men, not only because of the words that fell from His blistered lips, but because of the dream his wife had not to oppose this just man. The conditions of the environment of this man — whom I believe desired to be just — prevented him from liberating Christ, for he feared the people. He feared the people and he appealed to them, with the hope burning in his breast that they would consent to an acquittal but they cried, "We will not have

this man to rule over us, if you let this man go you are no friend to Caesar, and personal ambition, combined with cowardice, and with the fear of the reproach that might be hurled upon him, he gave Christ over to the infuriated mob that he might be crucified.

I have said that to some degree we occupy a similar position to that of Pilate. Down through the ages comes to our hearts and minds tonight that momentous question, "What shall I do with Jesus?" This is a beautiful text, in that it appeals to us individually. You know most of us are prone to shirk duty at times. Ever since Adam blamed it on the woman, saying "The woman tempted me and I did eat," it seems to be a legacy left by him to his posterity to make excuses and put the blame on someone else. But this question comes to us so direct as individuals that it is impossible to shirk the responsibility that attaches to us. Read it. "What shall I do with Jesus?" Not what does the preacher think about Him, what does the Sunday School teacher say of Him, or what disposition has my parents made of Him. But we have reached the threshold of responsibility, and as we must stand before the judgment seat of Christ there to give an account of Him for the Stewardship and for the opportunities accorded us, so we must answer the proposition: "What shall I do with Jesus?"

Many Theories

The world and the church has given to the world many theories regarding Him. Perhaps the one hundredth part of which we may not have time to examine tonight. We have been told that He was God, the very God. We have been told by others that He was but the Son of God, the beginning of the creation of God. Further, we have been instructed by others that He was merely a good man, splendid in character, blameless in life, unselfish in His devotion and unstained in His morals.

This last position is being adopted by many, even the church, and so a great conference, representing perhaps some of the most brilliant thinkers of this planet, have endorsed what is known as higher criticism, in which we are told that Christ being limited as a man was ignorant of many things and that where science contradicts Jesus, then we may pity Him for His ignorance, but in the onward march of scientific research Jesus must be pushed aside, rather than that the science of the 19th and

20th centuries should be considered faulty. I am here to say to you that there never was a time when men and women were called to make answer to this question as they are today. It is important, in the midst of the conglomerated mass of confusion that we see exhibited throughout churchianity at large, to reach a sound conclusion with regard to this personage, known as Jesus Christ.

I may say, as briefly as I can, that as I enjoy the Spirit of the Word, and view the truth as I read it in the Word by the light of the spirit that is granted to me from time to time, that I want to be placed on record as believing that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the first begotten of the Father, that He pre-existed with the Father, and by the instruction of the Father He created man and all other things that exist on this planet, that He spake ex-cathedra, that is to say, to use His own language, as my Father commanded Me, so I spake. I cannot of Myself do anything, as I hear I judge. He gave Me a command what I should say and what I should speak, I believe that Jesus Christ when He spake gave utterance to the truth as it emanated from the Father of Lights, that where the so-called science conflicts with the words that Jesus spake, that science, so-called is wrong.

Science Is Wrong

It may not be considered a great crime for me to declare that which we have called scientific in its character is wrong, from the fact that every scientific work we read is busy contradicting other scientific works. No two of the great scientists, so-called, agree, and when they try to give you a definite date as to the age of man, or as to the age of this planet, one of them will give you the most minute figures, while another will say "it is not so" and prove by just as many figures that the first scientist is wrong in his date by millions of years, but a million or two of years is not much to a scientist. They often differ as to the age of man by tens of thousands of years, and some of the greatest scientists disregard this Bible story of creation from first to last, and they declare by reason of their scientific attainments that man came up from the protoplasm found in the foam of the sea, only some how or other now you will discover that is very clear; two atoms in some way or

other came together in some how, sometime, somewhere, and produced life; that is as clear as mud, and that by and bye from the merest smallest atom of life throughout the ages of development by and bye it was a bug or a worm, or an insect, or an animal of some kind, and that continued to develop through the untold ages till it got to be a grown up man.

It is only a few days since one of the leading papers of this city (Toronto, Ont.) gave an entire page containing the pictures of a male and female animal covered with hair, with great protruding teeth, and gave us to understand that that is our grandfather and grandmother of many thousands of years ago. If this modern scientific, evolution theory is true, then the story of the creation of Adam and Eve, the story of the fall, the story of the marriage vow, the story of the atonement of Christ, is a myth, and should not be regarded as true by the learned and scientific minds of the 20th century. Therefore, I repeat that the foundation of Christianity, the foundation of the Bible, rests largely upon the question that He propounded in the language of my text, "What shall I do with Jesus?"

The Doctrines of Evolution

To me it is the rankest kind of infidelity to claim to be a minister of Jesus Christ in the Church of Christ and at the same time state the gospel of Christ as He taught it, the doctrine of Christ as He preached it, the law of God as He presented it, must be set aside so that the onward march of so-called science would not be impeded. We have read where the parting of the ways must come between churchianity and Christianity. I cannot illustrate this thought better than to read to you a clipping taken from one of the leading papers, commenting on the efforts now being made to replace the Bible by the doctrine of evolution. It says: "The preparation of the new Bible, which is to be inspired by sweet reasonableness, has not made much advancement as yet. We lay before our readers the improved version of the first chapter of Genesis: 1. There never was a beginning.— 2. And cosmos was homogeneous and undifferentiated, and somehow or other evolution began and molecules appeared.— 3. And molecules evolved protoplasm, and rhythmic thrills arose, and then there was light.— 4. And a spirit of envy was developed and formed the plastic cell, whence

arose the primordial germ.— 5. And the primordial germ became protogene somehow shaped eocene; then was the dawn of life.— 6. And the herb yielding and the fruit tree yielding fruit after its own kind, whose seed is in itself, developed according to its own fancy.— 7. The cattle after his kind, the beast of the field after his kind, and every creeping thing became involved by heterogeneous segregation and concomitant dissipation of motion.— 8. So that by the survival of the fittest there evolved the simiads from the jellyfish and the simiads differentiated themselves into the authropomophitic types.— 9. And in due time one lost his tail and became a man, and behold he was the most cunning of all animals.— 10. And in process of time, by natural selection and survival of the fittest, scientists, skeptics, infidels and scoffers appeared, and behold it was very good."

The sad part of this is, that the church from every quarter, in the past, has confronted such trash as I have just read from the paper, but today many in the church are endorsing it to a greater or less degree. There is not as much difference between the church and the world today as there is between Christianity and the church, and so there comes to us the grave responsibility as to what disposition we are to make of Jesus Christ. You may present Him in contrast with any other individual who has acted his part in the great drama of humanity, and the comparison sets Him at an unlimited space above every other individual that every lived upon this planet.

(To be continued)

A MATTER OF VIEWPOINT

On day a rich but miserly man came to a rabbi. The rabbi led him to a window.

"Look out there," he said, "and tell me what you see."

"People," answered the rich man.

Then the rabbi led him to a mirror. "What do you see now?" he asked.

"I see myself."

Then the Rabbi said, "Behold, in the window there is glass, and in the mirror there is glass. But the glass in the mirror is covered with a little silver, and no sooner is a little silver added then you cease to see others and see only yourself."—Selected

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"CHRISTMAS" THE OLD STORY IS NEW By Irene Majoros Griffith

As the Old Testament draws to a close all humanity is waiting in despair, but a part of the human race is clinging by faith to the promise of God that he would redeem them, and so waited eagerly for a coming Redeemer.

The New Testament is ushered in with this exclamation of the Angel; "Be not afraid, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people: for there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:10,11. To man who had groaned in the miserable chains of sin for centuries; and he being unable to save himself, this Jesus, born of God was his great salvation. He being the only one who could redeem, change character, and guarantee Eternal Life.

This old story was new to those who accepted him when he so-journed here with man. Man again knew joy to some extent as he only once before knew it in the Garden with God. And so they sang the Angels song "Glory to God in the Highest, Luke 2:13-14. Thus was the first Christmas Carol from which all others sprang. This heavenly carol was a message to this tired burdened earth. "Peace, good will toward men," was the theme of the song. God was revealing unto man his supreme gift of love: "Unto you is born this day a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." It was a promise of "Good Will and Peace on earth." It is truly fitting indeed that we should sing and give thanks unto our God in commemorating this great event for the Christ child was born to the accompaniment of song and praise. Mary rejoiced and sang as she looked forward to being the Mother of Christ. On the first Christmas night the Angels sang above the roof tops of Bethlehem. Luke 2:20." And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them." Here in Bethlehem they found Joseph and Mary, and the little Babe lying in the manger. The Saviour's birth is more than song or sentiment. It is the ful-

fillment of Gods promise to redeem his own.

Has this story become old to you? Are you heavy hearted and over shadowed with dark clouds of despair? Do you not understand the significance and greatness of Christmas joy? Have you a realization of sin or guilt, or a failure to keep yourself unspotted from the world? Do you feel you should do more for him who has done so much for you? Can you not sing the Christmas songs with joy and a thankful heart and this story remains old? Ask Jesus to come into your heart. The best way to celebrate Christmas is to throw our heart's door open to Him and say "O Come into my heart, Lord Jesus, there is room in my life for Thee."

This Old Story becomes new when we accept Jesus and bid him to guide us. New not only for a season of the year, but each day of our life. The weight of life becomes lighter, our face becomes radiant from the sheer joy of life with Christ who is the same. And his love is with us forever and ever, for the Old Story has become New.

NEWS FROM ITALY

Submitted by A. A. Corrado
Of Youngstown, Ohio

Brother Editor: Brother Dominic Todaro of Bronx, N. Y. always had a sincere desire to return to Italy, when permissible, and preach the Gospel to his mother. After having the opportunity to spend a few months in his native country, today he is indeed a happy man; for through his message of the Gospel, and the ever helping hand of God, seven people were baptized. Among them was his mother who is 82 years old. In spite of the opposition that was encountered, Brother Todaro is holding meetings in the Villa of St. Joseph, Province Reggio Calabria. These glad tidings will inspire and fill the hearts of God's people with joy. One more step has been made towards fulfilling God's word to have the Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ preached to all the people of the earth. May God's blessing rest upon us all. (I am glad to hear of the success of Brother Todaro, and it is indeed pleasant news to hear of him baptizing his

aged mother. May God bless Brother Dominic. WHC).

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Margaret Heaps, Sr.

Dear Folks: A little news and greetings from Los Angeles, Calif. We had opportunity last month to get a "good buy" in a little church building on a corner lot, size 100 by 100 feet, a very nice property at a very attractive price.

Our Mission raised enough cash to seal the deal and get it into escrow. However a week ago last Friday night, I had a dream in which I saw Jim (my husband) holding something in his arms. We couldn't tell what it was, but as soon as he laid it down the disguise came off, and it was a huge snake, a rattler. I cried out for him to kill it when I saw it raise it's huge head about a foot off the ground, and it opened it's mouth to sting, but it had no stinger and so had no power to sting, but it crawled off to make a nest for itself and it's young ones, among some rubbish.

The next Sunday we were to meet in the church building pending the close of the deal at escrow. We were met by these people, (Missionary Baptist) they had realized they made a mistake in selling at the price and wanted to back out, and they got very nasty about it all. We made it a matter of prayer, and although our minds were disturbed as we gathered to worship, God really did pour out His blessing upon us, and we felt that He was pleased with our action and I believe everything is coming in our favor.

Yesterday we met again and all day long you could feel the presence of God in that place. Brother Heaps opened the service and read where the children of Israel murmured against Moses and God, and asked: Is God with us or not? Those were the words he dwelt upon. Brother Lovalvo sang that beautiful hymn: "Have You Thought?" He then followed Brother Heaps in speaking and the meeting was then given over to testimony. Thereafter we did not sing much, for one was rising up after another, and there was a familiar note with them all. One young girl, Violet Dicheria, formerly of Glassport, Pa., asked to be baptized. There were several others who were moved upon, but they did not

yield, so as we have to do our baptizing in the morning, Brother Heaps advised them to make their wishes known by next Sunday and go along with Violet for baptism. There are three or four more we are expecting, so pray for them. Our Church was filled with the glory of God. There were a number of visitors present. We are all sure this is our place and God has favored us. The building or the lot alone is worth the full price we paid for it at today's market value. Pray for our Mission that this may be the beginning of much greater things yet to come in California. Let no one think in his heart that God is not in the matter, for He has manifested Himself in our midst, and there is not a shadow of doubt among us and we are trusting Him for greater things to come.

Brother Lovalvo is working with the M.B.A. and we all who attend, both old and young are enjoying these meetings. We hold them in our home every Friday night until we get full possession of our building. Brother Lovalvo is also proving himself a blessing in our Mission, and I'm happy to say that our brethren are cooperating together; and with the poet: "How pleasing to behold and see, The friends of Jesus all agree; To sit around His sacred board, As members of one common Lord. Let wrath and strife, Those seeds of hell, No more in Christian bosoms dwell; But love and union by His blood, Prove us the chosen heirs of God."

We had Brother Lovalvo and family, Brother and Sister Stanley, the Dicheria's three children, Sister Ellen, Violet our new convert, and David also Billy Meo for supper last night. After supper others came and we had a lovely time talking over the blessings of the day, and also the blessings of the past, and our hopes for the future. We also had some wonderful singing. O God is good and we again say with the Psalmist: "Praise ye the Lord for His mercy endureth forever."

While listening to our brethren in their preaching on the "murmurings" of Israel until they asked: "Is God among us or not?" Their murmurings kept them out of the promised land and also caused Moses, the man of God who was called to lead them into Canaan, to be taken into the wilderness and never set his foot on Canaan's shore, I lifted my heart to God in thanks for brethren who are called of God to preach the word to us and lead us into better

things, and I asked God to make me a good follower, that I might not murmur nor complain and cause others to stumble. Yes, my heart's cry is, O God make us good followers! We thank God for this Glorious Restored Gospel, and I am determined by the grace of God, to be a good follower and be faithful to the covenant I made with Him 32 years ago. We miss all our dear brothers and sisters in the east with whom we had many seasons of rejoicing, and I want to say, Hi, to you all. May God bless you all and keep you by His power and His love. We hope to see you again, but if it is not God's will to do so; I hope to meet you all in Glory, where we will be together throughout all eternity. O Precious Promise And it is Ours. Remember us in your prayers that we may continue to walk softly before the Lord, so when He speaks, we shall hear and not be afraid. May God bless you all.

WAS JESUS CHRIST EVER ON THIS LAND WE CALL AMERICA?

Read what is recorded in the III Book of Nephi Chapter 17: Behold, now it came to pass that when Jesus had spoken these words He looked round about again on the multitude, and He said unto them: Behold, my time is at hand — I perceive that ye are weak, that ye cannot understand all my words which I am commanded of the Father to speak unto you at this time. — Therefore, go ye unto your homes, and ponder upon the things which I have said, and ask of the Father, in my name, that ye may understand, and prepare your minds for the morrow, and I come unto you again. — But now I go unto the Father, and also to show myself unto the lost tribes of Israel, for they are not lost unto the Father, for He knoweth whither He hath taken them. — And it came to pass that when Jesus had thus spoken, He cast His eyes round about again on the multitude, and behold they were in tears, and did look steadfastly upon Him as if they would ask Him to tarry a little longer with them. — And He said unto them: Behold, my bowels are filled with compassion towards you. — Have ye any that are sick among you? Bring them hither. Have ye any that are lame, or blind, or halt, or maimed, or leprous, or that are withered, or that are deaf, or that are afflicted in any manner? Bring them hither and I will heal them, for I have compassion upon you; my

bowels are filled with mercy. — For I perceive that ye desire that I should show unto you what I have done unto your brethren at Jerusalem, for I see that your faith is sufficient that I should heal you. — And it came to pass that when he had thus spoken, all the multitude, with one accord, did go forth with their sick and their afflicted, and their lame, and with their blind, and with their dumb, and with all them that were afflicted in any manner; and He did heal them every one as they were brought forth unto Him. — And they did all, both they who had been healed and they who were whole, bow down at His feet, and did worship Him; and as many as could come for the multitude did kiss His feet, inasmuch that they did bathe His feet with their tears.

—This is an account given in the Book of Mormon, a record of the people who inhabited this land of America before Columbus came to these shores, yea, a record which was written mostly by the forefathers of what is now known as American Indians. It is said in the New Testament scriptures concerning Jesus "Never man spake like this man." I, W. H. Cadman will add, that there is not a book in existence which tells of more wonderful things which Jesus did, than is recorded in the Book of Mormon. Further, Books which record such wonderful events as given in this account, should not be cast aside as a thing of nought. Remember, for all that Jesus did in the land of Palestine, He was judged as not fit to live, and they nailed Him to the cross. My counsel to all American Indian people that may read these words, if ye lack wisdom as to the truth of the same, "Go to God in prayer, who giveth liberally and upbraideth not." James 1:5.

NOT ONLY ON SUNDAY

By James J. Metcalfe

On Sunday people go to church.....
And say a little prayer.....And afterwards their hearts forget.....
 That God is everywhere.....Their lips complain about the rain.....Or they enjoy the sun.....While they are satisfied to get.....Their weekly duty done.....They think no more about it as.....They go into the week.....And dwell upon the pleasures and.....The worldly goods they seek.....It never once occurs to them.....That all the hours count.....And final profit has to be.....A spiritual amount.....They do not seem to understand.....

...That as they go their way.....
They ought to turn to God for
help.....On each and every day.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR DEAR MOTHER

(Mrs. Bessie Bloom who departed
from this earth on Dec. 9, 1945).
"We did not know the pain you
had,

Or hear your final sigh;
We only know you passed away
Without a last goodbye.
Gone, dear Mother, gone forever
How we miss your cheerful face,
But you left us to remember
None on earth could take your
place.

A happy home we once enjoyed
How sweet the memory still,
But death has left a loneliness
The world can never fill."

Sadly missed by the family.
By Mrs. Reda.

HOLAN-KOSLOSKY, NUPTIALS

Mr. Paul Holan Jr. of Monessen, Pa., and Miss Dorothy Koslosky, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Koslosky of Ellsworth, Pa., were united in marriage in The Church of Jesus Christ at Monongahela, Pa., on November 15th at 3 p.m., Brother W. H. Cadman officiating. Mrs. Sarah Neill pianist, and Mrs. Ruth Mountain soloist. Miss Florence Verasko was maid of honor. Other girl attendants were Mary Holan, a sister of the bridegroom, Loretta and Geraldine Shazer, cousins of the bride, and Margaret Guzik of Ellsworth, Pa.

George Holan served as best man for his brother. Ushers were George Josay, George Varkonda and Rudolph Malush, of Monessen, Pa., and Carl Koslosky of Ellsworth, Pa., the brides brother. A reception took place at the home of the bride in the evening. The bride was a graduate of the Ellsworth High School in the class of 1946. The groom spent about three years in the U. S. Army overseas, and is employed in the steel mill at Monessen, Pa., where they will also make their home. It was a very beautiful wedding, and The Gospel News extends its best wishes to Paul and Dorothy for a long and happy life together.

BUFFA-SGRO NUPTIALS

Contributed by Ivy Fisher

At 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 25, 1947, a very pretty wedding took place in the little white church at Stelton, N. J., when Sister Grace Sgro, daughter of Brother and Sister Anthony Sgro and Brother John Buffa, son of Brother and Sister Vito Buffa of Detroit,

Michigan were united in marriage. Brother William H. Cadman who was visiting in New Jersey at the time officiated. The bride's attendants were Miss Frances Buffa, maid of honor and Sisters Mary C. Mercurio and Mary Belle Benyola were bridesmaids. Peter Buffa, brother of the groom was the best man and William Buffa and Robert Nacarota were ushers.

A reception followed at the home of the bride and was attended by many brothers and sisters and friends. The couple left on a trip to Florida. They will make their home in Detroit, Michigan. All in New Jersey extend their very best to them.

The Gospel News also wishes John and Grace a happy life together.

LETTERS FROM SOME OF OUR BRETHREN

I am in receipt of personal letters from Brother Warren Nellis of Coleman, Mich., James Heaps, and V. J. Lovalvo both of California. Really there is not much in them that I can transcribe in order to let you know of, yet we were very glad to hear from our brethren. Brother Heaps and Brother Lovalvo are very much taken up with California and are enjoying themselves very much in the service of God, also are very much taken up with the climate and the beauty of that state. Brother Heaps informs me that they are buying a church building, and expected to meet in it the following Sunday, the letter is dated Nov. 1, 1947. Brother Lovalvo tells of some of the "wonders" of nature and of the "wonders" built by "Man" which has left indelible impressions on his mind. He also speaks very brotherly of the hospitality shown him and his family, by our brethren and sisters in Wichita, and St. John, Kan. He held meetings at those places. In the letter from Brother Nellis, he informs me that along with his wife, they spent a day in Windsor, Ont., evidently on Nov. 1-47 and also stayed over for the following day. From the tone of his letter they had a fine day in Windsor, services all day long. He refers to a very remarkable incident that had recently taken place in Windsor, and he praises God for hearing prayer, and for the fasting and praying done in Windsor. Brother Nellis informs me that they have started meetings in Pontiac, Mich., and thus far have been very encouraging. We are glad to hear the good news from our brethren: — I will

just add that I myself have just recently returned from a two-weeks trip to New Jersey and New York City. I cannot speak too praisingly of the hospitality shown me by our brothers and sisters at the various Branches and Missions of the Church where I visited. I was in meetings every night while away with the exception of one night, and of course we did not meet on Saturday nights. Spent one night in Bronx, and one in Brooklyn, N. Y. I also visited Mary Morone who is confined in the Roosevelt Hospital at Metuchen, N. J. She is the youngest daughter of Brother and Sister Morone of New Brunswick, N. J. I also was much honored by being called upon to unite in marriage, Brother John Buffa of Detroit, Mich., and Sister Grace Sgro of Stelton, N. J., in The Church of Jesus Christ at Stelton. The little Church was crowded for the occasion, and it was a beautiful affair. Here in our own Branch of the Church, we have just concluded a week of meetings at the Eldora Mission, which is a part of the Monongahela Branch. I returned home in time to attend two of these meetings, which were very well attended. Brothers Walter Anderson and Melvin Mountain takes care of the work at this Mission, their membership is not large, but they have a nice Sabbath School. May the Lord bless the efforts of our Brethren everywhere. (WHC).

P. S. Brother Lovalvo informs me that he is going to make his home in California.

The Church Of The Nazarene Sets Goal at a Million a Year For Missionary Work.

A Thanksgiving Offering of \$500,000.00 will assure us that the goal of a million a year will be a reality. This is only \$2.50 per member. Let each church give that much as a minimum and let all who can do more. Nothing would gladden our "Great Heart" more than to know we are carrying out this vision and that we plan to surpass it in the future. (Herald of Holiness).

WHAT SHALL I DO WITH JESUS?

By the late Bishop R. C. Evans

Continued from the Nov. issue
WEAKNESS OF GREAT MEN

You can tell us of great men who lived and died for principle, but as
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EDITORIAL

As this paper goes to print, I received word that Brother Carmen Campitelli of Detroit, Mich., died on November 19th and was buried on the 22nd. Brother Campitelli has been poorly for a long time with a heart condition. He was one of the early converts to the Gospel in the city of Detroit. May the Lord comfort his family.

I have also learned that Brother Charles Sanders of St. John, Kansas is visiting back here in Pennsylvania, and we are looking for him to spend Sunday, November 23rd with us here in Monongahela, and possibly will be here with us part of the week during a weeks meetings which will be held here in this Branch of the Church. We will be glad to see Brother Sanders.

A late card from Brother Marco Randazzo, informs me that he has baptized another convert at Port Huron, Mich. Also he has held some meetings at New Baltimore, Mich.

I am in receipt of a short letter from Brother Patsy D'Battista dated November 11-47, in which he tells me he is coming home.

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I read the other day one of these great wonderful men who had formulated a scheme for the government of man, when talking to his aged friend, complained, and notwithstanding he could not see a flaw in his plan, yet there was something that impeded its progress, and it would not work, and the old philosopher said, I will tell you how you can make it succeed, just preach for two or three years till the people crucify you, and when you are dead two or three days just raise from the dead, that will make your work go fine; and he took the rebuke, and he recognized immediately what a counterfeit of Jesus Christ he really was.

And so it is, my friends, there are other men who have been wonderful in their time, but human selfishness, personal aggrandizement, proved them only to be men,

and they fell. Let us look at a few of them, master minds as they were. Look at Napoleon, that great personification of lust, and personal ambition, that man who sacrificed at the shrine of unholy ambition the lives of hundreds of thousands. He was in a way to dictate to all Europe, he practically had changed the map of Europe. As you follow him from the boyhood days when his school mates derided him for his poverty, you see him rise until he puts the mobs on the streets of Paris. You follow him all through the battles at Austerlitz, Moscow, Leipsig and Waterloo. You follow him through all his wonderful wars, till at last you see him at St. Helens a prisoner, looking out, as one has said, upon the sad and solemn sea, the victim of his own ambition. He chased from his heart the only woman that ever loved him, and sacrificed her at the shrine of unholy ambition.

We leave France and cross the channel to England, and, perhaps, in introducing to you Horatio Nelson, I give to you the grandest warrior that England ever claimed. I believe he was entitled to the name they gave him, "England's Darling"; watch him. I see him at the Nile. I listen to him giving orders to Copenhagen; I watch him die amid the thunders of the sea and the roarings of the cannon at the battle of Trafalgar. Oh, he was wonderful and grand, but how great his weakness. In his death agonies he confessed to be a slave to the lowest passion. The name of his wife that loved him as true as life could love was not mentioned by him, but while his heart's blood was ebbing away and the cold icy hand of death was throttling his throat he gurgled out between his frozen lips, give this lock of hair to Lady Hamilton, Lady Hamilton, the woman whom he had stolen from her own husband; the man who had been his dearest and truest friend, who befriended him at all times; and he took advantage of his love and confidence and destroyed his wife; and he not only destroyed her, but broke the heart of his own wife. But strange as it may seem, he did not kill her love, and so we read of Lady Nelson, that she died looking at Lord Nelson's picture, and among her last words, as the tears fell from her eyes, and looking at her husband's picture, she whispered, my Horatio. Surely woman's love is as beautiful as the aroma of the rose, as incapable of description as the perfume of the lily; it is as sacred as Heaven it-

self. Poor Nelson, grand and good, but a victim to his own personal selfishness.

We come nearer home, on: of the greatest men, one who is known as the father of his country, George Washington, that man so wonderful, so gifted, almost reaching the sublime in many respects, yet his name is tarnished from the fact that he bought and sold human flesh; he dealt in slavery. Grant, the man whose bulldog persistency saved the nation by his sword, gave birth to a republic, the most glorious beneath the stars, yet a five-cent cigar was his master, and he whined out, like the most degraded slave, "I would like to quit the use of tobacco; I know it is killing me, but I cannot." Just imagine a man that could give orders to six hundred thousand armored men, a man who could laugh in the face of a thundering cannon, who knew no fear, bowed in abject slavery to a plug of tobacco. How great, and yet how infinitely small, giving up this life as he worshipped at the shrine of the cigar, for, according to my reading, it was that which hurried him to his grave, but he was warned, yet he cried out I cannot stop the habit.

Personal Selfishness

Go from the field of war to the field of poetry, and in my hurried address I must introduce to you but one character, Scotland's brightest genius, the poet of the human heart, the man that gave to us the heart's loudest throbbing, and found the last chord of human affection. I refer to Robert Burns. He was hardly known till after he was dead. Notwithstanding that great mind, which seemed to be fired with the inspiration of Heaven, while he gave to us such satires upon churchianity as "Holy Willie's Prayer," and when he gave to us that grand exhibition of true worship, as we read nowhere else as we do in the Cotters' Saturday Night, yet he was low and degraded, and even going so far as to write poetry concerning his illegitimate children.

In one of his drunken brawls he went to sleep on a doorstep and took cold, from which he never recovered, and that brilliant genius was dimmed, and that wonderful, wonderful man went down to a premature grave, the result of personal selfishness.

Christ Pleased Not Himself

You might go through the character and life of every man you know, and you would reach similar conclusions along the same line but Jesus Christ stands as the

unique figure of the world. Yes, stands without a shadow in all the universe. His life was a perpetual benediction to the race, His words throbbed with goodness, flowed with kindness, and were laden with instruction.

Surely it was truly said of Him he spake as never man spake, and as another said, he spake as one having authority and not as the Scribes. What made Him so great. Perhaps the little secret may be discovered in Romans 15:3, and 9, where it is said of Him: "Christ pleased not Himself." Oh, what a sentence. It is voiced in that other language, "I came not to do my own will, but the will of Him that sent me." Again: "I do always those things that pleased my Father." Therein lies the secret of His wonderful power; He was unselfish in every word He uttered, in every thought He gave birth to, in every act that He performed, it was a living, blossoming, perpetual benediction to the race, and that cannot be said of any other individual that lived.

You Must Imitate Jesus

Now, if you would be with Him in his life, you must learn to think like He thought; you must learn to speak like He spoke; you must learn to act like He acted, and that will bring you to the garden of Gethsemane. You cannot escape the sorrows and the darkness of the garden. You must learn to be betrayed by your own friends. You must learn to have those for whom you have suffered and labored, antagonize you. You must at times feel that you stand alone. You must kneel with breaking hearts and tearstained faces in the lonely hours in the sad Gethsemane. This is but a station on the road; next you must enter the judgment hall and there be disrobed of every personal form of selfishness and be derided and forsaken.

You, too, must carry your cross up the thorn-clad path to Calvary, and there on Golgotha's brow you must crucify the old man with his deeds. All the selfish will in you, all that is sinful in you, must die. You must be buried with Christ, baptized not only in water but baptized into His death, that like, as He rose from the dead, so you have died, having crucified the lust of the flesh you may go on your way to the tomb and there be sanctified by angel touch until the sorrow, trouble and human opposition shall roll from before you, and then you pass on your way to Bethany, where the ascension takes

place. If you would rise with Him, you must suffer with Him.

This, to my mind, is the best conception of Jesus Christ that I can refer. I always feel a weakness, a trembling, as I attempt to draw a picture of the life of Jesus Christ. Oh, may we be more like him as brothers and sisters, until finally we may reach the climax and ascend to the zenith and be like Him, indeed, that we may rise with Him is my prayer.

SISTER ESTHER GOODWIN OF WEST NEWTON, PA. WRITES

Dear Editor: The Lord Jesus Christ has so wonderfully blessed me, that I have a very strong desire to tell everyone about my experiences. There was a time in my life that I wondered if only the preachers would be saved. I had read in the Bible: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15. Well I didn't believe in women preachers, but now that I am in The Church of Jesus Christ, I have a chance to give my testimony, and if I can help anyone to see the light of Jesus, I will be very happy to do so, for I know what it means to be lost. I felt like a little lost sheep, and as I listened to the different radio programs preaching the gospel, I began to wonder if I was born again. I told my sister Mary one day when she came to visit me, I was getting the inside of the cup cleaned up. Mary just smiled a little. It seemed as if she knew all about it.

Well for over a period of about three years a turmoil was going on in my mind. It seemed as if I was like Paul when he said: "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Eph. 6:12. Then I had a dream and it seemed that I was chased out of the garden of Eden just as Adam and Eve had been. I could see the angel with the flashing sword. It was like Paradise lost. It seemed as if a lot of souls were lost. Oh, it was a terrible thing. Then the vision of the transfiguration was revealed to me. I might say here that the truth of this vision has been made very clear to me since I have come to The Church of Jesus Christ. Jesus had taken Peter, James and John up on a high mountain, and was transfigured before them and there appeared Moses and Elias talking with Him. Then Peter said: Lord

is it good for us to be here, if thou wilt, let us make three tabernacles, one for Thee, and one for Moses and one for Elias. While He yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold a voice out of the cloud which said: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him." This tells me that God didn't want three tabernacles. For He said: This is my beloved Son, hear ye Him. Now the reformation period is good. You try to reform just as I did. But ye must be born again.

The law of Moses and the baptism of Elias (John) is good, but they must decrease and the Lord Jesus Christ must increase. Read John 3. Now I find that The Church of Jesus Christ is built upon revelation with Jesus Christ as the head and then the Apostles. Eph. 2-2 says: "And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ being the chief corner stone. Now Eph. 3-15 says: "Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named." Verse 5 says: "Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named." Verse 5 says: "Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit." Now over to Verse 21 of Eph. 3: "Unto him be glory in the Church by Jesus Christ throughout all ages, world without end."

Now when I read my Bible I want it to be for me to live by, not just something that happened as past history. I'll tell you brothers and sisters and friends, it is something wonderful to find the church that is built by revelation and after the pattern laid down for man in the Holy Scripture. Eph. 4. My prayer is that we can all be gathered into one body with Jesus Christ as the head.

My mind goes back to a few months before I heard of The Church of Jesus Christ. I was writing the answers to some Bible questions I had heard over the radio. One question was to tell which verse of scripture I LIKED BEST IN Psalm 37, and without knowing why, I said: Verse 37, and in that same lesson my son gave ten per cent of his little earnings for the preaching of the gospel over the air. I might add here, that it was through listening to this program that I first began to wonder if I was really born again. Then I became sick, and for several weeks, I thought I was going to pass out every day. But I held fast to that verse of scripture:

"Thy faith hath made thee whole." I thought that if Jesus could heal that sick woman He could heal me too, and I told Tommy not to worry for I would be healed, for he had given a tenth and the scripture said in Malachi: "I will pour you out a blessing." Then along came the men from The Church of Jesus Christ, and we were surely blessed. The day we were baptized, even Tommy was crying. My husband has a wonderful testimony too. I am so glad that the Lord Jesus Christ has chosen him too. But with all the blessings, we still need your prayers. For it seems that along with the blessings the evil power is strong too. He tries to discourage us. But I am hanging on to that promise, "Resist the devil and he will flee from you." May God bless you all.

A TRIP TO WEST VIRGINIA

By Joseph Bittinger

Brother Editor: On Saturday November 1, 1947 Brother William Bailey, Sister Bittinger and myself drove to Inwood, W. Va. Arriving there about 6 p.m. we found Mr. and Mrs. Orr waiting for us. They were also waiting for the car of Brother and Sister George Neal and Brother and Sister William Tucker of Monongahela, who did not arrive until about 1:30 a.m. due to starting much later than us. Being their first trip to this place and being at night they had a little difficulty finding the place. So after getting a few hours rest we all arose on Sunday morning and drove about ten miles over the mountains to the farm of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cummings where we had a meeting appointed for 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. I believe all that was there can say that we had very good meetings with the spirit of God being in our midst, both morning and afternoon. We had a nice attendance, especially in our afternoon meeting. We have a standing invitation by Mr. and Mrs. Cummings to come again as soon as we can.

NEWS FROM STELTON, N. J.

By Ivy Fisher

Brother Editor: On October 26-47 we were thankful to have Brother W. H. Cadman with us at Stelton for the Morning Service, and to hear the beautiful words that fell from his lips. In the opening of the service, the following Hymns: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus, and The Last Mile of The Way" were sung, after which

the Parable of the ten virgins was read from Matthew 25th Chapter.

In treating on this Parable, Brother Cadman drew our attention to the seriousness of serving God. It is a warning to us all, and we should always be watchful. Five of the virgins were wise and five were foolish, those who were foolish wanted to borrow oil, but it was too late, none of the others had any to spare. In this case we can't lend for we have to keep our lamps well trimmed and burning and our vessels filled.

He also made reference to Noah; the world looked upon him with curiosity and scorn, yet the Ark was built, the door was shut and the floods came. The world was destroyed, while Noah and his family was saved. They obeyed the commands of God. What a serious thing it is to put-off serving God.

Brother Cadman gave a wonderful testimony of how he has enjoyed himself in the Gospel. He spoke of us living in a day of evil, and how we must be watchful. Presiding Elder Ensana followed and spoke briefly on the same subject.

We hope Brother Cadman will return to New Jersey soon, also many other of the brothers and sisters. May God bless you all.

ENCOURAGING WORDS

FROM MCKEES ROCKS, PA.

By Brother Clement

Dear Brother Editor: I hope this will find you well and happy in the Lord. Here in McKees Rocks we are doing well with the help of our Lord, striving to gain that best part, which is eternal happiness. In our meetings, we have many visitors, and prospects of some baptisms, and also brothers and sisters from Vanderbilt, and Redstone have visited us. We thank the Lord that He is mindful of His children in blessing and giving us courage to go on through this world of confusion. I am praying daily for the prosperity of The Church of Jesus Christ, that is, in spiritual advancement with much wisdom and knowledge, for among other things, the Lord said: "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Love to you all from our Branch of the Church. (Brother Clement also sends in a new subscription to The Gospel News. Thank you.)

MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES

By Louise Robinson, St. John, Kan.

Brother Editor: I was asked to

write, though any of the others could tell better of the activities of our Church here, while our elder Brother Sanders is in the east. I will tell you that we have surely felt the blessing of God, and hope it is His will to continue with us.

When Brother Lovalvo (V. J.) was here, he said during testimony for us to continue in God's love and He would send us new members. We have felt the need of contacting many here who once knew the Gospel, and some of those who never heard it. A couple of weeks ago a letter came from Hoisington, Kansas, a town about 65 miles from here, addressed to the Church of Latter Day Saints, wanting us to hear a Brother Showers, Sister Ring was much enthused over the matter. Finally we made a trip to Hoisington and found a lady who used to be in the Reorganized Church. We have tried but have not contacted this lady since. We felt good with her that afternoon, and through her we have met with a group from this town and another town several times. At one meeting, all three of the main stems of the restored gospel were present, and Brother Showers who was healed in the Reorganized Church, testified that soon the day would be when we would be together. We gave him a copy of The Gospel News, it happened to be the one that told of his people coming to see you and them getting a copy of our history, and also the experience of Brother Joseph Lovalvo. It seems that God is working among the people of the restored gospel.

The Ladies Circle has met with a group of these ladies, and hope to study the Book of Mormon with them. Pray with us that we may come to a better understanding and that God's love will be with us. On Sunday, instead of meeting, we spent the afternoon visiting whomever we might feel drawn to by the spirit. Sister Ring, my husband's mother, and Sister Fry visited people who once knew the gospel. All seemed interested. One lady, an elderly cripple who once was in the Church, gave Sister Ring a donation and promised to come and be carried into the church. Pray with us that she may feel God's spirit, even after many years when she is carried inside the doors of the Church.

Brother and Sister Ashley visited the Mormon Church, and hope to help them better understand our church. My husband and I went to look up a young Mexican family

recently whom we had met, but instead we met a colored lady who was married to a Mexican man. She can hardly understand a church where all people are equal in. She promised to come to church, she knows her Bible through. We were amused at many of her mistaken ideas. She is prejudiced against the Mormons, but is curious about our Church. She is a woman who is seeking God, and says she wants to put on the whole Armor of God. We visited the young Mexican family (formerly referred to) last night and told them of the promises of God to their people in the Book of Mormon. Neither of them reads English. She reads a Spanish Bible given her by the Baptist Minister here. It was with joy in my heart to hear my Husband tell them the story. I have never felt the peace of mind, as I have felt since our going out on this missionary work. They promised to look into our Church, they liked what we told them and thought the story was very good.

We have had many small opportunities for which we thank God for. We are all helping in sending something to the Navajo Indians in New Mexico, and we hope it may be a beginning of missionary work among them. Remember us in your prayers that we may continue to have desire to tell of God's goodness, and the Gospel, that His good spirit will strive with us. We send our love to all the saints. Sister Louise, I am glad to have this letter from you. May the Lord bless you all in your humble efforts. You know the Editor has read in the scripture, that in the days of Paul that he had Sisters who were teachers of good things. Good seed that is sown in faith, will some day bring forth and yield much fruit.

THE ABC'S OF THE BIBLE BASED ON THE WORD FAITH

By Joseph Bologna, Detroit.

- A—And He received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised. Rom. 4-11.
B—By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain. Hebrews 11-4.
C—Confirming the souls of the Disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith. Acts. 14-22.
D—Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid; yea,

we establish the law. Rom. 3-31.

E—Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. James 2-17.

F—For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, the just shall live by faith. Rom. 1-17.

G—Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. Mark 10-52.

H—Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck. 1 Tim. 1-19.

I—I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience and thy works; and the last to be more than the first. Rev. 2-19.

J—Jesus answered and said unto them, verily I say unto you, if ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done. Matt. 21-21.

K—Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. James 1-3.

L—Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised). Hebrews 10-23.

M—My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons. James 2-1.

N—Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Heb. 11-1.

O—One Lord, one faith, one baptism. Eph. 4-5.

P—Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Eph. 6-23.

Q—Quenched (by faith) the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in the fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Hebrews 11-34.

R—Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls. 1 Peter 1-9.

S—So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Rom. 10-17.

T—That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience. Titus 2-2.

U—Unto Timothy my own son in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our father

and Jesus Christ our Lord. 1 Tim. 1-2.

V—Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. Math. 8-10.

W—Wherefore? Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law, for they stumbled at that stumblingstone. Rom. 9-32.

X—Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves, know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you except ye be reprobates? 2 Cor. 13-5.

Y—Yea, a man may say, thou hast faith, and I have works, shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. James 2-18.

Z—Zacur, the son of Mattaniah: For they were counted faithful, and their office was to distribute unto their brethren. Nehemiah 13-13.

MEETING IN PONTIAC

By M. T. Miller

A number of brothers and sisters from Detroit, including Brother Rocco Biscotti, of Cleveland, Ohio, met in Odd Fellows' Hall in Pontiac, Michigan, October 18, 1947, at the call of Brother Warren Nellis of Coleman, Michigan.

Meeting was opened with Hymn: "The World Needs a Friend Like Jesus." Prayer by Brother Rocco Biscotti. Followed with Hymn: "Back of the Clouds." Brother Biscotti read a passage of scripture found in Matt. 28th Chapter, 16th through the 20th verses. He gave a very interesting talk proving that while many think the Gospel had never fallen away, yet we know better than that. We are positive that John saw the angel flying in the midst of Heaven having the everlasting Gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth etc., saying with a loud voice, "Fear God and give glory to Him for the hour of His judgment is come." He brought out clearly the story of the restoration of the Gospel; how Joseph Smith in his youth had a vision of Heaven by blessings, in which he realized according to what James has said, that if any one lack wisdom let him ask of God, who giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not and it shall be given him. At this he went to the Lord and inquired whether the true church was upon the earth or not, the Lord revealing that it wasn't, but that if he would be faithful, he would be used as an

instrument to bring about the accomplishment of this great work. Brother Biscotti declared that he had received many gifts and blessings in the Gospel, had seen many signs and wonders, in which he rejoiced greatly, but his greatest rejoicing, was that his name was written in the Lamb's Book of Life. He lead his talk with the hymn, "Except the Lord conduct the plan, the best concerted schemes are vain and never can succeed," and truly his talk was well controlled, full of the delicacies of Heaven. Sang Hymn, "When the ANGEL Moroni Came to Joseph." Brother Joseph Lovalvo followed Brother Biscotti and gave a very interesting talk also, bringing out the justice of God to David and others of His servants and also his mercy when they repented before Him.

Referred to the people of Jared, how when they were faithful GOD Blessed them, but when they failed to keep their part of the contract, the Lord revealed unto Coriantumr that He would live nine moons to see the coming of another people upon the face of this land. Spoke of the hesitancy of Joseph Smith to call apostles in the Church, how they instituted High Priest, against the will of God and their faces were distorted to the place where it took the command of God to bring them back to normalcy, but when he complied with the will of God in calling apostles into the Church, the Lord blessed them abundantly, to the extent that they went far and wide to proclaim the latter day work. It was not very long, however, before they too forsook the commandments of God. Then William Bickerton was brought into the Church in 1845, who the Lord has used to set up a righteous branch of His Church, and it behooves us today to be faithful, so that God will use us for the evangelization of the people upon the face of the earth. Brother Lovalvo was speaking of the past wars and their devastation and also what the future holds in store for the unfaithful, and what the people of God will do. The Word of God was given by Brother Dominick Morocco, which was:

"Thus says the word of the Lord, I have delivered you before, and will deliver you again." Meeting was closed with prayer by Brother T. S. Furnier.

Afternoon service was introduced by Brother Gorie Ciaravino. We sang Hymn: "Living for Jesus." Prayer was offered by Brother Ciaravino. Followed with Hymn "In

the Garden." Brother Ciaravino read a few verses in 1st Cor., 2nd Chap. to the 8th verse.

He gave a very interesting talk comparing and contrasting the mind of God with that of men, declaring that there is no process by which we can measure this vast difference. Hence, we can understand why it was that Paul who was now truly converted felt so humbly in the midst of his brethren. Brother Miller spoke next, giving his humble testimony. There were two very sincere prayers offered, one by Brother Warren Nellis and Brother Thomas Evan-son. The meeting was now opened for testimony. Brother Sam Camarda leading in same and Sister Furnier following. Sang Hymn "Jesus is Real to Me." There were two very sincere testimonies, one by Sister Scarcella and another by Sister Camarda. Followed with a nice talk by Brother Joseph Dulisse, stressing the sound of the Gospel which compared with a talk given by Brother Furnier in our first meeting in Pontiac, wherein Isaac smelled the smell of the garment of Jacob and said it was as a field. Brother Thomas Evan-son gave a stirring testimony. Sang Hymn "The Lord Did Raise Up Joseph Smith." Brother T. S. Furnier then rose to his feet feeling the spirit of God and spoke of the spirit of the Gospel. Sang Hymn "Live Closer to Jesus." Brother Rocco Biscotti rose to his feet in great admonition to the saints to live closer to Jesus. The tongue was spoken. "God bless this Gospel." Two sisters of the Church of Christ, namely Ema Mead and Winnie Jones who prepared the place for us to hold our meeting, gave very interesting talks which were very much appreciated. Sang Doxology and meeting closed with prayer by Brother Rocco Biscotti.

NEWS FROM YOUNGSTOWN, O. By ANGELINE CORRADO

It was a great pleasure for our Youngstown Branch to have in our midst, Brother and Sister Gennero of Warren, Ohio, Brother and Sister Hendler and son George, Brother Dan Casanta, Sister Agnes Shaffer of McKees Rocks, Pa., Brother Frank Polito, of Cleveland and Brother Dominic Bucci of Girard, Ohio. Truthfully, we can say it was a great surprise for us to have all of these brothers and sisters visit us at the same time. We can raise our voice and say aloud, "Blessed be the Name of God."

Sunday morning service was opened by Brother William Gennero, the congregation singing "It

is Morning in my Heart" and after prayer, "Jesus Has Loved Me." A solo, "Holy, Holy, Holy" was rendered by a visitor, Ann Senediak. This was inspiring to all. Brother Gennero read the 40th Chapter of Isaiah for his topic. He related to us, how the people turned away from God, and what men should do to serve him. Isaiah says, "Comfort Ye, Comfort Ye My People" — "Prepare ye the way of our Lord."

A great deal of his sermon was based on how John the Baptist came to prepare the way of the Lord. In closing, he urged the saints of God to press forward for that eternal life. "Come and Dine" was then sung. Brother Dan Casanta presented a wonderful summary of Brother Gennero's important sayings. He told us, that God's way is the best way and there can be no other way. Our hearts will be a barren desert until the growing seeds and flowers would be allowed to grow therein. In concluding, he expressed how happy he was to meet in Youngstown and also wished God's blessing to remain upon all assembled.

The second coming of Christ and how his followers should be prepared, was the theme of Brother Dom Bucci's talk. He related how Philip, when he met an eunuch, quoted baptism and explained how necessary it was to make that first step which would lead mankind to heaven.....Acts 8 Chapter 26th verse etc. His last thought was for the saints to look to God, for he would be with us all ways.

Closing remarks were made by Brother A. A. Corrado who expressed his own feelings and thereby the feelings of the whole congregation, by telling how much happiness, inspiration, and hope these brothers had brought into the hearts and souls of all those present. Surely, blessings were showered upon us and we all felt well satisfied. For our closing hymn, we sang, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." Benediction by Brother Casanta.

May the blessing of God rest upon the saints everywhere.

