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NEW YEAR

Dear Master, for his coming year
Just one request I bring:
I do not pray for happiness,
Or any earthly thing—
I do not ask to understand
The way Thou leadest me,
But this I ask: Teach me to do
The thing that pleaseth Thee.

I want to know Thy guiding voice,
To walk with Thee each day.
Dear Master, make me swift to
hear

And ready to obey.
And thus the year I now begin
A happy year will be—
If I am seeking just to do
The thing that pleaseth Thee.

THE NEW YEAR

By Brother Charles Ashton

The coming in of the New Year gives rise to two lines of thought. First: The happenings of the old year ending, and second: Our hopes for the New Year beginning. All that has taken place in the past is history. We look back on our accomplishments and failures. We review our joys and sorrows. We think of good advice given us by some relative or kind neighbor and we left it go by unheeded. Now we see regretfully, what it would of meant to us had we not been neglectful. Some disappointments and sorrows could not be avoided, such as afflictions, suffering financially through loss of employment, and other reverses, including death. Most people at the end of the year, take a few moments of relaxation and recount the good and evil done. The more Godly minded, do not want the past evils to go with them any longer, but will strive to end them with the closing year, but they do want the good things to continue and increase throughout the New Year. Countless thousands will make resolutions to divest themselves of some evil and begin the New Year as a better person.

The list of troubles of the past which could have been prevented, now teaches us the valuable lesson, to not let it occur again. Thus, we equip ourselves with fresh courage and begin the New Year with a new hope. The above conditions are prevalent in all civilized nations.

With the people of God, a very much broader and comprehensive

view should be taken. When we enter the church we do so through repentance and baptism. God remembers our sins no more against us. We become a new creature in Christ. Old things have passed away and behold all things have become new. The Apostle Paul says: "It is always good to be zealously affected in a good thing." We review much of our past with abhorrence. We may sum it up in a larger cycle and call it the "Old year of our life."

By contacting the Holy Spirit we become full of new resolutions — resolving that we will no longer be servants of sin, but servants of Him who has ushered us into a New Year of glorious hope, giving us a sufficient start to build up a reservoir of wealth. To those who are contrite in heart, every day will bring good desires, and we understand that all good comes from God.

When one is born of water and the spirit, we can truthfully "Hail it," as the New Year of our life. Much of the zeal we once possessed now gives way to become zealously affected in the things of the Lord. The old year of Paul's life ended suddenly which enabled him to say: "To me to live is Christ." "Beautiful sentence!" He then entered the New Year of new things. So it is with everyone who leaves the old and embraces the new.

But on the spiritual side of the question, we find most people choose to cling to the old. The Saviour refers to this by saying that those who drink of the old wine are not likely to desire the new at once, because the old is better. Yet this new wine which Jesus came to offer the children of men was the opening up of a New Year individually and collectively. But on account of a persistent transgression, the New Years Glory began to fade. This continued, until finally the whole world was in the clutches of Satan. Terror reigned for many centuries.

Then a New Year opened by an Angel of God coming to this land with the Everlasting Gospel. Its worth is "Eternal Riches."

To those who have not obeyed the Gospel, as you begin the year of 1948, just stop and think of the SPIRITUAL NEW YEAR which you have not entered. If you have a Godly sorrow for your past and present life, don't wait 'till the

first of the year to make your resolutions but begin now, whether in December or July or any other month or day. To those of the people of God; let the new and glorious spirit of Christ nourish and cherish you during the course of your lives. By doing so, new revelation will be forthcoming from time to time, unfolding to your vision many grand and glorious things, which only the true in heart can receive. And while I wish all a Happy New Year through 1948, I am wishing more strongly for your happiness and prosperity in the New Year which the Gospel of Christ brings to the honest in heart.

TESTIMONY

By Eleanor Sproul
Greenville, Pa.

Dear Editor: Since coming into the Gospel of Christ I have received "The peace that my Saviour has given." I have received the "Peace that cometh from Heaven." My Saviour has been very good to me. I was surely blessed being born of such Godly parents. (Let me introduce myself) I am the daughter of Brother and Sister Alma Cadman. I write this humbly and gratefully.

Unlike so many, I have heard this Gospel since my childhood, and unlike so many it took me 34 years to accept it. But now I have everything that is worthwhile in life. Joy, satisfaction, contentment, and the wonderful Peace and Love that only comes by obeying our Lord and Saviour.

My thanks and appreciation goes out to this Church of God, for without the Church, I would not have this Peace and Joy in my Heart.

St. John Ch. 14 ver. 27: Peace I leave with you. My Peace I give unto you. Not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled neither let it be afraid.

A VISIT TO COSHOCTON

On December 6 and 7, Brother and Sister Bittinger, Brother W. H. Cadman, and Elizabeth Davidson made a trip to Coshocton, Ohio, a drive of about 140 miles and visited the home of Sister Maggie Lynch, and held meeting with them. Brother Cadman accompanied by others, have been

making this trip yearly for some-time past. The main purpose, being to administer to our elderly sister who is well advanced in years. Sister Lynch is a member of the Russell family, and along with her late husband, Bro. Robert Lynch, both came from pioneer families in the Church. She obeyed the Gospel, I believe in 1888 and has been a faithful member all these years. Her parents, Brother and Sister James Russell, were occupants in the boat with other members of the Church, when it was thought all were going to sink, when caught in a storm while crossing the river at Green Oak, Pa., when the intervening Hand of God saved them. This happened back in the 1860's when we had a Church built on the banks of the Youghiogheny River at Green Oak. Sister Lynch is now past 88 years of age, her sister Annie in Utah is past 91, two sisters at Kirtland, Ohio who are past 80, two sisters and one brother who are under 80. Seven children of Brother and Sister Russell still living. The family later became divided in their spiritual life, some joined the Utah Church, others joined the Reorganized Church of L.D.S., while Sister Lynch and the late Sister Morgan of St. John, Kansas were staunch members of The Church of Jesus Christ. I will just add that Sister Elizabeth Lynch, and her brother Cochran are still at home caring for their mother.

A WEEK OF SERVICES Monongahela, Pa.

The Church of Jesus Christ has just concluded a week of services here in Monongahela, beginning on Sunday night Nov. 23rd, and ending with the Friday night meeting. The services were very well attended and were enjoyed by all. Presiding Elder William Tucker presided over the meetings in which there was a half hour song service each evening. Brother Warren Nellis of Coleman, Michigan was the principal speaker during four evenings of the services, while Brothers Ashton, Smith, and DiBattista of Glassport were on the rostrum on Friday evening. Many good things were brought out during the services, which were enjoyed by all. We had visitors from various Branches of the Church in the Pittsburgh and Uniontown districts. On Thanksgiving morning, two carloads of folks from Monongahela Branch, attended services at Glassport, Pa.

A letter was received from

Brother I. D'Amico, Brooklyn, N. Y. on December 1st, informing us of baptizing a convert recently, and were to have two more on Nov. 30th. I am sure all will be glad to hear of the progress being made in Brooklyn.

DOMINIC DiBATTISTA PASSES ON

A card from Detroit, Mich. informs me that Brother Dominic DiBattista died very suddenly on December 11th. I have nothing in the way of details as to the cause, nor when he was buried. We extend our sympathy to his loved ones.

A letter from San Diego, Calif. informs me that Brother Patsy DiBattista arrived back home to his family, on the evening of November 27th after a rough air ride from Argentina, where he had spent about eight months on missionary work. No doubt all will be glad to learn of his safe journey home.

"THE DECREES OF GOD" (America the Land of Promise)

Book of Ether in the Book of Mormon: Ether chapt. 2 beginning with the 8th verse. "And He (God) had sworn in His wrath unto the brother of Jared, that whoso should possess this land of promise, (America) from that time henceforth and forever, should serve Him, the true and only God or they should be swept off when the fulness of His wrath should come upon them. — And now, we can behold the decrees of God concerning this land, (America) that it is a land of promise; and whatsoever nation shall possess it shall serve God, or they shall be swept off when the fulness of His wrath shall come upon them, and the fulness of His wrath cometh upon them when they are ripe in iniquity. — For behold, this is a land which is choice above all other lands; wherefore he that doth possess it shall serve God or shall be swept off; for it is the everlasting decree of God. And it is not until the fulness of iniquity among the children of the land, that they are swept off. — And this cometh unto you, O ye Gentiles, that ye may know the decrees of God. — that ye may repent, and not continue in your iniquities until the fulness come, that ye may not bring down the fulness of the wrath of God upon you as the inhabitants of the land (those who formerly occupied the land of

America) have hitherto done. — Behold this is a choice land, (America) and whatsoever nation shall possess it shall be free from bondage, and from captivity, and from all other nations under heaven, if they will but serve the God of the land, who is Jesus Christ, who hath been manifested by the things which we have written." (Meaning in the Book of Mormon). In Mormon Chapt. 8, beginning with the 35th verse the following is recorded: "Behold, I (Moroni) speak unto you (the nation of people on the land of promise, America) 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 that 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 the blood of their fathers and their husbands to cry unto the Lord from the ground, for vengeance upon your own 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." This is a terrible indictment by the man of God who lived upon this land of America before the days of Columbus; this land of America with all the profession made thereon, is rampant with all kinds of iniquity, and it cannot be denied. It is really a good act on

the part of our government in feeding starving Europe; but what about the 35 thousand Indians in Arizona who are in such a destitute condition? As a nation of people; we have driven them to the wall. We have dispossessed them of the land they could once call their own. We have shot at them, and hated them even as the prophet Jacob said we would. See Genesis 49, 23. The Book of Mormon is a record of the forefathers of the American Indians, and it certainly pronounces a WOE upon this nation of Gentiles if they don't change their ways. Praise God that there is hope for the downtrodden, the poor Indian. Some day, the God of the whole earth is going to strengthen the arms of his hands again, then it will be woe unto this Gentile nation except they repent. See Genesis 49, 24.

By the Editor.

"WHAT LACK I YET"
By Brother Warren Nellis

Dear Brother Editor:

While at our General Assembly in Detroit, I noticed the talks all seemed to lead up to this thought, "What lack I yet" though it seemed to me that the answer was not given. As I have been among our people in many places I feel the Lord allows us to see some of the things we lack.

As I was speaking in Lorain, Ohio on Wednesday evening, from 3rd Nephi—19:16 it came to me so forcefully, that we must do as Jesus COMMANDED. In this verse He COMMANDED the multitude to first kneel again upon the earth, and that his Disciples should kneel down upon the earth. We find in chapter 18; Christ commanded them to sit down upon the earth while the Disciples were gone for bread and wine: Though this chapter does not show the command to kneel down, yet 3 Nep. 19:16 shows they were to kneel AGAIN upon the earth: signifying they had already knelt before.

While I was speaking on this thought, and much of the spirit with us, Brother Fyre arose and spoke in the gift of tongues; While no one gave interpretation, yet we felt it was to confirm this thought as commanded by Jesus "That we must KNEEL down to please him" the gift seemed to be as an electric shock to me and one other Brother at least. We felt it come and hit us as a shock which was the power of God.

Today as a Church we are longing for that greater POWER to come upon this Church: But OH!

dear Brothers, How can we hope to receive, until we humble ourselves, as they did, and keep these same commandments that Christ gave to the people there? God has not changed, therefore we must come all the way with him. So as a Church, may we ask "What LACK I yet?" Jesus said, "BEHOLD! I am the LIGHT; I have SET the example for you" 3 Nep. 18:16—As he commanded them; Even now He speaks to us, as from the dust, as the prophet spoke.

Now as members of this, the only remnant of the restoration, who as a Church has kept the fruits of LOVE, TRUTH and righteousness, may we ask "What LACK I yet" Yes our Lord, Jesus told us too, what to do.

Now may we draw our minds to 3 Nep. 18:14 "Therefore blessed are ye if ye SHALL KEEP my commandments, which the father (God) hath commanded Me that I should give unto you. Verily, verily, I say unto you, ye must watch and pray ALWAYS, lest ye be tempted by the devil, and ye be led away captive by him. Verse 15—I have seen many men of the ministry, in my day, who did not keep this commandment — and they failed. Yes, Satan had power over them and hate and strife and many evils befel them.

I am thankful to God for the many Brothers I find in the priesthood of this Church who do pray among the people of this Church: Also who pray much in secret for the cause of Christ. And I am sure this is the keeping power of the Church, or rather may I say, it brings God's favor to his people. As Jesus finished teaching the Disciples, he turned unto the multitude and said (Verse 17)— Behold! verily, verily, I say unto you, ye MUST watch and PRAY always, lest ye enter into temptation; for Satan desireth to have you, that he may sift you as wheat.

Here we are told what to do as members of the Church, and I am sure those of this Church that have failed, FIRST forgot to pray to God to keep them from the power of the enemy of our souls. Thus Satan had power over them to sift them as wheat. Therefore (or for this reason) ye (members) must always pray unto the father in My name. Verse 19—This no doubt is done by most of the members of this Church; And if not, may each one take this counsel that our Lord has given, is my prayer. And let me say, "If you don't do

as Christ said — surely you will be tempted."

Again in verse 21— Christ commanded, to pray in your families unto the father, always in his name, that your wives and children may be blessed. When we ask ourselves the question "What lack I yet" I am sure this one thing is the greatest lack among the saints today.

As I remember when I was a boy, the homes of the saints (L. D.S.) always had their reading of God's word, and maybe singing of hymns, and then the whole family got down on their knees and one after another all prayed for his favors and blessings upon them and the Church. Thus they did keep these commandments and God did bless them. Also we can point to the Methodist and others of the Protestant churches, that prayed to God daily in their homes, and God truly blessed them.

Well I can remember some thirty years ago, how the ministers of the Reorganized Church used to come into every home every month or so and pray with them, and teach them to pray with their families, that God might be with them. And I want to say he was with them. Why? Because he did bless all who came humbly before him. I am sorry to say it; But this condition is not found in many of their homes any more. Therefore they have entered into temptation, many of them.

Today we are living in a day when Satan has more power than any other time in the history of the world. Therefore as Saints in this day should not we live closer to Jesus each day? Should not we pray with our families, that when trials confront them in our every day life, they might have the graces of God with them, that they might say unto Satan, "Get ye behind me?" As we look out into this world of sin, so great, surely there is a reason why our young are drawn into sins of all sort. Did you ever think that it is because of the lack in the homes, of keeping Christ's commands? Yes, Jesus said to do these things, LEST ye enter into temptation, and ye be taken captive by Satan.

As Jesus left His Disciples to pray in Gethsemane, while he prayed alone. As he returned to them, he found them asleep. He rebuked them; and warned them "Watch and pray lest ye enter into temptation" "Yet they slept again; And we find Peter cursing and swearing, denying his Lord.

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EDITORIAL

After concluding with an article, relative to "The Decrees of God," I notice that the United States Congress has been moved upon to help the poor Indian People. The following is a cutting from the Pittsburgh Post Gazette.

"BILL GRANTING \$500,000 TO INDIANS ADVANCED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17—(AP)—The House Wednesday tentatively approved a \$500,000 aid grant for Navajo and Hopi Indians in Arizona, more than twice the amount recommended by its appropriations committee.

The item was written into a supplemental appropriation bill, but remained subject to final House action on the measure."

In view of the profession of all people who believe in the Book of Mormon, I think they had better wake up. And especially when I think of what I have been taught in The Church of Jesus Christ all my life-time, relative to becoming fathers and mothers to Israel, of whom we preach to the world that the American Indians are a part of. And we as Gentiles are part-takers of, and enjoying their blessings, while they themselves are in a pitiable condition. In second Nephi, Chapt. 1-13,14: "O that ye would awake; awake from a deep sleep, yea, even from the sleep of hell, and shake off the awful chains by which ye are bound, which are the chains which bind the children of men, that they are carried away captive down to the eternal gulf of misery and woe.—Awake! and arise from the dust, and hear the words of a trembling parent, whose limbs ye must soon lay down in the cold and silent grave, from whence no traveler can return; a few more days and I go the way of all the earth." It is evident that many people bearing the name of Latter Day Saint, have tried to console themselves in the thought: Not Time Yet. Which I, Brother W. H. Cadman, feels that "not time yet," is a terrible malady to be afflicted

with. I read in the word of God: "Now is the day of Salvation," and also in God's word, there is a woe pronounced upon those that are at ease in Zion. It has not been very long ago since this subject was up in Conference, and Brother Furnier rose up in the power of the Spirit and declared: "We must do something."

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Others went fishing. See Matt. 26: 36-47. Compare this with 3 Nep. 19:13-36.

As The Church today, we are longing for God's great work to come forth in power; But "What lack we yet?" May God help every one of us to open our eyes and see, is my humble prayer. And my faith is in His word, and he has said this Church shall continue on until the Glory of God shall rest upon it. Cowdrey's letter Number 8.

LETTER FROM PORT HURON

By Geraldine Knapp

Brother Editor: A few lines from Port Huron, Mich. There is only five of us here that belong to The Church of Jesus Christ thus far, but we are hoping and praying that there are others who will soon come along with us and obey the Gospel. Brother Marco Randazzo is our Elder. He has a long way to come, for he lives on the Lake Shore Drive near Detroit and how we thank God for sending him here to tell us about the Beautiful Gospel. It has brought peace and comfort to our hearts who have obeyed it. Many are the sacrifices of our Brother, driving so far twice a week, he never fails us unless it is just impossible for him to come. It makes no difference what the weather is like, he is here. We have Book of Mormon study on Friday nights, and Sunday School at 10:30 on Sunday morning, then preaching, and testimony meeting and the Lord's Supper at 2:30 p.m., and God certainly meets with us in all our meetings.

Two of the sisters were baptized on the 8th of May, and I and another younger sister were baptized on the 11th, which was Mother's Day. I thank my God that I had the pleasure of seeing my youngest son baptized about five weeks ago. My heart was filled with so much joy that it seemed to be running over. I was so happy, and I am praying that the rest of my children will also come to the

meetings and hear the blessed Gospel, and obey it. I know God does hear and answer prayers, when we go to Him as humble children. I have three grandchildren attending our S. School; I teach the Junior Class, and I pray that God will enlighten my mind every day, so that I can teach them aright.

I was a member of the Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints for nearly 37 years, you will realize it was hard for me to understand and to believe I had to be baptized again. But I prayed faithfully, that if it was necessary that God would not let me sit in my seat in Church until I had asked for baptism. During a meeting I asked them to sing "Just As I Am Without One Plea" and I could hardly wait until they sang the first verse, when I arose and asked to be baptized. Brother Marco then said we would close the meeting, and go to the Lake, and then come back and continue the meeting. We had a wonderful service when we got back to our little meeting house.

We had an all-day meeting this fall at Pine Grove Park here, and I heard some wonderful speakers, had the pleasure of meeting Brother Cadman and hearing him speak also. We met many of the brothers and sisters from other places as well, and I thank God that we are a people that are just like one big family, no one is like a stranger to one another.

Well I must soon close my letter, it is getting very lengthy, but will say in closing that I have had some wonderful dreams since coming into this Church, which has encouraged me very much to prove faithful. I also have been healed in body, for I went on crutches for over two months, and Brothers Randazzo and Joseph Lovalvo anointed me and I was healed. I truly thank God for all the blessings He gives to me, and I close by asking an interest in all the prayers of God's people. My prayers are for all His saints everywhere. May God bless you always in your work. P. S. Will just say I love our little Church paper so much. It seems so long between times that I can hardly wait for it to come. — P.S. The Editor is glad to receive this letter from Port Huron. It is evident that Brother Marco, along with his co-workers have sown some good seed, and are now reaping the fruit thereof. May the Lord continue to bless you all in Port Huron, Michigan.

THE TOUCH OF THE MASTER'S HAND

(A poem sent from Manilla by a son of Brother and Sister Lowe of Vanderbilt, Pa).

" 'twas battered and scarred, and
the auctioneer
Thought it scarcely worth his
while
To waste much time on the old
violin
But he held it up with a smile;
'What am I bidden, good folk?' he
cried,
'Who'll start the bidding for me?
A dollar—one dollar—then two,
only two—
Two dollars, and who'll make it
three?
Going for three—but no—
From the room far back, a gray-
haired man
Came forward and picked up the
bow;
Then wiping the dust from the old
violin
And tightening the loosened
strings,
He played a melody pure and
sweet
As a caroling angel sings.

The music ceased and the auc-
tioneer,
With a voice that was quiet and
low,
Said, 'Now what am I bid for the
old violin?
And he held it up with the bow;
'A thousand dollars—and who'll
make it two?
Two thousand and who'll make it
three?
Three thousand once—Three thou-
sand twice—
And going—and gone,' cried he;
The people cheered, but some of
them cried,
'We do not understand;
What changed its worth?' Quick
came the reply,
'The touch of a master's hand.

And many a man with life out of
tune
And battered and scarred with sin,
Is auctioned cheap to a thoughtless
crowd,
Much like the old violin,
A mess of pottage — a glass of
wine,
A game—and he traveled on;
He's going once—and going twice
He's going—and almost gone!
But the Master comes, and the
foolish crowd
Never can quite understand,
The worth of a soul, and the
change that's wrought
BY THE TOUCH OF THE MAS-
TER'S HAND."

LIVING WATER

By Elizabeth Lynch, Coshocton,

Good water is necessary for all living things. In the days of Abraham the people pitched their tents where they could have water for their cattle. Genesis 13 chapt. 5 v—And Lot also, which went with Abraham, had flocks, and herds, and tents. 6v—And the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together. 10v—And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plains of Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere, even as the garden of the Lord. So Lot chose all the plain of Jordan and pitched his tent toward Sodom while Abraham dwelled in the land of Canaan. But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the Lord. And the Lord said unto Abraham, after Lot was separated from him, Lift up thine eyes and look; for all the land which thou seest to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever.

Genesis 26c, 18v—And Isaac digged again the wells of water, which they had digged in the days of Abraham his father; for the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham; and he called their names after the names by which his father had called them. 24v—And the Lord appeared unto him the same night, and said, I am the God of Abraham thy father; fear not, for I am with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed for my servant Abraham's sake. 25v—And he builded an altar there, and called upon the name of the Lord, and pitched his tent there; and there Isaac's servants digged a well.

Genesis 28c.—Jacob dreamed and beheld a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven; the angels of God ascending and descending on it. 13 v—And, behold, the Lord stood above it, and said, I am the God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac; the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed. 14v—And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south; and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed. 15 v—And, behold I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.

And Jacob rose up early in the morning and v. 20—Jacob vowed

a vow saying, If God will be with me, and help keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, v. 21—So that I come to my father's house in peace; then shall the Lord be my God. 22v—And this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house; and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give a tenth unto thee. St. John, 4 c, 6v—Now Jacobs well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat there on the well; and it was about the sixth hour. 7 v—Then cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water; Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink. 9 v—Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? For the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans. 10 v—Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. 11 v—The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou has nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; from whence hast thou that living water? 12 v—Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself and his children, and his cattle? 13 v—Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again; 14 v—But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst, but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

Jeremiah 2c, 13 v—For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and have hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.

Revelations 22 c., 17 v—And the Spirit and the bride say, come. And let him that heareth say, come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. The following is an experience I had: "I dreamed I was very thirsty and asked where I could find a drink of water. A natural spring was pointed out to me, I went alone, picking my steps from one stone to another. When I was almost to the spring I saw those ahead of me were very careless and I was about to turn back for I knew I would never drink muddy water. I had a desire to see the spring and when I looked into it I ex-

claimed 'Nothing could muddy the water of this spring.' It was square, cut out in solid white rock, the water was sparkling, crystal clear."

I see many lessons in this dream. I was thirsty before I sought to drink at the fountain. A friend pointed out the way but I walked alone, picking my steps. Had I turned back because of what seemed to me to be careless actions of others I would have missed seeing the beauty of this spring. No one can change the purity of the fountain of life, for God is the same, yesterday, today and forever. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. Elizabeth Lynch.

A LETTER By Frank Giovannone

Brother Editor: I am writing you a few lines telling you a little of how the Lord has blessed us here in Warren, Ohio. We had a meeting here and the brethren appointed Brother Irio and myself on a committee in charge of erecting a Church building. We got started early in July. When we began, I had a job of hauling with my truck, but I had to leave my job go and devote all my time to the building. I make good money with my truck, but I sacrificed it in order to get our building erected. For I feel as though we can never do enough for our Good Lord, and I know that the more we do for Him, the more He will do for us. You know Brother Irio is much afflicted, but I can say that the Lord has really blessed him with enough strength to be on the job almost every day. I am thankful to God for all the help the brothers and sisters of the Warren Branch has given us. I spent approximately 3 1-2 months helping on the Church, and during that time there was no money coming in to support my family, but the Lord blessed and provided for us. There is some work around the outside to be done yet, but the inside is finished.

After so many years of waiting, we here in Warren are thankful to God that we now have a place of our own to worship in. I then went to Lorain, Ohio to help our folks there to erect their building. It came about this way: Two of the brethren of Lorain (Joseph Calabrese & Joseph Altamore) had spent a Sunday, meeting with the Niles Mission, and they ate supper with a family here in Warren, near to our Church, and they walk-

ed over to see how far on we were in building. Brother Alma Cadman of Monongahela, Pa., had spent the day with us in Warren, and as the Lorain brethren's car had broken down, I took them and Brother Cadman in my car after the night meeting to Lorain. And in doing so, I gave them our blueprint for their brethren to look over, as they were contemplating erecting a new building too. A few days later I received word from them that they liked our plans, and asked me to have them a set made from off ours, which we did. Also if I could help them in any way, it would be much appreciated. I went to Lorain shortly after and got the building committee together and told them I would do all I could to help them. They were all pleased and expressed their appreciation very much. Thy put me in charge of their building, and I then started to get the material together for them. At this time I would like to tell an experience, briefly, how the Lord spared me from an accident. On driving back to my home at Warren. I thought my way was clear to pass a big truck, but as I got along side of the large truck-tractor, I saw another car coming and the road only wide enough for two cars to pass. I cried out: O Lord help me! The car was coming fast and somehow, it swerved clear off the highway and passed without hitting me. I was thankful to God that I had put my trust in Him. I know that He is able to spare His Children from dangers, and if we live close to Jesus. He will carry us through. I feel that the Lord has extended my days thus far.

With the help of all our brethren and sisters in Lorain, the building is now well underway. I am sending along a newspaper clipping from the Lorain paper, showing a picture of the building as it looks under construction.

I was ordained into the Ministry last July and my desire is to spread the Gospel, but being in charge of the construction of the Warren and Lorain buildings, I have not been able as yet to do so. I am away from home and I thank God for having a wonderful and understanding wife to let me do this work. She has not as yet become a member of this Church, yet she is doing her part in helping me along. — May God bless you, your wife and little family, Brother Cadman.

MEMORIES OF THE PAST

My wife, Sadie B. Cadman, has

a copy of a letter I wrote back in 1930 in answer to a letter of inquiry to me. I believe it is good to pass on, especially for our young people of today to read.

Nov. 27, 1930

Miss Gertrude Bartle
St. John, Kansas

Dear Gertrude: I have before me your letter of March 20, 1930 that I am going to try and get answered. You will no doubt of concluded long ago, that I was not much interested in your letter. And I will not take up time forming excuses, but we had started to break ground for a church building about the time your letter arrived and suffice it to say that I have been a very busy man since that time. Looking after the business of the same, besides working on it all I could, and my work in the shop, and my Church duties as well, my hands and my head as well as my feet did not have much spare time. But still, when I look back over the whole affair, it does look as though I might have taken time to of written you. However we got our building completed and dedicated to the service of God, and have a very nice house to meet in, one that is a credit to this City, and also an honor to the Church, but like most ventures it has run us in some debt. We have been holding a series of meetings last week and this week so far. We had a very nice time all last week, I occupied the time the first three nights on what constituted the Church in the days of the Apostles, and then the falling away of the Gospel. Brother Ashton came up on the fourth night and launched into the restored Gospel, and I continued the subject on the following night. All told the week ended very satisfactory, this week the attendance is not so good, the weather has not been so favorable, and all so there is other doings going on in town.

Well Gertrude you ask about the differences between us or this Church and the Mormons of Utah, well it is a pretty broad field to start into. In the first place all the so-called Latter Day Saints believe in the Divine calling of Joseph Smith, who was slain by a mob in Carthage Jail along with his brother Hyrum in the year of 1844. Some writers say that the mob was partly made up by men who wore "Broad Cloth" (meaning ministers). Now we believe Joseph was chosen of God to bring

forth a restoration of the Gospel of Christ. And translated the Book of Mormon from the plates delivered him by the Angel of God. He is the person referred to in Isaiah 29-12 "Him that is not learned." The angel was seen by John in Rev. 14-6,7. After the Book of Mormon was translated they effected an organization and began to preach the Gospel, they flourished, but they had seasons of prosperity and adversity. They first located in Kirtland, Ohio (after leaving New York State), built a large Temple there. They had trouble and had to leave there in a few years. The United States Government sold them lands in the State of Missouri. They flourished there, but trouble arose and they were compelled to leave that State without any redress from the Government.

They next went into Illinois and soon built up a City known as Nauvoo. Trouble arose there and as Joseph Smith was the head of the Church, and was accused of crimes of some kind, he surrendered himself for trial with the promise that he would be protected from violence. His brother and two other brethren were allowed to go to jail with him for company. They were only in the jail one or two days, if I remember right, when the mob gathered around the structure and killed the two Smiths.

Their leader now gone, ambitious men arose like in most any similar case, for leadership. Brigham Young was president of the twelve Apostles and a shrewd man. Feeling was intense against the Church, and Mr. Young led a large body of them to Utah and became their president, landed there in 1847. Now then, the name of the state gives them or causes them to be known as Utah Mormons. You can see there was no Utah Mormons before this time, because they were not there.

But everybody in the Church did not follow Young. There was different leaders rose up and had followers. A number of these parties got together and effected an organization along about 1860 known as the Reorganized Church of Jesus

Christ, and succeeded in getting Joseph Smith's son, Joseph, as their head. Hence the Josephites, or the Young Joseph people. Their headquarters are Independence, Mo.

When Joseph Smith was killed, his right hand man, or "first counsellor," namely, Sidney Rigdon, was away on missionary work. When he returns home, he has a following and it would only be nat-

ural that he should, him being the second officer in the Church. (Just for instance: I am president of the Church, Brother Ashton is first counsellor) if anything was to happen to me, Brother Ashton takes control of affairs until the Church elects a president, which according to our law, would be at the following July Conference. Joseph being shot along with his brother and feeling so intense against the saints at that time, disorder was natural. Those who looked to Rigdon came east to Pennsylvania. Brother William Bickerton was baptized by them in 1845. These people came to naught in some way, but Brother Bickerton had been ordained an Elder. In 1852 the Utah people publicly avowed and defended polygamy as a tenet of their faith. William Bickerton of course rejects this, and continues to preach the Gospel and is left without an organized body to worship with, the results was, they were directed to organize the Church in 1862. William Bickerton being at the head, hence the Bickertonites.

I believe it was along about 1834 the Church published a small book known as the "Book of Commandments." It contained revelations given to the Church. Years after, this same, or rather supposed to be the same book in contents, was published with many changes and additions. Both Utah people and the Young Joseph publish and uphold this book, or its contents. The one published by the Utah folks has a revelation dated 1843 teaching plural marriage, and attributed to Joseph Smith. (You will note that the date is the year prior to his death). The Young Joseph Church print this book identical in contents with the Utah book up and until this latter date 1843, then they omit the revelation just mentioned, and attribute that polygamy matter to Brigham Young, while the latter is firm in the fact that Joseph gave the revelation. The book I have mentioned is known by both parties as the "Book of Doctrine and Covenant's." The Book of Mormon that was introduced to the world in 1829 and 30. as well as the Bible condemns this practice. We reject that revelation matterless who it was that gave it.

This same book (DC) of which I have spoken, teaches Baptism for the Dead. Both the aforementioned parties advocate the same. We reject such teaching.

Both these parties believe that Joseph Smith was a descendant of Israel. We reject that too. The

very preface of the Book of Mormon shows that the work was to come forth by-way-of-Gentile.

Both these parties maintain that the Choice Seer spoken of in Second Nephi Chapt. 3, verse 6, is Joseph Smith. We reject that. Read this chapter and you will observe that the Seer is a descendant of the Joseph who was sold into Egypt (A son of Israel). The Indian people are his offspring and a Seer is to raise up among them "one mighty" and he will never be confounded. "Joseph Smith was slain."

The Utah people believe in a plurality of Gods. We believe there is but one God.

The Young Joseph people believe in a lineage of Priesthood: that is why they sought Joseph Smith's son Joseph, as their head in 1860. When the latter died, his son Frederick M. ascended to the presidency. The latter is an older man than I am, and is a widower, and has no son; who will take his place? (I have heard of some of them believing that Frederick will live till Christ comes).

In choosing or electing officers in this Church, we rely on the Lord's direction as best we can, matterless of whose son a man might be.

Well Gertrude you might get weary if I don't soon stop, but I wish to say that the various factions of Latter Day Saints or Mormons as called by some, are all "one" on what is called the first principles of the Gospel. It has been the men that got to diving in deep water that has caused so much division, and of course there are many things of which we differ. Procreation in the thousand years reign, Rev. 20 chapt. is believed in by both these aforementioned people, the same principle got some of our people mixed up in St. John, Kansas a few years ago, and it is claimed that that principle was a forerunner to the doctrine of polygamy. We believe that reign is in Immortality with our Saviour on the earth.

So you do not need to be afraid to tell anyone that we believe that Joseph Smith was used by the Lord in the restoration of the Gospel. We believe both Book of Mormon and Bible to be the word of God. And we reject the teachings of men when they conflict with what we believe to be the word of God. The Church of Jesus Christ which was organized at Green Oak, Pa., in 1862 is a separate Church from all others. And we do not lay aside the Book of Mormon

because of the many bad reports attributed to Joseph Smith. He was beloved of the Lord. I read of David the Psalmist some things that I don't like. I also read of so many things that are so good, even that he was a man after God's own heart. So as far as those things are concerned, the Lord will be the Judge of all. I hope these few lines will clear your mind at last to some degree.

Sincerely Brother W. H. Cadman

NAME OF JESUS ON URN IN CAVE

JERUSALEM, Oct. 3(AP) — Archeologists said today they had discovered the name of Jesus, carved before 70 A. D. and perhaps by an eye witness to the crucifixion, among inscriptions on 11 early Christian burial urns found in a cave on the Jerusalem - Bethlehem road.

The urns may provide the "oldest archeological record of Christianity" and an historical confirmation of the trial and crucifixion of Christ, the archeologists said. The inscriptions have not yet been translated fully.

A sect of Hebrews who followed Jesus, denouncing Pontius Pilate and mourned the crucifixion of their leader was believed to have left the writings on the ossuaries in the cave.

Pottery, lamps and bottles were discovered with the urns and transferred to the museum of Jewish antiquities for study, said Prof. Sukenik, director of antiquities at Hebrew University. He said:

"At present, it is only possible to say that the inscriptions on the urns date from the period immediately preceding the destruction of the second temple in the year 70 of the Christian era."

RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE NO LONGER IN FASHION

"The age of intolerance is over," declared Judge A. S. Henerson of Las Vegas, Nevada, as he denounced two prospective jurors who said they would be prejudiced against a Roman Catholic priest.

"You are excused, and as long as I am on this bench, you will never serve on a Clark County jury," he told the two jurors.

To everyone in this courtroom he declared, "The case must be decided on its merits, and the business or occupation of either litigant has no bearing on the matter.....Religious intolerance is no longer in fashion."

P. S. The Judge in this case

must be commended. Prejudice is a barrier against justice. It was prejudice in the hearts of professional men that nailed Christ to the cross. (WHC)

SAYINGS OF AMMON (Alma 26-30,31)

And we have suffered all manner of afflictions, and all this, that perhaps we might be the means of SAVING some soul; and we supposed that our joy would be full if perhaps we could be the means of SAVING some. — Now behold, we can look forth and see the fruits of our labors; and are they FEW? I say unto you, Nay, they are MANY; yea, and we can witness of their love towards their brethren and also towards us.

LINES OF THOUGHT By Betty Frye, Dunbar, Pa.

I don't proclaim to be a poet,
I'm poor, unknown, and I know it.
But even if my propriety
Fails to hail society
I still can fully rejoice
That God has given me the choice
Of writing verse and prose
On everything from thorn to rose.

Unconquered, unvanquished and free
God gave these gifts to me
That I might write from inward being;
Creating life and yet not seeing
Those things which gore into my soul—

And sweeps me as the oceans roll
Toward that which no man seeks to lose.

I live to serve Him as He choose.

And, if on earth I earn no fame,
No fortune, estate or proud name,
I'll be content to die unknown
To all except my Lord alone.
I'll take my pen at His command
Go forth and fear not any man.
All that I ask is a life that's free
And an insight by God of eternity.

BEAUTY NOT DUTY

By Velda Barclay
Mt. Brydges, Ont.

Lord, 'twas duty once to read Thy Word,

But since re-birth oh, the joy I feel,

As hungrily I feed on that heavenly food,

Or in rapt prayer oft humbly kneel!

And when I feel Thy Holy Ghost
Permeate my very being, entire—
Then I feel lifted up and up

Till my whole hearts' on fire!

On fire! On fire, with love for Thee!

Although the world think me uncouth

I want not a lukewarm saint to be,
And have Thee spue me out Thy mouth!

Oh! Such beauty! Sweet beauty now

Is all my quickened eyes can see;
All worldly sordidness fades to noughts

As I look upward Lord, to Thee.

For I see a new earth, blossoming as a rose,

Peopled with folk of every race
All strangely like! But best of all
I see my Saviour's smiling face!

Beloved, believe not every spirit,
but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. 1 John 4-1.

If a man say, I love God, and hate'h his brother, he is a liar; for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? 1 John, 4-20.

I have glorified thee on earth:
I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. St. John, 17-4,5.

Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. St. John 3-5, 6, 7.

If any man among you seem to be religious, and brideth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world. James 1-26,27.

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? 1 Peter 4-17,18.

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Oliver Cowdery's Appeal To The Servants of God in 1835.

"Sanctify yourselves, O ye servants of the Lord, for much is required at your hands; the blood of souls will cry against you except you hasten on your mission; yes let all raise their warning voices, in meekness and in mildness, for soon will their be a famine for the word of God. Listen, O ye Elders, for soon the voice from distant lands will salute you— Come over and help us; Think, for a moment, on the millions in your own land who are destitute of the word of life; think also on the vast multitudes whose thoughts never reached our shores, who are now perishing for lack of vision, and bowing to idols; think of the numberless islands where darkness and the shadow of death prevail, whose waters never covered a soul for the remission of sins, and whose groves, though spicy, were never saluted with the voice of one who proclaimed life and immortality through the power of a risen Saviour!

Should one ask, what has been done during these eight years, of which you speak? I would say the first two and a half only translated and printed the record, (Book of Mormon) and organized the Church with six members! And the fruit of the labor of five and a half are so great that the hearts of thousands are astonished; the veil of superstition has been rent from the minds of many; the Church increased to thousands; the list of Elders multiplied to hundreds; the deaf have heard the words of the book; the eyes of the blind have seen out of obscurity and out of darkness; the meek have increased, (for their joy is in the Lord), the poor among men rejoice in the Holy One of Israel; many that erred in spirit have come to understanding, while others that murmured have learned doctrine." - - -Editors Note. I will ask: Is the Gospel still the same to-day as it was in the day of Brother Cowdery? Are the souls of men and women as precious to-day as then? An answer in the affirmative must be given. Whence cometh then all the confusion among those of the Restoration? The answer is: while they have attempted to expose the errors of the religious world, they them-

selves have not abided in the commands of the Holy One of Israel as they should of.

Yea, men have not only excused themselves because of the things written about David and Solomon, but many seek to excuse themselves in other matters as well. The same God who declared that more than one wife was abominable also declared Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt keep the Sabbath day Holy. Etc. Jesus says in John 15, 10: "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Fathers commandments, and abide in His love. In John 3, 34 Jesus says: "For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God:" And further, while Jesus was tempted upon the Mount. He confounded the devil by that WHICH WAS WRITTEN.

Conference at Rochester, N. Y.

The Church of Jesus Christ assembled in Conference in their Church at 416 Wilder St. Rochester, N. Y. on January 3rd. At this season of the year, a large crowd was not expected, yet a very nice gathering from various places were present. A chartered bus came from Detroit, which also picked up a few of our members from Windsor, Ont. So with it being an off season of the year, snow and cold weather, there was still a very nice congregation assembled together in our Conference. Besides those already mentioned from Detroit, and Windsor; there were folks from various places in New York state, New Jersey, Ohio, and Pennsylvania. Bro. Warren Nellis, who has been laboring in the missionary field most of his time during the past three months, also arrived in Rochester for Conference, after which he was going to Canada, and does not expect to return home until toward spring. May the Lord bless him in his efforts. Sister Hill and son Fred were present from the Six Nations Reserve, of near Brantford, Ont.

In the introduction of our services on Saturday Morning, the Elders assembled from 9 a. m. until 10:30 a. m. in fasting and prayer, also singing some songs of praise to Him who has been so good to us all.

In the opening of our business, the doors were open for all. I do not know of much in the way of business which would be of interest here, our regular order was gone through with. Some changes were made in appointing Presiding Elders at some places, while at other places, no changes was made. I believe there was four young brethren authorized to be ordained into the Ministry. Bro Todaro who had returned from a trip to Italy, reported that he baptized seven converts while there. He is much enthused with the prospects and hopes to return soon. He says, that where he was at, that Paul of old also preached the gospel in those parts. May the Lord bless his labors in his old native land. We had three sessions of business on Saturday, concluding at about 10 o'clock on Saturday night. The April Conference will be held in Detroit, the first Saturday in the Month.

On Sunday Morning we had a very nice audience. Brother Marco Randazzo from St. Clair Shores, Mich. opened the service with singing and prayer, and delivered a very nice talk from scripture, wherein Mary had gone to the sepulchre to anoint the body of Jesus. Bro. Ashton of Coal Valley, Pa. followed him. Both of these brethren gave very seasonable discourses, which I believe was enjoyed by all present. Brother W. H. Cadman in connection with what had already been said, read the 13th Chapt. of First Corinthians with some favorable comment upon the same: "charity, or God's love." All men must remember, that if we love God we will keep His commandments. The Saviour teaches us so. It was well after 12 o'clock when we closed the meeting.

At the close of the service, the bus left for Detroit with its cargo of passengers, and many other persons were leaving at mid-afternoon. So on this account, we had a one hour service from two until three o'clock. Two short talks were made, one by Bro. Clement of McKees Rocks, Pa., and one by Bro. Penn of Dunlevy, Pa. We were entertained then with a solo by Bro. Corrado of Youngstown, Ohio (getting to be quite a soloist). The young people of Rochester sang two selections for us. Our meeting was then closed and many more started