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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 Fatsy 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. They 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 Covenants." 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 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 judgment 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.

# THE GOSPEL NEWS

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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 midafternoon. 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

homeward.

Preaching service on Sunday Night from 7 p. m. until about 9:30, and for all so many had gone home still there was a very nice gathering in the evening. We had some good singing, and had three speakers on the rostrum: Bro Nellis of Coleman, Mich. lead the services reading scripture from one of the Prophets, and gave a very nice discourse. Bro. DiBattista of Glassport, Pa. following him and then Bro. DiAmico from Brooklyn, N. Y. addressed the audience in the Italian language. All day on Sunday was very well spent in the service of God.

I must not forget to make some reference to our Brothers and Sisters of Rochester. I am sure their hospitality could not be better. We were provided with lots of good food to eat, good places to sleep, and a warm Church to worship in, and while these things are necessary for our comfort, and are much appreciated; yet the welcoming spirit and the beams of joy on their faces extended to the visiting saints, I believe surpasses the food that perishes. May the Lord bless and reward you all in Rochester. Sincerely your Brother in Christ.

#### News From Bro. A. B. Cadman

I arrived in St. John, Kansas, December 5th by way of car with Bro. Sanders and Daughter. We had a very pleasant trip. Stayed at St. John until the 9th, then left by train for Los Angeles, arriving there after two nights and one day. This is sure the Land of Sunshine, have been here over a month and just one light rain. The weather is ideal, but there is fog at night. The saints are mostly well, and were all glad to see me again. This is my third trip. We have very good meetings and some outside interest. I hope the gospel will spread that we may have brothers and sister everywhere. Sister Dicherio of Los Angeles, and Sister Castelli of San Diego are not well; we ask you all to remember them in your prayers.

#### THE WORD OF GOD NEVER FAILS

By Robert L. Frye

(Continued from November issue)

We realize that there are those who despise prophecy. There were many such unbelievers in Paul's day. To the unbelievers he said, "Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things, . . . hold fast to that which

is good." 1 Thess. 5:20:21.

Here you are challenged above all things else, to prove prophecy; that is, test it, and if it is proven true, hold fast to it Bible students claim that Christ used miracles to convince, and that Christians today appeal to those miracles as the strongest evidence of the authenticity of the Bible.

Christ repeatedly appealed to fulfilled prophecy as evidence His contemporaries might accept. You may look back at the miracles of the Bible through the mists of time, and declare them improbable if not impossible; but the opposite is true of prophecy. Those beholding His miracles were convinced by them, while many of the prophecies which were unfulfilled, were apparently opposed to all reason and probability, and, might in those days, have been made an excuse for rejecting Christ. Miracles performed two thousand years ago cannot be seen now, so they are often flatly denied. A prediction, however, made two thousand years ago which was contrary to all analogy and a stumbling block at that time, but which was recently fulfilled is evidence even more convincing than a miracle. Such fulfilled predictions are the greatest of all miracles.

Other evidence may be falsified, changed, lost. Memory may fail, conflicting statements may cloud the issue; passion, self-interest, dishonesty may impair proofs. But prophecy relates to history, and history is recorded fact.

Great Babylon, the City of Baal, the capitol and wonder of the world, fought against Jerusalem; a giant against a pigmy and Jerusalem became the slave of the giant. But both Babylon and its people have vanished like a dream of the night, while Jerusalem and its people still remain. These facts, predicted by the prophets, need some explaining other than to say the predictions are merely the vaporings of religious enthusiasts.

"Without inhabitants," said the prophet. In Isaiah 13:20, we read that neither shall the Arabian pitch tent there. Now how did Isaiah know that the Arabian would continue to exist after Babylon had become dust? While a few humble Arabs lived in tents about Babylon, the Babylonians were the haughty rulers of the world. The utter extinction of the ruling race was foretold, and all the world knows there is not a solitary living Babylonian. But the prophets said, in effect, "while the most powerful race on earth will become extinct, together

with their world ruling city, still this small, insignificant nomadic race of Arabs will continue on and on for two thousand years." That was long after this proud city had crumbled to ruins and its very site was almost forgotten.

How did Isaiah know that the Arabs would continue to live in tents in the ruins of Babylon? In those ruins there was ample material to build many villages by the simple process of transporting it to a more favorable spot. But Arabs dwell in tents today.

On Christ's first public appearance, he appealed to prophecy: "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears." Luke 4:21. Then He said unto them: "Oh! Fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophet has spoken." Luke 24:25. And to show His disciples how to study the Bible, beginning at Moses and all the prophets, He expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning Himself. Verse 27.

The whole Jewish nation lived in eager expectation of a Messiah. Some of the passages upon which this expectation was founded were the promise of the seed of the woman in Genesis 3:15. The declaration that in the seed of Abraham should all the nations of the earth be blessed in Genesis 22:18; the statement that Shiloh was to come out of Judah before the domination of that tribe should depart, as foretold in Genesis 49:10; that a prophet like Moses was to come according to Deuteronomy 18:18; and quoted by Peter in Acts 3:22 as fulfilled in Christ.

A remarkable part of prophecy foretold is His inclusion of the Gentiles whom the Jew hated. Yet they recorded and jealously preserved even the prediction: "I will also give thee for a light to the gentiles that thou mayest be My salvation unto the end of the earth." . . . Isaiah 49:6. The gentiles shall come to thy light and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

In Isaiah 9:6 we are told that this Son is the Father of Eternity; this weak Babe is the God of all might. Account for it as you please. It is a stubborn fact that this obscure Jew of a small, despised subject race has become most gloriously a blessing to every nation on earth. This strange prophecy that seemed to be born of the overweening egotism of a race, has become a perennially amazing fact.

The time of Christ's coming was clearly marked. It was to be not only before the scepter departed



from Judah, but while the second temple was standing. "I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and the glory of the latter house shall be greater than that of the former," said the Lord of hosts. Haggi 2:7-9.

Christ runs through the old testament as well as the New like the lifeblood through our bodies. He is the golden link that binds all its parts together; the Light that illuminates all its secret chambers; the Key to its deepest mysteries; the Heart of the Bible, Book of Prophecy.

### EXPERIENCES

(By Brother D. Giovannone)

Dear Editor: I am going to give you an account of how the work of God started in Warren, Ohio.

The October Conference in 1924 was held at Cleveland, Ohio. Bro Phillip Mileca of West Aliquippa, Pa., while on his journey home on the following Monday, stopped at Warren. He had been acquainted with young couple in Pennsylvania who had moved to Champion Heights, near Warren. Their names were Nick and Rose Dorazio, but brother Mileca only knew the man by his first name. We searched for them on Monday but could not locate them. In the evening he stopped at our home in Niles, Ohio. We gathered in a few brothers and sisters and we had a wonderful meeting, the blessing of God in our midst. After the service Bro. Mileca told me the reason for stopping our way, he wanted to find the young couple. He knew they would be interested in the Church. Since he failed to find them he asked me if I would try and locate them. I answered in saying I would try very hard to do so. Bro. Wm. Genaro, had a short time before been baptized, and he had a car. I asked if he would help me find these people, and if I could use his car, for I did not have one. He answered saying: he was only too glad to do work of that kind.

We began the following Saturday morning to search. I made it a matter of prayer, asking God to lead us, or help us to find them, because they were unknown to me. We began at Mahoning Ave. towards Champion Heights, after traveling a few miles, I had a feeling to inquire from some-one. While going along we saw an aged man, we stopped and inquired of him, whether he knew any-one in that neighborhood whose first name was

Nick. He asked for the last name but I didn't know it. He said it would be hard to find anyone without knowing their last name. I inquired of him if he knew of anyone who had moved here from Pennsylvania in the last couple of years. At first he said no; but he then hesitated and after some thought, he told us to turn on the crossroad to the left and go about one-half-mile and then inquire. To our surprise we pulled right into Nick's drive-way. Two small houses on each side of the driveway. We knocked at the door of the house on the left. A young lady appeared at the door. We asked her if she knew anyone by the name of Nick. She replied: saying her husband's name was Nick. I then asked her if she knew Phillip Mileca from Penna. She said no, but that her neighbors came from there. She called Mrs. Dorazio and told her of us looking for her husband. Neither of the men were at home from their work. We talked to both of the women for half an hour or more. This other couples names were Nick and Josephine Irio. While talking, Mrs. Irio's father joined in with us, but soon disappeared. He went out into the garden to get a pole to give us a beating. As he was about to get the pole, he became paralyzed and could not move until we left. We told the ladies we would be back that evening to talk with the men.

When I went back in the evening I do not remember whether brother Genaro was with me or not, but I used his car. That evening Mr. Dorazio was at home and the other young couple, Nick and Josephine joined us also. The results were, that both families came to our meeting the next Sunday, and Mr. Dorazio asked to be baptized on the following Sunday. The following Saturday I quit my work early because of a feeling I had to go and see these people. I went home and got ready, my wife advised me not to go. She told me many things, but it did not stop me from going. I went on the street car to Warren, and walked the rest of the way. I ran part of the way to the cross-road where I had to turn. When I turned, the devil tried to turn me back. I kept on going, and all the words my wife had told me were all coming back to me. I turned around two or three times to go back home. As I would turn, the Spirit would say: "keep on with your journey." Finally I braced myself and arrived at their

home. I knocked at the door, and Rose was happy to see me. She called Nick and told him that Bro. Dominic was there. He came in and asked me how I got there. I told him. After a little while I asked him if he had the same desire of going to church tomorrow. He said no because he had a special job to finish at his home, being that he worked six days a week, I told him to come to church and I would lose a day, and do the job for him. He said: if I had to lay off, then he'd lay off himself. He then told me a dream. "He said he saw one man dying and I came along and through me this man resurrected." I asked him if he understood the dream, and he said no. I asked him if he wanted to know the meaning of the dream, he said yes. I reminded him of what he had told me the previous week of wanting to be baptized. I said, now you changed your mind. I told him of the Spirit working on me, causing me to quit work early. I said: "the Lord has sent me here to help you. The dying man represents you." He then began to cry, and told me that as long as I was in his home, he would have a good spirit, and when I left, the devil would come in. He said he was then a different man altogether. I told him I would stay all night and keep the devil away. The next morning both of these families went with me to church. In the morning the blessing of God was in our service, and Nick got up and asked to be baptized. In a short time the following persons were all baptized: Josephine Irio, Rose Dorazio (now Rose Chester) Nick Irio, Jenny, and Naz Clarocho and many others followed. Brother Dorazio, and Sister Irio have since passed on to their reward. Yea, God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform.

### SOME THOUGHT

A rich man said to his minister: "Why is it everybody is always criticizing me for being miserly, when everyone knows, that I have made provision to leave everything I possess to charity when I die?"

"Well," said the minister, "let me tell you about the pig and the cow. The pig was lamenting to the cow one day about how unpopular he was. 'People are always talking about your gentleness and your kind eyes,' said the pig. 'Sure, you give milk and cream, but I give even more. I give bacon and ham--"

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## EDITORIAL

As this paper is about to go to print, I am in receipt of a letter from Sister Faragasso of Boynton Beach, Florida. Sister Julia informs me that they are holding meetings every Sunday morning at the home of Brother Sirangelo of West Palm Beach, which is 16 miles away. She says they are doing the best they can under the circumstances. May the Lord bless them. She says that there is a couple of brethren from Kansas visiting them and it is possible that they may locate in Florida. While we are having sub-zero weather up here, down in that country the rose bushes are blooming, tomatoes and other vegetables in their gardens. The Palm Trees, the Poinsettias all tend to make a Beautiful Country. I also received a very encouraging letter from brother Ernest Schultz recently. The Schultz family like Florida very much, and they live in the same town as do Brother and Sister Faragasso.

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I give bristles, and they even pickle my feet! Still nobody likes me. I'm just a pig. Why is this?"

"The cow thought a minute, and then said: 'Well, maybe it's because I give while I'm still living.'"—JOS. HENRY STEEL from Food for Thought.

## A VISION

By Sister Marietta Ruzzi

On Thursday December 11, '47 while the Ladies Uplift Circle was united in fasting and prayer at the Divine Church, Detroit, I saw the following vision:

"I saw a beautiful tree which stood right in front of the pulpit, where the sacrament table stands. This tree was all gold, even the leaves and the fruit were gold, and its brightness was beyond description.

The branches of this tree extended from one wall to the other, and the height of it was to the ceiling.

In front of this tree stood a man, whose brightness was brighter than

the noon-day sun. He had a beautiful smile on his face, and it astonished me immensely to see the wonderful splendor of him.

After I beheld this tree and this man, I noticed at the right side entrance of the building, the Ministers of The Church of Jesus Christ were entering; each of them was walking up to the front to meet this man who stood in front of the beautiful tree, where he already had his arms outstretched to welcome them.

He then greeted the Ministers by shaking their hands, and while doing so, he placed something shiny in their hands. I could not see what it was, but it was something very brilliant. After the man placed it in their hands, they would clasp their hands very tight, and lifted their eyes towards heaven as they walked away from him having a beautiful smile on their faces."

On Sunday morning, I beheld this same experience when the young people sang before the opening of the service.

## MODERATION IN ALL THINGS

By James Heaps

Los Angeles, California

Dear Bro. Editor:

I feel like writing a few lines to the "Gospel News" entitled "Moderation in All Things." "Let your moderation be known unto all men—Phil. 4:5." Temperate in all things. I Cor. 9:25. I have had a feeling for sometime to write on the extremities that men will go into and most of them are the desires of the flesh. I know that we cannot get too much of the good word of God, especially if it is inspired by the spirit, but they that are in the flesh cannot please God. Romans 8:8. For God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise and God hath chosen the weak things to confound the mighty that no flesh should glory in his presence.

Paul also tells us not to be drunk with wine wherein is excess, but to be filled with the spirit. He also tells us the condition of the Corinthian Church. Now Brethren, if I come unto you speaking in tongues, what shall I profit you except I shall speak to you either by revelation or by knowledge or by prophesying or by doctrine. I Cor. 14:6. And, even things without life giving sound, whether piped or harp except they give distinction in sounds. How shall it be known what is piped or harped. I Cor. 14:7. If

therefore, the whole church came together into one place and all spake with tongues, will not the people of the world say "ye are mad."

So see the extreme condition that Paul had in his day. If the whole Church would speak in tongues. While I am writing, I would like to mention the uncertain sound. Now, Brethren, there is no uncertain sound with God, but when he blows the trumpet or plays the harp, we all understand the sound and we don't have to guess or say when one speaks in tongues, "I thought he said this or that" and one will give one interpretation and one another, but when God speaks there is a sound that we all can understand especially the one that has the interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying. We can go to extremes in eating. If we eat too much we get sick; if we drink too much we may get drunk. If our meeting is all taken up in singing (much as I like to sing), we will soon get tired of it, but if we eat a balanced meal we will grow. That is the reason Paul said "When ye come together, one hath a Psalm, a doctrine, tongue, a revelation and interpretation." You will notice he said "interpretation." That all things might be done unto edifying. Where there is no interpretation and no edification, our meetings are in vain.

Therefore we sing with the spirit and understanding. We pray with understanding. Some people have gone to extremes in fasting (not many of us). Jesus says to fast and pray, but you do not get power because you fast but because you nestle up close to the Lord and in getting closer, you feel the presence of God. The normal course of life is to eat. Prolonged fasts are of no virtue. The only value of fasting is when you pray and when you are in prayer, you abstain from eating, but if you fast for a week and do not pray, it will be of no avail. Jesus did not say man shall not live by bread, but he said man shall not live by bread alone. Let us not be carried off balance. If the devil cannot stand in front of us and keep us from advancing spiritually, he will get behind us saying go on, do something more, be more spiritual, do something great. If thou art the son of God, cast thyself down for it is written, "He shall give his angels charge concerning thee and in their hands they shall bear thee up lest thou dash thy foot against a stone." Following such proposals are rank fanaticism. There

is only one little step between false spirituality and fanaticism. In the Middle Ages the monks said abstinence is the thing (cut off) abstain. We must live temperately by the Holy Spirit. He silences and crushes all desire by self-inflicted punishment and they claim to be holy by punishing themselves. This is not holiness but foolishness.

God expects us to crucify the flesh by the filling of the Holy Spirit and does not matter what you eat or what you wear, if it is done to the glory of God. Many people have gone to extremes in dress, some to outdo others and some thinking that God looks on what they wear. Let us eat a balanced meal and live a moderate life. Let us be sober-minded. As Paul says, "Let this mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus." If we had a church that was all Apostles, we would not have a balanced church, but God gave us some Apostles; some prophets, some Evangelists and Elders. After that, miracles, then gifts, helps, government, diversity of tongues. All these are a balanced meal that we may grow and be strong; that we may be able to quench the fiery darts of the evil one. Live a normal life if you want to discipline yourself because if you eat too much, well and good, but reach the normal mode of life—moderation.

#### WATCH MEETING

By Milton Barnhart

Brother Editor: At the closing of the year 1947, a watch meeting was held at the home of Bro. and Sister Oron Thomas, located on Virgin Run, near Vanderbilt, Pa. Bro. Thomas opened the meeting, and read scripture from the 8th Chap. of John for his text. He gave a real good talk to all present. Bro. Ashton followed with a short, but enlightening talk. At the stroke of twelve, all present joined hands and sang "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." Sister Thomas bore her testimony to the goodness of God, and said that all her children and grandchildren were present. The meeting was closed with prayer by Bro. Shazer. There were about 75 people present for the occasion from the following places: McKees Rocks, Pittsburgh, Coal Valley, Redstone, Braznell, Brownsville, Pennercraft, Connellsville and Vanderbilt. A good time was had by all present in singing hymns of praise and visiting one with the other. At 1 a.m. a delicious meal was served. Brother and Sister Thomas ex-

pressed their appreciation for the wonderful attendance of the fine brothers and sisters and friends, who braved the inclement weather to spend the occasion at their home.

#### CIVILIZATION?

I read: "That the man who smokes in bed is flirting with ARSON and Murder. Last year, fire tragedies took 10,200 American lives, an average of almost 28 each day. 30% of these disasters were caused by the careless use of matches and cigarettes. If you must smoke in bed, be awake to the hazards." It is a terrible condition, when adults will smoke in bed and place the lives of men, women and helpless little children in jeopardy. It brings to my mind the words of our Saviour wherein He teaches thus: "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them; for this is the law and the prophets."

People who can take comfort to themselves by smoking in bed, surely do not have much thought for other people's welfare.—Editor.

#### NEWS FROM STELTON, N. J.

By Ivy Fisher

Another year has passed and we thank God for His blessings, and for the Wonderful Words of Life which have been given to us by His anointed ones. Also that our lives have been spared to enjoy ourselves in the Gospel. All that God has done for us, we can never repay Him. The desire of our hearts is to press on, and give our best to the Master in all the years we have to spend upon the earth. God has blessed us with wonderful meetings, and wonderful Words of Life have been given to us.

Recently, Brother Ensano, his son, and Sister Elsie Miller made a trip up on the Hudson river in New York to preach the Gospel. Brother Ensano was well pleased with the liberty he had. The folks there was pleased to have them come and made them all welcome. We hope that some day the Church will be established there.

#### A REMINDER

Dear Brother Editor: While reading over the Church paper, I saw an article about prayer, and it just came to me how old Brother and Sister Heaps would go from house to house and pray. I remember one

day they came to see me, we had lunch and then walked out to Cowans, and when we got there, they were making hay and a storm was coming, up but we walked to where they were.

Sister Cowan was there and her brother said, we have no time for preaching and prayer, we want to get this hay up. Brother and Sister Cowan, Brother and Sister Heaps, and myself knelt down in the field and had prayer. The rain did not come, and the next morning instead of three shocks of hay, they had five. It was getting dark and they just had three left. Sister Cowan said to me: how many shocks did we have in the field. I told her there was three, she said look there is five. Sister Heaps and Brother Heaps have gone, and now no one comes to pray and sing. I have never saw one of the saints as we call them for two years, but I am not alone. When I was so sick the Nazarenes had a special prayer for me, and the saints in New Jersey had prayer for me, and I thank them. I just thought I would drop you this little note. I was reading Bro. Warren N ellis letter. Sincerely Candace.

#### "Destructive Interpretations"

By Martin Michalko.

Coraopolis, Pa.

If we were to make a statement and say that reading the Bible or quoting it can be dangerous, we might hear a howl raised from occasional readers of God's word. But a person that is a diligent reader and searcher of scripture will agree, for there is proof right in the scripture that it can so be. Peter in his second epistle speaks of this in the third chapter where he speaks of unlearned and unstable men "wresting" the scripture in reference to, along with other scriptures "unto their own destruction." We conclude then that reading the word of God and rightly interpreting it can be a great blessing and on the other hand wrongly interpreting it can be very dangerous to one's spiritual welfare. If this should be a surprise to anyone reading these statements, we say, be not taken aback by them, look around at the natural blessings God has given mankind, and you will see that almost each one can be either a benefit or the opposite. Just for example electricity, when rightly handled and used is indeed a wonderful blessing as most of us enjoy it from day to day. But

disregard its laws and it can slay you.

A common misinterpretation that can be very detrimental to a person are the words of Christ known as the golden rule. In the holy writ it is, "do unto others as you would have others do unto you." Many times and I believe too many times it is quoted as "do unto others as others do unto you." How sad will a person's predicament be when he stands before the bar of God to be judged of his works and deeds, if he has not rightly applied the golden rule in his every day living.

During my stay in the army I had quite a few opportunities to have spiritual conversations with many of the men in the service. I made it my business to check on many of them to see how much light and understanding they had. One of the questions I put to them quite often was concerning the golden rule. I am afraid to state here how often the reply given was wrong, but I will state that if the religious leaders of our land would learn the correct percentage of people here in our land who misquote this scripture it would shock them.

Another scripture which is often misinterpreted is one spoken by Paul the apostle when he was speaking of the resurrection. Part of his speech is "let us eat and drink for tomorrow we die." When we talk to people of living a godly and a consecrated life as the life recommended to man by the word of God, we often hear, "why even the Bible tells you to eat, drink and be merry." Upon full examination of the scripture in reference which is found in I Cor. 15, we find that Paul tried to impress on them the significance and the hope they should have in the resurrection and of the life to come. Then he makes the statement of the futility of battling for truth, and of carrying a cross, "if the dead rise not," as we all must at the resurrection. If there be no resurrection, "let us eat and drink for tomorrow we die"; was his reason for this quotation. But Paul very well knew that there was something better prepared for mankind than what this present life has to offer. He was determined to use every moment, every ounce of strength in furtherance of righteousness here on earth, that he might reign with Christ. Not only were his efforts I believe motivated by a hope of the great reward awaiting him if he proved

faithful, but also because of the great love and appreciation which he had for his Lord and Saviour who suffered and died for his sins.

Many times while we have been preaching the "restored" gospel we were refuted with the accusation that we have another gospel. This is beyond shadow of a doubt a very serious matter. But the question arises, who are the ones that have the other gospel or doctrine? First of all dear reader if as yet you have not obeyed the Restored Gospel, look up for yourself in Galatians and find out how the true gospel was received by men in the apostolic time. Should it not be received today in a like manner. Many people today deceive themselves when they read scripture which they cannot either understand or accept and say within themselves, "that was for the disciples of old, we do not need it." By this we can readily see that they have not the "fulness" of the Gospel of Christ. Unless it is in fullness, even as he commanded his disciples to go out into all the world to preach his gospel, "teaching them to observe all things which I have commanded you"—with a promise, results will not be as is needful for salvation, and for a cure of the world's ills. Try running car stripped of a few essential parts, see how far you will get. We declare once again that the world is in need of the fullness of the gospel of Christ—the gospel of Love, this the Restored Gospel is and is preached and lived by the ministers and members of this church. Among denominations who have branded us with having another gospel are found many men and women taking the Lord's name in vain, breaking one of the ten commandments, while those who obey the Restored Gospel become new creatures burying these habits under the liquid waves. While we are spending most of our time in church on a Sunday doing that which we know is the Lord's pleasure and will, our accusers are out doing their own will. If these conditions prevail today, should we tremble at accusations or shall we tell them to seek the truth as was told unto us which truth did set us free. I do verily believe that those who have the true gospel, receive it in the same manner as the apostles did, preach it and teach it in the same way, and above all live it in the same way. The scripture says by their fruits ye shall know them.

In conclusion I might say that it behooves each one of us to be diligent in reading God's word, prayerful that God might unfold the truths of the scriptures, that we might be found "rightly dividing the word of truth." Though misinterpreting of major points of scripture is far worse than for the misinterpretation of minor points yet even in misinterpreting minor points we lose blessings, and though it may not be destructive, yet it might prove detrimental to our spiritual welfare.

#### WAS JESUS CHRIST EVER ON THIS LAND WE CALL AMERICA?

Take note of the testimony as given in III Nephi beginning with verse 11, in Chapt. 17. And it came to pass that He (meaning Christ) commanded that their little children should be brought. -- So they brought their little children and set them down upon the ground round about Him, and Jesus stood in the midst; and the multitude gave way till they had all been brought unto Him. -- And it came to pass that when they had all been brought and Jesus stood in the midst, He commanded the multitude that they should kneel down upon the ground. -- And it came to pass that when they had knelt upon the ground, Jesus groaned within Himself, and said: Father, I am troubled because of the wickedness of the people of the house of Israel. -- And when He had said these words, He Himself also knelt upon the earth; and behold He prayed unto the Father, and the things which He prayed cannot be written, and the multitude did bear record who heard Him. -- And after this manner do they bear record: The eye hath never seen, neither hath the ear heard, before, so great and marvelous things as we saw and heard Jesus speak unto the Father: -- And no tongue can speak, neither can there be written by any man, neither can the hearts of men conceive so great and marvelous things as we both saw and heard Jesus speak, and no one can conceive of the joy which filled our souls at the time we heard Him pray unto the Father. -- And it came to pass that when Jesus had made an end of praying unto the Father, He arose; but so great was the joy of the multitude that they were overcome. -- And it came to pass that Jesus spake unto them, and bade them arise. -- And they arose

from the earth, and He said unto them: Blessed are ye because of your faith. And now behold, my joy is full. - - And when He had said these words, He wept, and the multitude bear record of it, and He took their little children, one by one, and blessed them, and prayed unto the Father for them. - - And when He had done this He wept again; - - And He spake unto the multitude, and said unto them: Behold your little ones. - - And as they looked to behold they cast their eyes towards heaven, and they saw angels descending out of heaven as it were in the midst of fire! and they came down and encircled those little ones about, and they were encircled about with fire; and angels did minister unto them. - - And the multitude did see and hear and bear record; and they know that their record is true for they all of them did see and hear, every man for himself; and they were in number about two thousand and five hundred souls; and they did consist of men, women, and children." This account is found in the book of III Nephi in the Book of Mormon, and was written by the ancestors of the American Indian race of people. Their records were engraved on plates of gold and were hidden up in the earth by their last surviving prophet by the command of God, prior to their fall as a nation of people. The Indian people were found roving here when Columbus came, they knew little or nothing as to who they were, or where they came from. Their records finally came forth in fulfillment of the prophet Isaiah chapt. 29, verse 11 and 12, and were translated by the power of God into English, and are now known as the Book of Mormon: - - Let all men beware as to how they judge, for the masses in the days of Christ, failed to understand the prophetic utterances relative to His coming, and being filled with prejudice and blindness, they fulfilled or did as the prophets had said, and nailed Him to the cross. I will add, that prejudice has played its role today, relative to the Book of Mormon coming forth in fulfillment of prophecy. (WHC)

Jerusalem From Heaven,  
Jerusalem of Palestine,  
Jerusalem on This Land of Promise.

In the 1947 April issue of this pa-

per in answer to a question as to where the New Jerusalem from heaven would descend; I answered from what is written in God's word. Recently I was approached as to the three Jerusalems, "The one to be rebuilt in Palestine, the one to be built upon the Land of Promise, and the one which John sees coming down from Heaven." I intend to quote what is written, that is what Jesus did when tempted by the devil soon after He was baptized. He answered: "It is written."

Apparently there is some confusion on the matter of the three Cities of which I have mentioned. The 13th chapter of the book of Ether speaks of a City that is to come down out of heaven, even as John does in the book of Revelation. Ether also speaks of the City which is built by the seed of Joseph upon this land, and it becomes a Holy City unto the Lord. Jerusalem of Palestine is to be rebuilt and it also becomes a Holy City. I beg to draw the readers attention to this fact; there is no difference between these two cities as far as righteousness is concerned. They both become Holy Cities unto the Lord. Neither one is spoken of as been more holier than the other; even if such were possible. When anything is Holy. IT IS HOLY.

In Rev. 21-2. "And I John saw the Holy City, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband." I have now referred to three cities named Jerusalem, and they are all Holy cities. The city which John sees, must not be confused with one rebuilt in Palestine, nor with the one built by the Lamanite people and assisted in by the Gentiles, they are cities which are built or pilled by man; while the City which John sees is undoubtedly the city whose builder and maker is God. Heb. 11:10. And as Paul says: "But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all." Gal. 4:26. I repeat again: the Jerusalem built upon the land of promise and the rebuilt Jerusalem of Palestine are rebuilt by man; while the city that John sees coming down out of heaven, is undoubtedly God's own creation, or as the scripture says: "Whose builder and maker is God." Jesus said while here on earth: "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My word shall not pass away." (WHC)

#### Mrs. Lillian Wells Michener Passes On

Mrs. Lillian Wells Michener of California, Pa., next to the youngest daughter of the late brother and sister Wm. Wells has passed on to her reward, and was laid to rest in the Howe Cemetery on December 28, 1947. She leaves to mourn her passing, her husband and nine children, two brothers and several sisters, besides many other relatives and friends.

The services were attended at her late home, with Brother W. H. Cadman officiating. Singing was furnished by Bro. John Majoros Jr. and brother and sister Meridith Griffith. The Gospel News extends its sympathy to the bereaved family.

#### McGARRITY-FRYE NUPTIALS

At 2:30 p.m. on Christmas Day, December 25, 1947, Betty L. Frye, daughter of Brother and Sister Robert Frye of Dunbar, Pa., and John McGarity also of Dunbar were united in marriage by Brother Joseph Bittinger of the Bitner Mission in his home at West Leisenring, Pa. The bride is a graduate of the Dunbar Township High School, class of 1943 and is an employee of the Anchor Hocking Co. at Connellsville, Pa. She is also a Sister of the Church, being baptized May 25, 1947. The groom is employed at Lorain, Ohio, where the couple will make their home in the near future.

Sister Bittinger and her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Edward P. Stroko witnessed the ceremony. We wish the couple a very long and happy life together.

#### THE DIVINE MIRROR R. F. Cottrell

The expression "Not under the law but under grace" is sometimes used as a convenient alibi for disregarding one or more of the divine precepts. Properly understood, this phrase does not refer to the jurisdiction of the law, the actual thought being, not under the condemnation of the law, but enjoying the favor of God's forgiveness.

Says the word: "Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law." Romans 3:31.

A convicted murderer may be condemned to die; but if the governor of the state grants him a pardon, he walks out of the prison to freedom. He is then not "under the condemnation of the law, but un-

der grace." Yet this does not authorize him to steal or kill at pleasure. He is placed under added restraint to live an exemplary life; for executive clemency does not repeal the law

**Even so with the Christian.** When God forgives his sins, he is "under grace," or unmerited favor, and is provided with divine strength to live the life of complete victory in Christ.

The story is told of a lad who was washed and ready to visit the park. When his father was about to start, he found his little son playing in the mud, and said, "I can't take you to the park looking like that."

"Why, I'm clean; mamma scrubbed me," he cried.

The wise father did not argue, but taking the boy in his arms carried him to a looking glass. It revealed an unclean face; yet they did not use the mirror to remove the dirt for that is the function of soap and water.

Now the Bible presents the law of God as His moral looking glass, or mirror of divinity. As we look into it, our imperfections are revealed and our evil ways condemned. Shall we attempt to use it to wash away our guilt, or shall we retaliate by seeking to demolish the mirror?

That would be worse than futile. The New Testament declares that "the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good." It is as perfect as a mirror, but wholly useless as a cleansing solution. The mirror assists in determining the diagnosis; then the individual hastens to the Great Physician, who provides the gospel remedy.

O friend, let us not attempt to destroy the divine mirror. Rather let us accept the diagnosis and implore the Physician of Galilee to apply gospel panacea to our sin-stained lives.

Then what delight to imitate the perfect Model and walk with Him in newness of life!

—"Signs of The Times"

Roger Williams, founder of the first Baptist Church in America: "In the poor, small span of my life I desired to have been a diligent and constant observer, and have been myself many ways engaged in city, in country, in court, in schools, in universities, in churches, in Old and New England, and yet cannot, in the holy presence of God, bring in the results of a satisfying discovery that either the begetting ministry of the apostles or messengers to the nations, or the feeding or

nourishing ministry of pastors and teachers, according to the first institution of the Lord Jesus, is yet restored and extant—the apostacy of Antichrist hath so far corrupted all that there can be no recovery out of that apostacy till Christ shall send forth new apostles to plant churches anew."

Alexander Campbell, founder of the Disciples: "By the reformation of the seventeenth century that dark cloud was broken in fragments and though the heavens of gospel light are still obscured by many clouds—the sects of various names—the promise is that at eveningtime it shall be light. **THE PRIMITIVE GOSPEL IN ITS EFFULGENCE AND POWER IS YET TO SHINE** out in its original splendor to regenerate the world."

#### WEIGHED

By Mary Jane Helphingstine

Will we be surprised, I wonder  
When we see God's weigh-bill  
there?

Find so little weight of giving,  
Find so little weight of prayer!  
Find such tiny weights of kindness,  
But so great a weight of self!  
Find so many great big figures  
In that column headed "Self!"

Deeds and words and thoughts and  
motives,

As we walk this lowly sod,  
All are weighed high up in heaven,  
On the mighty scales of God!

#### PORTRAITS

By James J. Metcalfe

This Year, O Lord

This year, O Lord, I want to do  
... Much better than before ...  
To welcome every visitor ... With  
kindness at my door. ... To put  
aside my selfish thoughts ... And  
think of other souls ... Who have  
their daily problems and ... Their  
dreams of greater goals ... I want  
to be more careful of ... What-  
ever words I say ... And keep  
my temper to myself ... When it  
would run away ... To be a faith-  
ful friend to all ... In time of need  
or stress ... And do as much as  
possible ... To bring them happi-  
ness ... These things, O Lord,  
I promise with ... Humility sincere  
... Please help me to be steadfast  
now ... And all throughout the  
year

#### THE CHURCH IS

#### LIKE A FAMILY

By Grace Noll Crowell

The church is like a family:  
If there be a vacant chair

Hearts grow lonely for the one

Who is strangely missing there.  
Hearts grow lonely in a church

If a pew be empty long:

Something lacking in the prayer,

Something lost from every song.

And your minister grows sad

Facing empty chair or pew—

Come to every service, friend,

For so much depends on you!

Alma, 4, 54: "Yea, will ye persist in supposing that ye are better one than another; yea, will ye persist in the persecution of your brethren, who humble themselves and do walk after the holy order of God, wherewith they have been brought into this church, having been SANCTIFIED by the Holy Spirit, and they do bring forth works which are meet for repentance."

Helaman 3, 35: "Nevertheless they did fast and pray oft, and did wax stronger and stronger in their humility, and firmer and firmer in the faith of Christ, unto the filling their souls with joy and consolation, yea, even to the purifying and the SANCTIFICATION of their hearts, which SANCTIFICATION cometh because of their yielding their hearts unto God."

I Cor. 1, 2, 30: "Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are SANCTIFIED in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours: -- But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and SANCTIFICATION, and redemption."

Moroni 10, 33: "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."

III Nephi, 28, 39: "Now behold this change was not equal to that which shall take place at the last day; but there was a change wrought upon them, inasmuch that Satan could have no power over them, that he could not tempt them; and they were SANCTIFIED in the flesh, that they were holy, and that the powers of the earth could not hold them."



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## NOW IS CHRIST RISEN

J. R. Spittal

Oh, grave, where is thy victory,  
Oh, death, where is thy sting,  
Thy power at last is conquered,  
Through Christ, our Lord and King.

The grave no longer holds Him,  
From death He rises free,  
He's seated now in glory,  
To intercede for me.

Thanks be to God for victory,  
The grave no terrors knows;  
Since Christ from death has risen,  
He's conquered all our foes.

His death and resurrection,  
All prove He was divine,  
And now by faith I claim Him,  
And make salvation mine.

## EASTER SEASON

### THE RESURRECTION

(By Sister Muriel Miller)  
Detroit, Mich.

The word resurrection springs from the Latin, Re-again and surgere-rise. Resurrection of the dead to life, especially the resurrection of the bodies of the dead.

The Christian hope of a renewal of life after death was to a certain extent anticipated by the expectation of redemption current among the Jews, before the time of Christ, but its real basis is found in the teaching of Christ and in His own resurrection.

A fuller conception is found in Daniel 12 and 2 where for the first time is contemplated a resurrection of both just and unjust. The argument for resurrection and now for all the dead is carried to its height by Paul, who finds his warrant for this in the accomplished fact of Christ's resurrection. This historic Christian doctrine is based on the accounts of the resurrection of Jesus and other passages of the new testament, and was affirmed by the fourth Lateran Council (1215) which stated that all men saved and reprobate alike, will rise again with their own bodies which they now bear about with them. Book of Mormon also stating Alma 40 and 23, "Even a hair of the head shall not be lost." Of this event there are several different accounts in the new testament. A few are: Mt. 28, Mk. 16, 1-18. Lk. 24, 1-49. John 20, 1-21; 1st Cor. 15:3-8.

Acts 1, 2 and 3. All the Gospels unite in affirming that the first event of Easter morning was the discovery of the empty tomb, giving the established fact of the resurrection of Jesus.

Undoubtedly the primary one is that of Paul in 1st Cor. 15. It is the earliest in date and Paul expressly states that he respects the testimony of all the apostles. At several points he is in agreement with the Gospel narratives.

In the story of the resurrection I am chiefly impressed with the wonderful account given of Mary Magdalene, in the 7th Chap. of Luke. I believe she was the unnamed woman who was a sinner, who stood behind Jesus weeping, kissed his feet, washed them with her tears, wiped them with her hair, and anointed them with ointment, while he ate meat in the house of Simon the Pharisee; wherein the Master of the house marveled that one who pretended to be a prophet should not know what manner of woman she was.

Jesus forgave her sins and said, "Thy faith hath saved thee, go in peace."

In Luke 8:1-3 we find that she was among the women who watched the burial of Jesus, and who returned to the sepulchre early upon the first day of the week with spices and ointments, and according to John was the first person to whom the risen Lord manifested himself. In Luke 18th Chap. 31-33, Jesus had mentioned to his disciples beforehand of His crucifixion, death and burial and that he would rise on the third day, but it went unheeded. The narrative makes it as clear as can be that no one had any notion whatever that Jesus would not stay dead, for the apostles had fled and the women going to the tomb only to anoint His body were at first incredulous when they found it empty, as indeed all were at first, when they saw the risen Lord.

But there may be convincing proof, and there can be no doubt that by their experiences such as they were in conjunction with the empty tomb, the apostles were convinced that Jesus lived. Upon that conviction they staked their lives, and some did actually lay them down. (It was to be expected that their personal conviction would), only those men were considered apostles in the broader

sense, who had been convinced of the resurrection by seeing the risen Lord.

We may be assured that the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ was to evoke and awaken the good that is within us, to subdue the evil, to qualify us to serve the kingdom of God in our day and generation and to make us fit at length for His fellowship in the life which is to come. Everyone of us is on trial. How is your trial proceeding? What is it discovering in you? What is it making out of you? It must end either in success or failure. The victory will come only through watching and prayer, through battling and through faith, until at length life's trial time shall end and heavenly peace be won.

## THE ROCK AND THE CHURCH

St. Matthew 16-17, 18. "And Jesus answered and said unto him, (Peter) Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven—And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

This scripture should not be passed over lightly, neither should we try to make it fit our own fancies. Let us examine this matter some. The late Cardinal Gibbons, no doubt one of the best learned theologians of his day says on page 99 of, "The Faith of The Fathers" that the rock in verse 18 means Peter. If that be true, then the rock in that instance would be a masculine pronoun, not neuter and Mr. Gibbons makes the blunder of referring to Peter as IT, which is the neuter pronoun. Did Jesus refer to Peter as IT Surely not. The rock in that case has reference to the means which the Father used to make known unto Peter who Jesus was. Now let us see if Protestants are any wiser in this matter, for they are at variance much with the Catholic Church on this scripture. To make more plain, I repeat the words of Jesus, "And I say unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Like Mr. Gibbons, Protestants make the same blunder with the little word "it", they apply IT to

the Church and maintain that the Church will never fail, or in other words the Church shall always remain intact upon the earth. Now let all understand that "neuter" is neither masculine nor feminine. The word "it" is the neuter pronoun, and it is very improper to use it in reference to man or woman. The question arises then, does "it" refer to the Church in this case? When Jesus says "upon this rock I will build my Church", He has no reference to an earthly structure, which would of been neuter, but to the institution for the saving of the soul. The Church is His bride which is feminine, and not neuter. Do our learned colleagues today want us to believe that Jesus referred to His Bride as "IT"?

When Jesus says that the "gates of hell shall not prevail against 'it'". He has reference to the rock, the means which God used to reveal unto Peter that Jesus was the Christ or the Son of God. "IT" is the neuter pronoun and refers to the neuter noun "rock." The Church in this case is not neuter, for she, is feminine, the Bride of Christ, and He is spoken of as the bridegroom in the scripture. Hence "neuter" is neither masculine nor feminine if I understand the English language in this particular. It makes me think of the language of Paul found in second Timothy 3-6, 7, 8. "For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,—Ever learning, and never able to come to a knowledge of the truth.—Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these (those who are ever learning) also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the truth." I will add that learning surely is good when properly used. But what a terrible indictment this is for those that have a form of Godliness but deny the power thereof, from such turn away. "With all our schools of learning, the most learned cannot agree with each other on the simple plan of redemption.

Therefore, the fact is: Jesus never said that the gates of hell should not prevail against His Church. The preponderance of the evidence is, that the gates of hell did prevail against the church. On the day of pentecost, the servants of God were of one accord, what a contrast to the Christian world of today.

Brother W. H. Cadman

## FAITH, RECEPTIVE

By James Curry

We agree wholeheartedly with the Apostle Peter, who said that Paul, his fellow worker, uttered many things hard to be understood. Paul's analysis of faith, for example, seems to want, of all things, further analysis. His "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, an evidence of things not seen," too often leaves the understanding unwarmed and quite cheerless. Jude's exhortation to earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered to the saints is another gem of New Testament Literature which seems to tell us so much and yet so little. When confronted with this enigma, we invariably begin to wonder: What faith? What saints? Our appetites are sharpened, only to be denied the substance of that which we hope to receive.

The average person thinks of faith as having something to do with belief, which it indeed has, but where belief, trust and confidence in God ends and faith begins, they cannot tell. As to the faith that removes mountains, well—it belongs to the past. We could not hope to be in possession of such mysterious magic in this modern day.

The whole truth of the matter is that faith is first of all receptive, and secondly, creative. If we are to understand just how faith is both receptive and creative, we need to look at some visible object in the natural, which will demonstrate to us the more mysterious function of the spiritual, which is not so easily seen or understood.

The battery in your automobile may at first glance seem but a poor medium through which to understand what faith is and how it works. It is, however, an excellent one, as you shall discover if you will bear with me. In building the storage battery the manufacturers first consideration is to build into it a capacity to receive and to retain a charge of electricity, after which it is hooked up to a charger, which delivers electrical energy to its receptive cells, until it has received its full charge.

Up to this point the function of the battery is wholly receptive; it has served no useful purpose as yet. Placed in your automobile, the battery begins to serve the purpose for which it was originally designed, which is productive and useful work. Connected to a generator, which constantly replenishes its outgoing store, the battery's en-

ergy is never exhausted so long as its cells have the proper capacity to receive and retain.

The first consideration of the Priesthood is to equip the unconverted sinner with certain precepts and principals, which he is asked to believe. If he will believe and apply these, certain changes will occur in his heart, mind and personality. These changes create in him a capacity to receive something, the substance of which he joyfully anticipates. It follows then, that if he will believe, he becomes a vessel having the capacity to receive. Stated more simply: We believe in order to receive. This is believing faith, and believing faith is receptive to receiving not only a knowledge of God's will, but the substance of life from above.

The repentent sinner serves no useful purpose in God's creation up until the time that he receives the gift of life. However, once he has received this greatest of all the gifts of God unto man, if he will continue to hold himself in position before God, he retains not only his receptivity and retentiveness of things spiritual, but the works that he does thereafter are spiritually productive, progressive and creative. He has the perfect assurance, also, that if he will abide in the true vine, the most delicate and refined of all substances and energies will not fail to replenish him continually.

There are systems of religion which make loud claims to being such perfect receptacles as to have in their possession all of the essentials of complete salvation. A glance at their structure reveals the falsity of their claims. Consider, for example, the doctrine called baptism by sprinkling. It is a dead cell in the battery of the world's religions. You know what happens to your automobile when one of the cells of its battery goes dead.

A dead cell in a battery or a dead ordinance in a church has lost its receptivity; not to mention its capacity to retain its energies or to do creative works. We do not doubt that baptism by sprinkling creates a receptivity to something. But what is it? A mere thimbleful of blessings, which in most instances is attributable more directly to the sincerity of those who believe such things. The true Church must have something more to offer than thimblefuls of salvation. To sprinkle a corpse with dirt in the fond belief that he is buried

will not, by any stretch of the imagination, produce a sweet smell.

Let us not forget that the substance of that which the receptive soul hopes to receive is of course the life and love of God. Having received this substance, we begin to have an evidence of what it is that God plans to build with these superior products that he has stored in these tabernacles of clay.

There are those who have lifted up their eyes and have seen, afar off, the Heavenly New Jerusalem. Why? How? It means simply that they had all of the building materials essential to the creation of the Holy City stored up within themselves, and these are all found to be contained in that one great thing called love. The New Jerusalem is the city of God's love, because it shall be created out of every ingredient that is to be found in love. When Abraham saw visions of the New Jerusalem, he was simply seeing the finished product of that which was already generating within himself. And what is this generation? It is the generation of the gospel of Jesus Christ. See 24th chapter of Matthew, 34th verse.

Listen, O Isles, and give ear every nation

For great things await you in this generation. See Hymn no.

The Brother of Jared was a classic example of believing faith. So perfect was his capacity to receive, so flawless, so correct was his belief in all of its delicate intricacies, that he could not be kept from within the veil. A perfect vessel having a perfect capacity to receive, he attracted the knowledge, wisdom and understanding of God with the unerring accuracy of a magnet attracting a splinter of steel. The Lord Jesus Christ became to him a living reality.

The capacity of the individual or of the Church as a body to receive, is in exact proportion to the correctness of its doctrines, ordinances, precepts, beliefs, etc., which seem, somehow, to be the conductors of the eternal. If we are to receive the revelations as the Brother of Jared, we must of course equal his capacity to receive, which is the greatest need of the Church of today.

If the Lord is to "Bring again Zion," He must draw deeply from the individual wells in which He has stored His living waters. Shall we each, as individual members of the body of Christ, have the daring, the originality to develop

out into the type of life which is striving within us, or shall we pattern ourselves after the multitude of false religions, in whom the grapes of wrath are stored

The whole of God's creation shall be so adjusted as to become one great receptacle having the capacity to house the spiritual. The earth and its environs, every gift or talent that is in man, every law of life, including the laws which govern the sacred institution of marriage, will be drawn into the ever bending compass of the eternal. The natural creation as we know it, is but an empty husk or a disrobed framework of the spiritual. The problem confronting the human family is how to restore its paradisaical glory.

The work was renewed, after a long dark period commonly referred to as the falling away, at the time of the restoration of the gospel in 1827. The members of the Church of Jesus Christ have entered into the labors of others in recreating the ancient of days. Will you not join us, dear reader, in this stupendous undertaking. The harvest is great and the laborers are few.

To be continued under the sub-title "Faith, Creative."

#### AN APPEAL FOR JUSTICE

Many winters ago your forefathers came to our country. They were poor, weak and feeble. They asked for a little land to plant corn on for their women and children, a place to spread their blankets. We took pity on them. We gave them a great tract of land. Our forefathers taught them how to live in America. They showed them many things: how to plant corn, beans, squashes, potatoes, tomatoes and many more vegetables; showed them how to make sugar from the sap of the maple; told them that the clam and oyster were good to eat; showed them how to make the canoe, the moccasin, the sleeping bag, the snowshoe; they taught them how to smoke the pipe of friendship and peace; taught them healing roots and herbs; showed them the workings, the operations of a great democracy, the Iroquois Government, a system unknown in Europe or Asia. During times of hardship when their little ones cried for bread, it was the Indian who brought them meat, corn and fish.

Now the white man has become strong. Our little countries (Reservations you call them) are all that we have left of this beautiful

country, the gift of the Great Spirit to us, his Red Children. We have the right to call this our country. It is ours. We have the written pledge of George Washington that we should have it forever as against him or his successors; he and his ministers promised to protect us in it. We didn't think we would ever live long enough to find that an American promise was not good. An enemy's foot (New York State) is on our country, and the United States knows it, for our chiefs have told him.

There are many reasons why we wish the United States to live up to its treaties. First, as a people, we love the land of our birth, our little reservations, the place of our father's graves and could we be permitted to remain unmolested on our lands, the gift of the Great Spirit to his Red Children, we would be content. We are satisfied with our country! We neither ask nor seek a better one!

A few years ago you won a great war. We fought by the side of your generals. We were told that we were fighting for democracy, for the rights of little peoples! Your generals still live to bear testimony of our fidelity. Yes, the blood of our warriors was shed on the battlefields of France, Germany, and Japan for what you then told us was our common cause. DEMOCRACY! Why then, should you wish to break the sacred agreements between your country and the Six Nations. Our sacred treaties have been broken like saplings and your land speculators come forth to cheat and rob us, your former protector, once a great and powerful nation, the Iroquois. What harm can our retaining our reservations and treaties do to you? What are a few thousand acres of land to a nation like the United States? Neither have you any lack of wealth that your people need become rich at our expense. Neither have we given you any grounds of complaint against us.

We want justice from now on. After all that has happened to us, that is not much for us to ask. When your Thirteen Colonies won their freedom from Great Britain you took a brand from our Council Fire (our government) and kindled your own fire. Now the same fire is trying to consume the very people who taught you the worth of such a fire!

Your government has just decided to take away the political

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## EDITORIAL

Correction please: On the front page of February issue, the article titled, Oliver Cowderys Appeal, date should be 1835 instead of 1935.

To all members of The Church of Jesus Christ: I want you to know that we have pleas coming to us for Elders to preach the Gospel. I learn that in Italy where one of our brothers has already started a good work, that they are appealing to us for Ministers of this Church to come. I have also a letter from Tampa, Florida appealing for an English speaking Elder to be sent there. Remember, The time is far spent, there is little remaining. The Gospel must be preached to all Nations before the end comes.

Let us turn to Hebrews 7-4, "Now consider how great this man was, unto whom the patriarch Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils." Also turn to Genesis 28-22, "And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto Thee." These instances referred to were before Moses's time. After the giving of the law by him (Moses) then the giving of a tenth became an obligation, of which The Church of Jesus Christ is not in harmony with, but should be voluntarily on our part. What a wonderful movement it would be, if all our people would of their OWN FREE WILL, give a stipulated proportion of their incomes for the work of the Lord. We all pledge ourselves in so many ways in our temporal affairs. Why not pledge ourselves to help the work of the Lord. Let us all give this serious thought, and as the Lord blesses us, let us remember Him first, and help farther on the preaching of the Restored Gospel. Your humble servant. Brother W. H. Cadman

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liberties of all the Red Men you promised to protect forever, by passing such laws through your Congress in defiance of the treaties

made by George Washington. Those laws, of course, would mean the breaking up of the tribes, if enforced. Our people would rather be deprived of their money than their political liberties. So would you!

We believe that if the people of the United States knew our story, that they would not allow their government to pass these bills, in violation of our sacred treaties and without our consent. If you think the Indian is being wronged, write letters to your Congress and tell them so. They will listen to you, for you elect them. If they are against us, ask them to tell you when and how they got the right to govern people who have no part in your government and wish to retain their own way of life,—guaranteed by your fathers. They can't tell you that!

**THE HAND THAT GUIDED AND PROTECTED YOUR ANCESTORS IS NOW OPEN TO YOU FOR JUSTICE!**

— RON-AREN-KAIEN-KWI.

January 1948

(Chief Julius Cook, of St. Regis Reservation in New York State, has written a letter to the Editor, asking him to publish the foregoing in The Gospel News.)

## NEWS

From Niles, Ohio  
By Bro. Dan Corrado

Dear Editor:

It is almost ten months since the Niles Mission has been established, and we can say that God has been very good unto us. The Sunday of Jan. 25-48 in our afternoon meeting, three of our young people asked for baptism, namely: Jean Gennaro, Esther Corrado, and Phyllis Corrado. All in all it was a day of rejoicing and every heart was filled with joy, and the Spirit of God was felt by all present. These baptisms were postponed for the following Sunday.

When we met the next Sunday Feb. 1-48, we had a nice crowd, a few visitors were present from Warren, and Bro. A. A. Corrado from Youngstown was also with us. We felt a blessing in shaking hands with one-another even before meeting was started. At the opening of the service, we are unable to express in words the peace and blessing that was manifested in our midst.

The subject of our lesson was, "You'll know the tree by the fruits thereof." The Spirit of God accompanied all of our Brethren that

took part in the service. Just before the service was brought to a close, three more of our young people asked to be baptized, namely: Anthony J. Salerno and his wife Jacqueline Delores Salerno, and Salvatore F. Salerno, making in all, six persons to be baptized. (This letter does not say where the baptisms took place, but we always baptize in the open stream and I imagine it was a pretty cold day for these young folks to step out on the Lord's side.)

Our afternoon service was enjoyed by all present, and especially in the confirming of our six converts who had been baptized at noon. We can say that God did pour out His Blessings upon them. Many testimonies were given in honour and glory to God, and many hearts were filled, even to overflowing of the Spirit of God, in extending His mercies towards us, and calling our young people out of this world of sin, and has brought them into His fold. Every one present can say that this day will long be remembered, because it was a grand and glorious day we spent in His service.

We can't find words to express our thanks to God for having restored His Glorious Gospel to earth again. We say along with the Poet: "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."

From St. John, Kansas  
By Brother & Sister Ashley  
Bro. Editor:

We are having such bad weather this week that we called off our M. B. A. meeting last night, but other than that we have been meeting together as usual even though there sometimes are only four or five of us. We are always thankful for the privilege of meeting together and for the few we have.

We feel sure that the day is close at hand when God will move upon the people of St. John who know the restored gospel to obey it. In the meantime, we are doing our best with the help of God to uphold the truths of the gospel and hold out faithful to our covenant. Remember us in your prayers that we might be a help to those about us. Give our love to all the Saints in Monongahela, or wherever you may go. Our prayers are with you as you endeavor to spread the gospel. May God keep you in His loving care. I am enclosing two

new subscriptions for The Gospel News.

### APPRECIATE THE LIGHT

By Joseph Ashton Smith  
San Diego, Calif.

One day as I was meditating upon the goodness of God toward me, my mind was drawn to the state that I was in before I saw the light. Now I can see the greatness of that darkness in which I lived my former life. Yes, dear reader, it is good to be in a position to be able to look back on those dark days. Yet had we have never seen this great darkness, we would not appreciate that which we now possess.

Once I was blind, now I see, I was once dead in sin, but now I am alive in Christ. My tongue cannot express, neither can I put in writing the goodness of God toward me. My heart is sad many times to see those around me day by day, who do not know God. Those who are yet as I was—dead in sin. Many worship idols. Many go to church just to say they have been there, thinking that is all that is required of them. Some go as far as to say that there is no God. May the Lord have mercy on their souls.

Satan, who is the worst enemy of the Saints, is trying every day to draw us back into that darkness, and many times through his cunningness, we find ourselves slipping. Let us who have been so fortunate as to have found this light try to get nearer to Jesus; as the poet says "draw nearer each day." Yes, dear friend, let us put forth every effort to live a pleasing life before God, so that He may use us as instruments in His hands, showing others the light. Let us not hide our light under a bushel, but to shine as a light upon a hill, where many will see and follow. To show this light is to live as He has taught us to live. He has given us commandments such as Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal; but there is one commandment that He gave us that is greater than all the rest. That is to love one another, and by doing this we cannot help but fulfill all the other commandments.

### CHARLES KELLAR PASSES ON

Brother Kellar died at his home in Perryopolis, Pa. on February 13th, age 74 years. He obeyed the Gospel a good many years ago, and was a member of the old Smock Branch of the Church. We

have not received any definite news about his passing, but we understand he is to be buried on Feb. 17th. Brother Clyde Gibson in charge of the services. The Gospel News extends its sympathy to the bereaved family.

### JOHN EWING LASSITER PASSES ON

John Ewing Lassiter, former St. John Resident, died at Ventura, California, December 7, 1947, after an extended illness. He suffered a stroke in May 1946 from which he never fully recovered.

He was born April 6, 1871, in Nashville, Tennessee, and came to Stafford County at the age of eight with his widowed mother, brothers, and sisters.

When seventeen years old he was employed by the A. T. & S. F. Ty. Co., serving in this capacity for many years.

June 26, 1892, he was married in St. John to Amy Glasscock, who survives. Other survivors are—one son Chester and a daughter Mrs. Orpha Holderness, both of Hutchinson, Kansas; a daughter Mrs. Viola Terreau of Fillmore, California; and three grandsons. One daughter, Ruby Ruella, died in infancy.

In early life he became a member of the Church of Jesus Christ.

### Bullock-Mercante, Nuptials

Mr. Homer Leroy Bullock of Gastonville, Pa., and Miss Doris Louise Mercante of Monongahela, Pa., were united in marriage at the home of W. H. Cadman on Saturday 4 p.m. February 7th with Bro. Cadman officiating. It was a quiet, but a lovely affair. The maid of honor was Miss Jean Stewart of Clairton, while Mr. Ellis Richie of Gastonville was best man, aside from these, Mrs. W. H. Cadman was the only other person present. A family dinner was served at the bride's home, and then the newly married couple left for a short honeymoon trip and upon their return will live temporarily with the bride's parents. Doris Louise has really grown up in our Sunday School here in Monongahela, and we all regard her as a fine young lady. We all extend our best wishes to Homer Leroy and Doris Louise for a long and happy life together. May the good Lord bless you always.

### EXPERIENCES

By Bro. Clarence Griffith

On October 1, 1943, I dreamed

that our people were among the Indians who seemed to be many. I saw an extra large man and woman, the man was sick and had been annointed for healing. The woman handed me a large loaf of bread and instructed me to break it in pieces and lay around on the ground and I repeated the words of a prayer as instructed by her as each piece was laid down. After a day seemed to pass and I found myself in the house of this same couple and I noted that this sick man had become much worse; he was now stooped and his face was haggard and drawn. I looked across the room and there lay a child on a high piece of furniture and this boy too was very sick and had been annointed. The woman went to the child, picked him up and when she looked she began to cry in a loud penetrating voice. As I stopped outside I heard Indians running and calling to each other as they came from all directions and at this moment I realized our people were in great danger because the healing of this sick man and boy was not forthcoming which had been promised.

On January 18, 1944, I dreamed I was thinking about this dream and wondering what it could mean and suddenly the interpretation began to come to me in my dream. The sick man who was almost ready to die is the past generation of the red man who have not received the gospel or spiritual help from our people. The sick boy represents the present generation of these people who this Mother was pouring the anguish of her heart out for which we, as a people, are held responsible and now stand in great danger. The bread which she directed me to break up and scatter around with prayer is the giving of 10 per cent of our wages which must be talked of in many places and with prayer. As the different parts of the dream came back to me in my dream I knew the interpretation was being given of God in this second dream.

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I awoke with the positive knowledge that God had given a revelation, but what could the meaning be I began praying that God would give some one the understanding of this dream and on January 18th, 1944, more than three and one half months later I dreamed the understanding of my former dream was still lacking and was still worried because of this fact. And suddenly in my

dream it began to unfold and I knew that the sick man was the former generation of the red man and had been anointed to receive a spiritual healing of their souls and almost ready to pass on and had not received it. This church was organized almost a life time ago for this purpose.

When this woman handed me this large loaf of bread and told me to break it in pieces and she prayed; I repeated after her word for word her prayer as I walked around and lay those pieces down. It was so solemn and there was no other words spoken. In the dream of interpretation I could see that this bread was 10 per cent of our wages and spiritual life for these people and it was not to be kept in one place or branch, but it was to be placed in all the branches of this church and with prayer.

After this day passed I was in their home and this same man was much worse as only a man who is almost ready to die could be and as the past generation of this people or a common lifetime was at an end with out having received the gospel. When this woman went over and picked up this little boy who also had been anointed for healing represented another generation that was beginning as seen by this woman's hopeless crying had not yet been healed or received a healing of their souls spiritually. Because of the lack of their receiving the gospel our people as a church stand in great danger because the anointed past generation and the present generation had not received this healing or gospel as had been promised.

Now Brothers and Sisters, over four years have passed and there is still a great unrest with me. I thought after I had given these dreams to the branch and they had been taken to conference my responsibility would end there but that was not the end for many times I have awakened at night with the dreams on my mind and I sleep no more that night. Many times I would think of the thousands of the seed of Joseph that have gone to their graves since this church was organized without hearing the gospel and how this bread that was broken up with prayer or 10 per cent of our wages could send our elders among this people in numbers and with prayers of thankfulness. I can see that rock which was cut out of the mountain growing faster than it ever did before and through the sacrifice of this people this gospel

will be preached to all kindred, tongue and people and we shall receive power and blessings such as we never received before. I can hardly wait and for this great unrest most fervently I praise God.

As I lie awake, I ponder, could we as a people who have already received this gospel and know what the term Gospel in its fullness really means, deny it to thousands of other souls. Because it would cost us sacrifice in a small way and I think of how he came down and died on the cross and gave his life for me. What have I given for him. Not only what we have belongs to God but even we were bought with a price, The blood of Christ.

Whenever the subject of giving 10 per cent of our wages has come up between brethren, we all acknowledge a great work could be done and many souls saved if many of our brothers could be put in the field to preach to the Indians.

Now since the giving of 10 per cent of our wages could prove such a life line to so many people not one of us would say, I could not give, when we remember the widows mite. Neither would we say, I could only give one per cent after reading Malachi 3-10.

No, not one would shorten this life line in the least manner. By taking this 10 per cent out of our wages first before our worldly debts are paid we only render to God what belongs to God.

I close with the prayer that you will be blessed in reading of these dreams as I have been in writing them.

#### DOES GOD EXIST?

By Paul D'Amico  
Lockport, N. Y.

Throughout the ages of time there have been men and women who have doubted the truth and who have denied the existence of a Supreme Being. It has been known also that while many men and women have had all they needed in life, they have found very little need for God. Yet as soon as the same individuals have been visited with poverty, affliction, and dangers it seems that they have turned unto God for help and refuge.

Let us take for example, the people in the days of Noah. We read in Genesis that Noah preached repentance unto those people for 120 years, warning them to draw nigh unto God for if they didn't, they would perish in the

flood which God was about to send upon the earth. Did they accept his words? Did they repent and make themselves right with God? We read also that when the flood came, there were only eight souls, (Noah and his family) saved in the Ark. The latter I believe was an incident which typified the mission of the Lord Jesus Christ. Very few obeyed the Saviour in His day and at the time of His crucifixion when the terrible destruction occurred, we read that many were sorry they had not obeyed Him. Many were sorry for having killed the prophets who foretold of His coming. Yet Christ, while still on the cross said, "It is finished." In other words, the prophecies concerning His coming, His Life, his death and Crucifixion had been fulfilled. Did the Jews and the Roman Soldiers know what they were doing? Did they believe that God existed, and that it was His Son whom they were putting to death? These and many others are the questions which flash through my mind when reflecting upon the great plan of Salvation which God has wrought about in order that men might be freed from the burden of sin and cling unto Him for Eternal Life.

I am quite certain that the great majority of the world today will admit that there is a Supreme Being. On the other hand there are those who are skeptical and who find very little time to investigate the Holy Scriptures applying faith in that which the word of God offers to mankind.

It might be well to insert here a personal testimony of a World War II Veteran who before facing death on the battle field acknowledged the existence of God. I trust this testimony will bring the same feeling to all who read it, as it did when I received a copy while still in the service.

#### THE POEM

(Soldier's Name Unknown)

"Look God, I have never spoken to you,  
But now I want to say, 'How do you do';  
You see, God, they told me you didn't exist,  
And like a fool, I believed all this.  
Last night from a shell hole, I saw your sky.  
I figured then, they had told me a lie;  
Had I taken time to see things you made,  
I'd have known they weren't calling a spade a spade.



I wonder God, if you'd shake my hand,  
 Somehow I feel that you will understand:  
 Funny, I had to come to this hellish place  
 Before I had time to see your face.  
 Well I guess there isn't much more to say,  
 But I'm sure glad God that I met you today;  
 I guess the 'zero hour' will soon be here,  
 But I'm not afraid since I know you're near.  
 The signal — Well, God, I'll have to go.  
 I like you lots; this I want you to know.  
 Look now, this will be a horrible fight.  
 Who knows, I may come to your house tonight.  
 Though I wasn't friendly to you before,  
 I wonder God, if you'd wait at your door;  
 Look! I'm crying — me, shedding tears!  
 I wish I had known you these many years.  
 Well.....I have to go now God.....  
 Goodbye,  
 Strange, since I met you, I'm not afraid to die!"

Thus we see that in time of need and in time of danger, God's name is remembered. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could remember His name all the time? In sickness and in health; in poverty and in wealth; in sunshine and in storm?

I read in the Book of Mormon (Alma 46th Chapter) when Moroni, a man of God, "rent his coat and took a piece thereof, and wrote upon it — 'In memory of our God, our religion, and freedom, and our peace, our wives, and our children — and he fastened it upon the end of a pole.'" To the understanding reader it can be observed that Moroni put God over and above everything else. Here is a pure example of faith. Have we as Latter Day Saints achieved enough faith to put God over and above the cares and trials of life? If we have, it can be said without doubt that the poet has well-penned the verse:

"We're marching to Zion,  
 Beautiful, beautiful Zion,  
 We're marching upward to Zion,  
 The beautiful city of God."

In conclusion, permit me to say that there is a great work to be done in this world of ours, and it is the sincere duty of every Latter Day Saint to put his or her shoulder to the wheel. By so doing we

know that the God whom we serve will use us to bring salvation to many poor souls who have been less fortunate. God bless you all.

#### NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY By Brother Charles Ashton

The week ending January 24, 1947, Brothers W. H. Cadman, Rocco Biscotti and I visited the brothers and sisters in New Jersey. At our late Conference we were appointed to go to the Bronx, N. Y., to investigate the Corporation papers of the church at that place. On Sunday morning January 25, Brother Cadman and I met with the saints at New Brunswick, N. J., while Brother Biscotti met at the newly organized branch in Hopelawn, N. J. Brother Ernest Picuito of Painsville, Ohio was with Brother Biscotti. Brother Cadman remained in New Brunswick for both services, while I, Brother Ashton went to Stelton for the Sacrament Service in the afternoon. The M.B.A. gathered at the Stelton church at 7:30 p.m., and they turned their meeting over to we visiting brethren. Brothers Cadman and Biscotti gave us an interesting discourse, the principal being — Joseph's rise from slavery and imprisonment, to become Governor of Egypt.

An extra service was appointed for Monday night in New Brunswick. The church was filled with brothers and sisters including a few who have not obeyed the Gospel. Brother Biscotti opened up on a very inspiring discourse, speaking from Matthew 13 chapter concerning treasure hidden in a field, and the Pearl of Great Price. Brother Ashton followed, and Brother Cadman spoke briefly in conclusion. There was good liberty in this service, and I believe the souls of all were fed.

On Tuesday we went to the Bronx. Brother Michael Feher drove us in his car, accompanied by our young Brother Frank Rogolini. We first went to Brother Vincent Lupo's home in New York City and spent the afternoon there. Brothers Feher and Rogolini returned home, and we traveled by subway from there to the Bronx. We did not accomplish anything at the present time about the Charter as a further investigation will be necessary. Brothers Lupo and D'Amico were instructed to look into this matter before the committee can proceed. We organized a Branch of the Church at Bronx, and from all appearances, everyone was pleased. Brother Lu-

po elected to preside, he chose Brothers Braiotti and Azzanaro, Sr. for his Counsellors.

We spent a few hours with Brother and Sister D'Amico in Brooklyn the next day, Wednesday. Brothers Biscotti and Picuito left for home in the afternoon, while Brother Cadman and I came back to New Brunswick. Brother D. Todaro of Bronx brought us to the Pennsylvania Station in his car. We then attended service at Hopelawn and Brother Cadman gave an interesting talk about the good things brought forth from a good heart, etc. Brother Cadman returned home on Thursday. A meeting was appointed at the Metuchen Church for Thursday night, and a satisfactory time was enjoyed by all. I attended a Friday night service at New Brunswick and a good spirit prevailed. I started homeward the same night, arriving at my destination at 8:40 Saturday morning. I wish to say that we have a fine collection of brothers and sisters in the East, and their kind treatment will not be forgotten.

#### NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J. By Carmen Sgro

The saints from the various Missions here in New Jersey, gathered in the New Brunswick church; and visiting us from Pennsylvania were Brothers W. H. Cadman, Charles Ashton and Sister Ashton. Also Brother Biscotti from Cleveland, Ohio.

The service was opened by Brother Biscotti with prayer and singing, and thanksgiving unto the Good Lord. Brother Biscotti read for his text, scripture from St. Matthew 13:44 to 48 verses. He was accompanied by the Spirit of God, exhorting the youth of the church to hold up the Banner of Jesus Christ as a Pearl of great price. With these words of life, delivered by the Spirit of God, brought a blessing to our souls. Brother Ashton followed Brother Biscotti with a sermon filled with the goodness of heaven, corroborating the exhortations which had already been given, and all present were filled with the blessing of God. Brother Cadman also gave glory to God and implored the youth in the church to cling to the Rod of Iron, because they, the youth, represented the Church of tomorrow. Our visitors were called upon to make a covenant with the Lord God.

A number of hymns were sung, and the singing was a delight to

the soul, for with songs we were praising the Lord Jesus Christ. The services were brought to a close by Brother Cadman. So passed another day filled with the blessings and joys of the Gospel.

#### HONOUR THY PHYSICIAN (Ecclesiasticus 38 Chapt)

Honour a Physician with the honour due unto him for the uses which ye may have of him: for the Lord hath created him.—For of the Most High cometh healing, and he shall receive honour of the king.—The skill of the Physician shall lift up his head: and in the sight of great men he shall be in admiration.—The Lord hath created medicines out of the earth; and he that is wise will not abhor them.—Was not the water made sweet with wood, that the virtue thereof might be known — With such doth he heal (men), and taketh away their pains.

#### CATHOLICS WARNED TO SHUN 'AMBER'

The Catholic Standard and Times yesterday announced that the motion picture "Forever Amber" still is classified as "morally objectionable" and Catholics therefore still are prohibited from patronizing the film.

Pointing out that the picture will be shown at a number of theaters in Philadelphia next week, the announcement said it also "would be well for Catholics to show their displeasure at the bookings of this picture by protesting to the respective managers of the theaters involved." The Apostle commands us to "Abhor that which is evil," Romans 12-9. He also in First Thes. 5-22, teaches us to "Abstain from all appearance of evil." and the Apostle Peter teaches to "Abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul." David the Psalmist, who is so much quoted, says: "Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it." Psalms 34-14. We are taught in God's word that transgression of law is sin. The Catholic Church does well in prohibiting its members attending shows, which in their judgment are immoral. CHARITY REJOICES NOT IN INIQUITY. The Editor.

#### CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE

Written for the Banner of Holiness,  
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#### EXPERIENCE

Emily F. Byers, Belle Vernon, Pa.

Mrs. Emily F. Byers was the wife and mother, grandmother and great-grandmother of druggists in this community.

In offering my testimony as a tribute of praise to my blessed Redeemer for what He has done for me, I wish to say, that the conviction has at different times been forced upon my mind that it was my duty to give my experience to the world, but being naturally of a timid disposition, I shrunk from the cross of having my name appear in public. While reading an earnest appeal in the "Banner" in which its readers were urged to send their experiences for publication, the conviction that it was my duty to do so was again so strongly urged upon me, that I dare not refuse longer. Trusting in Jesus to direct my pen, I will endeavor to do so, as briefly as possible.

I have been a professing Christian since the age of twenty; I am now fifty-two. In all these years I regret to have it to say, that I feel I have not, until eighteen months since, served my divine Master acceptably, because I tried to "serve God and mammon."

Some three years since, I subscribed for the "Guide," more to assist our minister's wife in getting a set of books as a premium, than anything else. This was the first I had ever heard or read of the doctrine of holiness. (I will here state that I had birthright to, and was raised among the society of Friends, commonly called Quakers). I read it as I would any other good book. I enjoyed reading the testimony of those who professed to enjoy the blessing; but did not give the subject much thought. I passed it by, as something entirely beyond my comprehension; but I really believed that when we were sanctified we were about done with earth. I understood the word "sanctified" as meaning angelic, not Christian perfection. I thought the Lord would prepare us to enter heaven when the time came. That time, I thought, was the hour of death.

In the years that are past, I was often made to rejoice in the love of God being shed abroad in my heart, while in attendance upon the revival means of grace; but I had such an unbelieving heart to contend with, that I often doubted as to whether it was excitement of the mind.

The time which I referred to (eighteen months since,) while leading in prayer at our female

prayer meeting, I was blessed in a more special manner than ever before. I thought, at the time, surely this must be altogether from a natural source; but in a day or two doubts, as usual, began to arise, and the enemy suggested—"Perhaps, after all, it was but excitement owing to my nervous temperament." But my mind was not easy. Something seemed to tell me that it was not all excitement, at least, and that there was a greater blessing in store for me if I would but seek for it.

From this point, it is impossible for me to describe to any one the mysterious manner (at least so to me) in which I was led by the spirit. My distress and confusion of mind were so great, that I thought, at times, I should lose my reason. I seemed to be urged forward by a power I could not resist, but all seemed dark before me; and when I would be tempted to give over the struggle, I felt that I dare not. I felt that if I did it would be death to my soul. A book, entitled, I think, "Notes on the Way to Holiness (probably Mrs. Palmer's Way to Holiness With Notes by the Way) was put into my hands, which gave me some light. I read it carefully and prayerfully, and as it would refer to passages of scripture to uphold the doctrine, I would read them and compare my own Christian life with their teachings.

I was soon led to see that I was living beneath my privilege, and that what I needed was a clean heart, cleansed and made perfect by the blood of Jesus. But I felt that I had a great work to do. I did not know that all I had to do, was to consecrate myself to God, just as I was, and He would do the work for me. But the doubts I had been troubled with in regard to the feelings of ecstasy which I enjoyed at times so harassed me, that the burden of my prayer was, not only to be cleaned from all sin, but that the Lord would give me such a blessing that it would be impossible ever to doubt more as to its divine origin. Blessed be His holy name forever! Notwithstanding my sinfulness, in doubting as I had done, He did give me such a baptism of His Spirit, that it almost proved too much for this tenement of clay, only precious Jesus knew that nothing short of almost a miracle would have taken my unbelief away. Oh! how wonderful was His love for me, a poor, unworthy worm of the dust!

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# THE GOSPEL NEWS

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## A PRAYER

Dearest Lord, as once again,  
Before Thy throne, I kneel,  
I ask Thee not of worldly goods,  
But, riches that are real.

A Jewel to adorn my heart  
With brilliance, unsurpassed—  
Is CHARITY-, and may I have  
Enough, until the last.

The crown of LOVE, I want, O  
Lord,  
To place upon my head,  
That by its splendor, weary feet  
May to Thy side, be led.

Upon my lips, a jewel set,  
That precious gem called PEACE,  
So that contentions, anger, pride,  
May, in its presence, cease.

And now the golden cloak of HOPE  
Upon my shoulders, place,  
That thus arrayed, I may be fit  
Some day to see Thy face.

Last, but not least, I ask before  
I stand upon my feet,  
That Thou wilt gird me round  
with FAITH;  
That I may be complete.

And so, when I am thus arrayed  
How could I selfish be?  
But pray that Thou would'st clothe  
the world,  
Even as I would be.

Catherine Poma  
San Diego, Calif.

## BROTHERHOOD MEETING

On February 27, 1948, a brotherhood meeting was held at the Rodef Shalom Temple on Washington avenue in Charleroi. The meeting was attended by a goodly number of the Saints, Jews, and other religious groups.

Rabbi Herzlich, after welcoming those in attendance proceeded with his regular Friday evening service, which is the welcoming of the Sabbath. This was very interesting, as it was conducted both in Hebrew and English. After the opening service, Rabbi Herzlich introduced the three speakers for the evening, namely Rev. Winger of the Christian Church, Rev. Cooke the colored Baptist Minister of Monessen, Pa., and Brother W. H. Cadman, president of The Church of Jesus Christ, of Monongahela, Pa. This was Brother Cad-

man's second invitation to speak at the Synagogue.

Rev. Winger the first speaker, related his experiences as a chaplain in the armed service, during the recent war. Rev. Cook spoke on race in religion. He also told of being a juvenile officer in Monessen, and has racial and minority problems to take care of. Brother Cadman then gave a stirring message upon the Christian's hope of Brotherhood. He showed very clearly the life we should live as followers of Jesus Christ, for Jesus taught us to love one another, and also if we could not love our brother whom we see, how can we love God, whom we do not see? Brother Cadman showed that there was hope held out for the minority groups in and through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Rabbi Herzlich then made a few closing remarks, after which tea and cake was served in the basement of the synagogue. We appreciated very much the hospitality and friendship shown by our Jewish friends.

P.S. This article was arranged by Brothers Neill, Campbell, and presiding Elder Tucker.

## CLERGYMAN SUGGESTS WEEK OF HATE

By Religious News Service  
SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — A local rabbi has recommended observance of an official "week of hate" instead of the seven-day period dedicated to brotherhood.

Speaking at a Brotherhood Week program, Rabbi Samuel Price said, "It would be much better to have the one week in 52 dedicated to hate, a week when we would all be able to get the hate out of our systems, treat one another as badly as we know how, and then observe the remaining 51 weeks as Brotherhood Weeks."

## OUR LEAFLET,

Titled Retrogression of  
The Primitive Church

St. Matthew 11:12, "And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force." In our leaflet, "Retrogression of The Primitive Church," which was arranged by a committee of two brethren,

They did not quote all of the aforementioned verse, as will be readily observed at bottom of page 3 of said leaflet. It was not their object to deceive or pervert the word of God as accused, but in a brief way, they drew attention to the struggle between the kingdom, and the violent power, knowing that those who were interested could easily open their Bibles and read for themselves.

One of these leaflets has fallen into the hands of a College Student, who, apparently is a well learned man and he is type-writing what he calls a paper. It is titled, "Difficulties In Accepting The Book of Mormon as the Revelation of God (1)". In this paper, we are accused of "Audacity with which God's Word is quoted out of context with the express purpose of twisting its meaning." The writer then quotes the aforementioned verse completely as it is written, with the exception, he underlines the words "until now." St. Matthew does not underline them, and to me, by doing so, the writer creates the impression that the violent took the kingdom by force at that time. If that be true, to me, the word "take" should have been used in the past tense. The fact that John was thrust into prison and slain, did not ease the spirit of violence against the kingdom. The violent force was arrayed against Christ the King, and nailed Him to the cross. The Rev. C. I. Scofield, D. D. says: "The King and His herald suffered violence, and this is the primary and greater meaning" I will add that violence did not even cease at the cross, but it did exercise itself furiously against the Church immediately after the Day of Pentecost, until we see the woman, the Church, in Rev. 12:6, fleeing into the wilderness, and in Chap'er 13: 7, "And it was given unto him (the beast) to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him (the beast) over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations." In Rev. 17 verse 3, John is carried by the spirit into the wilderness (I have already shown where the woman fled into the wilderness) where John now sees her. Note verse 6, "And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when

I saw her, I wondered with great admiration." I believe I have given sufficient to show that the violent force spoken of in Matthew 11:12 did not cease at that time.

In St. Matthew 28:15, I read (but I had better quote the whole verse or I might be accused of being audacious, twisting, and even a perverter) "So they took the money, and did as they were taught; and this saying is commonly reported among them un'til this day." Are we to understand from this that the report of His body having been stolen, ceased at "that day?" Surely not. In the previous scripture it says: "until now," in the latter instance, "until this day." These expressions are identical in sense, if not in word. Saul of Tarsus evidently believed the false report, even as many are doing today relative to the Book of Mormon. And the peculiar thing is, it is mostly by those who are ever learning. If they are really honest and good in their hearts, the good Lord may give some of them a shaking up, even as He did Saul when on his way to Damascus, but of course we cannot hope for this, unless they are good, down in the depths of their hearts. The Lord knows all men, and we are taught that the tree is known by its fruit. It is too bad that we have so many learned men who are determined to accept the false reports about the Book of Mormon, instead of the testimony of honorable and faithful men, yea, men who actually saw with their own eyes, and I must not exclude the faithful wife of Joseph Smith, who laboured with him some in translating the records. Her testimony was: "I felt the plates myself in the sack in which they were kept." David Whitmer, Oliver Cowdery, and others gave unimpeachable testimony relative to this matter, and also that Sidney Rigdon was never known in the Smith family until after the Book of Mormon was in print. Truly, you learned men have believed a lie instead of the truth, and the indictment of the Apostle Paul is very severe on such. Read Second Thess. 2:11,12.

I have referred to the writer of this type-written-paper as a College Student, and I will add here that it is wonderful to be well learned. But we must remember that the Saviours worst enemies were among the learned of His day. The things of God are understood by the Spirit of God, and

the learned may be as far astray as the ignorant. Peter and John were classed as ignorant and unlearned men in their day, but in reality they were the wise of that time.

I wish now to draw your attention to the inconsistency of this learned man. In his type-written-paper which I have referred to, he tries to support the idea that the Church established by the Saviour, would always remain intact upon the earth by quoting scripture found in St. Matthew 28:20, "And, lo. I am with you always, even until the end of the world." Please, Mr. Writer, let me quote this scripture as it is. "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. A-men." You were very critical with us because we only quoted part of a verse. The teachings of Jesus are, to do unto others as you would be done by. May I ask: has the Christian world observed all the things which were commanded by Jesus Christ? They have not, and well do you learned men know it. I will add without fear of contradiction, that Christ did not promise to be with men until the end of the world, except on condition that they teach and observe all things which He commanded them.

The Writer does not take too kindly with what is said of Mr. Wesley at the bottom of the last page of the leaflet, "Retrospection of The Primitive Church." Mr. John Wesley in his 94th sermon Vol. 2 second paragraph says: "The Christians had no more of the Spirit of Christ, than the 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." As to Mr. Wesley's attitude concerning the apostate condition of the Christian Church: I will quote the 30th paragraph of his 66th sermon, volume 2, as follows: "Is not this the falling away or apostacy from God, foretold by St. Paul in his second epistle to the Thessalonians chapt. 2,3? Indeed, I would not dare to say, with George Fox, that this apostacy was universal; that there never were any real Christians in the world, from the

days of the apostles till this time. But we may boldly say, that wherever Christianity has spread, the apostacy has spread also; in-somuch that, although there are now and always have been individuals who were real Christians, yet the whole world never did, nor can at this day, show a Christian country or city."

Before closing this article, I will add that my father was born in England in the year of 1834, and he said the following verses were John Wesley's composition, and that they were in the old Methodist Hymn Book, but was not in their later books. I notice that in our late hymn book, Charles Wesley's name is attached to the verses. They are as follows:

Happy the souls that first believed  
To Jesus and each other cleaved;  
Joined by the unction from above,  
In mystic fellowship of love.

Meek, simple followers of the  
Lamb,  
They lived and spake, and thought  
the same,  
They joyfully conspired to raise  
Their ceaseless sacrifice of praise.

With grace abundantly endued,  
A pure believing multitude;  
They all were of one heart and  
soul,  
And only love inspired the whole.

Oh! what an age of golden days!  
Oh! what a choice, peculiar race!  
Washed in the Lamb's all-cleansing blood,  
Anointed kings and priests to God.

Where shall I wander now to find  
Successors they have left behind?  
The faithful, whom I seek in vain,  
Are 'minished from the sons of men.

Ye different sects, who all declare,  
"Lo here is Christ," or "Christ is there!"  
Your stronger proofs divinely give,  
And show me where the Christians live.

In response to these wonderful verses, I must say that if words mean anything, and as far as the Wesleys were concerned; the true followers of Christ were not to be found on the earth in their day, Sincerely, W. H. Cadman

#### WASHINGTON'S STRANGE VISION

The last time I saw Anthony Sherman was on the Fourth of July

1859, in Independence Square. He was then ninety-nine years old and becoming feeble, but though so old his dimmed eyes rekindled as he gazed on Independence Hall, which he had come back to look upon once more before he was called home.

"Let us go into the Hall," he said, "I want to tell you an incident of Washington's life, one of which no one alive knows but myself, and if you live, you will before long see verified.

"From the opening of the revolution we experienced all phases of fortune. Now good, now ill, one time victorious and another conquered. The darkest period we had, I think, was when Washington, after several reverses, retreated to Valley Forge, where he resolved to pass the winter of 1777. I have often seen tears coursing down our dear commander's careworn cheeks as he would be conversing with some confidential officer about the condition of his poor soldiers. You have doubtless heard the story of Washington going to the thicket to pray. Well, it was not only true, but he used to often pray in secret for aid and comfort from God, and interposition of whose Divine providence brought us safely through the darkest days of tribulation.

"One day, I remember it well, the chilly wind whistled through leafless trees. Though the sky was cloudless and the sun shone brightly, he remained in his quarters nearly all afternoon alone. When he came out I noticed his face seemed a shade paler than usual and that there seemed something on his mind of more than ordinary importance.

"After a preliminary conversation of about half an hour, Washington, gazing upon his companion with that strange look of dignity which he alone could command, said to the latter, 'I do not know whether it is owing to the anxiety of my mind or what, but this afternoon as I was sitting at this very table engaged in preparing a dispatch, something in the department seemed to disturb me. Looking up, I beheld standing opposite me a singular beautiful female. So astonished was I, for I had given strict orders not to be disturbed, that it was some moments before I found language to inquire the cause of her presence. A second, a third, and even a fourth time did I repeat my question, but received no answer from my mysterious visitor except

a slight raising of the eyes. By this time I felt strange sensations spreading through me. I would have risen, but the riveted gaze of the being before me rendered volition impossible. I essayed once more to address her, but my tongue had become powerless. Even thought itself became paralyzed. A new influence, mysterious, potent irresistible, took possession of me. All I could do was to gaze steadily, vacantly at my unknown visitant. Gradually the surrounding atmosphere seemed as though filled with sensations—grew luminous. Everything about me seemed to rarify; the mysterious visitor herself becoming more airy and yet more distinct to my sight than before. I now began to feel as one dying, or rather to experience the sensations which I sometimes imagined accompany dissolution. I did not think, I did not move. All were alike impossible. I was only conscious of gazing fixedly, vacantly at my companion.

"Presently I heard a voice saying: 'Son of the Republic, look and learn'; while at the same time my visitor extended her arm eastwardly. I now beheld a heavy, white vapor at some distance rising fold upon fold. This gradually dissipated and I looked upon a strange scene. Before me lay spread out in one vast plain the countries of the world: Europe, Asia, Africa, and America. I saw rolling and tossing between Europe and America the billows of the Atlantic, and between Asia and America lay the Pacific.

"'Son of the Republic,' said the mysterious voice as before, 'look and learn.' At that moment I beheld a dark, shadowy being like an angel, standing or rather floating in mid-air between Europe and America. Dipping water out of the ocean in the hollow of each hand he sprinkled some on America with his right hand, while with his left he cast some on Europe. Immediately a dark cloud rose from these countries and joined in mid-ocean. For awhile it stayed stationary, and then moved slowly westward until it enveloped America in its murky folds. Sharp flashes of lightning gleamed through it at intervals, and I heard the smothered groans and grief of the American people. A second time the Angel dipped out water of the ocean and sprinkled it out as before. The dark cloud was then drawn back to the ocean, in whose heaving billows it sank from view.

"A third time I heard the mysterious voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn.' I cast my eye upon America and beheld villages and towns and cities springing up one after the other until the whole land, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, was dotted with them. Again I heard the mysterious voice say, 'Son of the Republic, the end of the century cometh, look and learn.' At this the dark shadowy angel turned his face southward from Africa. I saw an illumined specter approach our land. It flittered slowly over every town and city of the latter. The inhabitants presently set themselves in battle against each other. As I continued looking I saw a bright angel, on whose brow rested a crown of light on which was traced the word 'Union,' bearing the American flag which she placed between the divided nations and said, 'Remember, we are brethren.' Instantly the inhabitants, casting from them their weapons, became friends once more, and united around the standard.

"And I heard the mysterious voice say, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn.' At this the shadowy angel placed a trumpet to his mouth and blew three distinct blasts, and taking water from the ocean, he sprinkled it upon Europe, Asia, and Africa. Then my eyes beheld a fearful scene, from each of these countries rose thick black clouds that were soon joined into one. And throughout the mass there gleamed a dark red light, by which I saw hordes of white men, who moving with the clouds, marched by land and sailed by sea to America, which country was enveloped in the volume of the cloud. And I dimly saw the vast armies devastate the whole country and burn the villages, towns, and cities that I beheld springing up.

"As my ear listened to the thundering of the cannon and the clashing of the swords and shouts and cries of millions in mortal combat, I again heard the mysterious voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn.' When the voice had ceased, the dark shadowy angel placed his trumpet to his mouth and blew a long and fearful blast. Instantly a light, as of a thousand suns, shown down from above me and pierced and broke into fragments the cloud that enveloped America. At the same moment the angel upon whose crown still

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## THE GOSPEL NEWS

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shone the word "Union," and who bore our national flag in one hand and a sword in the other, descended from Heaven, attended by legions of white spirits. These immediately joined the inhabitants of America, who I perceived were well nigh overcome, but who immediately taking courage again closed up the broken ranks and renewed the battle.

"Again, amid the noise of the fearful conflict, I heard the mysterious voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn.' As the voice ceased, the shadowy angel for the last time dipped water from the ocean and sprinkled it upon America. Instantly the dark cloud rolled back, together with the armies it had brought, leaving the inhabitants of America victorious. Then once more I beheld villages, towns, and cities springing up where I had seen them before while the bright angel planted the azure standard he had brought in

the midst of them, and cried with a loud voice:

"While the stars remain and the heavens send down dew upon the earth so long shall the Union last," and taking from his crown on which blazed the word "Union," he placed it upon the standard, while the people, kneeling down, said, "Amen."

"The last scene instantly began to fade and dissolve, and I saw nothing but the rising, curling vapor I had first beheld. This also disappearing, I found myself once more gazing upon the mysterious visitor, who in the same voice as I heard before, said, 'Son of the Republic, what you have seen is thus interpreted. The most fearful is the third. Let every child of the Republic learn to live for his God, his land, and Union.'"

With these words the vision vanished and I started from my seat and felt that I had seen the vision wherein had been shown to me the birth, progress, and destiny of the United States.

"Such, my friends," continued the narrator, "were the words I heard from Washington's own lips."—Youths Comrade, 1919.

## A HARD WINTER AND A GOOD FRUIT YEAR AHEAD

October 28, 1947

The writer saw that he was out on a certain country road looking for fruit and seeing an orchard above the road, went up to it and saw in that orchard a wonderful sight. I saw that the orchard was loaded down with large and small fruit even on the ground. And saw there, too, just small trees not higher than my head, apples hanging in bunches, and was picking them off by the handfuls. When I started out I was looking for a certain kind of a tree that bore a very small apple, but very delicious. I found the tree I was looking for in the center of that orchard. Here it was the spiritual fruit represented as well as the natural.

We will not only have a hard winter and a large crop of fruit next summer, but a large ingathering of souls throughout the world, especially in the old world. And to have this immediate outpouring of the spirit with power, there must be a lot of prayer.

Living the life in meekness, sincerity and truth and no railing or slamming by one against the other; nor one body of the church against another. Then God will bless His people with all the good things of

the earth. And so much suffering will abate.

Pray for the divine favor of Israel and for the universal extension of the church to all people, and thus saving health among all nations.

Then shall the earth yield her full increase, then God, even our God, shall bless us.

Be good to the Jew  
And God will bless you,  
Be good to the Negro  
And God will bless you, too,  
Be good to the Indian,  
Gentile and the Jew, he will bless you, too.

This world of universal banqueting was illustrated to me as a gr at field of hungry hogs.

There was good timber growing all around this field, and not gathered into the church. There was starvation all over the world when there was plenty.

We may illustrate the many bodies of the visible church small and great as a large apple orchard, bringing forth large and small fruit. It is not the largest trees that produce the largest fruit neither is it the smaller tree that produces smaller fruit. But when the writer was out on road hunting a certain apple tree, that bore small apples which have been approved as being a very delicious fruit, which he found in the center of the "garden orchard," so the writer found what he was looking for. That was the body that bore the best spiritual fruit — no fuss nor coronation — but meekness as a child or as a lamb. The smaller bodies always have been the most spiritual of all the bodies of the church.

Contributed by  
Brother D. Patterson

## NEWS

Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Folks:

A few lines from sunny California to let you folks in on a little of what is going on out here. I hope this finds all of you enjoying good health both naturally and spiritually.

We have been having some very good meetings and God blesses us far more than we deserve many times. We are so thankful that His mercy endureth forever for if it was not for that I am sure we would have been cast out of His presence long ago. Satan has gotten in a few licks lately but I am sure we will overcome him by the



grace of God. It proves one thing to me and that is, we are still on the straight and narrow way.

As a branch we stand in need of the prayers and support of the general church. Please remember us when you come together to worship. We are confident there are many souls waiting here to hear this gospel and when there is some good to be done Satan is right on the job to disrupt it, but if we as a church support each other in prayer, God will do the rest.

Brother James Lovaivo and Rocco Maeo and John Gamecia are travelling 30 miles every Sunday to Van Nyes. A sister from McKes Rocks lives there and has quite a few outsiders coming into the meetings. The Brothers report good liberty and good meetings. I hope to go with them some Sunday soon, God willing.

I am sending a poem I wrote while I was sick this winter. I meant to send it long ago but never got to it. We are all fasting today for the welfare of the branch and church in general. They plan to have a fast at least one day a month.

While I lay in bed I had lots of time to think and I was thinking of days and conditions gone by and of our present day and its problems, when some thoughts came to me and I began to write. I hope you all receive the same blessing when you read it as I did when I wrote it. So this being a fast day I am trying to do all the good I can, in all the ways I can, to all the people I can. Now I hope I have not made a bore of myself. Forgive me if my letter is too long. There is so much to say and I have just said a little of it. But there is one thing I want you all to know. The distance between us but draws us closer. We do miss your fellowship but we have memories that are sweet and precious. And we look forward to the day when BY THE GRACE OF GOD, we shall all be in one place in peace. Again I ask, remember us here and we will do the same for you always. Regards to all from your Sister in Christ,

Margaret Heaps. Sr.

#### OUR NEED TODAY

Whats wrong with this old world  
of ours  
And the people who live in it?  
Can they not see what their need  
is  
Then seek and strive to get it.

Love thy neighbor as thyself  
Was spoken long ago,  
By one who knew the greatest need  
Of this old world below.

'Tis love that makes life brighter  
grow  
And cheers us on our way  
It blinds us to the others faults  
And brightens up our days.

'Tis only when our loves grown  
dim  
And we've neglectful grown,  
We see the faults in others  
And cannot see our own.

Where shall they look to find it?  
If not in you and me,  
Who know the meaning of his love  
And it's simplicity.

Then scatter out the sunshine,  
And till the world around  
To cast on him their burdens  
And let his love abound.

#### A DAY WELL SPENT

Dear Brother Cadman:

Ever since coming home from our trip in the east I have planned to write you a few lines for the paper but it seems like I just couldn't think of a lot to write with the exception that we had a wonderful trip and enjoyed every minute spent with the saints in Detroit, Monongahela, West Elizabeth and Warren. Truly it did us a world of good as it gave us more strength to keep trying to progress in the gospel. We had such a trial all summer with mother so ill and then her passing gave us much sorrow of heart but we thank God he does not leave us comfortless and it gives us a hope of meeting again in a brighter world where nothing can enter to mar our peace and happiness.

I especially wanted to tell you of a trip we made yesterday to see some folks at Alexander, Kansas. Just after Sunday School, Brother and Sister Ashley and Sister Ring told us they were going to Dodge City in the afternoon and wouldn't be here for church and it left us just five members to be here for church, and as there was quite a little sickness we decided that we five, Dad and I, Brother and Sister Alex. Robinson and Sister Lydia Robinson would take a trip to Alexander to visit a Mr. and Mrs. Gebkles. They were in the Reorganized church but have received some very harsh treatment from them and haven't met with them for years, nevertheless, they didn't cease to serve God and they were

very humble people and have really been blessed. When we arrived at their home they welcomed us with open arms and we felt like we had known them all of our lives. Brother and Sister Robinson had met them before. We sat for three and one-half hours discussing the gospel and visiting with them. I don't know who enjoyed the visit the most but I'm sure we left them feeling that we had met a new brother and sister and I'm truly praying that God will help us to show forth the love of God in our hearts that they can see and know that this is truly the remnant that was spared. When we were ready to leave they insisted that we stay and have lunch with them and then we had prayer just before we left them. There wasn't a dry eye in the room and I am sure that God gave us this opportunity to visit them.

It was their daughter that Sister Ring and Sister Ashley and Sister Louise visited in Hoisington. She is now in the hospital in Topeka with rheumatic fever and a bad heart condition but is quite sure that she will soon be alright and has a desire to help to spread this gospel wherever she goes. We visited her in a hospital in Great Bend and dad promised her we would try to visit her folks.

Yes, Brother Cadman I felt like the day was well spent in the service of God. They truly need us and we need them. We hope that we may soon see better times in the west and as the poet expresses it:

From east to west, from north to south

The Saviours Kingdom shall extend

And every man, in every place,  
Shall meet a brother and a friend.

Sister Eva Sanders

Then scatter out the sunshine,  
And tell the world around  
To cast on him their burdens  
And let his love abound.

#### A SHORT TRIP TO CANADA

On the night of Friday, February 27th, I left here, Monongahela, for Muncey, Ont. arrived in Windsor, Ont. on Saturday morning and left there by car in the afternoon for Muncey, a distance of 100 miles. The car I was riding in had others of our people, on their way to Six Nations Reserve, about another 100 miles farther on. Arriving at Muncey I stayed at the home of Brother Cotellesse all night. I found their family all well. The roads

on the Reservation were very bad with ice and snow. The two previous Sundays our brethren from Detroit were not able to get through on account of the snow. On this Sunday, however, a car-load of the folks' from Detroit managed through to the Muncey Reserve, on the Sunday I was there.

Owing to them not getting over for two Sundays, there was no meeting appointed at the Church, so we went to Sister Muskilunge's and held a meeting in her humble home. The old sister has passed the 100 mark in years, but she is still going. She bore her testimony to the gospel along with others of her race, and we had a very nice meeting indeed. On leaving the Reservation, the roads being so bad with ice, our car went into a "skid" and for a few moments it looked as though we might wreck, however, our driver Brother DeMellis got the car straightened up again, and I arrived back in Windsor about 7:30 p.m. in time to catch part of the night meeting which was conducted by Brother Furnier of Detroit. He was conducting a series of meetings in Windsor on the "falling away and the restoration of the gospel," and seemed to have created some interest among outside people. I stayed in Windsor for the Tuesday night meeting and enjoyed myself in their pulpit. At the close of the meeting, Brothers R. Watson, Jr., Jack Ford and C. Burgess took me in a car to Detroit where I stayed for the night at the home of Brother Fred D'Amico, the next day I visited at some of the homes of the saints, and attended a meeting at Branch No. 1 on Wednesday night. I was greeted with a very large crowd of listeners for the occasion. I occupied all the time in this meeting in speaking. At the close thereof, our good hearted Brother Gallenta, along with his wife, and Sisters Russi, and daughter Marian took me in their car to the depot where I boarded a midnight sleeper for home. While it was a short trip, yet it was enjoyed very much. I arrived home on Thursday and took part in a Brotherhood speaking program the next night at the Jewish Synagogue in Charleroi. I will add that the car-load which I spoke of going on to the Six Nations Reserve, reported that they had a very good time among the Indian people in preaching the gospel. Sincerely,

Brother W. H. Cadman

#### A LETTER TO SISTER RUSSI

Vill'a San giuseppe  
ITALY

September 12, 1947

My Dear Sister in Christ Jesus:

I am answering your most welcomed letter which although unexpected brought much joy to my heart. My mother and the other brothers and sisters here in Italy were also glad to hear from you.

Glad to hear that you, your husband and daughter are well. May the peace of our Redeemer and Lord Jesus Christ be with you, Amen; in that you may have joy, love and happiness always.

At present we are all well, thank God, temporally and spiritually. The Lord knows all our needs.

Dear Sister Marietta: Today I received your letter directed to Sister Spano Genoeffa, who in turn gave it to me. I am glad dear Sister, and great is the joy in my heart. When I go to give my testimony of Christ to others it seems that I can go on and on telling of this wonderful story. I wish I had heard it much sooner.

Dear Sister Marietta: We have received also your registered letter containing the offering which you sent for all of the members here. We have divided this offering equally among us giving thanks unto God for your kindness. The amount received was 9685 liras.

On behalf of my aged mother I wish to thank you for your kindness. The Lord knows all, and He knows how much we desire to be near you and to hear each other's voices. It is hoped that some day we may meet here on earth, but if not, it is our firm desire to meet at the Table of the Supper of the Lamb, where all His Saints will meet.

Before receiving your registered letter I dreamed that I had received a letter from you which contained a remembrance from you. The dream ended and shortly afterward it was fulfilled.

Dear Sister; Having given my testimony to many here, there are five brothers and one sister who are ready for baptism. There are also a few couples who would like to be united in marriage.

Receive sincere regards from my mother in the love of Christ, and extend our love to all the saints there in the same love of Christ. I extend my love to you and your daughter and husband. My mother would like a letter direct from you; for as you know

she is Brother Domenic Todaro's mother.

In conclusion I extend you my love in Christ and remain always:

Your Sister in Christ:

Foca Caterina

Please answer soon.

P. S. Dear Sister Marietta: May I ask that when you write, please with pen and ink as I will be more pleased to read the letter. Send me one of your pictures taken with your husband and daughter, and I really would like one of all the brothers and sisters of Detroit.

I shall close now with pen and ink but never with the heart. We extend again our sincere regards to all the brothers and sisters of Detroit in the love of Christ. The same applies for all the small group here in Italy.

Since the registered letter containing the money order was in the name of Brother Vito Buffa, kindly extend him our sincere regards also telling him that we will write him shortly.

In closing again I remain a humble servant of the Lord:

Chirico Caterina

#### AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR

By Brother Paul Love

At this time of the year, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday: all people are giving thought and remembering our Lord, who was crucified on the cross and arose again from the dead. Through His death and resurrection, He has brought redemption for our body and soul, that we may live eternally with Him; if we do that which is good and keep His commandments.

On the other hand if our works are evil, and we have not kept His commandments, we are cast out from the presence of God, and will partake of the reward given to that which is evil. In writing this Remembrance, I wish to ask the reader to meditate upon the great and deep meaning of the life of our Saviour. If we look back previous to the baptism of Jesus, we find He toiled daily as a carpenter. No doubt providing for His daily food and welfare. Even though He was the Son of God, and without sin, he toiled in His day as a natural man for His substance.

At the age of thirty years, He was baptized in the River Jordan by John the Baptist, buried in the liquid grave, and arose out of it. The heavens were opened and the gift of the Holy Ghost descended on Him in the form of a dove. In

this, the Father said: this is My beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased, "Hear ye Him." From that day on, we find Him doing the work of His Father which was in heaven, (spiritual work) not the natural work He did before He was baptized. He was able to heal the sick, cause the blind to see, and even raised many from the dead.

Is this not a type of future happenings that should come later in life? Yes, (I will dwell upon this later in this writing). The three years our Saviour was preaching faith, repentance and baptism, also to take up thy cross and follow Him. This was the extension of His hands the "first" time among Israel that they may be one fold and have one Shepherd. They rejected their Lord and Saviour and crucified Him, and about the year seventy A.D. the Jews were scattered and driven to different parts of the earth, never again permitted to be a nation even to this day.

Was not Jesus' baptism in the River Jordan, and His rising out of the water, likened to His death on the cross as a natural man, buried in the sepulchre, arising three days later in a spiritual body to eventually dwell eternally in heaven? Yes. I must say, that a body cannot be buried by sprinkling or pouring a little bit of earth on it. Neither can baptism be performed by pouring or sprinkling a little bit of water on the candidate, and be done as our Saviour set the example for us, or as He commanded us to perform this ordinance.

According to the scriptures, the three days His body laid in the sepulchre His spirit went to those which were in prison and He ministered unto them, and when He arose, many arose with Him and ministered unto many. Yes, there was a resurrection of the righteous at the resurrection of Christ, after He arose from the grave; for forty days and nights He appeared to those of Jerusalem (Jews) and also to the seed of Joseph (Indians) on this land of America, teaching them the same faith and commandments as He taught in Galilee before his crucifixion. He told the Nephites (American Indians) that other sheep He had, not of that fold, neither of the fold at Jerusalem, then I must visit and they shall become one fold and have one shepherd.

Therefore we must keep our minds open to the fact, that other records are yet to come forth

in the Lord's own due time. It is near two thousand years now since Christ was crucified and the house of Israel scattered, and in all this time they have not been, by the hand of God been permitted to be a nation. Yes, look about us, our American Indians, and the Jews have had their blessings taken from them, and given to the Gentiles. Are the blessings of God going to continue with the Gentiles, when they have broken the everlasting covenant and changed the ordinances? See the corruption and evil our nation and the nations of the world are indulging in today. We must say, Waken up America because we are living in the eleventh hour and our days are numbered, and the Lord is extending His hand the second time to bring about the restoration of His people, the House of Israel. The blessings of the Gentiles are on the decrease and I believe the Lord is about ready to restore the former blessings back to the House of Israel. The former and the latter rains in the first month as spoken by the Prophet Isaiah.

Is not The Church of Jesus Christ much like as it were John the Baptist? He was the forerunner of Jesus Christ, preparing the way for Him to extend His hand the first time to bring redemption to Israel, that they might become one fold and have one Shepherd. The duty of The Church is to prepare the way, whereby He can extend His hand the second time, that through us Gentiles He may restore the House of Israel to His favor again. And we of the Gentiles may be numbered with them, if it so be we keep His commandments, and walk justly before Him.

Dear brothers and sisters: remember us in your prayers, that we along with you may walk justly before our God. Surely He has been good to me, and given me some understanding. We want to encourage our people to have much patience in the days which are coming before us. Great are going to be our trials and we will need help from each other. Trusting in God in all things that He may preserve His people, that we may partake of the goodness the Lord has in store for us, when His work is manifested greater from day to day, and we see with our own eyes as He taught in His prayer: His will be done on earth as it is done in heaven.

#### MRS. JOHN FERRY PASSES ON

Recently, Brother W. H. Cadman was called to the home of Mr. John Ferry in Charleroi, Pa., to administer to his sick wife. Mrs. Ferry was a very sick lady and too, was getting well advanced in years, being 75 years old. After a lingering sickness, she passed on to her reward and was laid away to rest on February 20th, her minister, Rev. Elizabeth Kunselman and Brother W. H. Cadman attended to the services. Mrs. Ferry had been a very active woman in her community for many years, and was very highly spoken of by the many that knew her. Her passing has been a very hard blow to the bereaved husband, and Brother Cadman especially extends his sympathy to his old boyhood friend Mr. Ferry. May the Lord give him overcoming grace.

#### DOMINICK COLAGOVANNI PASSES ON

Mr. Dominick Colagovanni, a son-in-law of our late Brother Surrace passed on to his reward on Feb. 27 after a lingering illness in the Mercy hospital at Pittsburgh, Pa., was buried from The Church of Jesus Christ, Monongahela on March 1, Brother W. H. Cadman officiating, music and singing by Sisters Irene Griffith, Sarah Neill, Sara Vancik, and Brother Kirschner. The deceased leaves his wife, one son and one daughter; two sisters and two brothers in Italy, besides other relatives and friends to mourn his passing. His widow may be better known to some as the former Rosie Surrace. The Gospel News extends its sympathy to the young widow and her children.

#### MRS. ROSALIE MILANTONI Relieved of Her Suffering

A card received informs us that Sister Milantoni of Detroit has passed on to her reward. No particulars are given, other than she died on March 2nd. She was a victim of that dread disease, cancer, and has suffered a long time. Her suffering is now over and she has gone to reap the reward that is in store for her. May the Lord comfort all her kindred is our prayer.

#### HENRY DREER PASSES ON

Brother Henry Dreer of Blaine Hill, Elizabeth, Pa., died on March 1, 1948 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Isaac Smith. He

was born on February 15, 1863 making him at time of death a little past 80 years old. He was buried in Mount Vernon Cemetery on March 3d. Brother W. H. Cadman in charge of the service, with Brother William Gennaro of Warren, Ohio assisting. Brother Dreer was baptized in the Church quite a number of years ago, and since the death of his companion some years past, has been making his home with his children. He leaves to mourn his departure, one daughter Sister Gertrude Smith, three sons namely: Philip, and Chester of Warren, Ohio and Edward of McKeesport, Pa. Singing was furnished by young folks from the Glassport church. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved family.

#### MRS. ELSIE AMALONG GONE TO HER REWARD

Mrs. Elsie Amalong died at her home 411 W. Chelsea St., Tampa, Florida on March 5, 1948. She was a native of Washington County, Pa., was born on Dec. 16, 1883. Funeral services were held at the Greenmaw Funeral home in Tampa on March 9, at 10 a.m. Brother Samuel Kirschner in charge of the services.

Sister Amalong obeyed the Gospel a number of years ago, and has been absent from this part of the country for a long time, but during the past summer she visited here and attended the July conference, and visited many of her old friends. The visit was really a treat to her though she was not a well woman. She was so glad for an opportunity to meet with the saints again. She suffered with cancer and finally succumbed to its pangs of pain. She leaves to mourn her loss, her daughter Mrs. Genevieve Sackett of Kansas City, Mo. and a granddaughter in Tampa. May the Lord comfort you all.

#### CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE (continued from last issue)

After wrestling and agonizing in prayer nearly two weeks, on Friday evening, the first day of March, 1872, while beseeching the Lord for the sake of Jesus, to give me coveted blessing, and still it was withheld—(how plainly I see now where my lack of faith was—I failed to take God at his word)—all at once I became discouraged. I thought, "Well, I have done all I can do, and if the Lord does not see fit to give me the blessing I have asked for I will take the

Bible for my guide and try to be a Bible christian.

I was about to arise from my knees, when I felt urged to say these words "O Lord, may I, can I, dare I say 'I do believe'" In a moment, in a twinkling of an eye, the witness was applied with such quickening power, that I jumped to my feet astonished and frightened, as though something had struck me. My body became so weak, and my heart palpitated so violently, that I thought I should die. I tried to make a noise, thinking my husband would hear me, and come upstairs to see what was the matter; but I failed. It seemed to me as though I stood in the immediate presence of God. I was sensible of His power resting upon me, and that something was trying to tear me away. My feelings were mingled with joy, astonishment, awe and fear. Never while I have being, shall I forget what I then experienced. I did not understand the feeling of fear that clung to me; I cannot account for it now, in any other way than that the tempter saw my unbelief was giving way, and he was striving for victory. It was his last battle with me on that point; and I gained the victory through my blessed Jesus.

It was the evening of our public prayer meeting. I thought if I had strength to get there, perhaps that dreadful feeling of fear would leave me. While on my way to the church I was so weak that I staggered. (though a strong, robust woman) and the feeling still clung to me, that something was trying to drag me away from my Saviour's presence. My constant cry every step was, "O Lord, uphold me by thy power!" After arriving at the church sure enough the dread feeling left me. I heard but one prayer made, and but one hymn sung. I became unconscious of what was passing around me; self had disappeared; and I was lost in God my Saviour. I seemed to be enveloped in a bright light. I felt that one drop more and my spirit would have left the body.

Think you dear brothers and sisters who may read this humble testimony that I can ever doubt the reality of that blessing No! never, never! It was sometime before I could be aroused to get to my home. I was so happy that I did not sleep an hour that night. I continued thus for two weeks—so happy that I could scarcely eat or sleep. I thought then that I was beyond the power of temptation; but oh, how ignorant I was of my

new found path! Although my blessed Jesus gives me a great deal of sunshine, yet He has taught me to walk by faith. He has taught me to trust Him in the cloud, as well as in the sunshine. Praise His name. He never permits me to go low down in the valley—only in the valley of humility.

I will state, that at the time I received the blessing I do not think I had made a complete consecration of my all to Jesus—I did not know how. But, oh, my divine teacher has taught me how since! He gives me strength daily to "present my body a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto Him, which is my reasonable service," and I now, with humble boldness, testify that His blood cleanses me daily from all willful sin, and the life I now live, I live by faith in Jesus. My faith is growing stronger, and more established. My pathway through this vale of tears, trials, and temptations is still growing brighter, because illuminated and cheered by the approving smiles of my dear Saviour. Praise the Lord, O my soul, for what He has done, and is still doing for me!

"Oh, in a nobler, sweeter song  
I'll sing Thy power to save,  
When this poor lisping stammering tongue

Lies silent in the grave."

If these humble, stammering lines will encourage and establish any of God's dear children in the King's highway of holiness, then they will have accomplished the motive which prompted me to pen them.

August 7, 1873.

P. S. Mrs. Emily F. Byers is the maternal Grand Mother of brother T. S. Furnier, formerly of the Allenport, Pa., district, but now of Detroit, Mich. Mrs. Byers was known to be a wonderful woman.

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#### FROM THE MOUTHS

##### OF WISE MEN

Experience is like the stern lights of a ship which illumine only the track it has passed.

—Coleridge.

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## CONFERENCE NEWS

By Brother N. Pietrangelo

Our recent Conference met in the South Eastern High School building in Detroit, Michigan on April 3, 1948 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.

Both sessions of business passed off very well relative to the various matters which were brought before us. One of the main items of business was a report from the committee delegated to outline a system for districting the Church, they reported that after analyzing the "Article on Districting the Church," as presented by Brother W. H. Cadman, that it had met with their approval, save for a few possible changes. A detailed plan will be drawn up and presented for a vote in July conference. During one of our sessions Brother Alma Cadman who just returned from California, and other points west, related a few of his experiences that he encountered, which was enjoyed by all. Another point of discussion which was brought up, was preaching the Gospel in Italy, so on Memorial Day (May 30th) the church will meet in fasting and prayer, with the understanding that the members meet in their respective Branches and Missions.

Sunday morning service was opened by Brother W. H. Cadman of Monongahela, Pa., who gave a very interesting talk from the scripture, and also of his personal experience since obeying the Gospel some fifty years ago. The theme of his discourse was "The Resurrection" 3rd Chapter Colossians, verses 1-11. Brother Cadman deliberated extensively on this subject and brought out some wonderful thoughts for 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, and while the various brethren were speaking three candidates stood upon their feet and requested baptism. Meet-

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## A WEEK OF SERVICES

By Brother James Campbell

A week of revival meetings were held in the Monongahela Branch of the Church during March 21st to 26th.

On Sunday evening Brother B. Teaman Cherry opened the meeting by reading scripture found in Hebrews relative to priesthood. Brother Kirschner followed him on the same subject and the discourses of both were enjoyed by all.

At the beginning of the Monday night meeting presiding Elder Tucker announced that Sister Ethel Neill Crosier had requested to be baptized, which was attended to on Tuesday evening, despite the rain. Quite a nice crowd had gathered at the river for the occasion. On Monday evening our speakers were Brothers John Majoros, Meridith Griffith and George Neill. Their theme being the "Goodness of God Towards Us."

On Tuesday evening Brother Warren Nellis from Coleman, Mich. was here and occupied the pulpit, speaking to us concerning the prophecies of these latter days, admonishing all to keep their lamps trimmed and burning and their vessels filled with oil, and be ready when the bridegroom cometh.

Brother Nellis was our speaker  
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## MOTHER'S DAY POEM

Go to your church on Sunday,  
And let us sing and pray,  
In honor of that dear old pal,  
For that is Mother's Day,  
Don't leave her grieve and worry,  
When she is old and gray,  
She may not be with us  
On next Mother's Day.

Go to sleep my little one,  
And close your little eyes—  
That is the song that mother sang  
In those days long gone by,  
She would pick us up so tenderly,  
Then lay us down to sleep,  
And in her prayers  
She would ask the Lord  
Our tender soul to keep.  
Now don't forget dear mother  
On the 9th of May,  
Fill her heart with gladness,  
For that is Mother's Day.

—Fredrick Sievern

## MOTHER'S DAY

May, 1948

By Brother John Mancini

Another year has rolled back to take its place with the ages and with its passing, brings us up to the honoring another Mother's Day — a day which the nation offers and justly should its tribute of praise, respect, and honor.

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

While the foregoing statements show the setting aside of the Day honoring our mothers by executive proclamation, it was set aside by God thousands of years ago as a direct and firm commandment. In the 20th chapter of Exodus, 12th verse, He commands, "Honor thy father and mother that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." In this verse which was written several thousand years ago we can observe that God promised a liberal reward to those who honored their mother. Solomon, credited with being the world's wisest man, advised in one of his proverbs — Chapter 23, verse 22 — "Despise not thy mother when she is old." This reminds me of a quotation of my father wherein he said, "One mother is able to take care of twelve children, but twelve children are not able to take care of one mother." This is very true especially when we observe families that make excuses such as, "I have no extra room, I can't take care of mother, my husband or my wife doesn't want mother, mother is old-fashioned, mother has queer ideas, mother is too strict, mother doesn't understand," — these and many many other excuses are offered, but in raising a family, mother never uses any of the above phrases on her children, but rather

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she makes room where there is no room; she is up all hours of the night in times of sickness; she never gets tired; her dear hand on our fevered brow is like the cool breeze following a hot summer day. No matter what we do for mother during our lifetime we hardly make a first payment towards the sacrifice, toil, anxiety, care, sleepless nights that has been her lot throughout her lifetime. Is her reward — no room for her?

When the prosecuting attorney in a courtroom is detailing the terrible character of a criminal demanding the death penalty in many cases, urging the jury to render a decision of guilt, suggesting and demanding the supreme sentence from the presiding judge — in the courtroom sits MOTHER. To her, he or she isn't a criminal but her "darling" whom she has held in her arms, rocked to sleep, sewed cute little garments, prepared tasty meals, had high hopes and ambitions, when the world had turned their back upon her loved one, mother put her arms around him. Such love is beyond description. It cannot be penned by the weak hand of our greatest writers.

Another scene presents itself which occurs daily. A celebrity gains world renown in politics, science, art, military, social, business, sports, etc. The world expresses itself with applause, gifts, honor, position, prestige, and everything that they can bestow, but in the background sits mother obscurely — a tear trickling down her wrinkled cheek daubed with a handkerchief held by a toil-worn hand, no desire to share in the praise only happy and contented that her darling has succeeded which never would have been possible without her sacrifice and toil.

At this instance I love to quote one of our greatest and most beloved statesmen and humanitarian, Abraham Lincoln — "All that I am or ever hope to be I owe to my angel mother." I believe that the influence of Abraham Lincoln's mother produced in him a man of highest quality and character that God used to preserve this great nation of ours in one solid unit and abolish that greatest of evils — slavery.

Paul, the Apostle, gives the credit for Timothy's faith to his grandmother and mother. In 2 Timothy 1:5 he says, "When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that

is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois and thy mother Eunice and I am persuaded that in thee also." These mothers of biblical days must have exhibited great faith also, and especially to have been given so much credit from Paul, the Apostle. It is a very true saying that, "the hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world."

In Chicago just recently an incident has taken place that has attracted nationwide attention. A young man several years ago had been sent to prison for a crime which his mother could not believe that he committed. The Chicago court closed the case and the young man began serving a lengthy sentence. In the meantime the mother believing her son innocent labored long hours scrubbing office buildings and saving her money. She accumulated about \$5000.00. Her unflinching faith attracted two young reporters of one of the leading Chicago papers. The mother convinced them to reopen the case which was done after much difficulty and opposition. After it was all over the young man was proven innocent and the State had to pay him thousands of dollars in the five figures for their mistake. It wasn't that the mother was prominent or influential — rather she was a poor foreign peasant woman scrubbing office floors for a living. It was her unflinching love and loyalty that won out again.

Today there has been a movie made to reenact this extraordinary manifestation of love and patience of a mother. Mother's love had triumphed over all obstacles of opposition, over law, learning and power.

The following are descriptive qualities and characters of our dear Mothers:

What a friend we have in mother  
Who will all our secrets share,  
We should never keep things from her  
Tell her all and she'll be there.  
Oh, what tender love she gives us,  
When in sorrow or despair  
Tell her gently, whisper softly,  
She will listen, she'll be there.

Day by day as she grows older  
She's the nation's guiding star,  
Don't forget the prayers she taught you,  
You may need them bye and bye,  
Tho her hair has turned to silver  
Send her flowers sweet and fair,  
Drop a card or send a letter,  
She'll be waiting, she'll be there.

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ing came to a close by singing and prayer.

The afternoon service was introduced by Brother Rocco Biscotti of Cleveland, Ohio. Brother Biscotti gave quite an inspiring talk, exhorting and admonishing the congregation in the true principles, which through the Gospel he has rendered obedience to. The remainder of the time was taken up by the brethren that occupied the rostrum. I believe I can speak for all assembled at Conference, that we had a wonderful time, we met many of our Brothers and Sisters who we haven't seen for quite some time, and as the poet has penned "Blest be the tie that binds, Our hearts in Christian Love." I would like at this time to thank the Brothers and Sisters and also the young men who were so kind in relinquishing their time during conference, so that we could enjoy those wonderful meals that were served. May God Bless all of you for your efforts.

Among the many that attend Conference, we are always glad to see some of our Indian people with us. Sister Sadie Lewis, Leona Hill, Brother Fred Hill all from Six Nations Reserve, and Sister Alice Seth, Sister Lucy Schnake, and Brother Edmond Seneca from Muncey, Ont. Reserve. And so we come to 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 all of you in your respective branches and missions.

Note. July Conference will convene Friday July 2, 1948 at 2 p.m. in Monongahela, Pa.

P. S. In this past Conference we had a prayer service preceeding the Sunday Morning service. For all that arrives in Monongahela in time, there will be prayer service from 10 to 12 a. m. on Friday preceeding the opening of our business.

President Cadman

When her eyes have closed in slumber  
Gently kiss her icy brow,  
Fold her hands upon her bosom,  
She will rest in heaven now,  
When your days are dark and dreary  
And your cross is hard to bear  
Do not let your memory fail you  
Think of her and she'll be there.



# DIFFICULTIES IN ACCEPTING THE BOOK OF MORMON AS THE REVELATION OF GOD"

By a College Student

I quote him: "In reading earlier books of the Book of Mormon, we immediately become skeptical of how much the Nephites knew of the plan of salvation. That they had a Church and baptized people seems preposterous, when we realize that this was long before Christ. But if it is a fraud, it's writers would have had more sense to include it in a fraud, we turn to the Scriptures for aid. In Eph. 3-2,9, we read of a mystery, or rather the Mystery, which God made known unto Paul by revelation and 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; that the Gentiles should be fellow-heirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the Gospel." End of quote.

I believe he has quoted Paul right thus far. His next statement is, I quote: "Now it is of utmost importance that we learn what this mystery is, or if it be impossible to determine exactly what it is, that we consider all the possible things which it might be. We notice that it was not made known in other ages but now has been revealed to the apostles and prophets, after the coming of Christ." Hold on, Mr. Student, I must inform you right here, that Paul did not say that the Mystery was not revealed before the coming of Christ. Paul says: "That in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, AS it is NOW revealed." Quite a difference is it not? If any of my readers will take time to look up the definition of the little word AS, they will readily observe your error. Whether intentional on your part, I do not say, for I am taught: Judge not that ye be not judged. Paul's words convey this fact; that it was not revealed in other ages AS it was then revealed to them. And to this agrees the Rev. Samuel Palmer in his "Exposition of the Old and New Testament." Vol. 61 I quote Mr. Palmer, "That is, it was not so fully and clearly discovered in the ages before Christ, AS it is NOW revealed unto the prophets of that age, the prophets of the New Testament." End of quote. The Rev. C. I. Scofield, D.D., commenting on this scripture says: "The revelation of this Mystery, which was foretold but not explained by Christ was committed to

Paul." It is readily observed that all college men do not agree when it comes to interpreting God's word.

I quote the Student again: "The question under consideration is whether the Book of Mormon claims that this Mystery was made known in other ages. If it does, it is in violence to the Bible and cannot be accepted as His revelation." He then quotes Alma 12-10 "He that will not harden his heart, to him it is given the greater portion of the word, until it is given unto him to know the mysteries of God until he know them in full." He then says this is in direct disagreement with what we have just read in Ephesians, and adds: "That man cannot possibly know the mysteries of God in full when God is purposely withholding the mystery until the time of Christ." And then says, "this is sufficient reason to reject the Book of Mormon." It looks very strange to me for a learned man to make a statement of that kind. Alma simply shows the possibilities of any man who will live sufficiently close to his God. Did not Jesus teach that His Spirit would lead and guide into ALL truth and show us things to come? Did He not teach man to be perfect even AS His Father in heaven is perfect? And more, did He not teach that ALL things were possible to them that believe? Shall we reject the Christ because of Him teaching these things? Nay, for we are taught that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. And God says I change not, neither is He a respecter of persons. Praise His name. Mr. Student, I fail to read in the third chapter of Ephesians where God purposely withheld the Mystery until after Christ came. Surely the Prophet Isaiah understood this same Mystery to a wonderful extent, (but it may not have been revealed to him in the same manner as it was to Paul) yea, read his writings, for instance in Chapters 11, 60, 61 and then in Chapter 2-2:3. Surely the prophet understood much, relative to the Mystery of the "Gentiles becoming fellow heirs, and of the same body and partakers of His promise in Christ by the Gospel."

The Student says it is preposterous that the Nephites had a Church and baptized people before the coming of Christ. Let us see what our Bible has to say on such matters. In the first place, John baptized in Jordan before we have any account of Jesus teaching it, and he was baptized by John. I

read in First Cor. 10-1, 2, in Moses time they were all baptized in the sea. In First Peter 3-20, 21 that while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is eight souls were saved by water (not saved by the ark, but saved by water) Jesus teaches that no man can be saved unless he is baptized by water and the spirit. I read that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. It is evident from the scripture, that we cannot be saved without obedience to the Gospel. May I ask what is the Gospel? Let the scripture answer: Romans 1-16 I read that it is the power of God unto Salvation, etc. and in verse 17: "For therein (the gospel) is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith," etc. I believe it is good logic to say, that where the Gospel is, the Church is, is it not? In Heb. 11-5, Abel had testimony that he was righteous. Bear in mind that Paul says that righteousness is revealed in the Gospel. Enoch walked with God and God took him. He must of been righteous. Again such is the Gospel. In Second Peter 2-5, I read that Noah was a preacher of righteousness. He was a preacher of the gospel was he not? If prophets of old and others of their time, enjoyed the power of God unto salvation, they must have obeyed the Gospel did they not? And how could they obey the Gospel without repentance and baptism? Jesus said that no man can enter without such. Yea, even He says heaven and earth shall pass away, but My word shall not pass away. Was the Church in existence before Christ came? Let the Bible answer. If we turn to Acts 7-38 we will learn that in the days of Moses, the Church was in the wilderness.

In Heb. 4-2, "For unto us was the Gospel preached, as well as unto them" (those in Moses' time). If the gospel was preached, the Church was also there. In Heb. 11-26, Moses esteemed the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt." Christ must have been preached in Egypt, was He not?

Job gives wonderful testimony of His Redeemer. Christ must have been preached in Job's day. Galatians 3-8 says the Gospel was preached unto Abraham. The Church must have been there. In Nehemiah 5-13, "And all the congregation said Amen, and praised the Lord." Will any one say that this congregation was not the Church assembled? It reminds me

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## EDITORIAL

Please take note: All papers marked thus, P-6-48 the subscription will expire on June 1st; those marked P-7-48 will expire on July 1st, and so on. I advise all to act promptly and save extra work for us here. Our subscribers who live in Canada, please renew your paper by addressing Robert Watson, Jr., 694 Irvine St., Windsor, Ont.

## The Difficulties In Accepting

of our testimony meetings in The Church of Jesus Christ, wherein we shout Amen and praise the Lord. In Psalms 1-5, "nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous." The congregation of the righteous are a part of the Church, dare anybody say NO? David says: In the congregations (plural) will I bless the Lord. Undoubtedly in the congregations of the righteous did David praise God, even as we do in our congregations today. Read Joel 2-12 to 17 inclusive. Verse 16 he says, "Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders," etc. Is this not the church? The prophet Isaiah is made to exclaim on one occasion: Come let us reason together." Yet the Student is amazed because the Book of Mormon records the FACT of the Church existing, and them baptizing before Christ came into the world. Jesus Christ makes it very plain in the New Testament, that He came not but unto the lost sheep of the House of Israel. In John 10, 16 He says He has other sheep which are not of this fold, meaning the fold at Jerusalem. Bear in mind, there was only a small portion of Israel in Palestine when Jesus was born in their midst. I think when our learned men rise up against the Book of Mormon as they are, it is good evidence that the book is true. It has been the meek and lowly in all ages who have yielded themselves to the ways of God. May the Lord bless our learned of today with the spirit of meekness and lowliness of heart, that they may see the truth as it really is.

W. H. Cadman

CONFERENCE IN CALIFORNIA  
By Roman R. Saczko of San Diego

"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord." Psalms 122-1. Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them. How true it is when the saints of the Lord come together in one accord and in one mind to worship the Lord and give praise to His name.

The saints from the Los Angeles and San Diego Missions met together in the little Church at Los Angeles on Saturday evening, April 3rd and all day on Sunday, and had a wonderful little conference, while the saints in the east were enjoying their Conference in Detroit. The Saturday evening service was opened with beautiful songs, led by Brother James Heaps, which were sung with wonderful harmony and with a happy spirit in our hearts. I might also add, we had Brother V. James Lovaivo sing us some beautiful solos, which were a delight to our souls, for with songs we sing praise to our Lord. The service was opened by Brother Charles Brecci with prayer and testimony. Brother Castelli followed Brother Brecci with a sermon that filled the little Church with showers of blessings. The text is found in St. John 4-1 to the 26th verse. Brother Castelli spoke concerning the Samaritan woman at Jacobs well which is found in the text. Brother Lovaivo followed on the same subject, and also related some of his wonderful experiences he has had since he came to the knowledge of the Gospel. Brother Heaps followed, and ended the evening sermon with the same subject, and all who were in the little Church, received a blessing from on high. The spirit of God was truly in our midst that evening, for it rested on each individual. Our few visitors we had with us, really enjoyed themselves.

The following day, Sunday morning at 10 a.m. the saints all gathered again with the same purpose in mind, to worship God and give glory and honor to His name, and bear testimony to the experiences which they have had. I cannot fully describe or relate to you all, how we felt that day, words cannot express the joy we had in our hearts. God's spirit was present. From one brother and sister and friend to another, we actually felt the spirit of peace and humility descend upon us all. The love and mercies of God was manifested in our gathering. Oh! how wonderful it is to know

God and the restored Gospel and obey it. My life is for my Church, my love, my works is all for one goal, to serve God and love Him the rest of my days.

My dear brothers and sisters, it's the most wonderful, the most exciting and happiest thing that can happen to an individual, to have the knowledge of the Restored Gospel, to hold the truths of the same, and be faithful continuously to our covenant. Life is wonderful to live when you know God. For me to live is Christ alone. I'll love Him, I'll serve Him as long as I shall live.

Throughout the whole day, we had our brethren in the Ministry speak to us of the love of God, and with the same text of Saturday evening: "The Samaritan woman at Jacobs Well." To whom Jesus said: That "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 unto everlasting life." St. John 4-14. We had with us that day a Jewish woman, who was really touched in her heart in the wonderful meeting we were having. She spoke a few words of how glad she was to be in our midst, and we enjoyed hearing her sing the hymn: "Open My Eyes That I May See." Also a Jewish hymn which she sang. They were beautifully sung, and it was a blessing to us to hear her. We trust the Lord will guide and show her the way to a knowledge of the Gospel. Our prayers are for her wherever she may be.

The power of healing was manifested in our midst when Brothers Lovaivo and Heaps anointed Sister Brecci, who was suddenly afflicted with sickness and she was healed instantly. The gift of tongues also was manifested through one of our brethren, and throughout the whole day we were blessed with the love and spirit of God from on high. God surely moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform. What a joy and blessing it was and is, to know as I said in the beginning, that where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them. Remember us in your prayers, that we may help those who are around about us, and that we may expand some day from one end of the earth to the other. Truly God is great. Many of the brothers and sisters stayed up until the wee hours of the morning, relating past experiences had in the service of God. Sincerely, Brother Ray Saczko

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the next two evenings, and the time was very much spent exhorting all to draw closer to God. Brother Alma Cadman took part in one of these meetings, having just arrived home from California, relating some of his experiences while away.

Brothers Charles Ashton and Isaac Smith, both of the Glassport Branch, occupied the pulpit on Friday night. The theme was "Coming to Christ in the Middle of the Straight and Narrow Road, and Not Sitting by the Side of the Road."

This was a week of rejoicing and praising God. We had a large crowd most every night. The saints from various branches of the Church attended, and also a goodly number of their friends with them. There was special singing every evening and a very good portion of the spirit of God was present.

## VERY SAD INDEED

We here in Monongahela, Pa. were all saddened by the news which reached us so soon after our recent Conference, that Brother Warren Nellis had lost an arm. No doubt all our brothers and sisters throughout the whole church are just as sorry as we are here that such a misfortune had to happen to our brother.

On receipt of the news, we sent a telegram to him at the hospital in Mt. Pleasant, Mich. I received a letter from him a few days after, and he did not even mention losing an arm. Here is one paragraph from his letter: "I hope and trust that even in this accident which seems great, yet all will work out for the Glory of God and His Church: Great is the work that rests before us as a remnant: But none can assist in this great work except they be humble and full of love. Yes "those He loves He chastens and purges, that they may bring forth more fruit. So may God bless all His humble saints that we bring forth more fruits."

Brother Nellis has spent about all winter since early last fall, laboring in the vineyard of the Lord, and had just returned to his farm this spring, and only home a few days when he loses his left arm about one inch below the elbow in a corn shredding machine; and while I often quote the saying of Paul found in Romans 8-28, yet Brother

Nellis, if you feel that this may work to the Glory of God, well and good and may God bless you. But I want you and also your family to know, that your brothers and sisters throughout the Church have been saddened very much by the misfortune that has befallen you. May the Lord bless and comfort you, your faithful wife and children. Sincerely, Brother W H Cadman

## GENERAL MEETING

The general meeting of the Ladies Uplift Circle met March 25th at the home of Sister Sadie Cadman in Monongahela, Pa. The meeting was opened in the morning by Sister Ruth Griffith, bearing her testimony and followed by testimonies of many sisters. The business was then conducted with reports from different Circles throughout the church. The total membership is 278. Reports were read about the different missionary projects helped by the sisters financial contributions. Sister Cadman read the history of the Circle for the past year. Communications were read from Brother Ernest Schultz of West Palm Beach, Florida relating an experience had by Brother Sirangelo and a letter enjoyed from Sister Ivy Fisher of Parlin, N. J.

The morning meeting was closed with prayer by Sister Elizabeth Davidson. After lunch the afternoon meeting was opened with singing hymns and prayer by Sister Ali of Glassport Pa. The financial reports were given and donations were made for the missionary work at Muncey and Grand River, Canada. Other donations were made to the General Church and to brethren engaged in Missionary Work. An interesting article "The Pioneer Spirit of the Travels of the early Saints After the Death of Joseph Smith," was read by Sister Cadman. Brother Warren Nellis visiting at the Cadman home told of his visits among the Indian People at Muncey and Grand River Reservations. Brother W H. Cadman spoke of his interest in preaching the Gospel to the Indian People. Meeting was closed with prayer by Sister Clara Stevens of West Elizabeth, Pa. All present felt it had been a day well spent. The next general meeting of the Circle will be held in Niles, Ohio, June 26th, 1948, the Saturday before the General Church Conference.

By Mabel Bickerton.

## VANDERBILT NEWS

Brother Editor:

A few of us of the Vanderbilt Mission have been holding one meeting a week at Martin, Pa. Happy to report some success. One renewal into the Church and three baptisms thus far; also three children blessed. We have hopes of several more baptisms in the near future.

I believe some of the older members of the church will remember the Old Martin Branch. That was about twenty years ago. Brother T. S. Furnier was Presiding Elder. The Vanderbilt Mission is again holding meetings in the Fayette County Home, after a lull of three months, mostly due to the severe winter weather.

On Sunday April 11th the Vanderbilt Mission attended to the ordinance of feet washing. We can say that the Lord met with us in both morning and afternoon meetings. During the course of these meetings, there were four restored back to fellowship and one baptism. We do thank God for His many blessings, and can truly say that these years spent in the service of God, have been very profitable for us in spirit. We have not regretted one minute of our time.

We were much shocked and indeed very sorry to hear of the terrible accident that happened to Brother Nellis. May God bless him and comfort him in his trying hours. Brothers M. Barnhart and J. Shazer.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT  
(By Louis Pandone)

Brother and Sister Dominic De Perio of Youngstown, O., wish to announce the marriage of their daughter Ruth to Mr. Lloyd Hughes of Flinton, Pa. The wedding took place at the Chapel of Friendly Bells on March 13, 1948. The bride's uncle, Brother Dom Bucci, one of our young elders, performed the ceremony. The air was filled with organ music during the ceremony, with Miss Anna Senedeak as the vocalist singing I Love You Truly.

Mr. Hughes served two and one half years in the U. S. Naval Reserves, but is now employed by the Keystone Transportation Co of Youngstown, O. The young couple are very happy and will make their home at 357 E. Philadelphia Avenue, Youngstown, O.

### GOD IS STILL ON THE THRONE Daniel 5:17

"Then Daniel answered and said before the king, Let thy gifts be to thyself, and give thy rewards to another; yet I will read the writing unto the king, and make known to him the interpretation. — O thou king, the Most High God gave Nebuchadnezzar thy father a kingdom, and majesty, and glory, and honour:— And for the majesty that He gave him, all people, nations, and languages, trembled and feared before him: Whom he would he slew; and whom he would he kept alive; and whom he would he set up; and whom he would he put down. — But when his heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him: — And he was driven from the sons of men; and his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild asses: they fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven; till he knew that the Most High God ruled in the kingdom of men, and that He appointeth over it whomsoever He will. — And thou his son, O Belshazzar, hast not humbled thine heart, though thou knewest all this; — But hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of His house before thee and thou, and thy lords, thy wives, and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them; and thou hast praised the gods of silver, and gold of brass, iron, wood, and stone, which see not, nor hear, nor know; and the God in whose hand thy breath is, and whose are all thy ways, hast thou not glorified:— Then was the part of the hand sent from Him, and this writing was written.— And this is the writing that was written, MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.— This is the interpretation of the thing: Mene; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it.—TEKEL; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting.—PERES; Thy kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians."

May we all bear in mind, that the Lord God is still on the throne, and He places whom He will on the thrones of Nations and Kingdoms. Along with the whole world, this Nation of people is going through the greatest crisis of its history. Sin and iniquity are as CANCER within the body of this great Republic. The downfall of other na-

tions seems not to serve as a warning to us, even as it was with Belshazzar, so is it today, but he eventually was caught napping, weighed in the balances and found wanting.

Daniel says in chapter 2-34; "Thou sawest till a stone cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay and break them to pieces." Has this Great American People ever considered the possibility of our Nation occupying the position of the FEET of that great image? Bear in mind, the head was in the far east, and we are in the far west, just where the feet should be. The Book of Mormon which came forth in these last days in fulfillment of prophecy, and has been cast aside as a thing of naught by the American people, will yet prove to be the hand-writing on the wall to our destruction, if we are not careful.

The Book of Mormon teaches us that God delights in the chastity of women, and whoredoms are an abomination in His sight. In this fair land of America; I read that fifty years ago, we had seven divorces per one hundred marriages, while today we have one divorce out of every three-to-four marriages. Moses suffered such to be in his day, but Jesus Christ declared "that from the beginning it was not so." There is very little Sabbath Day observance in America today, even though the breaking of it in the Kingdom of Israel was a very serious offense with God. Doing unto others as you would be done by, is almost lost sight of today. Crooked work is rampant, not only in low places but in high places as well, not excepting our beautiful capitol city, Washington, D. C. The destiny of this great nation of people is destruction unless we change our ways, and that very soon too. God will not always suffer His will to be trodden under the feet of men, as it is being done in America today, and I may well add: in other countries as well.

W.H.C.

### CHARACTER STUDIES

By Brother Robert Watson Jr  
Windsor, Ont.

Satisfying God is only to please Him. It is, I believe every Christians duty to hold the thought of pleasing God uppermost in their minds. It should be a product of the rebirth, pleasing God should be the great generating force that molds our character. This does not mate-

rialize by selfish ambitions, but by completely surrendering our lives to the Great Potter, that He might mold and fashion a Christian life.

Let us examine our character and we will find it is as old as man, it is a great invisible force that motivates our visible actions. There are characteristics that we inherit while others are cultivated by patience love and humility. It is a weak excuse for wrong when we say: "That is my nature"

Character is formed by us as individuals when we seek to feed and house the good and starve the bad much depends upon our thoughts that we might arrest them before they become criminal in effect, and destroy the good by actions that are destructive and unbecoming a Christian. The second step depends much upon the first, the finish depends a great deal upon how we start; if we can destroy the seed of doubt before it is nourished by unbelief and prejudice and allowed to spring forth with its branches, entangling and shaping our character out of all proportion, we can then form a Godly life. If we invite evil, we will be forced to suffer the marks that it will leave upon our character. It will many times stain it so deeply, that even death cannot erase the marks that our character has made.

With God there is no variability, neither shadow of turning: He is merciful, yet judicial; He does not compel nor force us, but allows us free agency. If we play host to pride, jealousy and other distasteful characteristics, they will ultimately become our companions, and will go with us wherever we go, to bring us unhappiness. We are admonished to hate sin but not sinners. Our character is subjected to whatever passion we place as ruler of our actions. We many times have to crucify our wants and likes to form a Godly life; our reputation is an offspring of our character and should be treated with great care. Our lives are judged from what we are rather than from what we would like to be. Therefore as individuals we are not independent of our fellowman's opinion, and in order to build a lasting memorial we must work, love and create while there is life.

It seems easier judging by its followers to deprive God rather than Satan within our lives; we either satisfy God or Satan. Let us examine our character and see ourselves as others see us. Can we bear to look into the mirror of

reality and there see exposed our faults and imperfections? Can we carry the load we try to place on others? Can we stand to hear our ever critical voice which hurts our fellowman? Can we stand our fiery indignation that we force upon others? These are the reflections that perhaps unconsciously are forming our daily character. We may pause for a moment and shudder at our deformed wretched character, but within each and every one of us, there is power of transformation; we are able if willing, to transform our characters from selfishness to unselfishness and perhaps, the good that is laying dormant can be revived by us if we would but try.

#### SALVATORE PIEMONTE PASSES ON

Brother Piemonte died on March 11, 1948. He was a member of the Bronx, N. Y. Branch of the church. He was buried from the Bronx Church, with Brothers V. Lupo and Ismael D'Amico officiating. The Sabbath School Chorus taking part in the singing. Many attended the services along with the family and friends of the deceased. Brother Piemonte was born in Italy in the year of 1890, and was baptized into the Church on June 4, 1944. He is survived by his wife Maria, one son, one brother and other relatives. May the Lord comfort his loved ones.

#### JEANNETTE RING DIES IN CALIFORNIA

Jeannette Ring died March 28 in Beaumont, Calif. after an illness of one week. She was born in St. John, Kansas on January 28, 1913 and at the time of her death was 35 years and two months of age.

She had lived in California the past 13 years in Los Angeles and Lake Arrowhead and had been employed in Inglewood the past year. Jeannette was graduated from the St. John High school with the Class of 1930.

She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne D. Ring; four sisters, Mrs. Olen Ashley of St. John, Mrs. William Coan of Woodsboro, Texas; and Darlene and Barbara of St. John; five brothers, Tom of Los Angeles, Calif., Wayne D., Jr., of U. S. Navy, Max of Woodsboro, Texas, and Loren and Jack of St. John.

Funeral services were conducted from the Christian Church by Brother Charles Sanders of St. John. Jeannette was a granddaughter of the late Brother and Sister

#### FAREWELL GATHERING

By Sister Ethel Crosier

The Saints of the Monongahela Branch met Saturday evening April 10 in the home of Brother and Sister Charles Behanna for a farewell get-together, as our brother and sister are leaving for their new home in Erie, Pa.

There were some thirty to forty members present. A very enjoyable evening was spent by all in singing the hymns we all love so well. We felt sad because of their leaving us, but glad too because of the help they will be able to give our Brother and Sister Mancini, who are doing so well in Erie. It is our prayer that this Church will grow and wax strong in Erie.

Brother W. H. Cadman gave a short talk on the earlier days of the Church in Monongahela, which was very interesting to all. He then presented a lovely electric clock to Brother and Sister Behanna as a token of love and respect from the Saints. They in turn thanked the Brothers and Sisters for the gift and our presence in their home. We will miss them very much. Even though we won't be with them in body, we will be in spirit. It is the prayer of all the saints that our Lord and Saviour will bless and walk with them.

#### JOHN HENRY TOYE PASSES ON

John Henry Toye, suddenly departs this life on April 20, 1948. "Johnnie," as he was commonly known had not been well for some time, but was going around until he was suddenly stricken about 3 p.m. on the above date.

He had just passed his 71st year in life, was well known in this community (Monongahela); having lived here for many years. He was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ when a young man. Funeral services will take place in the Church here in Monongahela on Friday, April 23, at 2:00 p.m. in charge of Brother W. H. Cadman, and Elder Laurence Dias of Erie, Pa. He leaves to mourn his departure, his wife, one daughter Sarah Neill of New Eagle; two sons, James, of Canonsburg, Pa., and William, of Clairton, Pa., and three grandchildren, besides other relatives and many friends, who all mourn with the grieved family.

John Morgan of St. John, formerly of Elizabeth, Pa.

The Gospel News extends its sympathy to the bereaved family.

#### EXPERIENCE

By Brother Frank Sirangelo

On Wednesday, March 3, 1948 the brothers and sisters of West Palm Beach, Florida Mission, met together in the home of Brother and Sister Faragasso in Boynton Beach with Sister Miller and Sister Fisher of New Jersey being present. During the opening of the meeting, and while Brother Sirangelo was preaching, he was carried away in the spirit and the Lord presented before him a table with a number of the saints whom had passed on, seated around the table. Some of them, Brother Sirangelo knew real well. He was presented with an empty chair to place at the table, and was requested to serve at this table.

We did not understand the meaning of this wonderful experience at that time, but the Lord surely gave the interpretation of it very quickly. While we suffered a loss in our Mission of our Sister Amalong, we feel it was a great gain for her, for she has gone to surround that table with the faithful which Brother Sirangelo saw seated at the table in his experience, she will be filling that vacant chair which was presented to our brother in his vision, and she will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

#### ELMS-CHERRY NUPTIALS

Mr. John W. Elms, son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Elms of Woodland Terrace, Clairton, Pa., and Miss Anna E. Cherry, daughter of Brother and Sister B. Teman Cherry of Forward Township, were united in marriage in the bride's home at 7:45 p.m. on April 7, 1948 in the presence of a house full of friends. Best man for Mr. Elms was his brother Paul Scott Elms while the bride's only attendant was her twin-sister Irene.

Soloist was Miss Florence Glinka of Donora, while Mrs. Sara Vancik of Monongahela was at the piano. Brother W. H. Cadman the officiating Minister.

A supper was served, after which the newlyweds left on a trip for New York City, and after their return, will set up housekeeping in their newly furnished apartment in Clairton Heights. The groom served overseas in the late war, both of them are employed with the Carnegie Illinois Steel Company at Clairton, Pa. The Gospel News extends congratulations to the young couple.

### GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM

In the very beginning of the Christian dispensation, John the Baptist emerged from the wilderness at an appointed time as the Holy Ghost moved upon him to bring unto the people the message which had been delivered to him by God. It was a message of salvation, and of a new and abundant life, of a Messiah coming into the world to redeem mankind. Previous to this the people of God were burdened with sacrifices and ordinances as atonement for their sins, but now this Messiah was to make an infinite atonement for their sins. All that was required of them was to repent of their sins, be baptized for the remission of them, and then to walk in newness of life, in the footsteps of this Messiah. Indeed it was something to rejoice in, something the holy prophets of old desired to see. It was very easy for the humble and the penitent to accept, but strangely enough certain ones rejected this man with God's message, "against themselves," as Luke puts it.

When the humble and penitent believer accepted these things, and was baptized, the evidence of a forgiveness of sins and of a clear conscience was given him with heavenly joy, to begin this new life on the narrow road. He found himself not only on a new road and in a new life but found also that he became a member of the family fold of God. In it were others of his kind who had experienced like experiences, these to him were brothers and sisters in Christ, with the Spirit of Christ being the binding tie. In the days of old I am sure that many received the Spirit of Christ and this great binding tie, for do we not read in the Acts of the Apostles that many after they were converted sold all they possessed and made distribution to the poor. Why, because it was forced upon them? Verily nay, but because of the great love that was outpoured from God's storehouse that filled their hearts, which love causes a person to forget self and to think of others first. He found himself caring zealously for others, and in return others caring for him. He became distinctly different from a worldly person, having received a godly nature, becoming a chosen vessel of a living God. This he became not that he might brag or boast but rather that he might be a witness for the Lord's Christ, a light to his fellow man, a servant as even his Redeemer was, a builder of Zion which is the kingdom of God on earth.

Let us stop here for a moment to consider a few pertinent facts relative to the kingdom of God on earth. Let us also bear in mind the fact that converts into Christianity, when they were born again, as they became members of this heavenly family as aforementioned, in citizenry, which we understand is reality became subjects of God's the kingdom of God on earth.

Spiritual matters are easily compared with natural matters even as Jesus many times taught, for he taught oft by parables. In a kingdom we generally have a king or an emperor as the supreme head, everyone else being subordinate unto him. In every kingdom there are laws and ordinances that each constituent must abide by, that there might be law and order in the kingdom. Let us now take for example the laws of our own land which in one sense of the word is a kingdom. We have the laws of municipalities which are subject to the laws of the counties, which in turn are subject to the laws and courts of the state, they in turn are subject to the federal laws, and the Supreme Court. If a man commits a crime in one state he cannot in anywise seek shelter under the wings of the law in another state. If this would in anywise be possible there would be no order, and lawlessness would be rampant. But thank God for the blessed land in which we live, in which there are laws which keep every man and every woman in check, and where lawbreakers are prosecuted, and where even powers are subjected to other powers, even to the top man. All this is needful that we might have law and order.

I raise a question at this point. If there can be law and order in the kingdoms of men, that is in the various nations, why then is there no law and order in religion, that is if Protestantism and Judaism and Catholicism are all acceptable to God as most people are prone to believe? For in religion a person today can commit any sin he pleases and if this is resented by any of his organization, or if the heads excel him, he can turn around and join another church across the street, they generally being glad to accept him under their wings. Is this law and order? Was this so in the apostolic time? Verily nay, for the Lord Jesus himself gave a commandment that if an offender would not harken to one or two witnesses, he was to be called before the church, and if then he did not repent, he was to become unto

them as an heathen. (Matthew 18: 17) If this law is to be enforced as it was in the early church, it can be done only in one way. In the days of old there was only one church, it being God's kingdom then. It was able to enforce this law as well as all other laws of Christ. Today here must likewise be only one church to enforce the laws of Christ that there might be law and order in religion, for with God there is LAW AND ORDER. The Church of Jesus Christ has been restored by the power of God to bring about this in these latter days. It is referred to by Daniel as a stone cut out of the mountain, which eventually will roll to cover the earth. This is taking place today, seemingly in a very slow manner, even as a stone that is rolled in the snow which picks up very little in it's initial rolls but as it gains weight it gathers accordingly more and more. When this work will have reached it's zenith, the promises of Isaiah will then be fulfilled, as he said, "everywhere you go you shall meet a brother and a friend," also, "all of thy (Zion's) watchmen shall see eye to eye." These promises must be fulfilled as well as many other prophecies before the coming of Christ.

Many people today believe that even before any more prophecies will be fulfilled, Christ will return now anyday. But Matthew says that the gospel of the kingdom must be preached throughout the world before Christ will return. The restored gospel is the gospel of the kingdom, which gospel is preached by the ministers of the Church of Jesus Christ. Before the end they must first hear this same gospel as was preached by the apostles, this the restored gospel is, they must also experience the law and order of God's kingdom, even as in former days. This will not be accomplished by the wisdom and power of men, but by the power of God. In the church we have many times experienced the power of God, we know therefore that we have the Gospel, for Paul says that the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation. The kingdom of God is to be built not by word but by the power of God. We long for the day when God will accelerate this great work, for that day will be glorious. This is the "good news" we reiterate to the world, for it is the gospel of the kingdom. To any who have not accepted the restored gospel, we say even as Paul did, "prove all things," even these things.

Martin Michalko



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## RANDOM THOUGHTS

Catherine Poma  
San Diego, Calif.

'Tis not WHAT'S said, alone, that  
we must measure,  
But HOW 'tis said, if we would  
blameless be;  
A sneer can turn to gall the sweet-  
est phrases  
To bring a brother pain, instead  
of pleasure.

You reap just what you sow; can  
man deny it?  
You cannot plant a weed and pluck  
a rose.  
Your deeds and words return to  
bless or taunt you  
You get from Life just what you  
put into it.

What man of sense will in his  
vineyard toil  
And diligently spade and rake the  
earth  
Then, when he's wearily uprooted  
every weed  
Will scatter seeds of thistle 'pon  
the soil?

'Tis best, by far, to overlook the  
error  
That others make, and rectify our  
own,  
Lest other critics gaze in contem-  
plation  
And in us, do the selfsame faults  
discover.

## FATHER'S DAY, 1948

By Brother John Mancini

To Mrs. John Bruce Dodd of  
Spokane, Washington is due the  
credit for having started a serious  
national movement to recognize  
and establish "Father's Day. It  
was in 1910 that she drew up a pe-  
tition addressed to the ministers of  
Spokane, urging such constructive  
teaching in the pulpit as would  
point out the father's place in a  
home the training of children; the  
safeguarding of the marriage tie;  
the protection of womanhood and  
childhood.

The third Sunday in June was  
accepted and is now generally  
known as "Father's Day." For  
those who desire to show honor to  
their father, a red or white rose  
is suggested as the flower for the  
occasion.

My article in the May issue of  
the Gospel News drawing our at-

tention to paying tribute, praise  
and honor to our mothers could  
not be complete without this arti-  
cle calling for the same reverence  
to our fathers. The commandment  
of God puts the male parent first  
because God created him first.  
"Honor thy father and mother that  
thy days may be long upon the  
land which the Lord thy God giv-  
eth thee."

The important role of father and  
the responsibilities given him of  
God are written in the 1st Chapter  
of Genesis. God having created the  
heaven and earth, moon sun and  
stars, vegetation, fowls of the air,  
fish of the sea, animals of the  
forests, etc., then said, "Let us  
make man in our image, after our  
likeness and let him have domin-  
ion over the fish of the sea, over  
the fowl of the air, and over the  
cattle, and over all the earth, and  
over every creeping thing that  
creepeth upon the earth. So God  
created him." And God told  
man that he was giving him do-  
minion over everything that he  
had created upon the earth.

Father's have heroically accept-  
ed this responsibility given them  
of God, and have ventured forth  
upon the face of the earth exercis-  
ing the right of dominion given  
him of God. He has courageously  
braved the dangers of the wild un-  
explored frontiers, clearing the  
mighty forests to build great  
cities building large highways  
connecting these cities together,  
bridging large streams and rivers  
to make them passable, damming  
large bodies of water to harness  
the water power for electricity and  
to irrigate vast stretches of farm-  
land to produce food for man and  
beast. The evidences of these gi-  
gantic accomplishments are part  
of our everyday life for which we  
owe it to the ingenuity, courage  
and hard work of our fathers.

I, myself, being a father and  
working with fathers at my daily  
toil, find a universal and mutual  
feeling that our children will have  
a better world to live in tomorrow  
than what we had; that is better  
things and better conditions in the  
pursuit of happiness and freedom  
materially and spiritually.

It is amusing and yet rather  
touching to see a man that has  
just entered the role of fatherhood  
that when his son or daughter is

born, the smile of pride and a big  
grin of exaltation as he passes out  
tokens of gratitude to his fellow  
workers, and with a feeling that  
his child is sure the greatest and  
best. He almost has a feeling that  
there has never been any child  
born before his came. And then  
comes the many little tales of how  
bright his child is, and how cute  
and how sweet — no matter how  
homely it may be to others, to  
"Dad" it is the best that was ever  
born.

But with the coming of the little  
one, dad's responsibility increases  
and this responsibility is as old as  
the creation of man. He must see  
that the child gets food, clothing,  
shelter, medical care, education  
and, of course, PRESIDENT OF  
THE UNITED STATES if it is a  
boy. I like the thought behind the  
poem of the bridge builder — how  
an old man crossed a raging tor-  
rent in the cold gray dawn after  
considerable difficulty and having  
crossed safely he began to build a  
bridge. A witness to his struggle  
in crossing the deep chasm re-  
marked, "why are you building a  
bridge at your advanced age —  
you have crossed safely." The old  
man lifted his gray head from his  
work, and told the other man that  
in the way that he had come a  
young man was following, and that  
he, too, would have to cross the  
raging torrent in the cold gray  
dawn and in order to protect the  
youth from the struggles that he  
(the old man) had just passed  
through he said "I am building  
this bridge for him." This is the  
devotion, love, and sacrifice of a  
true loving father and his deep  
concern for those who follow af-  
terwards.

A father's anxiety for a sick  
child is greater than a mother's  
for this reason — she is left at  
home where she can care for it  
while father many times with fear  
and anxiety in his role as the  
breadwinner must go off to his  
place of labor and there wonders  
if his loved one is getting better  
or worse.

King Solomon seemed to be very  
strict and stern in advising the fa-  
ther in the responsibility towards  
his children. In Proverbs 13:24, he  
says, "He that spareth the rod  
hateth his son, but he that loveth  
him chasteneth him betimes.

Proverbs 19:18—"Chasten thy son while there is hope and let not thy soul spare for his crying." This is, of course, all practical counsel in being a father and dad's responsibility is further exhorted by King Solomon in Proverbs 22:6—"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart far from it." Verse 15—"Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child, but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him." Paul's admonitions are also very good. He shows the example of a father towards his children in patience, love and also firmness: in Eph. 6:4, he says, "Fathers provoke not your children to wrath, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Co. 3:21, Paul says, "Fathers provoke not your children to anger lest they be discouraged." This is very true — a father can nag and nag his children and hurt their feelings until they create a dislike for him instead of love. Paul, the Apostle, also selects men of God that can be efficient in the affairs of the Church as follows: 1 Timothy 3:4—"One that ruleth well his own house having his children in subjection in all gravity; 5 verse, "For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the Church of God?" Brother Paul, no doubt, reasoned that the example of fatherhood began at home.

And yet in spite of all that a loving God-fearing father can do, his children sometimes become wayward. I have felt sorry for Lehi of old, with his two rebellious children who would not take counsel, but caused him considerable worry and grief. When Lehi had the experience of the Tree of Life and was telling it, he said, "I have reason to rejoice because of Nephi and Sam for I have reason to suppose that they and many of their seed will be saved, but behold Laman and Lemuel I fear exceedingly because of you." In his experience Lehi saw Laman and Lemuel refuse to partake of the fruit of the tree of Life. I Nephi — Chapter 8 Nephi, the obedient boy, and the one that brought his father pleasure because of his good works telling of his father's experience later said, — I Nephi, Chapter 8, verses 35-37, "And Laman and Lemuel partook not of the fruit said my father, and he did exhort them with all the feeling of a tender parent that they would hearken to his words that perhaps the

Lord would be merciful unto them and not cast them off, yea, my father did preach unto them." Lehi, no doubt had much to contend with children that would not take his admonition which resulted in the fall of a mighty nation of people.

Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, portrays the love of our Father in heaven towards wayward children that repent and return in the parable of the prodigal son.

So while there could be much more said about our Father in heaven, our Fathers in the Gospel, and our earthly fathers, space will not permit us to go further so with a bow of reverence to this noble creation of God we will close with the following characteristics: What a friend we have in "Daddy" Who will all our secrets share We should never keep things from him

Tell him all and he'll be there.  
Oh what tender love he gives us  
When in sorrow or despair,  
Tell him gently whisper softly  
He will listen, he'll be there.

Day by day as he grows older,  
He's the nation's guiding star,  
Don't forget the prayers he taught you,

You may need them bye and bye.  
Tho' his hair has turned to silver,  
Send him gifts good and fair  
Drop a card or send a letter,  
He'll be waiting, he'll be there.

#### DEDICATION SERVICES

By Frances Buccelato

Sunday May 2, 1948 marked the dedication of the new church building at West Chicago and Coyl, in Detroit for the members at Branch No. 4. There was a very good representation of members and friends from Detroit, Coleman, Michigan and Windsor.

Brother C. A. Burgess, of the Windsor Branch, led the congregation in singing hymns prior to the opening of the service.

The service was introduced by Brother R. M. Watson, Jr. with appropriate scripture found in the 66th Chapter of Isaiah and the 7th Chapter of Matthew. Brother Watson gave a very enlightening talk on the dedication likening it to the dedication of our lives to the service of God. He also referred to the Sermon on the Mount, wherein Christ advised all to build their house on solid ground, etc., a building being as strong as its foundation, so should we root ourselves in the depths of the Gospel so that

when the trials come our way we would be able to remain strong in our faith. He closed his talk with a hope that the blessings would continually dwell in this new building so that many would find peace in coming with the sincere desire to serve God.

Brother Warren Nellis from Coleman, Michigan followed and spoke along the same topic, stressing the fullness of the Sermon on the Mount and the hope of the faithful in the last days.

Brother C. A. Burgess of Windsor, gave his testimony to his calling, thanking God for His mercy in giving him the opportunity to live a new life here, with a hope of a greater life hereafter. Brother Burgess ended his talk by singing a solo, "Jesus Has Loved Me."

The morning service was brought to a close by Brother Gorie Ciaravino, thanking everyone in their interest and invited everyone to return. The Branch then presented Brother Emil Carlini with a small gift as a token of their appreciation for taking the initiative in leading the brothers in the erection of the building. The Building itself is an asset to the community and we hope that some day soon will be THE CHURCH of the community.

The afternoon service was conducted in the usual manner with several elder brethren bearing their testimony to the Gospel.

#### A TRIP TO OLD KENTUCKY

On Friday, April 23rd, Brother W. H. Cadman, Sister Bittinger and myself left the home of Brother Cadman at about 4:40 p.m. and started for Nortonville Ky. in response to a request for Brother Cadman to come to this place and baptize some folks. Going as far as Washington Court House, Ohio, we put up for the night. In the morning we continued our journey going by the way of Cincinnati and Louisville and arriving at our destination at about 5 p.m., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Parrott who were expecting us. They were very happy to see us so after a very welcome and enjoyable meal some folks came in and we spent the evening conversing about the Gospel and the things of God. Sunday morning we visited the Holiness Church in Nortonville where Brother Cadman was given an invitation to speak so he took the opportunity and spoke for about 30 minutes and the audience gave him very good attention. Sun-

day afternoon we journeyed to White Plains where we attended the Holiness meeting that we might get acquainted with some of the people and announce our meetings for the coming week. Mr. Parrott obtained a hall building for us to hold our meetings in on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday nights. While we did not have a very large attendance yet there was good liberty and Brother Cadman said he enjoyed preaching and I will say that we all really enjoyed every meeting for some was very eager to hear the Gospel as presented by the Church of Jesus Christ.

We had meetings at the Parrott home the nights the hall was not available. It was announced during the week that we were going to have a Baptismal Service on Sunday at 3 p.m. So Sunday at the appointed time we gathered at the lake and Brother Cadman administered baptism to Brother L. R. Parrott and to Sisters Jessie Parrott and Celeana Raynal. After the Baptisms we gathered at the home of Brother Parrott and started our meeting early in the evening and after confirming the Brother and Sisters who were baptized we administered Communion and washed their feet with a humble spirit being in our midst.

When we were about to close our meeting some visitors came in and not wanting to disappoint them Brother Cadman took over the service and gave a nice talk following the same line of thought that he used all through the week's service striving to acquaint them with the true principals of Christ's teaching. Thus ended a week well spent.

On Monday we started home and it was with deep regret we had to leave our new Brother and Sisters and friends. But we pray that God will bless and keep them and that the seed of the Restored Gospel that has been sown in Kentucky may take root and grow and become glorious to the Lord.

We arrived home Tuesday evening having driven about 1500 miles on the trip.

Brother Joseph Bittinger

### THE RESTORATION OF THE ANCIENT OF DAYS FAITH, CREATIVE

By Brother James Curry

In scanning the pages of the history of the past, our attention is brought to sharp focus upon the activities and accomplishments of

Enoch, the seventh from Adam, who in the language of Oliver Cowdery, founded Zion, which fled to God upon the mountains, to be held in reserve until the completion of the works of God upon His footstool.

If Enoch founded Zion, he did the same thing that is required of the church in the latter days. We are not told that the kingdom as wrought by the gift and power of God in Enoch's day was a miniature model of the greater New Heavens and New Earth yet to come, but we could easily presume it to be so. Enoch evidently understood how to bend every law of life, how to utilize every gift or talent that is in man, to the honor and glory of God. His capacity to receive was matched by an expert knowledge of how to use what he had received; whereupon there emerged out of the substance of a living faith a creation so perfect, that the spiritual claimed it as its very own. Does it not become plain to us why we should earnestly contend for that faith which was once delivered to the saints?

We believe in order to receive, and we receive in order to have in our possession the building materials with which we shall create our eternal abode. What? Is it possible for the creature to become a creator? Ah, yes, my friend, but to the extent only, that without Christ, we can do nothing. You have heard it said that God helps those who help themselves, which is another way of saying that, so far as the earth and its peoples are concerned, it takes both man and God, working together in the closest kind of cooperation, to effect the restoration of the Ancient of Days. God furnishes the materials, the engineering skill and the power. It remains only for us to set the work of creation in motion by attuning the motive power of obedience to every prompting of God's spirit. Nor are we to grieve the spirit by refusing to do His bidding because every single prompting is an essential part of the creation.

Does it not begin to appear to you, dear reader, that if we are co-workers with God in the work of creation, the nature of the living works that we do suggest, that we are also co-creators with the living God? I have said that the repentant sinner serves no useful purpose in God's creation up until the time that he receives the gifts of life and love from above. Once

in possession of the divine and living substance out of which God does his creating, he comes instantly into contact with a great spiritual law, which decrees that one shall not build and another inhabit; one shall not plant, and another eat. See Isaiah 65 chapter, verse 22.

He is given to understand also, that if he is never prompted to do anything more in his life time than to give one cup of cold water in the name of Christ, he shall not lose his reward. Do you see why? Does it not appear that whatever the spirit of Christ prompts us to do is spiritually creative? If the small act of giving a cup of cold water in the name of Christ creates nothing more than the smallest stone in the walls of the Holy City, the gate thereof shall open wide at our approach, because we had entered into the labors of others in recreating the Ancient of Days. I observed in a previous article, that obedience is not obedience unless it gives God's love expression. Any other type of obedience is useless in the creation, because the Heavenly New Jerusalem is to be created out of every element that is to be found in love.

How indescribably beautiful is the thought that every act of love of mine adds a little more to that house which is eternal in the heavens. The test of faith is in what it produces. A dead faith produces ignorance, superstition, hatred, dictatorship, famine, unsound minds, war and destruction. There was no uncertainty in the Apostle Peter's mind as to what a living faith must produce. "We look, said he, for a new heavens and a new earth." See Second Peter Chap. 3 Verse 13. I use the word must in the foregoing paragraph, because the saints of today, as of other days, are held directly responsible for the creation of the new heavens and the new earth. We used to sing a hymn about "loved ones in glory looking this way." It is not for me to question whether or not they are looking this way, but if they are, the one great all important desire of their hearts is to see what progress we are making toward the creation of their celestial home. Why? Simply because they cannot be resurrected until Christ prepares a place for them through us.

There are those who mistake the meek, gentle, soothing action of love for weakness. While love is indeed delicate and flower-like in

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## EDITORIAL

Notice: We have concluded to hold the business sessions of the July Conference for Elders only. There is much business to come before us on this occasion, and by the Elders being assembled alone it will give them a better opportunity to transact that which comes before them. We are expecting to have the Auditorium of the Glassport High School for one meeting on Sunday Morning. This of course will be decided later, and the General Church Secretary will notify all Branches of the Church as soon as we learn that the latter place can be obtained. The business of Conference will convene at 2:00 p.m. on Friday July 1, 1948. To all those who may arrive earlier in the day, there will be a prayer service of the Elders from 10 a.m. until 12 noon. We hope that our people will not feel perturbed over this matter, for it is generally acknowledged that the holding of our Conferences is getting to be a problem.

Sincerely Brother Cadman

May 22: As I was about to place this Ms in the hands of the Printer, I received a phone call informing me that Sister Surrace passed away very suddenly at 8:30 last night. Her illness has been very brief. Obituary will be in our next paper. Brother Cadman.

its structure, its rose-petal touch nevertheless has the inherent strength and power of God Himself, for God is love. The Apostle John tells us that perfect love casts out all fear. If love is able to cast out fear, the various elements of love are able to cast out every imperfection that afflicts the human family. The effects of the spirit of Christ in our lives will in fact, cast out all that Adam took to himself in his futile attempt to live apart from God.

As the Bride of Christ develops in the image of her perfect husband, she will be found at the end of the world to have so much of eternal life in her that Christ, the

second man Adam, will be able to reverse the process that caused our first parents fall. She shall be changed suddenly, in a moment, in a twinkling, from mortal to immortal. The gift of eternal life shall burst asunder the narrow confines of this lowly order of blood life, enabling them to journey on to eternal perfection. All those who are asleep in Jesus at this moment shall arise, and joining hands with those who broke down the last barriers to the kingdom of heaven, rise to meet their redeemer in the air. Is heaven not to be upon the earth? It is indeed, but our works and our responsibilities do not end until every spot of ground is holy ground, every rock glows with divine light and every bush is aflame with eternal fire.

An awful indictment hangs over the Gentile nations, who with so beautiful materials and energies at their command, procrastinated the day of their salvation. If they had an ear to hear, they would perhaps hear a voice from the heavens, saying: "Where is the house that you build unto me? And where is the place of my rest?" See Isaiah Chap. #3 verse 1.

## ARE WE ROBBING GOD?

By Russell Cadman

Much has been said on what we should give to the Church to help further the Gospel. Let us search the Scripture and learn what is expected of us as the people of God.

In the book of Genesis 14 ch. we find Abram returning from rescuing some of his people, and the High Priest Melchizedek blessed Abram. Abram gave Melchizedek tithes of all the spoils. We understand that the Priesthood of Christ is after the order of Melchizedek. In the 7 ch. of Hebrews, Paul speaks of Abraham giving a tenth part of all to Melchizedek, and also the sons of Levi have a commandment to take tithes of the people.

In Genesis 28 ch. it tells of Jacob promising to pay a tenth, verse 20, "And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, if God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on." Verse 21 "So that I come again to my Father's House in peace; then shall the Lord be my God." Verse 22, "And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house; And of all that thou shall give me I will

surely give the tenth to Thee."

Has not God given us all of these things, and much more in this blessed land of America? And what are we giving in return?

Leviticus 27th Chapter; Verse 30. "And all the titles of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's it is holy unto the Lord.

II Chronicles 31 Ch. verse 4, "Moreover he commanded the people that dwelt in Jerusalem to give the portion of the Priest and the Levites, that they might be encouraged in the law of the Lord." Verse 5, "And as soon as the commandment came abroad, the children of Israel brought in abundance the first-fruits of corn, wine, and oil, and honey, and of all the increase of the field; and the tithes of all things brought they in abundantly."

Nehemiah 10th Chapter, verse 35, "And to bring the first-fruits of our ground, and the first-fruits of all fruit of all trees, year by year, unto the house of the Lord, etc." Malachi, chapter 3, verse 6, "For I am the Lord, I change not, therefore ye Sons of Jacob are not consumed. Verse 7, Even from the days of your Fathers ye are gone away from my ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto Me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts. But ye said, wherein shall we return? Verse 8, Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed Me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings. Verse 9, Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed Me, even this whole nation. Verse 10, Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Now some will say, tithing was just for those under the law of Moses. Let us read the teachings of Christ: In the Book of Mormon, III Nephi, Chapter 24, We find Christ teaching the people the words that God had given to Malachi, and commanded them to be written. So Christ wanted them to remember and do these things, and not to rob God, but to pay tithes to support the Church, so that Missionaries could be sent out to preach the Gospel. Christ also tells them of the spirit and blessings to be poured out on them for obeying the commandments.

Luke 11 Chapter, verse 41, "But rather give alms of such things as ye have; and behold, all things are clean unto you. Verse 42, But woe unto you, Pharisees for ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over judgement and love of God. Those ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." Acts, chapter 5, Ananias and his wife sold a property, and kept back part of the price from the Apostles, and they fell down dead because they lied unto God.

In the days of the Apostles, Saints gave all they possessed and they had all things common. In this land of America, they lived in righteousness for three generations after the coming of the Lord, and they had all things common.

I wonder when our people will awake to their great responsibility of giving, so the Gospel can be preached to the Gentile people before they are ripened in iniquity and God destroys this Nation as He said He would do, if they do not obey the Gospel. And the great responsibility we have of carrying the Indian people in our arms and on our shoulders, that they may return to their God and build the New Jerusalem for the people of God to dwell in, in peace. The Book of Mormon tells us that we are to deliver this message to the people of Nephi, and the choice Ser will convince them of the truth of our words.

Editor's Note: Brother Russell has written a very nice article on the subject of giving, and it is just as easy to rob God now as was away back yonder. And while this Church does not require anyone to give a tenth of their income, I wish to make it plain to all that it is not a sin to do so. To give any amount grudgingly is sinful. Jesus taught: "Freely ye have received, freely give." My counsel is: To all that can give a tenth do so. To you that can give more, do so. To you that feel you cannot spare a tenth, do the best you can and that is all that anyone can do. There is no doubt but what the Good Lord will bless you all in doing the best you can.

#### I HAVE NO HOME WHERE SHALL I GO?

By Paul D'Amico  
Lockport, N. Y.

"And inasmuch as ye shall keep my commandments, ye shall prosper, and shall be led to a land of promise; (AMERICA) — "Yea,

even a land which I have prepared for you; yea, a land which is choice above all other lands." — Book of Mormon, I Nephi, 2nd Chapter, 20th Verse.

The readers of the Book of Mormon are well acquainted as to how the Nephites were brought to this land by the merciful and powerful Hand of the Lord. We are also acquainted with the division of the brethren (sons of Lehi). Those who were righteous were first known as Nephites while those who were wicked and disobedient were known as Lamanites, or better known today by Latter Day Saints as AMERICAN INDIANS.

For a period of nearly 1000 years the Nephites and Lamanites had engaged in battle and the people of God were protected and spared while the wicked suffered and perished because of their disobedience.

After so many years that the Nephites had been known as the delightful and favored people of the Lord, it is rather unfortunate to say that they turned against their God, and chose darkness rather than light. Up to this time the promise of God which He made unto Nephi some 600 years before Christ had accompanied them; and the land which they were given had been very fruitful.

Yet it seems that men and women fail to see or understand that God is the same, yesterday, and forever.

In the Book of Mormon — 6th Chapter, we read of the final destruction of the Nephites in a battle with the Lamanites. Let us take note that at this time both the Lamanites and the Nephites had become very wicked, and the wrath of God was upon them owing to their sin and transgression. Because of the promise unto the Lamanites, who are a remnant of the Seed of Joseph, God caused the Lamanites to destroy the Nephites almost completely, with very few survivors. Hence the destruction of a nation once highly favored of the Lord. Permit me to allow the poet in our Saints' Hymnal to describe the final battle between the two nations:

"I have no home where shall I go?  
While I am left to weep below,  
My heart is pained, my friends are gone,  
And here I'm left on earth to mourn.

I see my people lying 'round,  
All lifeless here upon the ground,

Young men and maidens in their gore,  
Which doth increase my sorrows more.

My Father looked upon this scene,  
And in his writings has made plain,  
How every Nephite's heart did fear  
When he beheld his foe draw near.

With ax and bow they fell upon,  
Our men and women, sparing none,  
And left them prostrate on the ground,  
Lo, here they now are bleeding 'round.

Ten thousand that were led by me,  
Lie 'round this hill called Cumorah,  
Their spirits from their bodies fled,  
And now are numbered with the dead.

Well might my Father, in despair,  
Cry, all ye fair ones, once how fair,  
How is it that you've fallen? Oh!  
My soul is filled with pain for you.

My life is sought, where shall I flee  
Lord take me home to dwell with Thee

Where all my sorrows will be o'er,  
And I shall sigh and weep no more.

Thus sang the son of Mormon when  
He gazed upon his Nephite men,  
And women too, which had been slain,  
And left to moulder on the plain.

A number of us have on various occasions visited the Hill Cumorah and the surrounding territory where this last battle took place. Each time we go there, we cannot help but to reflect upon the outcome of a nation who were destroyed completely because of their wickedness. On the other hand we rejoice upon that Hill in reflecting upon the great and grand purposes of God which have come forth in these latter days to extend the plan of Salvation even unto the Gentiles, and then back again to the Seed of Joseph (American Indians) and the remaining lost tribes of the House of Israel.

While we are enjoying the blessings of the Restored Gospel, and while we are prospering in the land which God has blessed above all other lands, let us not forget that God is still the same. He has not changed. If we observe and keep His commandments we will prosper, but if we don't, that same God will come in His wrath and destroy us.

The question often arises in my

mind, "In addition to their destruction here on earth, what excuse will the Nephites as a Nation of people have in that JUDGMENT DAY which all souls will have to face?" Likewise, if we are serving the same God as they were in their day, and should we fail to observe His Commandments while in life, What excuse will we have in the JUDGMENT DAY?

THIS SUBJECT HAS OFTEN GIVEN ME MUCH FOOD FOR THOUGHT AND I SINCERELY HOPE THIS MESSAGE WILL BRING SOME OF THAT SAME FOOD FOR THOUGHT TO ALL READERS OF "THE GOSPEL NEWS."

**SIX NATIONS RESERVE**  
Ontario, Canada  
By Leona Hill

Brother Editor: I received your letter last week, and I was indeed happy to hear from you. I waited to answer your letter so I could tell you about our meeting. And it really is worth mentioning. There were about 35 people present. There was quite a number of brothers and sisters here from Windsor, Ont. The Lord was surely with us. It seemed as if we weren't on earth any more. It seemed as if God was so near. I never enjoyed a meeting so much as I did this one. Clayton H-nhawk and his wife was baptized in the morning. They are the young couple I told you about at Conference. I'm sure they will prove to be a great light to the Church out here. I'm so happy that at last a few more people are becoming interested in our Church. I really hated to go back to work. How I wish we could all be together all the time. I can't express myself on how I felt yesterday. There seemed to be so much peace and love between us, because we were united in trying to serve God.

They attended to the ordinance of Feet Washing yesterday afternoon. Brother Cadman I am happy to tell you that Sister Sadie is a great success with our Sunday School. She feels that we can stand on our own feet and support our own Sunday School. There were 31 children present for Sunday School yesterday morning with an offering of \$1.80. We cannot thank God enough for His goodness towards us. Sometimes I feel ashamed of myself because when we have our trials, we think them so great, but oh! the blessing God gives us in re-

turn makes me wonder if I'm worthy of them. I'm honestly thankful from the bottom of my heart that God has called me in my youth to be a servant to Him.

Sister Irene Rigby's husband is in the hospital, and she is not too well either. Brother Freeman Douglas isn't well either, but the rest of us are in good health, of which we are grateful. I must close now as it is about time to go back to work. Until we hear from you, May the Lord bless you all, and remember us in your prayers, cause that alone is worth a great deal when we are separated from one another. I hope you'll be able to get down this way soon. Mom and Dad sends their best regards and Joey says hello.

P.S. This letter was written by one of our young Indian sisters on the Indian Reserve near Brantford, Ont. I baptized Leona at the Tuscorora Reservation in New York State a few years ago. She is a fine young sister and is employed in the Hospital on the Six Nations Reserve. (WHC)

**SISTER LOUISE ROBBINSON**  
WRITES FROM  
ST. JOHN, KANSAS

Brother Editor: I have felt to write to you and share the blessings of God, for often I feel we do not edify one another and practice the Charity we should. I have spent the day reading the Church History, and the Book of Isaiah, and surely God has blessed me with His spirit. I often think when I become impatient to have the blessings and gifts of God, how much I have received and how unworthy I am. I have often thought of the woman in the church, whom even the birds loved — what a gift — and many of the other things I hear the Saints tell of — then like the hymn: "I have to stop and count my blessings one by one," that I have the privilege to be in the only Church of the beloved Saviour, and the peace of mind of knowing He has accepted one such as me! Yet I desire to do all I can and I know that if one lives the gospel, the blessings just naturally follow. We are often like spoiled children wanting manna from heaven and without laboring for our God who gives us all, life, love and all good things.

At Christmas time — a strange time for a saint to be depressed, but I was young in the Church and felt surely God had deserted me. I had joined the Church in faith believing this was His Church —

but with hope I would receive from God an experience of reassurance as I believed others had. I felt as Brother James Loyalvo's hymn — "How long wilt Thou forget me Lord — Shall it forever be?" — Satan had discouraged me to a state of utter hopelessness and fear within myself — then I heard the Messiah and a beautiful peace and reassurance and love filled my soul, and many things which I feared gradually left me, and God has surely been good to me. I felt the angels of Heaven themselves were singing the Messiah that Sunday afternoon. And He blessed my husband and I also with a wonderful letter from Brother James Loyalvo, who had felt to pray for us — and through him we felt lifted up.

We recently made a trip to Oklahoma to locate the closest Indian Reservation. We did accomplish that, though we had to return home before visiting the reservation and have not had the opportunity yet to return. Our hope for the Church here is still great and we see many ways being opened up if we continue in God's love. Perhaps Sister Eva wrote you all about Sister Rixon been baptised — so I will not repeat it. We surely feel blessed in having her, especially a convert from the Utah Church, a woman nearing 90 years of age, who knows many people here and who was herself healed in the Church, though she was not a member at the time. Its truly wonderful how the Lord brings things to our memory, teaches us patience and His word, line upon line and precept upon precept.

The Saints here have had many blessings and dreams that I surely cherish for God teaches us from others as well as our own experiences. Well I hope my husband and I can come to Conference. It has been my wish since I joined the Church — in July. I look forward to meeting you and Sister Cadman for you are already cherished friends and all the other Saints. May God continue to bless you in all your labours, and I especially want to thank you for the Church paper, we all do enjoy it and feel a blessing in reading it. I know we should all help you more by contributing, but forgive us.

Pray for us here in St. John that the Church may yet grow and be a light of truth, for Brother Sanders has long hoped and prayed for such a day as do we.

Sister Robinson I am glad to receive this letter. Brother Cadman.



### WARREN NELLIS IS GRATEFUL TO ALL

A letter to the Editor from Sister Nellis of Coleman, Mich., asking that I might place a note in the paper, of thanks to you all for your many kind remembrances extended to her husband, Warren Nellis, and who is also our brother in Christ. He has been remembered by so many of you that he feels unable to make a personal reply to all, and so in the columns of our little paper, Sister Nellis wants all to know that your thoughtfulness in their time of trouble, is more than they feel able to express, or to convey by letters or cards. They are very grateful indeed for the many friends, brothers and sisters they have found in The Church of Jesus Christ, and their prayer is that God will bless you all. Jesus taught His followers to "love one another as I have loved you," and by this shall all men know that ye are My disciples. I will add that Brother Warren is getting very busy again, with one hand gone, he is doing considerable work on the farm, also attending meetings again and preaching the gospel, which has brought so much joy to his soul. And even as Job was made to say: "Though He slay me, yet I will trust Him." Brother Nellis feels that he must be about his Father's business. May God bless him to that end. Sister Nellis, I am sure that all will be glad to know that your husband has gotten along so well, even though he has had a very serious misfortune. May the Lord bless all your family. Brother Cadman.

### I WAS DEAD BUT NOW I LIVE

Sometime ago I was sick. It happened very suddenly and I was unconscious, as though dead. For three days I was in the hospital unconscious; during that time my Heavenly Father showed me that I was dead. I then saw a funeral in our church (Branch No. 1, Detroit). I saw a casket and my corpse was in it. My wife Mary, and my children were in the front seat, and the brethren and sisters were also seated.

After three days I came to myself again, and they took xrays of me and told my wife that an operation was necessary. They operated on me in the month of October 1947. I thank God I am able to work again and am much better. I thank the Lord for the restored gospel in these latter-days, and for the brothers and sisters He has given

us, for they have poured out their hearts and souls in prayer to God in my behalf, for I was dead. May our Heavenly Father bless every one of you, and keep us all faithful until the end. May His peace rest upon you all.

Bro. Lawrence Serra.

### Holy Greeting in Jesus Name From Sister Gidas, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Brother Editor: This is just a little note to say how we enjoy The Gospel News. Such a pure paper to read, and so plain to understand. We saints of God can rejoice for its publication to all nations. May God bless you. Enclosed are three dollars for the renewal of Sister Burnett, and my subscriptions.

Cleveland, Ohio

By Bro. Biscotti

Brother Editor: We have started to build our church here, and I hope we will not run into a very large debt. The plans were drawn up and donated to us by the Austin Co., world wide Builders and Engineers. If we were to pay for them they would cost us a considerable sum. I wish you could see these plans. Things have been going along very well with us here. We have had two baptisms this quarter. I was very sorry to hear of the misfortune that befell to Bro. Nellis.

### Excerpts From O. Cowdery's Letters

Norton, Ohio, Sept. 7, 1834

Today the Church assembled in this place, and was addressed on the great and important subject of salvation by brother Jared Carter, followed by Sidney Rigdon. The cheering truths ably and eloquently advanced by the brethren were like "apples of gold in baskets of silver." The Saints listened with attention, after which bread was broken, and we offered another memorial to our Lord that we remembered Him.

I must close for the present; my candle is quite extinguished, and all nature seems locked in silence, shrouded in darkness, and enjoying that repose so necessary to this life. But the period is rolling on when night will close, and those who are found worthy will inherit that city where neither the light of the sun, or moon will be necessary, "for the glory of God will lighten it, and the Lamb will be the light thereof." (Wonderful words are they not? WHC).

### A LETTER FROM IDAHO

Recently I received a letter from Sister Bertha Converse, Box 2, Ahsahka, Idaho. There is not much in the way of news that I could publish but she asks, when are some of us coming out that way. She is growing older and is not very well. She also informs me that old Brother Newby is getting very feeble, now walking with two canes. As I remember him, he must be nearing 80 years of age. He lives now at Stites, Idaho. Sister Converse referred to the visit brother Costa and myself made out there, I believe it was in 1940. She says it seems a long time now. They all thought well of brother Paul out there. Any one who may feel to write to Sister Converse, do so. I know she will be glad to hear from you. She lives in a cabin up in the mountains, no near neighbors. From the tone of her letter, she is still striving to hold fast to the Rod of Iron. One nice thing, our little paper does keep her posted some on the activities of her brothers and sisters and the Church. May the Lord Bless you all out in Idaho. Bro. Cadman.

### RUMORS

It is reported that a very nice time was had at the G.M.B.A. meeting held recently in Hopewell, N. J. It is said that a large crowd was present and that two converts were baptized over the weekend. It is also reported that in Windsor, Ont. recently they baptized three converts which I am sure all will be glad to hear of. I have asked several in the Windsor Branch of the Church to send me news items occasionally, but I guess I will have to be content with what I hear through others. But with all that: Best wishes to you all. Editor.

### (THE GOLDEN BIBLE)

Have you read the Golden Bible  
Book of Mormon Book divine  
Tis a marvelous work, a wonder  
Nothing equal in its line.

Tells you how an ancient people  
In response to God's command  
Journeyed over lands and oceans  
Till they reached the promised  
land.

Jared first and some few others  
Started out in days of old  
To possess the land of promise  
God was with them we are told.

Now the time of their departure

From their Mother land was  
when  
To obstruct the tower of Babel  
God confused the speech of men.

Having reached the land of  
promise  
Whither God had led the way  
For a time they greatly flourished  
Serving God from day to day.

But at last they grew rebellious  
God forgetting, loving sin  
Then the wrath of God o'rtook  
them  
And they fell midst battles' din.

Now the Lord of Hosts Jehovah  
Sends to earth a new command  
Leads a righteous few from Juda  
To possess the promised land.

Lehi, Nephi, Holy prophets  
Teach them heaven's will and  
mind  
Some are righteous, pure and  
faithful  
Some to wickedness inclined.

These divide and two great  
nations  
Fill the land from shore to shore  
Cruel wars and bloodshed follow  
Till the righteous are no more.

Then Moroni, Holy prophet  
Hides the Golden book away  
To come forth in latter ages  
From the vault where in it lay.

Fourteen hundred years it  
slumbered  
God preserving it from rust  
Now the words of that sealed  
record  
Whispers to us from the dust.  
(Author Unknown)  
Vina Cadman

#### "THE FATE OF THE ALANTHUS TREE OF COAL VALLEY"

Come gather 'round me one and all  
And hear my tale of woe.  
About a man whose heart is  
grieved  
I wish it were not so.

The miseries that he carries 'round  
Is very plain to see;  
Was caused by one crude act of  
man,  
The felling of a tree.

Across the creek from him once  
stood  
Two lovely trees side by side;  
In the hey-day of his life  
They were his joy and pride.

And often in his childhood days  
Their cooling shade he sought.  
Their Life and Love ran thru his  
veins,  
As he sat there on a rock.  
An Ethiopian came along

With strength of arm—little re-  
straint,  
Cut down one tree without regret  
And fed it to the flames.

Alas! Alas the grieved one cried,  
How can I stand to see  
Destruction at the Hand of Man;  
Of this alanthus tree.

Its sister tree now stands alone,  
May its beauty live forever,  
As it has done throughout the  
years,  
When they both stood there to-  
gether.

Let our Kindred be reminded  
Lest he should die in sorrow;  
For the small things that we view  
today  
Shall be the great thing's of tomor-  
row.

(By the late Sister Keturrah Curry)  
The man so much grieved is  
Bro. Charles Ashton.

#### AN ORDERED DEVOTIONAL LIFE

Irregularity is the weakness of  
many Christians. Irregular attend-  
ance at church is a common habit.  
Infrequent praying is more com-  
mon than any will confess.

The occasional churchgoer can-  
not share in church activities. The  
work must go on. The occasional  
attendant disrupts the whole pro-  
gram. Infrequent praying dulls  
faith and weakens the habit of de-  
votion.

Christian duty must be constant  
to be effective. Faith must be kept  
at high tension. The heart must  
be warm for effectual, fervent  
prayer. Worship must be daily  
for one to realize the presence of  
God.

Hosea said, "Ephraim is a cake  
not turned." He was just a half  
Christian. He had begun, but he  
had not continued in faith and good  
works. Paul speaks of patient  
continuance in well-doing of the  
saints who seek for glory and hon-  
or and immortality and eternal life.

Peter's life was somewhat ir-  
regular, and he failed. Restored to  
Christ, his faith failed not, and he  
became strong and dependable.  
None would ever backslide if we  
would "continue instant in prayer."  
Many a backslider has confessed,  
"When I became irregular in my  
prayer life and churchgoing, I be-  
gan to backslide." Most of us con-  
fess that even by praying regularly  
it is often difficult to keep faith and  
hold on to God.

Our hymn book is full of exhor-  
tations—"My soul, be on thy  
guard"; "Oh, watch and fight and  
pray." There is no other way.

Prayer must be "his vital breath,  
and native air." He must contin-  
ually practice the presence of God.

If the Christian will continue  
daily in faith and love, he will save  
both himself and those he serves  
and loves and holds dear.—Chris-  
tian Advocate.

#### FAITHFUL TO LAW (First Maccabees 2-51)

"Call to remembrance what acts  
our fathers did in their time; so  
shall ye receive great honour and  
an everlasting name. - - Was not  
Abraham found faithful in tempta-  
tion, and it was imputed unto him  
for righteousness? - - Joseph in the  
time of his distress kept the COM-  
MANDMENT, and was made lord  
of Egypt. - - Phinees our father in  
being zealous and fervent obtained  
the covenant of an everlasting  
priesthood. - - Jesus for fulfilling  
the WORD was made a judge in  
Israel. - - Caleb for bearing WIT-  
NESS before the congregation re-  
ceived the heritage of the land. - -  
David for being merciful pos-  
sessed the THRONE of an ever-  
lasting kingdom. - - Elias for being  
zealous and fervent for the LAW  
was taken up into heaven. - - Ana-  
nias, Azarias, and Misael, by be-  
lieving were saved out of the  
flame. - - Daniel for his innocency  
was delivered from the mouth of  
lions. - - And thus consider ye  
throughout all ages, that none that  
put their trust in Him shall be  
overcome. - - Fear not the WORDS  
of a SINFUL MAN; for his glory  
shall be dung and worms. - - To-  
day he shall be lifted up, and to-  
morrow he shall not be found, be-  
cause he is returned into dust, and  
his thought is come to nothing. - -  
Wherefore, ye my sons, be valiant,  
and shew yourselves men in the  
behalf of the LAW; for by it shall  
ye obtain glory. - - P. S. One must  
gather from the foregoing, that it is  
the duty of Man to be faithful to  
the law of God, letting the con-  
sequences be what it may"

Q. Why does the Church of the  
Nazarene object to its members be-  
ing also members of secret frat-  
ernal orders?

A. The fellowship of the lodge is  
on too broad a basis for a spiritual  
Christian to be at home in it, and  
the evidence from experience is  
that as one's interest in the lodge  
increases, his interest in the church  
decreases and vice versa. I sug-  
gest you read William Howard's  
article on page 5 of the Herald of  
Holiness of the issue of June 9,  
1947.

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## "GRAY EAGLE" VISITS IN MONONGAHELA

Walter Tecumseh Morgan — Cherokee Indian of the Five Nations Reservation in Oklahoma, present home in Youngstown, Ohio. Graduate of Haskell Institute, and of the University of Chicago. Member of National Congress of American Indians, Indian Council Fire, Indian Rights Association and Tribal Council of the five civilized tribes, visited at our home here in Monongahela on June 5 and 6th, and I will add, that we considered ourselves much honored with the presence of the Hon. Gray Eagle. He is a direct descendant on the maternal side of his family, of the famous General Tecumseh, who fell in battle in the Province of Ontario, Canada. A monument designating his resting place on the side of Kings Highway No. 2 not so far from the city of Chatham. The writer has visited the spot on several occasions.

Gray Eagle's English name is Morgan, of which I shall speak of him from now on. Mr. Morgan is a man of wide and varied experience. He served four years in the late war, holding a very responsible position. He was, as may be termed a "Flying Transport Engineer" and the planes under his jurisdiction, had to have his okay before leaving the ground. He crossed the Atlantic 138 times, and over the Pacific 89 times. Was in 28 different countries. On one of his flights, was forced down in Arabia, which gave him an opportunity to visit the Holy Land, a desire which he had from his youth.

Brother D. Bucci of Youngstown accompanied Mr. Morgan to my home; they were here in time to eat supper with us, and we were up until midnight listening to Mr. Morgan tell us of the wonders of his life, both among white people and of his own race. His parents left the Reservation while young in life and his father became a building contractor, and became very well off. He is the youngest of a family of 15 children and all received a good education, two of his brothers are doctors. They are "full blood" Indians.

On Sunday morning, our visitors went to Sunday School and Church with us. Mr. Morgan addressed

our School and sang two solos as well. He proved himself to be a wonderful singer. Before the close of the Morning Preaching service, he sang for us "Jesus Remembered You" which he said was his mother's favorite song. Everybody present I believe was very much pleased to meet and hear Mr. Morgan. After eating dinner at our home, they started on their return trip to Youngstown where Mr. Morgan holds a responsible position with the Continental Baking Co.

Come again. Sincerely W. H. Cadman.

## OUR FAITH AS TO GOD AND HIS SON JESUS CHRIST As Per Our Pamphlet of 1897

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

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

second time to judge both the living and the dead according to the scriptures. We believe the Holy Ghost to be the MIND of the Father and of the Son. (See 2nd Corinthians, 4th Chap, 4th Verse. Also Hebrews, 1st Chapt, 3rd verse. Also John's Gospel, 15th Chapter), which is pure and holy, just and good, and is omnipresent, full of light, knowledge, and power, a discernor of the thoughts and intents of mankind."

The Church of Jesus Christ has published and scattered abroad the foregoing as our faith and views, concerning what is commonly called the Godhead. I want now to write some concerning the term "trinity."

The term "trinity" as used theologically at least, means that there are three persons in what is commonly called the Godhead. It will readily be seen in the foregoing statement of faith, that we do not believe in there being three persons in the Godhead. It is plainly shown therein, that we believe the Father and Son to be two distinct persons, but we do not believe the Holy Ghost to be a person. Furthermore, the scripture does not sustain that doctrine.

It is true that the Holy Ghost is spoken of as "he," which is masculine, but not necessarily a person. Masculine and feminine are terms used quite often and in ways that do not necessarily mean a person. For instance, in Numbers 16-30, "and the earth open HER mouth." Again, the man-child spoken of in Rev. 12-5, to our mind is not a literal child, but is a representation of the Priesthood, Power and Authority of Jesus Christ. Therefore, we do not believe that the term "he" the Holy Ghost is a person as some do, but as our old brethren have expressed themselves, and caused to be written: "It is the MIND of God."

The following scriptures do not speak of the Holy Ghost as a PERSON, do they? In Luke 3-16 "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and Fire." In Luke 4-1, "And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan." When Jesus was baptized, the Spirit of God was seen lighting upon Him in the form of a dove. In Acts 2-4, "And they were all filled

with the Holy Ghost." And again in Acts 19-2, "He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?"

These scriptures do not create even a suggestion, that the Holy Ghost is a PERSON, do they? I never heard the term "trinity" used among our people, until in very recent years. I wish to acquaint all that may read this, that The Church of Jesus Christ does not believe in a "trinity" as it is used, meaning three PERSONS, but we do believe the Father and Son to be two distinct PERSONS. Sincerely Brother W. H. Cadman.

### THE CHOICE SEER

Many People are in Error in Believing that Joseph Smith was the Choice Seer spoken of in Second Nephi, Chapt. 3.

Joseph Smith could not have been this Choice Seer, because he is to be of the seed of Joseph, (of Egypt) and the seed of Lehi, who is a descendant of Joseph who was sold into Egypt, which Lehi came over to this land (America) from Jerusalem 600 years B.C. — The American Indians (Lamanites) being the remnant of that seed. To make it more plain, the man who is not learned and spoken of in Second Nephi 27-19, refers to Joseph Smith; But the Choice Seer spoken of in Second Nephi chapter 3 is another man, and he is to come from the fruit of the loins of Joseph of Egypt, that seed being the Branch which was broken off at Jerusalem, to whom this land (America) was consecrated for their inheritance forever — being Lehi and his seed; Lehi's son Joseph, who received this blessing from his father Lehi, that his seed should not utterly be destroyed; for out of his (Lehi's son Joseph) seed which should not all be destroyed (American Indians), should come this Choice Seer. It is very plain that this Seer is to come from the Lamanites (or Indians), and Joseph Smith is not of that seed. The name of that Seer will be Joseph, after Joseph of Egypt, and his fathers name is to be Joseph. He is to translate sealed records yet to come forth. "And not to the bringing forth my word only, saith the Lord, but to the CONVINCING them of my word." Joseph Smith did not convince the Lamanites.

This Choice Seer is, to convince the Lamanites (Indians) in person,

and do a great work among them (his brethren) in person. It can plainly be seen by reading the two passages referred to, that "the man who is not learned" is a different man from this Choice Seer. There is no identity between the two persons referred to in the two passages. In one passage, it calls the person referred to "the man that is not learned;" while in the other, the person referred to is a Choice Seer, who shall be great and mighty like unto Moses; and the whole chapter is devoted to this Seer and to Moses. We will now analyze this chapter (Second Nephi 3) concerning the Choice Seer.

It is plain to be seen that the whole chapter refers to this one Choice Seer and to Moses. Some of the Latter Day Saints have interpreted "one mighty" to arise from the Lamanites. A clause in the last part of the chapter makes it very plain that the Choice Seer spoken of all through the chapter, is to come from the Lamanites. It is also very plain that the last part of this chapter refers to this same Choice Seer. Lehi is making his conclusion and closing remarks concerning his son's (Joseph's) blessing; which blessing can be seen in the first part of the chapter, the blessing being this; that his son Joseph's seed would not all be destroyed, for out his seed should arise one mighty, who would be a Choice Seer. "And now, behold, my son Joseph, after this manner did my father of old (Joseph of Egypt) prophesy, Wherefore, because of this covenant thou art blessed; for thy (Lehi's son Joseph) seed shall not be destroyed, for they shall hearken unto the words of the book. And there shall rise up ONE MIGHTY among them (this same Choice Seer) who shall do much good, both in word and in deed, being an instrument in the hands of God, with exceeding faith, to work mighty wonders, and do that thing which is GREAT IN THE SIGHT OF GOD." Before this it says he shall be GREAT IN MINE EYES". Why is it that all Latter Day Saints cannot see this? The closing of this chapter is only a rehearsal and conclusion about this same Choice Seer.

This whole chapter treats of the one matter; a blessing is pronounced upon Lehi's son Joseph, because a Great Seer is to be of his seed, which should not all be destroyed. That seed being a "branch which was to be broken

off" at Jerusalem, to whom this land (America) was consecrated for their inheritance. In verse 5, Lehi makes it plain that Joseph (of Egypt) was not referring to the Messiah, but to a branch which was to be broken off, nevertheless to be remembered in the covenants of the Lord, that the Messiah should be made manifest unto them in the latter days in the spirit of power, unto the bringing of them out of darkness into light; out of hidden darkness and out of captivity unto freedom. "Is it not plain that the Choice Seer is to come from the seed of Lehi via of his son Joseph? They are the people (Lamanites) here referred to. "For Joseph (of Egypt) truly testified, saying, a Seer shall the Lord my God raise up, who shall be a Choice Seer unto the fruit of my loins." This is the testimony or prophecy of Joseph (of Egypt) which Lehi refers to in his closing remarks in verses 22, 23, 24. "And now, behold, my son Joseph, (Lehi speaking to his son) after this manner did my father of old prophesy. Wherefore because of this covenant thou art blessed; for thy seed shall not be destroyed, for they shall hearken unto the words of the book; and there shall raise up ONE MIGHTY among them" In other words, the Choice Seer shall rise up from among the American Indians and do much good.

Again, it says this Choice Seer will do only according to the commandments of God. He will be faithful and break none of God's commandments. This alone proves that Joseph Smith was not the Choice Seer. In a revelation given to him while he was translating, the Lord said, "Behold, how oft have you transgressed the commandments and laws of God, and have gone on in the persuasions of men — if thou art not aware thou wilt fall." May I ask, Does this agree with the description of the Choice Seer? It certainly does not. This alone should satisfy any one, and will satisfy any one who is not trusting in an arm of flesh, that Joseph Smith was not the Choice Seer.

Again, it can be seen from this point that Joseph Smith was not this Great Seer. He is to come from the SEED that shall write the word of the Lord! and this is the Nephite seed. It says, "But a Seer will I raise up out of the fruit of thy loins; — wherefore, the fruit of thy loins (from which the Seer is to be raised up) shall

write; (the Nephite records), and the fruit of loins of Judah shall write." So we see again that the Choice Seer is to come from the Nephite or Lamanite seed.

The same can be seen from a clause which follows in this connection: "and bringing them to the knowledge of their fathers in the latter days."

The same can be seen from this clause which says, "He shall do a work for the fruit of thy loins. HIS BRETHREN, which shall be of great worth unto them, even to the bringing of them to the knowledge of the covenants which I have made with thy fathers." From this we see that his brethren are to be the Lamanites. Then he (the Choice Seer) is to be of the Lamanite seed.

This scripture also says: that they who seek to destroy this Choice Seer shall be confounded. I beg leave to draw attention to the fact that those who sought to destroy Joseph Smith were not confounded, but they destroyed him.

To all that believe Joseph Smith was the Choice Seer, you surely have little or NO conception of the great work that is to be done by him. The Church of Jesus Christ properly maintains that Joseph Smith was of Gentile extraction, and of such the Book of Mormon was to come forth. We also believe that the Shepherd spoken of in Genesis 49-24 is this Choice Seer that is yet to arise. Christ the Shepherd, came from Judah. We also believe the Choice Seer to be the person referred to in Romans 11-26, as the Deliverer that shall come out of Sion, (America) and turn away ungodliness from Jacob. He shall deliver the seed of Joseph (the Indians from Gentile oppression). Neither one of these two scriptures has reference to Christ, which is plain to be seen by reading the context. In conclusion, The Church of Jesus Christ takes a stand as follows: The Choice Seer is to come from the seed of Lehi. Joseph Smith was not of that seed. Second: He is to convince the Lamanites in person, Joseph Smith did not. Third: His tongue will not be loosed that he can speak much, and the Lord is to raise up a spokesman for him. Joseph Smith was a good speaker. Fourth: Those who seek to destroy the Choice Seer will be confounded. Joseph Smith was slain by a mob in June 1844. Fifth: The Choice Seer will be faithful in all things, while it is evident that Joseph Smith fell

short from the beginning. To make the position of The Church of Jesus Christ clear, we proclaim that the unlearned Man referred to in Isaiah 29-12 was Joseph Smith and of Gentile extraction, while the Choice Seer referred in Second Nephi third Chapter, is another man, and a descendant of Lehi, him being a descendant of Joseph who was sold into Egypt by his brethren. By W. H. Cadman

#### TRUSTING GOD

Dear Editor: It is very true that unto those that do the will of God, persecution is their lot. But if we would only trust God, He is able to remove a mountain. After a few years without being bothered to work on Sunday, early last month the devil tried me again; working into my foreman to compel me to work on Sunday. This time he said: either work or he would let me go.

They have a system in the Company now, that they give you a "pink slip" should you violate a company rule. The first slip serves as a warning, the second one, they will give you a few days off. The third slip is for a person to be discharged. I will enclose one slip that I received from my foreman, stating that I refused to work on Sunday. When I was notified I must of been a little bit discouraged, but I did not go around the bush, but I did speak a few plain words. I was 52 years old the week following. So I told them that God had taken care of me all those years, and he is able to care for me the balance of my days. At the same time I made it a matter of prayer to my God, asking Him to help me again in this affair. Due to the fact, that I stand in need of work for because of bad weather conditions the last couple of years, we lost on the farm instead of gaining. Last year was worse than ever. My wife and family were all kind of blue, they really thought this time that they would let me go. Thus far there is no sign whatsoever of me being discharged, due to the fact that I belong to the Union, and the Union has taken my case up. They have persuaded the Superintendent and my Foreman to consider my case as a Minister of the Gospel of Christ, that they should not compel me to work on Sunday if that is my belief. But when my turn comes to work on Sunday, I will be scheduled as the other men and I will have to lose that one day.

I have been meditating upon those faithful men of God who even gave their lives, but would not break the commandments of God. I admire Daniel and the other three Hebrews that were taken to Babylon, and especially, Shadrach, Mesback and Abednego; they were bold in answering the King. They truly were the best men in giving service unto the King, but when it came to pass that they were called upon to bow to the image that the King had raised up, they refused and would not break the commandment of their God. They refused to obey the King, and when they were questioned by him, they were not careful to answer, though their lives were in danger. Daniel, Chapter 3; verses 17 and 18. This is the answer they gave to the King when they were told that they would be cast into the fiery furnace. 17th verse, "If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us out of thine hand O King. 18th verse, "But if not, be it known unto thee, O King, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image thou hast set up."

We, us the servants of God should be likewise, trust God a little bit more, and to be like those faithful men. How brave they were. Many of those men gave up their lives for the same cause. I pray that the God of Heaven will give strength to all the saints.

Domenic Giovannone.

#### MEETINGS IN PONTIAC AND PORT HURON By Brother M. Miller

On Sunday June 6, 1948 Brother Joseph Loyalvo and his family arrived at Brother Matthew Miller's home at about 9:30 a.m. with hopes of his family and mine making a trip to Pontiac and Port Huron in the interest of preaching the Gospel to the glory and praise of our Heavenly Father. Before leaving on our trip we knelt in prayer and had a wonderful blessing, in which there was such a good feeling that Sister Virginia Loyalvo made a prophesy that our trip would abound with fruits for the Master. We then proceeded on our way to Pontiac, where we found Sister Jones, a member of the Church of Christ, eagerly awaiting us. Seeing that our audience was not very large we held a Bible class, studying in the 14th and 15th Chapters of St. John's Gospel. From several verses of

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## EDITORIAL

Please all take note. One object in printing this paper is, to preserve and uphold the faith of The Church of Jesus Christ. We are at present, and in the past been spoken of very much as a REMNANT which has been preserved from many things of which other Fac-tions of the restoration have im-bibed. Our faith has, and does dif-fer materially in some respects from an other Latter Day Saints. This FACT is worthy of NOTE, for God has blessed us abundantly in our position. Hence the necessity of maintaining our position.

In this issue of The Gospel News, the editor is publishing the stand of this Church, relative to what is commonly called the "Godhead" in our pamphlet published in the year of 1897. I have titled this article, "Our Faith as to God and His Son Jesus Christ." It is necessary for all members of the Church to read our literature, and become acquainted with what we believe, and what we do not believe. There is an article in this issue relative to The Choice Seer. It is taken from the writings of one of the members of the early Church, but is not an exact duplicate. But what I have written has been the faith of this people. I intend to publish "excerpts" from our literature relative to our faith, in the succeeding publications of this paper. My council to all Elders of the Church is, to preach the Gospel in it's simplicity and save a soul wherever it is possible. While returning from Kentucky this week, we passed a lake in Ohio (an artificial lake) which is 14 miles long. The motorman on the bus told us that on Sunday it was so crowded with fishermen, that it was difficult for a person to find room to fish. I wonder what the Almighty God thinks of this kind of work? He certainly left His displeasure fall upon Israel for disobeying the Sabbath Day. I read that He changes not. Brother W. H. Cadman.

these chapters were discussed the Gospel in its entirety to the full satisfaction of all present. When we were through with this study, Brother Lovelvo asked Sister Jones did she have any questions to ask on the lesson. She answered that she was fully satisfied with the discussions we had and did not care to ask any further questions. He then asked my nephew Aston Robotham, did he have any questions to ask. He replied that he was so well satisfied with the explanations given and that he was now ready to be baptized, and was at our disposal when and where to do it. Again we received a shower of blessings. We left Pontiac some-time after 1:00 p.m. for Port Huron, arriving there at about 2:30 p.m. We were just in time for the afternoon meeting, and Brother Lovelvo introduced it, singing "America the Beautiful." After prayer he gave a wonderful talk based on the 2nd Book of Nephi, 1st chapter and part of the 6th Verse, which is the prophesy of Lehi, that there shall none come into this land save they shall be brought by the hand of the Lord. When he was through speaking Mrs. Hannah Tetting, wife of the late Otto Tetting, stood and re-quested her baptism, saying if we thought she was worthy she would appreciate becoming one of us. Again there was a great blessing felt. She and my nephew were baptized under the Blue Water bridge where Lake Huron and the Clinton river meet, and blessed be God for same. Brother Marco Randazza and his inspiring little band of saints had a wonderful welcome for us in their midst. He is doing an outstanding job in that part of the vineyard. May God abundantly bless them one and all.

## A MEMORABLE TRIP

On Friday, May 28th, Brothers Gorie Claravino, Nick Pietrangelo and Dominic Moraco left Detroit for St. John, Kansas, a journey of approximately 1,200 miles. The weather was ideal for traveling and we arrived at our destination 26 hours later and were greeted by the Saints of St. John with enthusiastic joy. The folks all got together at Sister Ring's home where we enjoyed a few hours singing hymns.

Four meetings were held on Sunday and the blessings of God accompanied us. On Sunday noon we had a covered plate lunch in the St. John City Park. We also had

the pleasure of meeting Sister Rixon recently baptized (80 years of age). She related how happy she felt to be a member of the Restored Gospel.

We had a nice crowd on Sunday with every member of St. John being present as well as the folks from Wichita.

We spent Sunday night at Brother Sander's home. He related many of his wonderful experiences in the Gospel. On Monday Brother A. Robinson took us to view Zion Valley as well as Brother William Bickerton's grave and that of many of the old Saints. On Monday evening we held another meeting expounding the Gospel. We spent the night with Brother and Sister Ashley, and enjoyed it very much.

On Tuesday, Brother A. Robinson took us visiting among the Saints and also friends and relatives. While visiting we had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Downey of California who is the daughter of Allen B. Wright. This was followed with a meeting on Tuesday night and at the close of the meeting we formed a circle with everyone joining hands, and as we sang "Farewell Ye Servants of the Lord," the blessings of God came down upon all of us that we could not contain it. We spent the night with Brother and Sister A. Robinson. On Wednesday morning we left St. John at 10:00 a.m. and drove to Wichita where we visited with Sisters Jones and Wergin and they gave us a wonderful dinner. It was surely good to see the Saints whom we fellowshipped with. We left Wichita at 6:00 p.m. and journeyed our way homeward. We made stops at Nauvoo, Illinois and Carthage, Illinois and arrived home at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, in time to attend our meeting at Branch No. 4. We wish to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all the Brothers and Sisters, both in St. John and Wichita for their kind hospitality and making us feel so much at home. May God bless you all.

We would like to recommend to all that St. John and Wichita is a swell place to spend their vacation, and it surely would encourage the Saints.

## A MEMORIAL SERVICE

A newly organized class of young ladies of the Monongahela Sunday School known as the Class of Faith, Hope, and Charity, presented a very enjoyable M.B.A. service.



ice on Memorial Day. The meeting was opened by their teacher, Sister Mable Bickerton, who introduced their subject and speakers. Her opening remarks were: "As the Nation is honoring the lives of heroes, loved ones, and friends; we are going to refresh our memories of the saints who have passed on to their reward." The characters chosen were ones closely related to the class members.

We were taken back many years ago to the first president of the Church, Wm. Bickerton. His life was reviewed by sister Carol Bickerton. Brother Bickerton was a great, great uncle of Carol's father.

Next was the late president Wm. Cadman, a review of his life was given by his great granddaughter, Barbara Mountain. She told of his coming to America, how that God's protection was with him, etc.

Next in order was the life of our late president, Bro. Alexander Cherry. Sister Grace Landrey spoke of many interesting and wonderful events of his life.

Mrs. Jane Whittaker, a granddaughter of the late brother and sister James Cowan, spoke of the wonderful memories and experiences when their family had been healed, which lead them to obey the gospel of Jesus Christ. At the close thereof, Brother Cowan's favorite was sung, "Take My Life and Let It Be."

Mrs. Dorothy Gandley told of the lives of our late Brother and sister George Neill. Part of their time was spent in Kansas, both passed away in Monongahela. Sisters Ruth Mountain and Sara Vancik then sang a hymn, "All Hail to Christ My Saviour," a composition of Sister Neill's.

Sister Mabel Bickerton then reminded us of old Brother and Sister Heaps, the parents of Brother James Heaps. It was remembered how Sister Heaps' head always dropped in silent prayer when she sat down in her seat, how she had memorized the 53rd chapter of Isaiah, etc. Sister Bickerton then sang a hymn that Sister Heaps liked so well, "A Little Talk With Jesus."

Sister Sarah Mancini then read about the lives of Sister Lena Schultz and her husband Brother Schultz. We were reminded of the "Gift of Prayer" that Sister Schultz was blessed with, and spoke of her as a "Mother in the Gospel."

Sister Ruth Tucker told some of

the life of her husband's grandfather, the late Brother Joseph Tucker, whose widow still lives. Brother Tucker was born in England, obeyed the gospel and was an Apostle in the church at the time of his death in 1911.

Sister Ethel Crosier reminded us of the life of her aunt, Sister Pearl Griffith, the mother of Brother Meridith Griffith. At time of her death she was a young mother of four children. At her bedside she gave the following advice to her children: "Be good always, and in that way, again we shall meet to live forever never again to part." Sister Rebecca Behanna was remembered as a faithful worker in the Church and Ladies Uplift Circle. She was the mother of Pearl Griffith. Many of her grandchildren have followed in the footsteps of "Grandma Behanna."

Sister Josephine Zucco was remembered, having embraced the gospel after hearing it. She was ill for a long time and died in June of 1933.

Sister Barbara Mountain told of the life of Sister Marie Sowers. She was a good worker in the Ladies Uplift Circle, a Sunday School teacher, and a deaconess for many years.

A story of the life of Sister Eva Kennedy, written by her daughter, Sister Sarver, was read. In her diary was found these words, "The happiest moments of my life, were when I obeyed the commandments of my Lord."

Mrs. Elizabeth Bright told of the lives of our late Brother and Sister Surace. Sister Surace passed away just recently. Their lives have been good patterns for their children to follow. Sister M. Bickerton told of a dream she had about Brother Surace after his death, in which he read the 116th Psalm, and the outstanding verse was, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." The thought which the class wanted to leave was the one expressed in this verse.

Each girl of the class placed a white carnation in a vase in memory of the brothers and sisters whose lives were honored. Then flowers were placed therein in memory of all the saints who have gone to join the Circle above. The meeting was closed with the class singing "Will the Circle be Unbroken?"

### A TRIP TO KENTUCKY

By Brother William Tucker

On Friday June 11, Brother William H. Cadman and I left here for the home of Brother and Sister Parrott at Nortonville. Brother and Sister Parrott along with Sister Celean Raynal was baptized by Brother Cadman on a recent trip made by him and Brother and Sister Bittinger. We arrived late on Saturday afternoon, after a tiresome trip by bus. Brother and Sister Parrott met us at the bus.

After a night's rest, we prepared for the Sabbath Day. Sacrament and testimony meeting was held with all taking part. In the evening Mr. Smith, the town police officer attended the service. Brother Cadman expounded unto him the Falling away and the Restoration of the Gospel. After visiting around on Monday, a service was held in the home of Brother Parrott with friends attending. I opened the service using the scripture, "If a man gain the whole world, what would he give in exchange for his soul?" Brother Cadman followed, having wonderful liberty in speaking which sets our friends to do much thinking.

On Tuesday evening we held our meeting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Barnes. Again I opened the meeting, using the words of Solomon in Ecclesiastes, "Let us hear the conclusion of the matter, the whole duty of man is to fear God and keep His commandments." Brother Cadman took up the subject and expounded it to the enjoyment of all present. I believe that much seed has been planted and I hope for a reaping soon.

The next day (Wednesday p.m.) we departed for home, arriving on Thursday afternoon. In concluding remarks, I wish to say that Brother and Sister Parrott, along with Sister Celeana treated us wonderfully. Also that Brother William Cadman is setting a good example as President of the Church in his efforts to preach the Gospel, and bring souls into the Church. The scripture says: Let the Elders that do well, be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in the Word and Doctrine. First Timothy 5,17.

### A FAREWELL GATHERING

By Rose Fair Nalevanko

The South Greensburg Mission held a farewell gathering on May 23rd in the Church basement in honor of Brother and Sister Flow and family. They are leaving to

make their home in California. All the brothers and sisters brought something along good to eat. A large farewell cake was donated by Sister Mary Todaro.

Before we sat down to eat we sang a hymn, and a prayer of thanks was offered up to the Lord by Brother Alvin Swanson. We then presented Brother and Sister Flow with an electric clock and a purse for a farewell gift. After lunch was served we held our afternoon meeting and everybody in bearing their testimony all bid our Brother and Sister farewell. We have loved them dearly and our loss will be California's gain, for we know that the saints there are going to have a nice family added to their number, and if we never have chance to meet on earth again, we hope to meet around the throne of God some happy day.

#### NEWS ITEMS

Sister Ethel Henderson of Windsor, Ont. informs us that they recently had four baptisms in their Branch of the Church. They are as follows: Otto Henderson, Anthony Gerace, Hael Collison, and Olive Elly a niece of our late Brother Ford. Sister Ethel says: "these will add a goodly number to our young people." Also, our brothers and sisters have made several trips to the Reserve at Grand River, and bring back good reports of God's blessing each time. The brothers and sisters here are all very well, and the brethren have brightened up our church building with a new coat of paint.

#### LOCKPORT, N. Y.

A short note from Elder Paul D'Amico informs us that Brother Simone is in a hospital in Buffalo, but is getting along very well. Also that they had a baptism in their Mission just recently. Along with the renewal of several subscriptions to The Gospel News, he sends one new subscription. Thanks.

#### RAMA, ONTARIO, Canada

After a long time has elapsed, I am pleased to have received a letter from Sister Olive Deleary, the widow of our late Brother Joseph Deleary of the Chipewa Indians at Muncey, Ont. Sister Deleary informs me that she suffered a stroke in May of 1948 and has been sorely afflicted, but is now able to get around some, but is not able to get out to work. She is living all alone. She says she has been getting The Gospel News regularly

which no doubt is much consolation to her when she is so far from all her church people. When Brother Deleary died at Muncey a few years ago, she was left alone. She went to Orillia, Ont. to be near her sister. We hope she will recover her health again, and may the Lord bless her. Anyone wishing to write her, address her at 318 Nottawasaga St. Orillia, Ont., Canada. WHC.

#### PORT HURON, Mich.

June 1, 1948

I have received a letter from Sister Bertha Ward Sommerville, Port Huron telling me of a wonderful meeting had there on May 30th. Brother Marco Randazzo started a work in that city some time ago and it appears that the seed which has been scattered has fallen upon much good soil. Brother Joseph Lovalvo of Detroit was with him on this occasion and in the midst of the meeting, Sister Sommerville's husband was raised to his feet and asked to be baptized. His testimony in effect were, that he felt he had been chained, but now the chain was broken. May the Lord continue to bless Brother and Sister Sommerville; and all of you at Port Huron. WHC.

#### BROOKLYN, N. Y.

June 8, 1947

By I. D'Amico

Brother Ishmael tells me that Sister Anna Carlini of Lincoln Park, Mich. has spent a week at their home, after already having an extended visit in New Jersey. After a few days visit in Bronx she will be returning home. Also that the brothers and sisters of Metuchen, N. J. Mission recently spent a Sunday at the Brooklyn Mission No. 1, and a very enjoyable time was enjoyed by all. He says: "The Lord was sure in our midst."

#### STELTON, N. J.

By Ivy Fisher

This past month the Stelton Mission was blessed by having several visitors; namely Brother Charles Ashton and wife and Sister Ilene Smith, from Pennsylvania, Sister Anna Carlini from Detroit, Mich. and Brother G. Mazzeo of New Brunswick, N. J. Brothers Ashton and Mazzeo gave us wonderful and encouraging talks which gave us much food for thought. We all enjoyed hearing the wonderful testimonies which

they gave to the honor and glory of God. Please return soon.—Sister M. Maffeo of New Brunswick, N. J., renews her subscription to The Gospel News and wishes the paper was a little larger. She also says they are enjoying the peace and blessing of God, and says: "Surely we have nothing to gain in this life, our only hope is Life Eternal."

#### WICHITA, Kansas

2860 Litchfield St.

By Sister Jones

Just a line to let you know how we are doing at Wichita. We spent a very nice time last Sunday (May 23) at St. John worshipping together. Three brothers were there from Detroit, and they gave us some good talks, they also called on us on their way home, but their time was very short, as two of them had to be at home to go to work on Friday. Brother and Sister Paella have left Wichita for Florida, also Brother Angello, as he did not like Kansas, but we hear that he is now in Detroit; but Brother Cadman our Worship still goes on just the same. Some of our neighbors come into our meetings occasionally. Well I notice our subscription for The Gospel News has expired, and we feel there is something missing when it does not arrive. It is really neglect on our part; we enjoy reading it so much, it gives us the news about our people, and what they are doing. We are having real nice weather, and everything looks so fresh and green. Enclosed you will find money-order for renewal of our subscription. I hope this will find you enjoying the peace and blessing of God.

#### ROCHESTER, N. Y.

Dear Brother Cadman,

It was our pleasant surprise to have Brother Charles Curry and his bride Sylvia, spend their honeymoon in Rochester.

They visited a few places of interest during the day and spent the evenings in the homes of the Saints. The newlyweds and a few others went to Hill Cumorah and had a very nice time there. On Sunday evening all the young folks gathered at the home of Brother Francione and sang hymns.

We enjoyed their week's visit very much and would like to see them along with other Saints from the different branches visit Rochester more often.

Sister Antoinette Marinetti

**G.M.B.A. REPORT**

The quarterly meeting of the Missionary Benevolent Association held in Hopelawn, New Jersey, Saturday, May 15, 1948, at 2:30 p.m. The president, Brother Gorie Ciarvino gave a short talk before business was taken up. Communications from some of the absent officers were read. A letter from the Lorain, Ohio Local requested to change the November meeting to some other place. It was decided to hold the November meeting in Glassport, Pa. A motion was passed that the Librarian keep all literature, and any locals needing such, are to write to the librarian: Mr. Joseph Calabrese, Stop 47 1-2 Russell street, Lorain, Ohio. A motion was passed that two business meetings be held a year: One, the first Saturday of November, and the other, in May.

Eleven delegates were present to represent their locals. Other reports were read making a total of 19 reporting. Each local is to send a vote to G.M.B.A. in November for the following: "The G.M.B.A. offices be held by members only, instead of elders" — refer to Article 11, Section 3.

Following the afternoon meeting was a very enjoyable program prepared by the Hopelawn G.M.B.A. Everyone present reports a very nice meeting, and wishes to thank the saints in New Jersey for their hospitality.

**A BEAUTIFUL MARRIAGE**

On June 12th a beautiful marriage ceremony was solemnized in our newly erected building at Branch Number 4, Detroit. Tullio LoVivita, son of Brother and Sister Anthony LaCivita of Youngstown, Ohio and Santina Benedetto, daughter of Brother and Sister C. Benedetto, were united in marriage by Brother Gorie Ciarvino. A large audience consisting of relatives and friends witnessed the ceremony. Brother C. A. Burgess, of Windsor, Ont., was soloist, while Mrs. White, also of Windsor, was at the piano.

Miss Lydia LaCivita, sister of the groom, was maid of honor and James J. Nerone was best man. Lena Piccolo and Joan Paleno, as bridesmaids; Richard and Anthony Santilli ushers. A dinner was served to the bridal party, immediate family and close friends. A very nice reception was tendered in the home of the bride's parents, after which the newlyweds took to the air for a trip to New York City and

then to Youngstown, Ohio for a week. On their return they will set up housekeeping in the home of the bride's parents.

By Dominic Moraco ✓

**CURRY-GERACITANO  
NUPTIALS**

Sister Sylvia Geracitano became Mrs. Charles Curry during a ceremony which took place in The Church of Jesus Christ, at Glassport, Pa., with the bridegroom's uncle, Brother James Curry officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Geracitano of Glassport, and her husband is the son of Mrs. Esther Andrews of Coal Valley, Pa.

Theresa Carneval, a niece of the bride was maid of honor, and another niece, Patricia Geracitano was the bridesmaid. Louis Little was the best man, and ushers were James Nero and Raymond Interi. Soloists were Florence DeBattista, and Lois Reed being accompanied at the piano by Mabel Bickerton.

A supper was served in the home of the bride, where the couple will reside on their return from New York City. The bride is a graduate of Glassport Highschool, and the groom attended the Clairton High school, served in the Army two years and is now employed with the Copperweld Steel Co. at Glassport. They are both members of The Church of Jesus Christ. We extend best wishes to Charles and Sylvia for a happy life together.

**MUNGER-SCAGLINE WEDDING**

Mr. Charles H. Munger and Elizabeth Scagline, daughter of Brother and Sister Joseph Scagline were united in marriage at the home of the bride in Forward Township on Friday evening June 4th, with Elder B. Teman Cherry officiating. Elizabeth who is only 18 years old was given away by her father. Her only attendant was her sister, Mrs. Stanley White, and Mr. White serving as best man. About 100 guests were present for the occasion, and refreshments were served. The young couple left on a short honeymoon and on their return, will reside at the bride's home for the present.

Co-workers in the shipping-room at Liggett's where Charles is employed, presented the newlyweds with a handsome electric clock. The bridegroom is a veteran of 14 month's service in the United States Navy; he received his honorable discharge on June 6, 1946.

The Gospel News extends best wishes to Charles and Elizabeth for a long and happy life together.

**OBITUARY****MRS. TERESA SURRACE**

A short announcement of the sudden death of Sister Surrace was made in the last issue of this paper. The funeral services took place in The Church here in Monongahela on May 24th. Sister Surrace was born in Italy in 1892. She had been in America for 48 years and died of a heart attack in the home of her mother on May 21st. She was the widow of the late Brother Natale Surrace who passed on 13 years ago. Sister Surrace was baptized about 20 years ago and has been very faithful in the Church. She leaves to mourn her loss five daughters as follows: Mrs. Mary Gagliardi, Mrs. Rose Colagiovanni, Mrs. Angelina Canonni all of this city; and Mary Ann, and Nancy at home; two sons Paul and Anthony, and her aged mother and two brothers. The services were conducted by Brother W. H. Cadman who was assisted by Brother Vincent Clemente of McKees Rocks, Pa. The Gospel News extends its sympathy to the bereaved family.

**MARY GOSSENS GOLLICK  
PASSES ON**

Mrs. Mary Gollick, the wife of Howard Gollick of Bentleyville, Pa., died in the General hospital, Norwalk, Connecticut, Sunday, May 30th, 1948 at 4 p.m. The body was shipped to Roscoe, Pa. where the funeral services were conducted in the Eckert Funeral Home on June 3, by Brother W. H. Cadman; Sister Irene Griffith and Sister Sarah Neill furnished music and singing. Sister Gollick was baptized in the year of 1939 at Little Red Stone branch of the Church. She leaves to mourn her loss, her husband and one sister. Interment was in the Belle Vernon cemetery. She was in her 51st year. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved ones.

**JAMES OSTRANDER PASSES ON**

James Ostrander of Coal Valley, Pa., died on Sunday 7:30 p.m. Services were held at the Finney-Bekavac Funeral Home. Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ostrander, three sisters and three brothers. Interment took place in the Richland cemetery at Dravosburg. Brother Charles Ashton officiated at the services, using for

his text "Weep not for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children." Music and singing were furnished by Sisters Sarah Neill, Mabel Bickerton, and Brother Charles Smith. The deceased was very much afflicted since youth, only attending school three years of his life. He was a grandson of the late Brother James Gilbert. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved family.

#### SISTER AGNES BEST PASSES ON

Windsor, Ontario

Sister Best died on June 8, 1948. She was well advanced in years and has been in failing health for some time. Was buried on the following Saturday. Sister Best obeyed the gospel about four years ago, has been faithful, and will be missed by the saints in Windsor. A statement of hers during the past winter has been recalled, "The leaves will come, when they go; I'll be gone." The Gospel News extends its sympathy to the family.

#### PASQUALE SARACENI PASSES ON

Dear Editor,

For those who have not heard, we wish to report the death of Brother Pasquale Saraceni.

He came to America in 1931. While living in Pennsylvania, he obeyed the Gospel. Ten years ago he moved to Rochester, N. Y.

It was always his desire to see his family come to this country. God heard his prayers, for a few months before our brother's death, his wife and son arrived from Italy.

Brother Saraceni was a kind and humble man. He had the respect of all who knew him and is sadly missed by all of us.

He is survived by his wife, Angelina, of Rochester, three daughters, one son and five grandchildren in Italy, and one son in Rochester, New York.

Sister Antoinette Marinetti.

A Revelation by Joseph Smith,  
March 7, 1831

Copied from "The Truth Teller"  
Jan. 1865 which was edited by  
Granville Hedrick

"When the time of the Gentiles is come in, a light shall break forth among them that sit in darkness, and it shall be the fulness of my gospel; but they receive it not, for they perceive not the light, and they turn their hearts from me because of the

precepts of men; and in that generation shall the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. And there shall be men standing in that generation that shall not pass until they shall see an OVERFLOWING SCOURGE, for a DESOLATING SICKNESS shall cover the land; but my disciples shall stand in holy places, and shall not be moved; but among the wicked, men shall lift up their voices and curse God and die. And there shall be earthquakes also in divers places, and many destructions, yet men will harden their hearts against me, and they will take up the sword one against another, and they will kill one another."

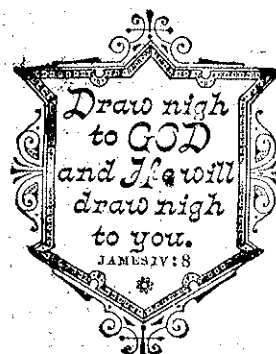
"The above revelation was given in March 1831. The cholera quickly followed in 1832, and continued until 1834. It was truly an overflowing scourge or desolating sickness which did cover the land of North America immediately after the prediction was made. The cholera then abated for a season, from 1834 until 1848, when it reappeared again in all its usual terrors of mortality, and continued until about the year 1853 or 1854. Yet I remembered that the above quoted revelation, given in March, 1831, says that this "generation shall not pass until they shall see an overflowing scourge," in the form of a "desolating sickness." Now friendly reader, what grounds was there for any man to have conjectured such an occurrence? There was no parallel of like circumstances in the American history. There were no materials, no rules, no precedence by which human sagacity could have possibly framed such a prediction, hence inasmuch as Joseph Smith professed to proclaim these things by revelation from God, and it since has been fulfilled to the letter of the word, it proves him to have been an inspired teacher."

#### Excerpts of O. Cowdery's Letters Written in 1835.

The Saviour came in form and fashion of a man; He ate, drank, and walked about as a man, and they said: "Behold, a man gluttonous, and a wine-bibber, a friend of publicans and sinners." You see an excuse was wanting, but not long wanting till it was found. Who would follow a dissipated leader? or who, among the righteous Pharisees would acknowledge a man who would condescend to eat with publicans and sinners? This was

too much—they could not endure it. An individual teaching the doctrines of the kingdom of heaven, and declaring that the kingdom was nigh, or that it had already come, must appear different from others, or he could not be received. If he were athirst he must not drink, if faint he must not eat, and if weary he must not rest, because he had assumed the authority to teach the world righteousness, and he must be different in manners, and in constitution, if not in form, that all might be attracted by his singular appearance; that his singular demeanor might gain the reverence of the people, or he was an imposter, a false teacher, a wicked man, a sinner, and an accomplice of Beelzebub, the prince of devils.

If singularity of appearance, or difference of manners would command respect, certainly John would have been heard. To see one coming from the wilderness, clad with camel's hair, drinking neither wine nor strong drink, nor yet eating common food, must have awakened the curiosity of the curious to the fullest extent. But there was one peculiarity in this man common to every righteous man before him, for which the people hated him, and for which he lost his life—he taught holiness, proclaimed repentance and baptism for the remission of sins, warned the people of the consequences of iniquity, and declared that the kingdom of heaven was at hand. All this was too much. To see one dressed so ridiculously, eating no common food, neither drinking wine like other men, stepping in advance of the learned and reverend Pharisees, wise doctors, and righteous scribes, and declaring at the same time that the Lord's kingdom would soon appear, could not be borne—he must not teach—he must not assume—he must not attempt to lead the people after him—"He hath a devil."



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## GENERAL CONFERENCE

General Conference of The Church of Jesus Christ met in the Church in Monongahela, Pa., on July 2nd at 2:00 p.m. in the annual gathering of transacting General Church business. Prior to the opening of our business sessions, there was an hour-and-a-half prayer service in the forenoon.

Only the Elders of the Church were present on this occasion, and the business was transacted according to our regular routine. There was no change made in General Church Officers, all were retained in their respective places. Missionary activities were reported by the various brethren engaged therein. It is an interesting part of Conference business, to hear the various reports from brethren at various places tell of their efforts in spreading the Gospel, and baptizing converts in various parts of the vineyard.

There were representatives present from the various states: Ohio, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Florida, Kansas, California, Windsor, Ontario, and from many places throughout Pennsylvania. As is usual our people are always glad to meet one another. All told there were five business sessions held during the conference, which adjourned on Saturday evening, July 3rd.

Anticipating a large crowd on Sunday, we engaged the auditorium of the Glassport, Pa. High School for the occasion. Only one service was held on Sunday. Brother V. James Lovalvo of California, formerly of Detroit, Mich. introduced our morning service, and the major part of the time was taken up by him. Brother Clyde Gibson was our next speaker, and then Brother W. H. Cadman concluded the service with the subject which was introduced by Brother Lovalvo: "Ye Must Be Born Again." All told we had a very nice service. As the service was about to be dismissed, Mrs. Della Day of Washington, D. C., came forward and asked to be baptized. Della is a daughter of our late brother and sister, James Curry. After the meeting was closed, there was a visitor present who wished to hear Brother V. J. Lovalvo sing. Brother James is one of our good singers, and we all like to hear him. While he was singing, a request was made to give our

India brother, Dr. Chandra an opportunity to speak.

He is a very recent convert to the Restored Gospel, and in speaking for about fifteen minutes, he convinced all that he was indeed very happy to be one among us. During his talk, one of our Sisters spoke in the gift of tongues which was understood by Brother Chandra, in fact he thanked her for the words she uttered which were in an unknown tongue to the rest of us, but understood by him in effect as follows: "that God would bless him and the message he would carry to his people." He is already waiting on his passport in order to make a trip to his native land. Due to this and other things, the president of the Church with the consent of his first counsellor, the president of the Apostles, and other of the Apostles, authorized his ordination as an Elder in the Church. Subject of course to the approval of the Church at our next Conference. In this, the President of the Church has not established a precedent but has simply followed instances which he has pursued before, and of which the Church had sanctioned his actions. At the bottom of page 95 in the History of the Church the following is recorded: President William Cadman (the late William Cadman) in the April Conference of 1901, asked the Church the following question, "Can any individual member of the Church act as his judge in his official capacity as President of the Church?" After some remarks by Brothers Alexander Cherry and Allen Wright (First and Second Counsellor) the following was passed. "That no person or persons has the right to criticize the President of the Church of Jesus Christ in his official capacity, except by a written charge presented to Conference." At Sunday's meeting there were three members present from Kentucky.

## ECHOES OF THE PAST

In the Monday morning business session of the General Conference of July 1908, the question was raised relative to a quorum of three Apostles constituting the Presidency of the Church. While deliberating over this matter, the power of God was made manifest to the satisfaction of ALL, and that order was established or rather re-

established, as at the beginning of this organization in 1862. Therefore the President and his Counsellors were no longer a part of the twelve. The following five brethren were then called to the office of Apostles to complete the quorum of twelve, namely, Robert Anderson, A. B. Cadman, Charles Ashton, William H. Wells, and Gustave Blum. I might add, that this matter was brought to the attention of the Church, by a miraculous experience which was given to the late President Cherry. In the organization of the Church in 1862, neither President Bickerton or either of his Counsellors were of the twelve. I often heard my father speak of his experience when he was called to the Apostleship. He had an experience showing him that he would be called. My mother was somewhat adverse to him being an apostle, for fear he would be obliged to be away from home too much. My father's experience was such, that he made a prophetic utterance to my mother in the following: "In our coming conference, and in the first meeting, and the first business to come up will be my calling as an Apostle." My mother replied as follows: "Well if it be the Lord's will, I will not object." When the Conference assembled, President Bickerton gave the word of the Lord, calling my father to be ordained an Apostle in the Church. I wish it to be understood that I (W. H. Cadman), do not pretend to quote the exact words of my father and mother but I do certify here before God, that I have given exact sense of their experience. We want all people that are being baptized into this Church to understand that the testimony of our brethren in 1862 was, that this Church was organized by the express commandment and revelation of God, and we are not a succession from any other organization, and that the true succession of Authority from 1830 is preserved in the organization of 1862.

In my earlier days in the Church as well as more recent times, I have heard much about the REM NANT, spoken of so much in prophecy. The pamphlet titled "Religious Experiences and Expectations," was published in the year of 1890. That was 58 years ago, very few are left today who were

in any way associated with the Church at that time. Turn to page 14 of said pamphlet and you will learn that Latter Day Saints would be reduced to a REMNANT who along with the House of Jacob becomes a strong nation, etc., etc. The remnant in this case is the true people of God, and The Church of Jesus Christ which was organized in 1862 has testified to the world; that this is the true Church. Let us bear in mind, all of us, including all that are being baptized into the Church today, that the Presidency of the Church in 1862 was separate from the twelve Apostles. It is a very striking affair too, that when the 12 apostles were called by revelation in 1829, Joseph Smith, Oliver Cowdery, and David Whitmer was not of them.

Let all people who read this, observe the testimony of the various members of this Church. For instance note the testimony in the Church History. Read what a wonderful testimony the late Brother John Grimes left behind him. The testimony of the Loyalvo brothers, the wonderful experience of Brother and Sister Furnier in being brought into this Church. Note the experience of Brother Burgess, and the late Brother Ford when as non-members of the Church, they made a trip to Muncy along with some of our brethren. The testimony of the Lamanite (Indian) people I might say was the power behind the Throne which caused the Church to be established in Windsor, Ont. Yea: I say to all, read the testimony of this people, and observe the miraculous ways in which so many have been brought into this church. In reading some of the testimony in our history, I confess that many times I wipe the tears from my eyes, I often think of one of our sisters who came from Italy, and brought with her a certificate that she purchased, which verified in sense if not in exact word, that her sins were remitted. She purchased it in Rome, and it was the most dearest prize she possessed until she eventually heard the Gospel preached by The Church of Jesus Christ, which was organized in 1862 in the little mining village, known as Green Oak, Pennsylvania. After she was baptized and confirmed a member of the Church, her experience was such, that she tore the certificate asunder and cast it to the four winds. The Sister referred to, is Sister Dintino of Glassport, Pa. I may not have quoted her

experience just word for word as she gave it, but I feel assured that she will testify today in effect: That the Certificate she stood so long in line for in Rome, and which cost her money to buy, and which was so highly prized by her; was not worth two cents to her after finding the Pearl of Great Price through obedience to the Gospel preached by The Church of Jesus Christ. I ask all members of this Church to take note of the testimony of this people, and let us get our shoulders to the wheel and save the souls of men and women everywhere. The following verse presents itself to my mind: "From Greenland's icy mountains, From India's coral strand, Where Asia's sunny fountains Roll down their golden sand; From many an ancient river, From many a palmy plain, THEY call us to deliver, Their land from error's chain."

May God Bless us all.

#### EXPERIENCE OF DR. HATHA YOGI CHANDRA

June 24, 1948

My name is Hatha Yogi Chandra, origin Arryan, ninety-two years old and of India. I started out one and one-half years ago to make an exclusive investigation for the salvation of my soul. There came to my home, 1262 West 10th street, Erie, Pa., December, 1945, two Elders and brought to me what they called the New Gospel to mankind. I did not take it seriously — took it theoretically — so many have that claim. I read part of the Book of Mormon and threw it aside. In December 1946, I had another surprise — two missionaries came to my home and had dinner with me. We sat down, and one (these were girl missionaries) of them went into detail as to the Restoration of the Gospel. They invited me to come to their church. I accepted their invitation. A voice said to me within myself, "Make your investigation and I will be with you." They have continued to hold cottage meetings with me every Wednesday for one and one-half years ever since. Now I diligently visited the Church every Sunday and bearing my testimony until February 8, 1948. I was confined to my bed of affliction. Then a voice came to me and said, "Now this is your true investigation." I was seriously sick for seventeen weeks. About one-half dozen members (Utah Church) came to visit me and had prayed for me. I will say the Elders and President of the Branch were faithful to me,

but the other members thought, "he is just another old man — live or die." But previous to this getting sick, the Lord Jesus spoke to my soul and the abomination against my soul of my past life had been forgiven and to go on in peace and sin no more; you are free to receive the gift of the Holy Ghost which He had given authority and power to administer — the proof of His glory. I got up and went to church again as I was directed. I had asked several times in the past one and one-half years, "when would I be baptized?" They always put me off by saying, "it was not time yet"; "I would have to quit smoking and drinking coffee" which I had done for ninety years. I gave up on July 4th, everything which I thought an abomination to my soul.

I have been a constant reader of Christian books of which I have quite a few and also of the Holy Bible. So you can see I have been preparing my soul for quite a while, but I could not find the right people to join. This group called The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints came the nearest to what I thought I wanted to join; yet they proved to be false. The climax came June 17, 1948. It proved definitely to my satisfaction that they were not the group to join or into which to be baptized. In the first place they offered so many excuses to accept my offer of baptism. The excuse was — Mr. Doxey, President of Eastern Missions, would have to give permission. He has not come near me and neither have they gone ahead to perform the very thing my heart desired. On this day, July 17, 1948, in a cottage meeting, the Holy Spirit in me prompted me to inquire as to my standard of getting baptized and what I would be in the church. The answer was, "just a member." I felt depressed the last few times I visited the church. I felt as though they were holding something back from me. It seemed to me they were forcing their respect to me and trying to cover up something else.

I have a very true friend who came here and nursed me back to health. The Elders would come on days of cottage meetings and instead of coming to me and asking question, would go to her and deputize her confidence to me and ask her if I were drinking coffee, etc. Within myself having the depressed feeling, I called the Elders down and asked them why they had such



little faith in me and wanted to baptize me. I think they were far from wanting to baptize me. I felt badly because I thought they were trying to show me the right way, but instead caused me to be depressed. I thought they were trying to make a fool of me. They were not only trying to deceive me, but 150 million people whom I intended to carry this truth to who are as much interested in the welfare of their souls as I am; who have been living in darkness as well as myself and who have longed for True Spiritual Light.

I know my Father in Heaven has answered my prayer as I went into profound meditation and asked His guidance and He said, "I will send you an answer." While I was in this profound meditation, I saw two men — one tall with thin white hair, and the other dark and short with brilliant eyes and mind. It was so realistic to me, not knowing them at the time, I jumped off my bed to greet them, and to my surprise, I found no one. I was so surprised and wondered what I had done. I looked at the clock and it was 3:30 in the morning. These two men said, "I have come to baptize you in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost." I asked them, "Who are you?" The answer, "We are the Elder and Apostle of the Church of Jesus Christ, the true Church of the Gospel." Behold the next day these two men put in their appearance at my home. Although I knew Evangelist Mancini slightly, the other gentleman I never saw and was introduced to him as Brother Mancini's father-in-law, Apostle Charles Behanna. They offered me baptism which was my desire. Then I knew again the Lord had answered my prayer as He had said, "I will send you an answer to the request you made." At this point I might add that it was at one of the Latter Day Saint's (Utah Church) services that I met Brother Mancini, his wife and little boy first. It happened to be one of their testimony meetings, and Brother Mancini took the opportunity to get up and express himself and tell who he was and what Church he represented. I was very much impressed with the short talk he gave and at the time remarked that he seemed to have much more than these other people. This is my testimony in my Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

I shall conclude with this prayer  
"O Lord, Jesus Christ, Our Holy Father, look deep into my heart, help me to bear this testimony of

the true vision I have received from Thee and the answer which Thou has sent me in answer to my prayers. Bless those who read this testimony and Evangelist John Mancini and Apostle Charles A. Behanna that their life may be prolonged on this earth snatching souls from the hands of Satan and putting them into the path of righteousness. Bless their families in all their needs and happiness. May they be inspired in encouraging them to preach the Gospel to the souls of the earth. Bless the Elders, Evangelists, Apostles, President and all authorities connected with the Church. Least of all I ask a blessing too upon me as I walk to the waters to be sealed with Heavenly Blessings of the Holy Ghost. I ask these things sincerely in the name of the Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen."

(Signed) Hatha Yogi Chandra

P.S. In response to a phone call from Sister Mancini, I went to Erie, Pa. on June 25th, where I spent a few days with our folks. While there, and on June 27th, Mr. Hatha Yogi Chandra was baptized in an open stream not far from where Brother Mancini lives. Due to his aged condition, being born in 1856, Brothers Mancini and Behanna both went into the water and Brother Behanna immersed him in the water. It was a happy day for the old brother. The place of baptism was a lovely spot deep down in the dell, and the water clear as crystal. Though the weather was very warm, the water was cold. Brother Chandra has arranged a trip back to his native land and is awaiting his passport. He is anxious to tell his people (150,000,000), of what he has found in the restored gospel. He is a wonderful old man, well read, and is a cousin to the late Gandhi of India. (WHC)

#### CREATION AND EVOLUTION

Elsie C. Miller

For centuries men learned in science have tried to explain the origin of the universe, particularly of this planet and the life upon it. My thoughts on this are that the creation of both beasts and men was brought about by the hand of God, that in His plan of creation God followed a plan in that He started with the most simple form of life and completed this work with the greatest of all living earthly creatures — man, that every living creature was a separate creation, and that during the period of creation the Lord established the laws

of nature so that life would continue on as it has until this present time and is to be continued in the future.

I do not claim to be one who is familiar with the theories of evolution as presented by scientists. However, the little of it I do know has greatly impressed upon me that the order or sequence of evolution as set forth by scientists and the story of the creation as recorded in the first chapter of Genesis in the Bible are similar. I believe that the writer of the book of Genesis who is generally believed to be Moses, understood the origin of life on this planet more fully than any of the modern scientists. I give scientists credit for their efforts and studies in seeking into the mystery of the start of this planet. Their subject is a very interesting one. Then on the other hand I feel sorry for those who have erred in totally disregarding the knowledge that God created all of the heavens and the earth. If scientists would dismiss the theory that men and beasts descended from some common ancestor and believe that God created the heavens, the earth and all living creatures, I am sure they could justly claim their theories on this subject to be true and in accordance with the scriptures.

Now I hope you are not too shocked or surprised at my bold statements, but I ask you to bear with me and let us look at Genesis first chapter starting with the 20th verse. Then I believe you will begin to understand why I have said these things. The writer here explains what was created on the fifth day. Please note that it is the fifth day. Four days had already passed and the creation of living creatures did not take place until the fifth day or the last two days of the period of creation. By the end of the fourth day, light and darkness had already been separated as had also the water and the dry land. "Grass, the herb yielding seed and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed was in itself" had been set in the earth. Lights in the firmament of the heaven, to divide the day from the night — signs, seasons, days and years were arranged in perfect order. The sun, moon and the stars were all set in their proper places. What wonderful, magnificent and orderly plans the Lord used in creating His universe! Everything was in order

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## EDITORIAL

In our recent Conference I was instructed to have the balance of our Church histories printed. The Church will need money to keep our printing going. If it is possible for every member of the Church to buy a History, do so. The time may come when they will be hard to get. They sell at \$2.50 plus ten cents postage. Our Hymn Books sell for \$1.50 Books of Mormon \$1.00. Marriage Certificates \$1.50 in dozen lots, plus ten cents for postage, single copies 20 cents each. S. School lesson books 20 cents each. We have other doctrinal literature as well. Bibles will be furnished on order.

In this issue of the paper, again we will publish articles of our faith which has been indorsed by the Church in the years that have gone by. My advice to all that read this paper and, the literature of the Church is, get acquainted with the position of the Church on various things. Especially is this advice good for the young Elders of the Church. Editor.

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now for animal life to be created on the planet, Earth.

It is interesting to note that the first such life was life in the water. "And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven. And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly after their kind and every winged fowl after his kind; and God saw that it was good." Science claims water life was first also, and that it was a single one-cell organism. While the scriptures do not go into detail or verify this point it can be readily

assumed that since creation has thus far been accomplished in such an orderly manner that when creating living creatures, it would only be reasonable to expect that creation would start with the most simple form — a one cell organism.

Those of you who have seen pictures illustrating evolution will no doubt recall that water life was illustrated first and then flying creatures. Next came creatures that were created on the next or 6th day that live on land — "Cattle, and creeping things, and beasts of the earth." According to Genesis man was next and last created. "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth."

Now science has always been puzzled and has sought much to fill in a large gap between men and animals but has never been successful. Their efforts have all been in vain and I believe if they had searched in God's word they would have found the answer. I am convinced the "missing link" is not a lost animal or creature but an act of God that when man was created "He breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul" (Genesis 2:7). Having created the earth in such perfect order (the evidence is still all about us to this day) and because man was created last and in God's own image, it is very easy to understand why man was created many degrees or steps above the highest form of beast. This would be necessary also because of the charge entrusted to man — to have dominion over all living creatures.

So while men have tried to set forth theories on evolution to explain the creation we are thankful we have our Biblical account of the creation which together with the understanding God gives us far surpasses any they have tried to bring forward and which explains some mysteries which for with all their learning, experimenting and study they have never been able to understand or fathom.

I would like to add that most of these thoughts came to me while a student in high school shortly after I had first heard of the restored gospel and before I was baptized. In our Biology class at school my mind was troubled over what

they were trying to teach us about evolution. I felt inspired to read the story of the creation in the Bible and after studying it for some time I was impressed with the thoughts I have mentioned. I was very much relieved and you can well imagine my joy to think that the Lord had enlightened me so. I hope that which I have written will aid others who may have also felt confused on these subjects.

EXERPTS FROM  
"FAITH & DOCTRINE"  
Pamphlet No. 1

Our Views on  
Earthly Government and Laws

1st. We believe that Government was instituted of God for the benefit of mankind, and that he holds men accountable for their actions in relation to them, in making, administering and obeying the Laws for the good and safety of society.

2nd. We believe that no Government can exist in peace and perform its proper functions in behalf of mankind, except such laws are framed and held inviolate as will secure to each Individual the free exercise of conscience, the right and control of property, and the protection of life.

3rd. We believe that all Governments require civil officers and magistrates to enforce the law of the same; and that such as will administer the laws in Justice and Equity should be sought for and upheld by the voice of the People.

4th. We believe that religion is instituted of God, and that men are accountable to him, and to him only, for the exercise of it, unless their religious opinions prompt them to infringe upon the rights and liberties of others. But we do not believe that human Law has a right to interfere, prescribing rules of worship, to bind the conscience of men, or dictate forms for private or public devotion; that the Civil Magistrate should restrain crime, but never control conscience; should punish guilt, but never suppress the freedom of the Soul.

5th. We believe that the commission of crime should be punished according to the nature of the offence; that Murder, Treason, Robbery, and breach of the general peace, in all respects should be punished according to their criminality.

6th. We do not believe it just or right to mingle religious influences with civil Government; whereby, one religious society is fostered

and another prescribed in its spiritual privileges, and the individual rights of its members, as citizens, denied.

7th. We believe in being subject to Kings, Queens, Presidents, Rulers, and Magistrates; in obeying, honoring and sustaining the Laws.

8th We believe that all men are bound to sustain and uphold the respective government under which they reside.

9th. We believe this Church has the right to deal with its members, as the New Testament Scriptures direct, for disorderly conduct, or for violation of the commandments of the Lord; but it has no authority to try men on the right of Property, or life, or take from them this World's goods, or to put them in jeopardy, either in life or limb, neither to inflict any physical punishment upon them. We can only excommunicate them from the Church, and withdraw from their fellowship.

10th. In conclusion, we say: "Whatever things are true, and honest, and just, and pure, and lovely, and of good report, we seek to uphold and maintain: for the fruits of the Spirit are love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance; against such there is no law."

#### JOSEPH SMITHS OWN STORY

I was born in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and five, on the twenty-third day of December, in the town of Sharon, Windsor County, State of Vermont. My father, Joseph Smith, Sr., left the state of Vermont and moved to Palmyra, Ontario (now Wayne) County, in the State of New York, when I was in my tenth year, or thereabouts. In about four years after my father's arrival in Palmyra, he moved with his family into Manchester, in the same County of Ontario.

Some time in the second year after our removal to Manchester, there was in the place where we lived an unusual excitement on the subject of religion. It commenced with the Methodists, but soon became general among all the sects in that region. Indeed, the whole district seemed affected by it, and great multitudes united themselves to the different religious parties, which created no small stir and division amongst the people, some crying, "Lo here!" and others, "Lo there!" Some were contending for the Methodist faith, some for the

Presbyterian and some for the Baptist.

For notwithstanding the great love which the converts to these different faiths expressed at the time of their conversion, and the great zeal manifested by the respective clergy, who were active in getting up and promoting this extraordinary scene of religious feeling, in order to have everybody converted, as they were pleased to call it, let them join what sect they pleased — yet when the converts began to file off, some to one party and some to another, it was seen that the seemingly good feelings of both the priests and the converts were more pretended than real, for a scene of great confusion and bad feeling ensued, priest contending against priest and convert against convert, so that all their good feelings one for another, if they ever had any, were entirely lost in a strife of words and a contest about opinions.

I was at this time in my fifteenth year. My father's family was proselyted to the Presbyterian faith, and four of them joined the church, namely — my mother, Lucy, my brothers Hyrum and Samuel Harrison, and my sister Sophronia.

During this time of great excitement, my mind was called up to serious reflection and great uneasiness, but though my feelings were deep and often poignant, still I kept myself aloof from all these parties, though I attended their several meetings as often as occasion would permit. In process of time my mind became somewhat partial to the Methodist sect, and I felt some desire to be united with them but so great were the confusion and strife among the different denominations, that it was impossible for a person young as I was, and so unacquainted with men and things, to come to any certain conclusion who was right and who was wrong.

My mind at times was greatly excited, the cry and tumult were so great and incessant.

In the midst of this war of words and tumult of opinions I often said to myself, What is to be done? Who of all these parties are right, or, are they all wrong together? If any one of them be right, which is it, and how shall I know it?

While I was laboring under the extreme difficulties caused by the contest of these parties of religionists, I was one day reading the Epistle of James, first chapter and fifth verse, which reads: 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.

Never did any passage of scripture come with more power to the heart of man than this did at this time to mine. It seemed to enter with great force into every feeling of my heart. I reflected on it again and again, knowing that if any person needed wisdom from God, I did, for how to act I did not know, and unless I could get more wisdom than I then had, I would never know, for the teachers of religion of the different sects understood the same passages of scripture so differently as to destroy all confidence in settling the question by an appeal to the Bible.

#### His First Vision

At length I came to the conclusion that I must either remain in darkness and confusion, or else I must do as James directs, that is, ask of God. I at length came to the determination to ask of God, concluding that if He gave wisdom to them that lacked wisdom, and would give liberally, and not upbraid, I might venture.

So in accordance with this, my determination to ask of God, I retired to the woods to make the attempt. It was on the morning of a beautiful, clear day, early in the spring of eighteen hundred and twenty. It was the first time in my life that I had made such an attempt, for amidst all my anxieties I had never as yet made the attempt to pray vocally.

After I had retired to the place where I had previously designed to go, having looked around me, and finding myself alone, I kneeled down and began to offer up the desires of my heart to God. I had scarcely done so, when immediately I was seized upon by some power which entirely overcame me and had such an astonishing influence over me as to bind my tongue so that I could not speak. Thick darkness gathered around me, and it seemed to me for a time as if I were doomed to sudden destruction.

But exerting all my power to call upon God to deliver me out of the power of this enemy which had seized upon me, and at the very moment when I was ready to sink into despair and abandon myself to destruction — not to an imaginary ruin, but to the power of some actual being from the unseen world, who had such marvelous power as I had never before felt in any being — just at this moment of great alarm, I saw a pillar of

light exactly over my head, above the brightness of the sun, which descended gradually until it fell upon me.

It no sooner appeared than I found myself delivered from the enemy which held me bound. When the light rested upon me I saw two personages, whose brightness and glory defy all description, standing above me in the air. One of them spake unto me, calling me by name, and said, pointing to the other — This is my Beloved Son, hear Him!

My object in going to inquire of the Lord was to know which of all the sects was right, that I might know which to join. No sooner, therefore, did I get possession of myself, so as to be able to speak, than I asked the Personages who stood above me in the light, which of the sects was right — and which I should join.

I was answered that I must join none of them, for they were all wrong and the Personage who addressed me said that all their creeds were an abomination in His sight, that those professors were all corrupt, that "they draw near to me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; they teach for doctrines the commandments of men, having a form of godliness, but they deny the power thereof."

He again forbade me to join with any of them; and many other things did He say unto me, which I cannot write at this time. When I came to myself again, I found myself lying on my back, looking up into heaven.

Some few days after I had this vision, I happened to be in company with one of the Methodist preachers, who was very active in the before mentioned religious excitement and conversing with him on the subject of religion, I took occasion to give him an account of the vision which I had had. I was greatly surprised at his behavior; he treated my communication not only lightly, but with great contempt, saying it was all of the devil, that there were no such things as visions or revelations in these days; that all such things had ceased with the apostles, and that there would never be any more of them.

I soon found, however, that my telling the story had excited a great deal of prejudice against me among professors of religion, and was the cause of great persecution, which continued to increase, and though I was an obscure boy, only between fourteen and fifteen

years of age, and my circumstances in life such as to make a boy of no consequence in the world, yet men of high standing would take notice sufficient to excite the public mind against me, and create a bitter persecution; and this was common among all the sects — all united to persecute me.

It caused me serious reflection then, and often has since, how very strange it was that an obscure boy, of a little over fourteen years of age, and one, to, who was doomed to the necessity of obtaining a scanty maintenance by his daily labor, should be thought a character of sufficient importance to attract the attention of the great ones of the most popular sects of the day, and in a manner to create in them a spirit of the most bitter persecution and reviling. But strange or not, so it was, and it was often the cause of great sorrow to myself.

However, it was nevertheless a fact that I had beheld a vision. I have thought since, that I felt much like Paul, when he made his defense before King Agrippa, and related the account of the vision he had when he saw a light and heard a voice; still there were but few who believed him; some said he was dishonest, others said he was mad; and he was ridiculed and reviled. But all this did not destroy the reality of his vision. He had seen a vision, he knew he had, and all the persecution under heaven could not make it otherwise; and though they should persecute him unto death, yet he knew, and would know to his latest breath, that he had both seen a light and heard a voice speaking unto him, and all the world could not make him think or believe otherwise.

So it was with me. I had actually seen a light, and in the midst of that light I saw two Personages, and they did in reality speak to me; and though I was hated and persecuted for saying that I had seen a vision, yet it was true; and while they were persecuting me, reviling me, and speaking all manner of evil against me falsely for so saying, I was led to say in my heart: Why persecute me for telling the truth? I have actually seen a vision, and who am I that I can withstand God, or why does the world think to make me deny what I have actually seen? For I had seen a vision; I knew it, and I knew that God knew it, and I could not deny it, neither dared I do it, at least I knew that by so

doing I would offend God and come under condemnation.

I had now got my mind satisfied so far as the sectarian world was concerned; that it was not my duty to join with any of them, but to continue as I was until further directed. I had found the testimony of James to be true, that a man who lacked wisdom might ask of God, and obtain, and not be upbraided.

#### GRATEFUL

Brother Editor: Find enclosed three dollars for two subscriptions for Greatest little paper ever published: "The Gbospel News." Signed M. H. Barnhart.

From Warren, Ohio. Dear Editor: Our subscription ended with the June issue of The Gospel News, and I am sending three dollars for another two years. We enjoy reading this paper and find it very interesting and encouraging. The different experiences of the brothers and sisters are wonderful to read and sometimes are as beneficial to our souls as they were to the ones who had them. We hope to find more of them in our future editions. We hope this message finds you all in the best of health and enjoying the peace and blessings that God gives to all that love and serve Him. Brother and Sister, Frank and Edith Gennaro.

#### ITEMS FROM A LETTER WRITTEN BY SISTER RIGBY Of Toronto, Ont.

Brother Editor: I saw in The Gospel News that you were informed that my husband was in the hospital for a while. A very nice letter Sister Hill wrote. I don't know what I would do without that lovely little paper. It surely keeps us in touch with one another, no matter how far apart we may be in miles, we can always be very close together in Spirit. And that is just what The Gospel News does, so I am enclosing the money to have my subscription renewed. I only wish I could send more to help you in your wonderful work you are doing, in spreading the Gospel to different parts of this country of ours. I read where you do so much traveling around which really must be wonderful to have such good health, and it also must be a blessing to visit around and see so many of our brothers and sisters, and friends, who might be strangers at first but turn out later to be brothers and sister in Christ.

I haven't much news as I have

only been home (Six Nations Reserve) once since leaving last Fall, so I will have to be satisfied with The Gospel News.

#### CRANDALL-DORAZIO NUPTIALS

Mr. Glenn Crandall, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Crandall of Warren, Ohio and Miss Doris Dorazio the youngest daughter of Brother and Sister Chester Dreer of Champion Heights, Warren, were united in marriage in the Pentecostal Church on June 19, 1948. Brother William Gennaro officiating. The bride was given away by her father. Marjorie Dorazio, a sister of the bride was maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Virginia Polasky, Marilyn Sneddon, Rachel Christein, classmates of the bride, and Miss Dora Ciarolla. The best man was Floyd Crandall, brother of the groom. Ushers were: Jonathan Molinatto, Ray Dorazio, brother of the bride, Lloyd Crandall, brother of the groom, and Joseph Gennaro, all of Warren. Josephine Molinatto sang while Betty Harley, another classmate was at the piano.

A dinner was served to the bridal party, relatives and close friends, after which the young couple left for an undisclosed honeymoon. On their return home they will make their home with the bride's sister, Mrs. Armand Gennaro of Champion Heights. The Gospel News extends it's best wishes to the young couple.

#### SAMUEL R. MOUNTAIN PASSES ON

Mr. Samuel R. Mountain, the father of Brother Melvin Mountain died after a long seige of sickness at his home in New Eagle, Pa., on July 13th. He had recently passed his 68th birthday. He leaves to mourn his loss, his beloved wife, and three sons, one daughter, and a number of grandchildren, besides many other relatives and friends. Mr. Mountain has been a resident in the community where he died for many years. He was a faithful member of the Riverview Baptist Church, and served in official capacity for years.

The services were in charge of Brother W. H. Cadman who was assisted by a former pastor of the deceased, Rev. Rivers of near Indiana, Pa. Interment was in the Monongahela Cemetery. The Gospel News extends it's sympathy to the bereaved.

#### YOU JUST CAN'T SWEAR IN INDIAN LANGUAGE.

(The Erie Dispatch)  
By Hal Boyle

Rapid City, S. D. (AP) You can swear in English . . . but you can't in Sioux. The Indians were to simple for sacrilege. The English language probably has some of the most tremendous swear words ever invented by a civilized race. But the Sioux tongue is completely free of impiety. There was no need of a commandment taking the name of their God in vain. Their language doesn't even permit it.

This is an odd truth about this savage but once sternly moral people.

The white victors here have a mock ceremony during which they initiate visitors into the mythical "Singing Tribe of Wahoo." The vow that "The Black Hills are the best d— place in the world to live."

But the word "damned" has to be given in English. The Sioux just didn't have a word for it.

They are among the few people in history who have been vanquished and remain admired by their conquerors. Not for what they have become . . . for many have taken the white man's vices . . . but for what they were.

They were originally a race that never heard of Christ but lived by His Golden Rule. They have fallen upon twilight days, and this is upon the conscience of many good people out here who want to help them.

"At one time they were the finest race on the earth," one woman said simply. . . . P. S. I W. H. Cadman have been among the Indian people some in my time. I have ate and slept in their homes, and have been treated with the best they had to give. Many of them have told me, that when they wanted to swear, they had to resort to the English language to do so. It is said in the foregoing article that they were originally a race that never heard of Christ. If any will take the pleasure to read the Book of Mormon, they will learn much of the forefathers of these noble people, Jesus Christ appeared to them upon this land soon after His resurrection. They are a part of lost Israel, God's chosen people. Jesus Christ was there Shepherd. Truly they have seen better days, and a glorious day awaits them here upon this land of America.

#### AN EXPERIENCE OF 44 YEARS AGO

By W. H. Cadman

Sometime between the July and October Conferences of 1904, I had the following experience: "I found myself sitting at the table eating in our old home where I was born and raised. It was a long table, the same one I ate at when I was a boy in this experience I was at the foot-end of the table. Everybody else had finished eating and I was left alone. I did not know who had eaten, but I did know they were all men.

There was a dish on the table that I was very fond of, and I was relishing it very much. The dish became empty, suddenly I realized my Sister Elizabeth was waiting on the table. I reached her the dish, asked her to get me some more of this. She answered: "No, Mother says you can't have any more, there is too much of the Devil around here." I looked up at her and said: You know I thought there was something wrong around here." I then awakened or was roused up out of my experience. Of course my Mother was dead, having died in March of 1904. I was ordained an Apostle at this July Conference of 1904. I was the last man called, and I was the youngest of the Apostles, and my Father was the oldest. There was some comment about this instance among some of the brethren.

This experience weighed heavy on my mind. I felt that it was not given to me for nothing. While meditating on the matter one day, I suddenly asked myself: Can it be possible that I will live to see the day when I will be the only one left who ate at the table in 1904, or in plain words, Will I see the day when I will be the only one left that was ordained to the apostleship in 1904? (All eleven of us?) My next thought was: Well, if that be the case, I will not be able to get that which I relished so much, because there is too much of the Devil around. That was not a pleasant thought.

The readers may take this experience for what they think it is worth, but I will draw your attention to some FACTS. When Brother Cherry died in 1921, it left me the only Apostle in the Church who was ordained in 1904. Today I am the only man living of the Apostles who was ordained in 1904 with the exception of Brother Thomas Dixon who is now very feeble with old age. Had it been

said that I could not have any more of what I was relishing, because there was too much of the Devil IN ME, I could take this experience to myself. But the answer of my departed Mother was: "You can't have any more, because there is too much of the Devil AROUND HERE." I was alone at the table.

**TAKEN FROM  
THE LORAIN JOURNAL  
Lorain, Ohio**

**225 ATTEND DEDICATION,  
OPENING OF NEW CHURCH**

Two Services Held  
In Central Lorain Edifice,  
Constructed by Congregation

More than 225 members and friends of the Church of Jesus Christ joined in the dedication and formal opening of the new church building yesterday.

Constructed entirely by the church members themselves, the building is located on Broadway at 27th-st and has been under construction since last fall.

Two services marked the dedication yesterday, a formal service at 10 a.m. and an open service at 2:30 p.m. A luncheon was served at noon.

Speakers in the morning were Elder Charles Ashton, Coal Valley, Pa., Clifford Burgess and Elder Watson, both of Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

**Visiting Elders Talk**

Warren Nellis, Coleman, Mich., was principal speaker in the afternoon and impromptu talks were given by visiting elders from other cities as well as other elders of the Lorain church.

Music for both services was furnished by the choir and soloists were Clifford Burgess, Windsor; Darline Valardi, Rose Palermo and Rose Mary DeFoggi, Lorain.

Alfred Dominico is presiding elder of the church and was in charge of the day's activities.

**INDIANS WANT COUNTRY  
BACK—OR READY CASH**

PORTLAND, Ore. —(AP)— The old gag about giving the country back to the Indians may not be quite so funny after all.

The Indians are putting in their claim for it.

E. Morgan Pryce, regional director for the Bureau of Indian Affairs listed a few claims, topped — in acreage at least — by what the Paiutes of Nevada, Idaho and Oregon want.

Under a treaty of 1863 the government gave the Indians a few

reservations in Nevada and scattered small tracts. That's not what the treaty provided, the Indians say — and they want the monetary value of millions of acres of land in northern Nevada, southern Idaho, southeastern Oregon and, possibly, a corner of Utah.

Because they say the government didn't live up to its treaty obligations, they should have the 1863 value — plus interest — for all of it, they declare.

When their case finally gets to the Indian Claims Commission, it will join a host of others from other western states. In Oregon alone there is the claim of coastal tribes for \$12,000,000 for 2,770,000 acres plus \$66,500,000 in interest for 93 years.

It started when Congress set up the Indian Claims Commission and gave descendants of the original inhabitants five years to make a showing of what the government does, or does not, owe for the land it took.

**WONDERFUL CHRIST**

By C. H. Strong

He was rich yet for our sakes  
He became poor that we through  
His poverty might be made rich.  
He had no home; not even a place  
to lay His head; yet He went to  
prepare a place, a home for His  
followers: "I go to prepare a place  
for you."

He never wrote a book; or at-  
tended a college; yet never man so  
spake.

He had power; legions of angels  
were at His command; yet He called  
for no power of defense in life's  
darkest hour, but He did submit  
Himself to the will of man without  
a protest, and was led as a sheep  
to the slaughter.

He championed the cause of the  
friendless and the oppressed; yet  
when He was in need of a friend  
there was no one to declare His  
generation.

He never turned a deaf ear to  
humanity's cry; He fed the hungry,  
healed the sick and gave drink to  
the thirsty; yet when He thirsted  
on the cross He was given vinegar  
to drink mixed with gall.

He broke up a funeral proces-  
sion, and resurrected one from the  
grave; yet they made His grave  
among the wicked.

He mastered death then yielded  
to death that others might live.

He saved others; yet Himself He  
did not save. He gave His life.

His message to His followers  
was, "Lo, I am with you always,  
even to the end of the world" —

yet, when He needed companion-  
ship most, all forsook Him and  
fled.

His brethren doubted Him, Ju-  
das betrayed Him, His enemies  
crucified Him; yet after nearly  
two thousand years His influence  
for good is greater in the world to-  
day than all the combined forces  
of the ages!

His name is called Wonderful!

**A REVELATION GIVEN TO  
JOSEPH SMITH  
IN AUGUST 1831**

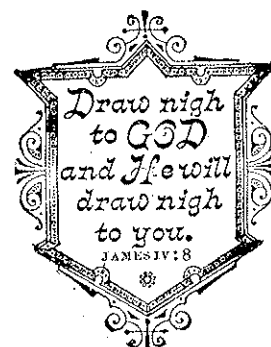
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**"THE TRUTH TELLER"**

By Granville Hedrick

"Behold I, the Lord, utter my  
voice, and it shall be obeyed.  
Wherefore, verily I say, let the  
wicked take heed, and let the re-  
bellious fear and tremble, and let  
the unbelieving hold their lips, for  
the day of wrath shall come upon  
them as a whirlwind, and all flesh  
shall know that I am God. And he  
that seeketh signs shall see signs,  
but not unto salvation."

Par. 9th; "I, the Lord, am angry  
with the wicked; I am holding my  
spirit from the inhabitants of the  
earth. I have sworn in my wrath  
and decreed wars upon the face of  
the earth, and the wicked shall  
slay the wicked, AND FEAR  
SHALL COME UPON EVERY  
MAN, and the saints also shall  
hardly escape; nevertheless, I, the  
Lord, am with them, and will come  
down from the presence of my  
Father in heaven, and consume  
the wicked with unquenchable fire.  
And behold this is not yet, but by  
and by; wherefore, seeing that I,  
the Lord, have decreed all these  
things upon the face of the earth,  
I will that my saints should be as-  
sembled upon the land of Zion;  
and that every man should take  
righteousness in his hands and  
faithfulness upon his loins, and lift  
a warning voice unto the inhabit-  
ants of the earth, and declare both  
by word and by flight, that desola-  
tion shall come upon the wicked."





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## LADIES UPLIFT CIRCLE

The general meeting of the Ladies Uplift Circle was held in Niles, Ohio on June 26, 1948. It was the first time a meeting of this kind was held at this place. The officers were all present and delegates were in attendance from Kansas, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Ohio. Also reports by letter were received. Several interesting letters and reports were received from brethren of their Mission work on the Indian Reservations. This of course is one of the greatest interests of the Ladies Circle — is to help finance the trips to these Reservations, which has been carried on for several years. We also gave our liberal donation to the General Church and the Printing Fund. Many wonderful testimonies were given by the Sisters present, which we all enjoyed and felt encouraged in. The questions given out were, "Who was taken away without hands?" and, "Who shall come in the last days: saying where is the promise of His coming?"

Our next General Circle Meeting will be held in Detroit, Mich. A delicious lunch was served by the Niles Sisters, and their hospitality was much appreciated. We all enjoyed the day spent in the work of the Lord, and we look forward to meeting in Detroit in September if the Lord wills.

Mabel Cadman

## DO YOU SPEAK OF YOUR SACRIFICES?

By W. H. Cadman

"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." Ofttimes this scripture is quoted, and what wonderful words they are.

Paul is entreating, exhorting, urging — Yea, he is begging his brethren to lead a life of holiness. He knows the absolute necessity of such a life, for the writer of Hebrews 12-14 informs us: that without holiness no man shall see the Lord. To be holy is life eternal, to be unholy (sinful) is death eternal. Therefore, Paul urges his hearers, and may I well add, his readers to present their bodies a

living sacrifice to God. How can we do so — present our bodies a living sacrifice? Did not Jesus set the example for us? Was it not Him who said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." And are we not commanded to follow in His steps? Jesus did not only teach men to turn the other cheek; He did not only teach us to overcome evil with good; He did not only teach to be kind-hearted and true; He did not teach, only to love those who loved us, and neither did He ignore the supplications of those who were not of His race, but He did that which He taught others to do. He is the fountain of all righteousness, therefore, He would that His followers to be like unto Himself.

His life was one of sacrifice, and His Father sent Him down here. He became a living sacrifice, and did the very things which He taught others to do. Yea, He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He opened not His mouth. (He reviled not). His life was being offered as a sacrifice. In the Book of Mosiah 3-7, I read "that blood cometh from every pore." So great was His anguish. In John 19-17, I read of Him bearing His own cross to the place of crucifixion. According to legend, He broke down under its weight, and in St. Luke 23-26, we read where they laid the cross on a Cyrenian, that he might bear it after Jesus. Surely the road that led Jesus back to His heavenly home was a rough one — Yea, a road of sacrifice from beginning to end.

Was His life one of holiness? Let us examine the scripture. Peter in speaking of Him, says there was no guile found in His mouth. Another says: never man spake like this man. John exclaimed: "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." Herod says: I find no fault in the man. Jesus presented His body a living sacrifice daily, and acceptable unto His Father in heaven. It was the only road that would take Him back to His Father again.

The Apostle Paul was one of His servants, and along with others, addressed their brethren as Holy Brethren. Why so? Undoubt-

edly because they buried the old man with his sinful deeds, and became new creatures in Christ—Holy Brethren. Therefore, Paul's plea reaches even to us of today: that we present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, (not unholy) acceptable unto God, and then adds: "which is your reasonable service." Gods spirit shall not dwell in an unholy temple, so saith Gods word. May I ask all men and women to forget forever, the little, yea, the wee-little sacrifices they have made in the way of worldly achievements. In the midst of all that I may have denied myself in this world, blood has not yet flowed. Nay, I have been blessed abundantly — but the Son of Man had not where to lay His head. He was Holy, and we are taught that we should be like Him.

## EXCERPTS FROM "FAITH AND DOCTRINE"

Pamphlet No. 1

4th. We believe that the New Testament Scriptures contain a true description of that Church or Kingdom as established by our Saviour at Jerusalem, and that no principle or doctrine inconsistent therewith ought to be practiced or respected, or any principle or doctrine consistent therewith rejected.

5th. We believe the Church of Christ in this age (in order to be worthy of the name), must be modeled substantially and minutely after the Pattern left us by Christ, that any important variation positively betrays a false origin and clearly exhibits a spurious character, of which all men should be aware; and it seems strange to this generation, that the Scriptures bear witness, that its officers consist of Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers, (all inspired), for the work of the Ministry, for the perfecting of the Saints, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come into the unity of the faith, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. But to the educated critic or learned unbeliever of these principles, we say, "Figure out if you can, consistent with any true principle, how such grand and Heav-

only conditions can possibly arise, except from their own legitimate cause." (See Cor. 12th C.)

6th. We believe that mankind will be punished only for their own actual transgressions, and not for the sins of our first Parents, as is clearly implied by the Saviour in representing little children to be heirs of the Kingdom. "Suffer little Children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven." (See Col. 2nd C. 14th v. Eph. 2nd C. 15-16 vs. Isaiah 53 C. 5th v. and 1st Peter 2nd C. 24th v.)

7th. We believe and know that Inspiration is an indispensable qualification for the preaching of the Gospel, that general information of the affairs of the World, past and present is good and advantageous to man when properly used. That Theological education is only good as far as correct, but it is not indispensable; but that when it is incorrect it is positively injurious, whilst in either case it often increases the tendency in human nature to vanity and produces what is sometimes called a learned fool. "Ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth." See 2nd, Timothy 3rd C. This stage of learned foolishness has certainly been reached by any man, who as a Minister is so much puffed up in his own learning as to believe or teach that the inspiration and gifts of the Holy Spirit are unnecessary to the Ministry of Christ's Gospel. We believe also in preaching the Gospel without purse, or scrip according to the Savior's instructions: "Freely ye have received, freely give." See Matt. 10th C. 8th v. the language is of Supreme importance as containing the full force of both Christ's authority and example. See 1st, Peter 1st, C. 12th v. Gal. 1st C. 12th v. Eph. 3rd, C. 3rd, v. 1st Cor. 2nd C. and Luke 10th C. 21st v.

8th. We believe that all men must obey the Gospel before they can be saved. See John's Gospel 3rd. C. 5th v. Acts 10th C. Mark 16th, C. 16th v. Acts 2nd C. and 38th v.

9th. We believe the first principal of action required in the Gospel is belief in the Lord Jesus Christ, the once crucified and now risen Redeemer. The second is repentance which signifies nothing more or less than feeling a Godly sorrow for our sins with a fixed determination to sin no more. The third is Baptism by immersion in water in the name

of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, for the remission of sins. The fourth is the laying on of hands in the name of Jesus Christ for the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. See Heb. 6th, C. 1st and 2nd vs. Rom. 6th C. Col. 2nd C, 12th v. Gal. 3rd, C. 27th v. 1st, Peter 3rd C. 21st v, Acts 2nd C. 38th v., 19th C. 2nd to 7th vs., 6th C. 6th v. and 8th C. 17th v

10th. We believe in being buried with Christ by Baptism, and planted together in the likeness of his death, and raised in the likeness of his resurrection; and that we should walk in newness of life. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body; being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness, therefore, yield ye yourselves unto God, as dead. See Rom. 6th C. John's Gospel, 3rd C. 5th v. Col. 2nd C. 12th v.

11th. We believe in the promises of the Saviour as they are written in Mark 16th C. "These signs shall follow them that believe, in my name shall they cast out Devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up Serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them. They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." See also I Cor. 12th C. and Eph. 4th C.

12th. We believe in partaking of the Lord's supper every first day of the week: the Bread as his Body, and the Wine as his Blood, in commemoration of his death and suffering. See Matt. 26th, C. 26-28th vs. Mark 14th, C. 22-24th vs. 1st C. or 10th C. 16th and 17th vs.

13th. We believe in the washing of feet as an ordinance instituted by our Lord and Saviour, to be observed in the Church. See John's Gospel, 13th C. also 1st Timothy 5th C. 10th v. Gen. 18 Ch. 4th v. and 19th C. 2nd v. And we further believe it to be our duty to attend to that ordinance at least once, within each three months.

#### NOTICE

#### EVERYBODY TAKE NOTICE AND RESPOND

To all readers of The Gospel News who do not have a "History of The Church of Jesus Christ" will you please send us an order for one. Our history has been complimented by many, and we believe it is very instructive to all members of the Church, and especially to those who are now being baptized into the Church, both old

and young. Then too: For the Church to keep up necessary publications, it requires much finance to do so.

We are now having another thousand of these books printed, besides we have much other printing to do, and it takes money. They sell for \$2.50 plus ten cents postage. Will every Branch and Mission of the Church make a special effort, and send us a nice big order for Histories. You that are being baptized into the Church, we would like to sell you a History. It contains much information and is illustrated with interesting scenes and faces of many who have passed on. Also keep this fact in mind: that while we have to pay the firms that do our printing, there is no money going into our pockets from the receipts of selling Church Literature. Please everybody send us an order for a "History of The Church of Jesus Christ. Sincerely Brother Cadman.

#### A REVIVAL THAT KILLS CRITICISM By A. S. London

The Church is engaged in one of the greatest conflicts of all ages against an endless succession of destroying forces. Its enemies are legion. Its power to become a great saving force in the world rests largely on a solid front.

One of the greatest curses in the Church is critical criticism. There is a constructive criticism that is helpful and needful; but criticism that has for its objective the destruction of the influence of individuals, or the Church as a whole, is one of the most deadening forces found in the average congregation today.

No individual is without fault. God always has worked through the agency of a people faulty in judgment, weak in vision, and imperfect in actions in trying to carry forward the work of God. But in spite of our imperfections in judgment and vision, God has used the weak to confound the mighty.

Someone has said that it is the imperfect working together, wrestling with their weaknesses, and forgiving one another's faults which makes a church through which God can work. The weaknesses of human beings constitute the task upon which the church goes forward. If all were ideal, there would be little need of church activities.

We need a revival of religion that will kill out the spirit of critical criticism. The Sunday-school

teacher who criticizes the superintendent in front of his pupils is destroying faith and confidence in that class to where they may never be won to Christ and the church.

Freedom of speech also carries a responsibility for the exercise of that freedom. Those inside the church who exercise their rights as they claim to say what they feel are as much an enemy to the progress of the church as those who make an attack from the outside. And, if I might express my opinion, I would say that such forces inside the Church of the living God have done more hurt to the cause of Christ than all the forces coming from without.

Groups or cliques who congregate in or out of the church and gossip about the shortcomings of the pastor are as much the enemy of God as the bootlegger or gambler on the outside. They are betraying the cause of Christ.

A preacher said, "I am preaching out of my head; for my heart is cut out." There are many broken hearted preachers over this country who are suffering a thousand deaths over some long-tongued who talks of a radical type of religion, while all the time doing more to destroy the church than a half-dozen outside forces of evil.

A great churchman said, "That church is always in a spirit of turmoil. A spirit of criticism runs through the whole church organization, and defeats them all."

There is a spirit of criticism that is nothing more nor less than the expression of bitterness in the inner life of the individual. This is destructive, both to the one who gives it and also to the church where the person belongs. Once the deadly virus gets going in a church, it seems that there is no way to stop it. In our travels across the nation I have noticed that, when a church becomes infected with this awful, deadly germ, many have to suffer over the vicious attacks. I never have gotten myself to the place where I could utter a single sentence of critical criticism such as would hinder or weaken the influence of a Christian man or woman.

Doctor Watson once said, "Be kind to all you meet, for everyone is having a hard time."

Any church member who hinders the cause of Christ by unkind criticism has become the enemy of God. This kind of criticism dries up inspiration and causes animosities and jealousies to arise. It has brought more suffering, caused more heartaches, divided more

churches, broken more lives, crushed more people, than any one or even a dozen things that could be mentioned as hindering the cause of God.

Just recently I read one of the most striking statements in one of the leading church papers in this nation, written by one of the great denominational leaders of our country. I close this brief article by using his exact words right along the line I am writing today:

"There can be no revival of religion in any denomination, congregation, or individual soul that is cursed with the contagion of criticism."

It might be well for our people everywhere to ponder these words, "No revival of religion in any denomination.....or individual soul that is cursed with the contagion of criticism."

We seek a revival in our own denomination in these next four years, a revival such as we never have known. Will it come? It might pay each of us to have a heart examination and ask, "Will it come in my own life with the attitude I now possess?"

May God give us a revival that will kill criticism! That is my prayer.

(Taken from "Herald of Holiness")

#### FROM IOWAN IN INDIA Troubles of Independence Are Reviewed.

To the Open Forum Editor:

India has held the attention of the world during the last few crucial months. A life-time reader of The Register, I thought it might interest people to hear straight from someone who has been on the spot. Since leaving Iowa in 1945 I have seen in India the bargainings of the Cripps Mission days, the exultant hope of the independence celebrations, the bewilderment and blood thirstiness of the vici-section of India, the midnight gloom of Gandhi's death, and now the future just around the corner.

What glorious days those were in August, 1947, when the coming of free India was announced. Little thought was taken of the probable consequences of partition into Hindustan and Pakistan. We were all too wrapped up in the wonderful thought of freedom. Long processions, Fourth of July style speeches, flags everywhere, even flags on the garbage carts driven by outcaste Hindu sweepers. But the crest of the wave passed and the trough was very low.

#### Fear and Despair

Fear, uncertainty and despair clasped at the heart of the infant dominions. Hindus and Sikhs began to flee from Pakistan. Duped by skillful Moslim league propaganda, the Mohammedans of the Indian Dominion thought they would be getting to heaven if they got to Pakistan.

Upon arrival they found that Jinnah's dream lacked economic reality, and their heavenly bubble was burst by the pins and pains of insufficient food, insufficient shelter from the torrential rains of the monsoons, and insufficient promise for a secure future. And still the population moved. Rich ones flew. Middle class ones crowded the trains to and from Pakistan. Poor, illiterate masses came in bullock carts or on foot in weary columns of 50,000-60,000. Decimated by disease, robbed by marauding bands and corrupt border officials, their women stolen and raped by the opposite community (the social workers are still busy trying to recover the thousands of abducted women to their homes) the heaven of freedom turned into a hell of hatred, blood and death.

#### Farms and Schools

And now what? All are busy grappling with the basic problems of the future. The tractors that built the Burma road are now opening up new uncultivated land for resettlement by refugees. Government is opening new primary schools by the thousands with the goal of universal primary education. British industrialists have pulled out and Indians are building new plants, sending young men for technical training in the United States and aiming at a rapid industrialization for a long-backward nation.

People of Iowa have made great contributions to India. Most of the teachers in the famous Allahabad Agricultural Institute are graduates from Ames. Many Iowa people have given their lives in missionary service to this land. Many dollars of Iowa money have gone to the education of Indian children, the building of hospitals and the promotion of the cause of Christ.—(The Rev.) Richard W. Moore, farm manager, Ingraham Institute, Ghazibad, U.P., India. (Formerly of Tipton, Ia.)

Brethren, is The Church of Jesus Christ doing her duty?

### THE GOSPEL NEWS

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### EDITORIAL

I again insert in this issue of The Gospel News, excerpts from our Doctrinal Pamphlets that all who read this paper, may learn of the position of The Church of Jesus Christ on various matters. It is the duty of all members and especially the Elders to keep within the bounds of what the Church has caused to be written.

I will just add that I occupied the pulpit in the West Aliquippa, Pa., Church in the evening of August 18th, and at McKees Rocks, Pa., in the evening of August 19th. A very nice audience was present at both places, and I enjoyed myself in said pulpits in preaching the Gospel and exhorting my hearers to a life of holiness in the service of God. I will add too, that I was treated with all due regards by the saints in these places. May the Lord continue to bless them all.

Editor.

### JOSEPH SMITHS OWN STORY (Continued from August Issue)

#### MORONI'S VISIT

I continued to pursue my common vocations in life until the twenty-first of September, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three, all of the time suffering severe persecution at the hands of all classes of men, both religious and irreligious, because I continued to affirm that I had seen a vision.

During the space of time which intervened between the time I had the vision and the year eighteen hundred and twenty-three — having been forbidden to join any of the religious sects of the day, and being of very tender years, and persecuted by those who ought to have been my friends and to have treated me kindly, and if they supposed me to be deluded to have endeavored in a proper and affectionate manner to have reclaimed me — I was left to all kinds of temptations; and, mingling with all kinds of society, I frequently fell into many foolish errors, and displayed the weakness of youth and the foibles of human nature; which, I am sorry to say led me into divers temptations, offensive

in the sight of God. In making this confession, no one need suppose me guilty of any great or malignant sins. A disposition to commit such was never in my nature.

In consequence of these things, I often felt condemned for my weakness and imperfections, when, on the evening of the above mentioned twenty-first of September, after I had retired to bed for the night, I betook myself to prayer and supplication to Almighty God for forgiveness of all my sins and follies, and also for a manifestation to me, that I might know of my state and standing before Him; for I had full confidence in obtaining a divine manifestation, as I previously had done.

While I was thus in the act of calling upon God I discovered a light appearing in my room, which continued to increase until the room was lighter than at noon day, when immediately a personage appeared at my bedside, standing in the air, for his feet did not touch the floor.

He had on a loose robe of most exquisite whiteness. It was a whiteness beyond anything earthly I had ever seen; nor do I believe that any earthly thing could be made to appear so exceedingly white and brilliant. His hands were naked, and his arms also, a little above the wrists; so, also, were his feet naked, as were his legs, a little above the ankles. His head and neck were also bare. I could discover that he had no other clothing on but this robe, as it was open, so that I could see into his bosom.

Not only was his robe exceedingly white, but his whole person was glorious beyond description, and his countenance truly like lightning. The room was extremely light, but not so very bright as immediately around his person. When I first looked upon him I was afraid; but the fear soon left me.

He called me by name, and said unto me that he was a messenger sent from the presence of God to me, and that his name was Moroni; that God had a work for me to do; and that my name should be had for good and evil among all nations, kindreds, and tongues, or that it should be both good and evil spoken of among all people.

He said there was a book deposited, written upon gold plates, giving an account of the former inhabitants of this continent, and the source from whence they sprang. He also said that the fulness of the everlasting Gospel was

contained in it; as delivered by the Savior to the ancient inhabitants.

Also, that there were two stones in silver bows — and these stones, fastened to a breastplate, constituted what is called the Urim and Thummim — deposited with the plates; and the possession and use of these stones were what constituted "seers" in ancient or former times; and that God had prepared them for the purpose of translating the book.

After telling me these things, he commenced quoting the prophecies of the Old Testament. He first quoted part of the third chapter of Malachi, and he quoted also the fourth or last chapter of the same prophecy, though with a little variation from the way it reads in our Bible. Instead of quoting the first verse as it reads in our books, he quoted it thus:

"For behold, the day cometh that shall burn as an oven, and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall burn as stubble; for they that come shall burn them, saith the Lord of Hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch."

And again he quoted the fifth verse, thus: "Behold, I will reveal unto you the Priesthood, by the hand of Elijah the Prophet, before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord."

He also quoted the next verse differently: "And he shall plant in the hearts of the children the promise made to the fathers, and the hearts of the children shall turn to their fathers; if it were not so, the whole earth would be utterly wasted at His coming."

In addition to these, he quoted the eleventh chapter of Isaiah, saying that it was about to be fulfilled. He quoted also the third and twenty-third verses, precisely as they stand in our New Testament. He said that that prophet was Christ, but the day had not yet come when they who would not hear His voice should be cut off from among the people, but soon would come.

He also quoted the second chapter of Joel, from the twenty-eighth verse to the last. He also said that this was not yet fulfilled, but was soon to be. And he further stated that the fulness of the Gentiles was soon to come in. He quoted many other passages of the scripture, and offered many explanations which cannot be mentioned here.

Again he told me that when I got those plates of which he had spoken — for the time that they

should be obtained was not yet fulfilled — I should not show them to any person; neither the breast plate with the Urim and Thummim; only to those to whom I should be commanded to show them; if I did I should be destroyed. While he was conversing with me about the plates, the vision was opened to my mind that I could see the place where the plates were deposited, and that so clearly and distinctly that I knew the place again when I visited it.

After this communication, I saw the light in the room begin to gather immediately around the person of him who had been speaking to me, and it continued to do so, until the room was again left dark, except just around him, when instantly I saw as it were, a conduit open right up into heaven, and he ascended till he entirely disappeared, and the room was left as it had been before this heavenly light had made its appearance.

I lay musing on the singularity of the scene, and marveling greatly at what had been told to me by this extraordinary messenger; when, in the midst of my meditation, I suddenly discovered that my room was again beginning to get lighted, and in an instant, as it were, the same heavenly messenger was again by my bedside.

He commenced, and again related the very same things which he had done at his first visit, without the least variation; which having done, he informed me of great judgments which were coming upon the earth, with great desolations by famine, sword, and pestilence, and that these grievous judgments would come on the earth in this generation. Having related these things, he again ascended as he had done before.

By this time, so deep were the impressions made on my mind, that sleep had fled from my eyes, and I lay overwhelmed in astonishment at what I had both seen and heard. But what was my surprise when again I beheld the same messenger at my bedside, and heard him rehearse or repeat over again to me the same things as before, and added a caution to me, telling me that Satan would try to tempt me (in consequence of the indigent circumstances of my father's family), to get the plates for the purpose of getting rich. This he forbade me, saying that I must have no other object in view in getting the plates but to glorify God, and must not be influenced by any other motive than that of

building His Kingdom, otherwise I could not get them.

After this third visit, he again ascended into heaven as before, and I was again left to ponder on the strangeness of what I had just experienced; when almost immediately after the heavenly messenger had ascended from me for the third time, the cock crowed, and I found that day was approaching, so that our interviews must have occupied the whole of that night.

I shortly after arose from my bed, and, as usual, went to the necessary labors of the day; but, in attempting to work as at other times, I found my strength so exhausted as to render me entirely unable. My father, who was laboring along with me discovered something to be wrong with me, and told me to go home. I started with the intention of going to the house; but, in attempting to cross the fence out of the field where we were, my strength entirely failed me, and I fell helpless to the ground, and for a time was quite unconscious of anything.

The first thing that I can recollect was a voice speaking unto me, calling me by name. I looked up, and beheld the same messenger standing over my head, surrounded by light as before. He then again related unto me all that he had related to me the previous night, and commanded me to go to my father and tell him of the vision and commandments which I had received.

I obeyed; I returned to my father in the field, and rehearsed the whole matter to him. He replied to me that it was of God, and told me to go and do as commanded by the messenger. I left the field, and went to the place where the messenger had told me the plates were deposited; and owing to the distinctness of the vision which I had had concerning it, I knew the place the instant that I arrived there.

#### "MY TRIP FROM LINCOLN PARK, MICHIGAN TO NEW JERSEY"

By Anna Carlini

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

On this day, May 22, 1948, I find myself at the home of Brother and Sister Dominick Calabro. I will give a brief account of my trip from Detroit to New Jersey. I departed from home on Thursday morning, April 8, 1948, taking with me my little granddaughter, Jo Ann Carlini. With a little excitement, we said goodbye to our relatives

and some of our close friends; then my son, Joseph, drove us to the Michigan Central depot. We then boarded the New York Empire State Express, enjoying the train ride very much and also the beautiful scenery. As the train was going along so fast, I kept always feeling far and far away from home. Jo Ann and I got acquainted with some of the riders and the time went by fast. I also knew I was going to meet Sister Julia D'Amico from Brooklyn, New York. She attended the Detroit April conference, and being that she left the Tuesday before for Rochester, New York, she told me that she would board the same train at 2:30 p.m. at Rochester. I could hardly wait for that hour. Exactly at 2:30 that afternoon, the train stopped at Rochester, and when it did, I was excited. So I waited until the train started again. I then left my car and went three cars ahead; I really can't express the joy in my heart when I saw Sister Julia from a distance. As I got closer to her, I called her by name with a loud, exciting voice. We both then embraced each other. Everybody in the car was wondering what it was all about; but let me say that the two happiest ones in the car were Sister Julia and I.

Later on, I asked her to sit near me, three cars back; so she did, and the trip got more wonderful all the time; conversing always upon the things of God. We arrived at the New York Grand Central Station at 9:30 p.m., and there our joys were complete when we met Brother Ishmael D'Amico and Brother Sally Azzinaro. Brother D'Amico and Sister Julia left for Brooklyn, and Brother Sally Azzinaro took Jo Ann and me to his home in the Bronx. We surely were happy to meet one another, and enjoying our testimonies of what God had done for us. The following Saturday, April 10, Brother John Azzinaro offered to take me to Hopelawn, New Jersey. I accepted this offer and before I could realize it, we were on our way to New Jersey. Brother John, his wife, Brother Sally, and his sister Mary Azzinaro accompanied us on the way, and we formed a happy group singing hymns all the way. We soon reached Hopelawn. The first stop we made was at Brother Mercurio's home; there we greeted each other and then headed for Brother Joe Benyola's house, and we had a very enjoyable evening. Later on, a delightful supper was served by Sister Margaret Ben-

yola. The following day, Sunday, I attended the services in Hopelawn. I shall never forget how I was greeted by all the Brothers and Sisters, and what impressed me the most, was, they all extended their hearty invitations to have me in their homes. It was hard for me to meet everybody at one time, so we made arrangements to visit different brothers and sisters in their homes. It was then that I felt as though I was in my glory, conversing about the wonderful things that God had done for us. Being that I had brought a program from Detroit, it was accepted by the M. B. A. in New Jersey. Therefore, I spent most of my time with the young people of all four missions trying to make this program a success for the G.M.B.A. which was to take place May 15, 1948, in Hopelawn. I did not find this difficult at all, because as I would visit the different missions, I would get in touch with those of that mission who were to take part in the program. I remained with Brother Joseph Benyola from Saturday, April 10, until the following Wednesday, April 14. Brother Joe then took me to Sister Scala's house, and that evening, I had supper with Brother and Sister Rose Risola at their home. I also attended the Wednesday night church service in Metuchen. Brother Sam Risola opened the meeting, and after an interesting talk concerning the Gospel of Jesus Christ, he invited me to hear my testimony. I accepted the invitation and the evening was enjoyed by all who were present. That evening, I remained with Brother and Sister Risola. The following evening, a cordial invitation was extended to me to have supper with Brother and Sister Scala and family. A very enjoyable hour was spent and after we had enjoyed our fellowship, we got ready to attend a wedding. It was Brother Michael Feher and Sister Mary Mercurio, both from Hopelawn, who were to be united in marriage. To my surprise, we soon reached the church in Hopelawn and we found the building overcrowded and many more standing outside, waiting for the bride and groom. We enjoyed many beautiful hymns played by our young Sister Marie Calabro from Hopelawn. The wedding march was then played while the bride accompanied by her father marched in slowly. The wedding ceremony was performed by Brother Joseph Benyola. May the Lord bless you, Brother and Sister Michael Feher, causing you always to be loyal to the Lord, and

loyal to each other. After the wedding, Brother Tony Mazzeo took me to New Brunswick, and there I remained until Sunday morning April 18. Meanwhile, the few days I was in New Brunswick at the home of Brother and Sister Tony Mazzeo, I spent them by visiting the brothers and sisters; and the joy in my heart was always increasing. I also spent the Sunday at services in Hopelawn.

Sunday evening, I attended the M.B.A. in Stelton. I can surely say that the visit in Stelton will never be forgotten. The Lord was surely with us, for He was well pleased with our conversations in testifying what He had done for us. I also spent a night with Brother Rocco Ensano and family. That night will long be remembered. We enjoyed each others testimonies, and the joy and happiness within me was increasing day by day. Before the week was over, I wouldn't dare leave Stelton without spending an evening with Brother Patsy Rogolino and family. I am not exaggerating, but I just wished everybody could see the gleam in Brother Patsy's eyes; how happy he was to have me for their guest. Before I left Stelton, I received a call from Sister Anna Hertneky, telling me to spend one week with them. How could I refuse such a wonderful offer. After the M.B.A. meeting that took place in Stelton that evening, I went to Brother and Sister Hertneky's house. The following evening, Monday, April 19, I attended the Choir Practice in Metuchen, and it caused me to marvel at the wonderful works that are performed in the choir practice meeting. I was really astonished how those beautiful hymns were being recorded by the Choir. During the day, I had learned the fact that a balance of \$18.30 was still due on the recorder, so I presented the members of the Choir a short letter of appreciation, and a \$20 bill for them to pay the balance on their recorder. The short letter and the \$20 was accepted by the Choir with a vote of thanks. The Choir then decided to present me with a record, whereby all the members took part in expressing their thoughts in a few words, asking the Lord to bless me for my efforts in The Church of Jesus Christ in ways of testimony, while visiting here in New Jersey.

(To be continued)

#### NEWS ITEMS

Sister Ivy Fisher of the Stelton Mission in New Jersey, informs us of Anthony Ensano being baptized

since returning home from our late Conference. Also that Brother and Sister Sirangelo of Florida paid them a visit, and Sister Parscepe of Ohio visited with them.

Brother Jesse V. Thomas of Port Huron, Mich. by card tells me that they had another baptism in the person of William I. Hand Sr., on July 18. The baptism took place in Lake Huron. In speaking of one of their meetings, he said: "The power of God seemed to cause the building to vibrate." They expect more to render obedience soon. It seems evident that Brother Randazzo has started a good work in Port Huron. May the Lord continue to bless that part of the vineyard.

What! A Hindrance? "Sometimes I have thought of our modern Sabbath as a possible exception; also of our eating swine's flesh, and in other respects not conforming with the law of Moses in regard to our moral and legal affairs." (See Religious Experiences, Page 11) — "We shall not be able to announce these facts until the conditions actually exist, and the Almighty has given us a code of laws for the control of our national affairs, as He did in the days of Moses." (See Religious Experiences, Page 17)

#### WEST ELIZABETH NEWS

The Branch at Jefferson (West Elizabeth) has enjoyed having visitors this past quarter. One Sunday Brother and Sister Ashton, Brother and Sister Charles Smith of Coal Valley, Pa., and Brother Frank Rogolina of New Jersey met with us.

Sister Elizabeth Lynch of Coshocton, Ohio visited in Jefferson and Monongahela one week-end. Sister Lynch lives with her aged mother and doesn't have many opportunities to meet with the saints. Sister Gertrude Shearer of Butler, Pa., visited with her sister Lillian Byers of West Elizabeth and attended meeting in Jefferson. Sister Mary Love of Sharon, Pa., attended our meetings while visiting her relatives in West Elizabeth.

Words of appreciation from the following: Enclosed is \$1.50 for the renewal of The Gospel News. We enjoy this little paper and look forward to receiving it. Brother and Sister A. D'Amico, Rochester, N. Y. — Dear Editor: I am enclosing \$3.00 — \$1.50 for the renewal of the precious Gospel News, which is a blessing to my



heart coming every Month. The other (\$1.50) is for Missionary purposes. Sister Nancy DeCredico, Lorain, Ohio. Thanks to you all from the Editor.

#### CORNER STONE LAID

By Lena Perlioni

Most of the members of the Cleveland Branch of the Church, met at 8:00 p.m. on August 16, 1948 to lay the corner stone of their new building which is under construction. They were led in prayer by Brother August Perlioni following which Brother Rocco Biscotti read a passage of scripture found in the second chapter of Daniel, verses 30 to 35 inclusive. The Corner-stone was then set in place by Brother V. Thomas, A. Nemeth, and E. Gerome. Brother Albert Ventura did the masonry work necessary. The services were concluded with prayer by Brother Oliver Lloyd.

#### MRS. MARIA HORKY PASSES ON

Mrs. Maria Horky was born in Czechoslovakia and came to America in 1895. She died at the home of her daughter in West Newton, Pa., on July 26, 1948. Her exact age is not known but she is supposed to be at least 80 years old. She leaves to mourn her loss, two daughters, Mrs. Rose Zekol Shoemaker, of West Newton, Pa., and Mrs. Helen Delso of Monongahela. Four step-children and 22 grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Sister Horky was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ about eight years ago, and has been faithful until the end. She had been poorly for a long time, but has now gone to her reward which is laid up for her through obedience to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Sister Horky was the grandmother of Sister William Tucker. The Gospel News extends sympathy to our Sister's family. Services were conducted by Brother W. H. Cadman in the Monongahela Church on July 28, 1948.

#### DI ANTONIO-RIDOSH WEDDING

Sister Ann Ridosh of the McKees Rocks Branch became the wife of Frank DiAntonio of West Aliquippa on June 26, 1948, with Brother John Ross officiating. Reception followed in the basement of the church building, after which they left for a short honeymoon. They plan to make their home with Brother and Sister DiMasso, father and mother of the bride.

#### STROUD-MEO NUPTIALS

Miss Harriett Ruth Stroud, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben E. Stroud of Los Angeles, Calif., and Mr. Rudolph Meo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rocco Meo of Los Angeles were united in marriage in The Church of Jesus Christ, at Bell, Calif., on June 5, 1948, the groom's father officiating. Brother V. J. Lovalvo sang, while Mrs. Rhodes accompanied at the piano.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at 631 West Eighth-second Street, Los Angeles.

The young couple then left on a honeymoon trip in Southern California, visiting the beautiful Sequoia National Forest Park, where the spectacular Redwood giant trees grow. The young couple are now residing in Los Angeles. The Gospel News extends best wishes to them both for a long and happy life together.

#### FEHER-MERCURIO NUPTIALS

The Hopelawn Church Building was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Thursday, April 15th at 7:30 p.m. when Sister Mary Mercurio and Brother Michael Feher were united in marriage by Brother J. Benyola. The bride was given away by her father. The maid of honor was Sister Theresa Arcuri of Metuchen and the best man was Anthony Verdaz of New Brunswick. A reception followed at the home of the bride's parents. At present Mr. and Mrs. Feher are residing in Stelton at the home of Brother and Sister Renda but will shortly move to Hopelawn.

#### DIVORCES SOAR TO NEW RECORD

Divorces soared to a new one-day record in Allegheny county common pleas court Tuesday when 106 decrees were granted. Highest previous total for a single day was 72 partings recorded December 19, 1945.

Judges and the stenographers, who took testimony, worked at top speed all day attempting to clear their books before court vacations begin. Some of the suits were heard several weeks ago but not ruled on until Tuesday.

#### INTERESTING TRIP

By Sarah Neill

Recently we made an interesting trip north, my husband and I with our daughter, Patty Lou, to Niagara Falls and Canada; stopping for a few days at Erie, Pa., where

we attended meeting on Sunday at Platea near there.

Our new Hindu brother, Hatha Yogi Chandra, met with us there that day along with Brother Paul Love and his daughter, Norma Jean, who was recently baptized, Brother White and his mother (a very sweet woman), who impressed me as being very happy too, in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, Brother and Sister Mancini and Brother Lawrence Dias, Brother Chandra had also brought two of his friends of the Mormon faith with him and his nurse, Mrs. Green; there was also a friend present from that community. We had a very nice meeting that Sunday afternoon, several of our brother Elders spoke and we had a feet-washing service. It was interesting to hear Brother Chandra tell how he had found that which he had been seeking and what it meant to him. We found him to be a very humble and sincere man, and very happy to have found that joy and satisfaction to his soul which the Gospel alone can give us. He is anxious to tell his people about it.

After leaving Erie, we went to Niagara Falls where we viewed a great natural beauty of this blessed land. From there we drove to the Six Nations Reserve on the shores of Grand River in Canada. We arrived there the next morning, going first to Brother Beavers home, which is not hard to locate, because he has a mounted beaver above his doorway. We were disappointed to find that no one was home there. While standing in front of Brother Beaver's home wondering which way we should take to Ohsweken, a car came along which we hailed. A woman driving the car told us that Brother Beaver was working and his family were away picking fruit. On an impulse, I asked this woman if she happened to belong to the same church as Beavers did; she said she didn't but her husband did. We were quite surprised to find we were talking with Brother Isaacs' wife. She was a sweet, friendly woman and we were happy for the opportunity to meet her. She directed us to Ohsweken where we looked up Brother Hill but finding no one home there either, we located Sister Sadie Jamieson's store where we found her out front painting her fence. She and her mother with her two children live in a neat looking little white house with the store in front all freshly painted. We visited with them for

a few hours, eating lunch with them.

We had met Sister Sadie before in Windsor, Ont., but this was the first time we had met her mother and children. Sister Lewis, her mother, is a friendly woman who just seemed like one of us. After lunch Sister Sadie took us to the home of Brother and Sister Henhock, a young couple who were just recently baptized. Brother Henhock was away working but we had a nice chat with his wife. They have two little children, the baby is just a year old, and they are building themselves a home which is really going to be nice when they get it completed. We also visited Brother and Sister Froman. Brother Froman is almost blind. Only two of their children were home; the youngest, a little boy, sang a little piece, "The B-I-B-L-E" for us. Sister Sadie Jamiesan has charge of the Sunday School there, and this is one of the little pieces she teaches the children. She takes quite an interest in this work with the children. We were glad to find that they have someone to teach the little ones, for we realize the future of the Church depends on them. This was the extent of our visits on Grand River Reserve. We went back to Brother Hill's home again but, still not finding anyone there, we left the Reservation and headed toward Muncey, Ont.

The next morning we drove first to the Church farm at Muncey, where we spent a little time looking around. From there we went to visit our aged Indian sister, about whom we have heard so much, Sister Muskalunge. If everyone who meets her is so impressed as we were, it's no wonder we have been hearing so much about her. She is such a sweet old Indian sister who has received a great portion of God's love in her heart and whose wonderful experiences have grounded her solidly in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. She lives with her nephew, Brother DeLeary, a very nice humble man.

They both received us gladly, as though they had always known us. Strange, isn't it, how strong that tie of love binds us together when we really know our Jesus. This dear old sister had even had an experience that morning showing her that someone was coming. She begged us to tell her something that she might be able to dwell upon and remember us by

after we would leave. George spoke to her somewhat about the blessings of the Gospel and what it meant to us in this life, but how much more blessed heaven must be. Patty Lou and I sang a couple of hymns for them and we had prayer.

We then left to visit Brother and Sister Nicholas. We found them well and glad to see us. Their son was there too. This was the first time we had met him. We were happy to hear too that their son Lloyd is expecting to be home soon. May God bless him and make his pathway somewhat more smooth from now on, for he has surely been through some hard trials.

While here, Brother Nicholas took George out to see the spot where he first heard the Gospel. This spot seems to be hallowed to him, so much so that he would like to have a memorial placed there. This caused me to remember his ancestor, Jacob. The spot where, he had received his great blessing was so hallowed to him that he set up a pillar to mark the spot where the Lord had spoken to him in his dream.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to our Indian brothers and sisters for their kindness to us, and for the truly loving spirit with which they received us. It was our first trip among them and we didn't find them cold and distant, but just as happy to see us as any of our Gentile brothers and sisters would be. The fellowship we enjoyed with them was only a taste of what we expect to have some day, when we who are Gentiles, and Israel shall be as one in the Kingdom of Jesus Christ.

Charles Wesley in one of his hymns says: "Yet would I haste to the heavenly feast; That, that is the fullness, but this is the taste."

So, while we look forward to the fullness of the joy we shall receive in the Gospel, we are grateful for the taste which we are enjoying from time to time in our fellowship with our brothers and sisters.

#### THE TREE OF KNOWLEDGE

The Bible contains:

3,566,480	Letters
810,697	Words
31,175	Verses
1,189	Chapters
66	Books

1. The Longest chapter in the Bible is the 119th Psalm.
2. The Shortest and middle

chapter is in the 117th Psalm.

3. The middle verse is the 8th verse of the 118th Psalm.

4. God's name is mentioned 46,627 times in the Bible.

5. The Lord's name is mentioned 1,855 times in the Bible.

6. The 8th Chapter of Isaiah, 1st verse contains the longest name in the Bible having 18 letters — "Maher-shalel-hash-baz."

7. The 37th Chapter of Isaiah and the 19th chapter of the Second Kings are alike.

8. The longest verse is the 9th of the 8th Chapter of Esther, and the shortest verse is the 35th of the 11th Chapter of John.

9. The 21st verse of the 7th Chapter of Ezra contains the Alphabet.

10. The finest piece of Scripture is found in the 26th Chapter of Acts.

11. The name of God is not mentioned in the Book of Esther. In addition to this, the Book of Esther contains knowledge, wisdom, Holiness, and love. Paul D'Amico.

#### A BROTHER CONVALESCING IN A DETROIT HOSPITAL, WRITES

The City of Detroit is a very nice place,  
We hope some day it is full of  
God's grace.  
Some people are wonderful, they  
truly are fine;  
I hope will forever remain in this  
clime.

We think of the Doctors and Nurses  
who care,  
And all of our sorrows they are  
trying to share.  
They are trying their best to re-  
lieve us from pain,  
For all we thank God, and praise  
His dear name.

We trust in the Lord for to bless  
all mankind;  
If we seek Him we know His bless-  
ing we'll find.  
He has blessed one and all while  
here on the earth,  
Every day He has blessed us with  
life from our birth.

My Jesus my Saviour, my Friend  
and my King,  
His praise all the day-long with  
rapture I sing.  
He gives me much blessings, I  
cannot complain,  
And that is the reason I sing of  
His name.

# THE GOSPEL NEWS

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## VISITS IN OHIO

On Saturday, August 21st, I left for a short visit in the State of Ohio. Made my first visit to our new Church at Warren. They have built a basement church until they are able to complete it later on. However, they have a very nice comfortable place in which to worship. I occupied the pulpit on Sunday morning, and I had an interesting congregation of brothers and sisters to talk to. With the high prices of today, their building cost them lots of money, but I understand they have it almost paid for. May the Lord help them.

In the afternoon, I visited our Mission at Niles. At this place they meet in a hall, but have very nice quarters to meet in. They have had in mind to buy a lot for the purpose of erecting a place of their own to worship in. I occupied considerable time in speaking to our folks here in Niles. The evil one has molested their peace of late, but it was evident that our folks there want to serve God, and I sincerely pray that they may be able to surmount their difficulties and keep their feet in the paths of duty. I ask you all to remember the Niles saints in your prayers. I read that "prayer changes things," on the other hand I read in James of that little member, the tongue, it is set on fire of hell, with it we bless God, and with the same tongue we curse men. James says: "My brethren, these things ought not to be."

Sunday evening I spent in the pulpit of our Church on South Forest St., in Youngstown. The day had been very warm and I was a little tired, nevertheless I enjoyed myself for better than an hour, speaking to a congregation of people who seemed to be much interested in the sermon. Brother R. Biscotti of Cleveland had occupied this same pulpit in the morning service.

At the close of the Sunday night service, I was taken to the home of Brother and Sister D. DiPierio in South Youngstown where I was given a good bed for the night, and then returned to my home the next day. I will add that I was well treated by all on my trip. WH.C.

## TEARS

Why do we cry, what makes the tears flow freely,  
When two or three are gathered in His name?  
Are they just tears of joy? What is it, really,  
That with emotion racks this mortal frame?

"They're grateful tears, because I am now serving  
A God who lives, and not a God unknown;  
And though there were those souls much more deserving,  
He's chosen me, just for His very own.

"They're tears of grief; they're tears of mental anguish  
For those we love, who are not in His fold,  
But in a world of sin prefer to languish,  
Tho someday, with great terror, they be cold.

"They're tears of shame for all our petty murmurs;  
For all our weaknesses thru days just past,  
The while resolving that we shall be firmer,  
And, with His help, reach paradise, at last.

"Or else, they may be tears of disappointment  
Because a cherished friend has proved untrue,  
Then prayer alone, can be the blessed ointment  
To heal the hurt, restoring faith anew.

"And then again, they may be tears of sorrow,  
Of longing for the days when Peace will reign,  
Of yearning for that glorious tomorrow  
When Christ shall come unto His own again."

And so, whenever teardrops roll unbidden  
From searching eyes who would the answer seek,  
The reason may be plain, or may be hidden  
From curious who, would the answer, seek.

Catherine Poma, Los Angeles, Cal.

## ARE YOU SAVED? IF NOT! WHY NOT?

So many people have asked the question: Are you saved? And so many reply by quoting the words of Jesus in Matt. 24-13, "But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." Apparently making it appear that one cannot be saved in this present life.

Let us examine the scripture on this all important subject. Jesus has taught: "Ye must be born again." And it is often quoted, and certainly if we are born again, we must endure until the end of our journey in this world, if we expect to be eternally saved in God's Kingdom. In Luke 7-48, 49, 50 Jesus forgives a woman of her sins, and tells her: "Thy faith has SAVED thee; go in peace." He does not say, thy faith will save thee, but "thy faith HAS saved thee." In plain words the woman's faith saved her from her sins. We must conclude then, that if she endure unto the end, she shall be SAVED eternally in heaven.

In Luke 18-42, Jesus says to the blind man: "Thy faith has SAVED thee." He does not say thy faith has given thee sight, but thy faith has saved thee.

I have quoted the Saviours words thus far. I will now refer you to the sayings of some of His servants. In First Cor. 1-18,21, I quote Paul: "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish, foolishness; but unto US which ARE SAVED it is the power of God." Paul does not say to those "which WILL be saved," but to those who ARE saved. It is evident from this scripture, that if a person is alive in Christ that such a person or persons are SAVED. The Saviour's words are then applicable: "he that endureth unto the end shall be saved." — saved eternally in heaven.

Turn to Ephesians 2-5,6, "Even when we were dead in sins, quickened us together with Christ, (by grace are ye saved) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." — Dare anyone say they were not saved, when Paul says they were made to sit in heavenly places with Christ?

Remember Paul is speaking to the saints who were yet in this tabernacle of clay.

In Romans 8-1, Paul says: "There is therefore NOW no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the spirit." If there is no condemnation in those who walk after the spirit, there must be justification in them, is there not? Yea, they are SAVED from their sins.

First Peter 3-20, 21, "While the Ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were SAVED by water. The like figure whereunto EVEN baptism doth also SAVE us." Hence, baptism NOW saves us from our sins, according to Peter, and such was the mission of Jesus: Matt. 1-21 "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name Jesus; for He shall SAVE His people from their sins."

Let us take note of some sayings in the Book of Mormon. It is so wonderful when two witnesses (Book of Mormon and Bible) agree. —Take note of Second Nephi, 33-6, "I glory in plainness; I glory in truth; I glory in Jesus, for He hath (present tense) redeemed my soul from hell." In plain words, through Nephi obeying the gospel, it SAVED his soul from hell.—In Alma 26-14, "And has loosed our brethren from the chains of hell." —Saved from hell. See verses 26 and 30. Ammon and his brethren SAVED many souls. —Read Mosiah 27-28, "The Lord in His mercy hath seen fit to snatch me out of an everlasting burning, and I am born of God." The reader must conclude that Alma was SAVED from hell. Oh! how wonderful it is, to observe the harmony in the testimony of the Book of Mormon and the Biblical servants of God. May I ask: is our testimony in accord on this important question?

Let us now turn to Hebrews 7-25, "Wherefore He is able to SAVE them to the UTTERMOST that come unto God by him (Christ).—Why does the writer use the term "uttermost?" Utmost, according to Webster: situated at the farthest point; most distant; extreme.—If one is saved in heaven, what more could be expected? Why uttermost? It seems to me that here is the secret in a nutshell. The testimony of God's people in all ages, was that they were SAVED from their sins. Then when Jesus comes upon the scene, He assures His followers that: he that shall endure unto the end (as

long as life shall last) shall be SAVED ETERNALLY in His Kingdom. Yea, "saved to the UTTERMOST," or as Webster says: "the most possible." Yea, I say again, saved to the uttermost, eternally in heaven. We may be saved from our sins here in this world, indeed I will say that we should be, but if we do not endure the temptations in life to the end thereof, we may find ourselves as Peter says of some in Second Peter 2-23 Wallowing in the mire. How beautifully the poet has conveyed the thought to us in the following words: "When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, We've NO LESS DAYS to sing God's praise Than when we first begun. Some people say: I am saved. Some will say: I have been born again: Others will say. They have been Redeemed by the Blood of the Lamb. Are not these phrases identical when properly understood?"

Sincerely W.H.C.

August 24, 1948  
Warren, Ohio

FAITH IS THE VICTORY  
By D. Giovannone

The company where I work has made a change in the management. We work twenty turns a week, and some foremen have been promoted. My foreman has been promoted to Chief Electrician of our department. He has tried for many years to fire me, because I do not work on Sunday. Since he has more power he thought surely he would fire me. July 21 while working day-turn, he sent a young man to notify me to meet in his office at 1 o'clock p.m. that day. The young man felt sorry for me, because, he had heard rumors about me, and said he would pray for me.

At one, I went to the office, there I found the new Chief and new foreman. They tried to persuade me to work on Sunday or they would fire me. I told them I would take any job regardless of the pay, just so I wouldn't have to work on Sunday. They told me there was no such job in their department, so I asked for a labor job. Immediately arrangements for a transfer were made for me to go with a labor gang on Monday the following week. I then shook hands with both foreman and Chief, and told them I was sorry to trouble them all these years. While returning to my work a few men asked me what was the trouble. In

a brief way I told them what had happened. Some said it was a dirty shame for them to treat me as they did. They told me to go and see the president of the union. I refused to go, because I was not a man looking for trouble. One man said if I didn't go he would go for me. I said if he felt to do so go ahead. Within an hour or so he made two trips, but couldn't find him. At quitting time more men gathered around me. They too, told me to see the president at his home, and one man gave me the address.

After work I paid this man a visit at his home. After he heard what happened he told me "No, No." He made a telephone call to a head man of the company, and after talking with this man he instructed me to see my Chief early next morning, and cancel everything. He wanted to take over and see what he could do for me. He told me not to make any moves until I heard from him. I did as he told me and saw my Chief, after I saw him he said O.K. A few minutes later he came to see me and told me to take the transfer, but I said "no." I only had two more pink slips to get and he said I was going to get them. Sunday, July 25, I was supposed to work, but I didn't. Two days later, I was called in the office again, but I was working on 4 to 12 turn. Another big man asked me what I was going to do about the transfer, I answered saying "nothing at all." He tried me to work on Sunday, but when he saw he couldn't do anything with me he asked a question. What would happen if all the men were like me? I answered saying "we would have a better world, better people, and better conditions. He dismissed me, and told me to be back next evening.

The second pink slip was handed to me that night. I then got in touch with our grievance man. He discouraged me thinking that was one thing too hard to do now especially on twenty turns a week. That evening after I retired from work, I felt in my darkest moment. I made matter of prayer, before retiring to rest asking God to help me again at this time. I couldn't sleep from thinking, but I slept long enough to have two experiences in one dream. Both experiences showed me that my enemy was licked. That morning I made a matter of prayer again. I had in mind to go see the union president once more, and found him at work. He also discouraged

me very much, so I told him that I wanted to see the superintendent, and also to see Mr. William Brown in Youngstown. He is superintendent of Industrial Relations. I knew him for a long time, and for some reason or other he always did like me. The president said it was a good idea. A few minutes later I was in the superintendent's office. He is a very fine man to talk with, treated me very kindly, and with much respect. I told him about my troubles, showed him my Elder's license, but he said there was nothing he could do, because he had to treat every man alike. He cut me very short, but I was not discouraged knowing the experience I had before leaving home. Then I began to tell him that there was a reward from Heaven to anyone that would give a glass of water to any of God's servants. With many other things this gentleman turned color, and I thought he would cry. He was left speechless, so I told him that he wouldn't need to tell me that he was going to help me, because I could read it on his face. He then said he would do all in his power to help me. I told him I wanted to see Mr. ———, and he said that was a good idea, between the two they might be able to help me. I shook hands with him, and said "God Bless You." In a half hour I was in Mr. ——— office in Youngstown. He was very glad to see me, and while we were talking about my trouble our superintendent gave him a ring. Mr. ——— answered the phone, and said "the man is in my office now. Mr. ——— told him that they had accommodated me all these years, and felt I should be accommodated at this time. He said I was a number one man, and never gave them any trouble. He also said he didn't see the reason why I couldn't be scheduled for five days a week, and not bother me on Sunday. The superintendent must have answered saying "it couldn't be done on a twenty turn week basis. Mr. ——— answered saying even so they could make a way for me, some how. Dear Editor, at this time I had to control myself from crying, thinking how God through his tender mercy came to rescue his children. Mr. ——— promised me he would go to McDonald Mill where I work as soon as I would leave his office, because he wanted to see what he could do for me. He wasn't sure, but I told him I knew he could help me.

That afternoon when I went to

work my chief told me I would work, but I wouldn't be bothered on Sunday anymore. To someone it might not be a sin to work on Sunday, but to me one commandment is just as good as the other, and we should observe all things.

Something happened many years ago in Italy, where I came from. Many men went to Rome to work, even my father made one or two trips. In one small city there were about twenty men that would go together. One of the men had a donkey, instead of him riding he accommodated all the men by placing their baggage on the donkey's back. The donkey was overloaded one time and fell down dead. The men tried to excuse themselves claiming their baggage was just a small thing, but the man said twenty small things killed my donkey. We the saints of the most high excuse ourselves this is a small thing, and that a small thing, but unless we try to live the life of Christ, and follow Him maybe the small things might be the cause to lose our soul, and Paul said "shake all the shackles that we might be free." I hope and trust that the God of heaven might give strength and courage to all the saints. That we may not be saints in word, but saints in deed. This is my prayer in Jesus Christ.

Brother Dominic Giovannone

BY ANNA CARLINI  
(Continued from September Issue)

Brother Joseph Benyola, who is presiding elder of the Hopelawn branch and also director of the Choir, presented me with a record. This day, May 19, 1948, shall never be forgotten; for it was that evening that the Lord made His appearance and blessed me abundantly, and also all my brothers and sisters who were present. It was that evening when I returned to Sister Hertneky's home, I bent my knees unto the Lord with a stronger determination to serve him in truth and spirit unto the end. Then I felt the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ again.

Brothers and sisters, it is so sweet to serve the Lord while here on earth and enjoy His blessings from time to time. My constant prayers unto God are that I may retain this pearl of great price in my heart, which is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I remained with Brother and Sister Hertneky until April the 25th. A cordial invitation was extended to me to spend a few days with Brother and Sis-

ter Paul Benyola at Hopelawn. I remained with them until May 17th. It was then, Saturday, May 15, that the G.M.B.A. convened in Hopelawn. After the business was over, we presented the program to the G.M.B.A. at 7:30 p.m. The title of the program was "FAITH AND DOCTRINE" of The Church of Jesus Christ. Brother John Bufa was the announcer. The program was enjoyed by all who were present, thanking all young and old for their efforts to make this program a success. Also for the wonderful hymns that were sung; all in honor and glory unto the Lord. On Monday evening, May 17, Sister Catherine Calabro came to the home of her mother, Sister Mary Benyola, and with a happy smile asked me to stay with her for a few days until I would be ready to visit Brooklyn, N. Y. Being that I really enjoy the fellowship with the Saints, I could not refuse the wonderful invitation. That evening when I came to her home, I was heartily greeted by her entire family. I surely did enjoy the visit with Brother and Sister Calabro and family.

Our main conversation was always about the Lord, and His goodness towards His children. That same evening, May 17, is also an important date which time will never erase. That evening, I attended again, the Choir practice which consisted mostly of recording hymns by request. I also had with me a short speech which consisted mostly of gratitude and thankfulness to my brothers and sisters for all the good and kind hospitality towards me during my visit in New Jersey. This was also recorded and added to the other records of the visiting brothers and sisters from various branches. At the close of the meeting, to my surprise, I was presented with a beautiful corsage from the M.B.A. in N. J. as a token of appreciation for the little good that was done in ways of testimony and also for the beautiful program that was presented to the G. M. B. A. at Hopelawn. As we all know that all glory and honor belong to our Lord and Saviour, and what we do in his honor, He will always remember us in His great mercy. Nevertheless, I want to thank all of my brothers and sisters for this token which will long be remembered. And many thanks to Sister Elsie Miller for presenting this beautiful corsage. May the Lord

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## EDITORIAL

Are We Doing All We Can? In view of the fact that we hear so much about that which awaits the people of God: "The Peaceful Reign," and the wonderful joys to be enjoyed by the people of God during that period; I wish to draw the attention of all members of The Church of Jesus Christ to a short paragraph found on page 16 of "Religious Experiences" as follows: "The center of all this happiness, joy and satisfaction will be in the New Jerusalem previously referred to, which city this scripture states, 'shall be low in a low place.' Now my brethren and sisters, don't you feel the Spirit of God in these applications of Scripture? If so, are you not willing to perform the part God has intended you to perform to PRODUCE such glorious results, which is: CARRYING THE GOSPEL to the seed of Joseph." The Editor warns his brethren, that the neglect of carrying the Gospel to the Lamanites will surely bring confusion among this people. It did before and it will do it again.

Brother and Sister Bittinger and Brother and Sister W. H. Cadman have just returned home from a two weeks visit, having traveled better than 1500 miles. We called at Erie, Pa., stayed overnight at Rochester, N. Y., visited two Indian Reservations in New York State. Stayed overnight with our folks in Lockport, N. Y. Next stop was at the Six Nations Reservation in Ontario, where we spent three days, stayed overnight at the home of Brother Laird in Brantford, Ont. Our next stop was at the Muncey Reservation where we spent two days among our Indian people. We then went to Windsor, Ont. and Detroit, attending the Ladies Uplift Circle Meeting all day on Sept. 11. On the 13th we visited Walpole Island, Ont. in Lake St Clair. There is about 1000 Indian people on this Island. We called on old acquaintances and we really enjoyed the day. On the evening of Sept. 13th, we attended

meeting at Port Huron, Mich., where Brother M. Randazzo of Detroit has started a very nice work. There were five or six Indian people from the Sarnia Reserve, Sarnia, Ont. at this meeting. After the meeting we retired to the home of Brother and Sister Sommerville in Port Huron where we enjoyed ourselves for about three hours. Had a midnight lunch. We returned to Brother Randazzo's home at two a.m. Attended meeting at Branch No. 1 Detroit the following night, and left the Carlini home on Sept. 16th for home. It was a very busy trip for us, but we enjoyed it very much.

Editor

By ANNA CARLINI

bless you more and more each day. The next day, May 18, Brother Julius Sipos from Woodbridge, on his way home from work, picked me up at the home of Sister Calabro, and brought me to his house to spend the evening with his family. Sister Sophie, his wife, served a lovely supper, and the rest of the evening was spent conversing about the things of God, and many wonderful experiences were related by each other. Before I left his home, we knelt in prayer and there, we felt the presence of the Lord. When we arose from our knees, I kissed Sister Sophie good-bye and then shook hands with Brother Julius. Brothers and Sister, I cannot explain the blessings of God that fell upon us. We could not let go our hands for it seemed that the Lord was with us, and surely He did visit us with His spirit.

Brothers and Sisters, the Lord wants us to prove Him, and then greater things will be shown unto His children. During my visit in New Jersey, I also visited Brother and Sister Mercurio, Brother and Sister Renda, Brother and Sister Sgro, also Brother and Sister Kowalczyk and family, and all of the Beynola family, which includes Brother Tony and Sister Josephine, Brother Louis and Sister Anna, Brother Sam and Sister Mary, Brother Rocco and Sister Peggy, and also Brother Sam Purkall and Sister Jenny, and many others that it is hard for me to remember. And now my dear brothers and sisters, I have finally come to the end of my journey up to this day, the 22nd of May. May I also add that I had visited Brother Louis Mazzeo and his wife, Sister Angeline at New Brunswick and a very enjoyable time was had in

their home. Sister Angeline also enjoyed the two records that were played in her home. Her son, Brother Tony Mazzeo, also extends me good wishes in one of the records. And now, Brothers and Sisters, may the Lord bless you all and pray for me for the remainder of my trip. I expect to visit the saints at Brooklyn, N. Y., and also the saints at Bronx, N. Y. June the 8th will be the day to return back to Detroit; and now Brothers and Sisters, while we are separated from each other, let our hearts be knit together in the Love of God. And may this love increase from day to day, and by enduring all things to the end. Then shall the day come when we shall meet and part no more. May the Lord bless you all, is my prayer.

—Sister Anna Carlini

EXCERPTS FROM  
"FAITH & DOCTRINE"  
Pamphlet No. 1.

On Marriage Laws

1st. According to the custom of all civilized Nations, Marriages are regulated by laws and ceremonies; Therefore, we believe that all marriages in this Church of Jesus Christ should be solemnized in a public meeting or feast prepared for that purpose; and that the solemnization should be performed by a Presiding Elder or other Minister of the Gospel. We earnestly recommend all members of this Church to exercise great caution in forming matrimonial alliances, as the young have little understanding of how far their happiness during life will be promoted by being equally joined together; or to what extent the opposite course may produce the opposite results.

2nd. Marriage should be celebrated with prayer and thanksgiving, and at the solemnization, the persons to be married, standing together; the man on the right, and the woman on the left, shall be addressed by the person officiating in a solemn and impressive manner, upon the obligation and duties of the marriage State; and if there be no legal objection, he shall say, (calling each by their names), "You both mutually agree to be each other's companion, Husband and Wife, observing the legal rights belonging to this condition; that is, keeping yourselves wholly for each other and from all others, during your natural lives?" And when they shall have answered



"Yes," he shall pronounce them "Husband and Wife," in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and by virtue of the Laws of the Country, and authority vested in him; may God add his blessing and keep you to fulfill your covenants, from henceforth and forever. Amen.

3rd. The Clerk of every Branch of the Church should keep a record of all Marriages solemnized and by whom they were solemnized, with their respective names and data.

4th. All legal contracts of Marriage, made before a person is baptized into this Church, shall be held sacred; for we believe that one Man should have but one Wife, and one Woman but one Husband, except in case of death, when either are at liberty to remarry. Hear what the Lord hath spoken, "Therefore shall a man leave his Father and his Mother, and shall cleave unto his Wife, and they twain shall be one flesh; and I say unto you, whosoever shall put away his Wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committed adultery; and whoso marrieth her which is put away, doth commit adultery: Therefore, a Man shall have but one Wife, and concubines he shall have none; and did he not make one, yet had he the residue of the Spirit, and wherefore one? that he might seek a Godly Seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the Wife of his youth. See Malachi 2nd C., 15 v.

5th. Therefore, as we have been charged by inconsiderate men, with having connections with the Utah Polygamists, because of our believing in the Book of Mormon, we are extremely desirous that the wise should understand, that the Book of Mormon raises an Eternal Barrier betwixt all true believers, and that people, as it strictly prohibits that practice, being much more positive in its strictures against that sin than the Bible. We have sometimes thought that people, who so loudly and persistently proclaim their unbelief of the Book of Mormon, probably do so, principally on that account, and are proper subjects of suspicion. We now declare that we are entirely a separate people, and if any of their members should want to come amongst us, as some have, they are required to repent and obey the Gospel precisely as all other sinners are required to do. If, on the other hand, any of our people do so for forget them-

selves and the pure Gospel of Christ, as to unite themselves with the Utah people, and their false doctrines, (as some also have done), they are duly separated from us, as having rendered themselves unworthy of having a name amongst us. We now give our word and fidelity to the World that these statements are true.

## JOSEPH SMITH'S OWN STORY

### The Sacred Record

Convenient to the village of Manchester, Ontario County, New York, stands a hill of considerable size, and the most elevated of any in the neighborhood. On the west side of this hill, not far from the top, under a stone of considerable size, lay the plates, deposited in a stone box. This stone was thick and rounding in the middle on the upper side, and thinner towards the edges, so that the middle part of it was visible above the ground, but the edge all around was covered with earth.

Having removed the earth, I obtained a lever, which I got fixed under the edge of the stone, and with a little exertion raised it up. I looked in, and there indeed did I behold the plates, the Urim and Thummim, and the breast plate, as stated by the messenger. The box in which they lay was formed by laying stones together in some kind of cement. In the bottom of the box were laid two stones cross-ways of the box, and on these stones lay the plates and other things with them.

I made an attempt to take them out, but was forbidden by the messenger, and was again informed that the time for bringing them forth had not yet arrived, neither would it until four years from that time; but he told me that I should come to that place precisely in one year from that time, and that he would there meet with me, and that I should continue to do so until the time should come for obtaining the plates.

Accordingly, as I had been commanded, I went at the end of each year, and at each time I found the same messenger there, and received instructions and intelligence from him at each of our interviews, respecting what the Lord was going to do, and how and in what manner His Kingdom was to be conducted in the last days.

As my father's worldly circumstances were very limited we were

under the necessity of laboring with our hands, hiring out by the day's work and otherwise, as we could get opportunity. Sometimes we were at home, and sometimes abroad, and by continuous labor we were enabled to get a comfortable maintenance.

In the month of October, 1825, I hired with an old gentleman by the name of Josiah Staal, of Chenango County, State of New York. During that time that I was thus employed I was put to board with a Mr. Isaac Hale, of Harmony, Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania. It was there I first saw my wife (his daughter), Emma Hale. On the 18th day of January, 1827, we were married, while I was yet employed in the service of Mr. Staal. Immediately after my marriage, I left Mr. Staal's and went to my father's and farmed with him that season.

At length the time arrived for obtaining the plates, the Urim and Thummim, and the breastplate. On the twenty-second day of September, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven, having gone as usual at the end of another year to the place where they were deposited, the same heavenly messenger delivered them up to me with this charge: that I should be responsible for them; that if I should let them go carelessly, or through any neglect of mine, I should be cut off; but that if I would use all my endeavors to preserve them, until he, the messenger, should call for them, they should be protected.

I soon found out the reason why I had received such strict charges to keep them safe, and why it was that the messenger had said that when I had done what was required at my hand, he would call for them. For no sooner was it known that I had them, than the most strenuous exertions were used to get them from me. Every stratagem that could be invented was resorted to for that purpose. The persecution became more bitter and severe than before, and multitudes were on the alert continually to get them from me if possible. But by the wisdom of God, they remained safe in my hands, until I had accomplished by them what was required at my hand. When, according to arrangement, the messenger called for them, I delivered them up to him; and he has them in his charge until this day, being the second day of May, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight.

The excitement, however, still continued, and rumor with her thousand tongues was all the time employed in circulating falsehoods about my father's family, and about myself. If I were to relate a thousandth part of them, it would fill up volumes. The persecution, however, became so intolerable that I was under the necessity of leaving Manchester, and going with my wife to Susquehanna County in the State of Pennsylvania. While preparing to start — being very poor, and the persecution so heavy upon us that there was no probability that we would ever be otherwise — in the midst of our afflictions we found a friend in a gentleman by the name of Martin Harris, who came to us and gave me fifty dollars to assist us on our journey. Mr. Harris was a resident of Palmyra Township, Wayne County, in the State of New York, and a farmer of respectability.

By this timely aid I was enabled to reach the place of my destination in Pennsylvania; and immediately after my arrival there I commenced copying the characters off the plates. I copied a considerable number of them, and by means of the Urim and Thummim I translated some of them, which I did between the time I arrived at the house of my wife's father in the month of December and the February following.

Sometime in this month of February, the aforementioned Mr. Martin Harris came to our place, got the characters which I had drawn off the plates, and started with them to the city of New York. For what took place relative to him and the characters, I refer to his own account of the circumstances, as he related them to me after his return, which was as follows:

"I went to the city of New York, and presented the characters which had been translated, with the translation thereof, to Professor Charles Anthon, a gentleman celebrated for his literary attainments. Professor Anthon stated that the translation was correct, more so than any he had before seen translated from the Egyptian. I then showed him those which were not yet translated, and he said that they were Egyptian, Chaldaic, Assyriac, and Arabic; and he said they were true characters. He gave me a certificate, certifying to the people of Palmyra that they were true characters, and

that the translation of such of them as had been translated was also correct. I took the certificate and put it in my pocket, and was just leaving the house, when Mr. Anthon called me back, and asked me how the young man found out that there were gold plates in the place where he found them. I answered that an angel of God had revealed it unto him.

"He then said to me, 'Let me see that certificate.' I accordingly took it out of my pocket and gave it to him, when he took it and tore it to pieces, saying that there was no such thing now as ministering of angels, and that if I would bring the plates to him, he would translate them. I informed him that part of the plates were sealed, and that I was forbidden to bring them. He replied, 'I cannot read a sealed book.' I left him and went to Dr. Mitchell, who sanctioned what Professor Anthon had said respecting both the characters and the translation."

On the 5th day of April, 1829, Oliver Cowdery came to my house, until which time I had never seen him. He stated to me that having been teaching school in the neighborhood where my father resided, and my father being one of those who sent to the school, he went to board for a season at his house, and while there the family related to him the circumstances of my having received the plates, and accordingly he had come to make inquiries of me.

Two days after the arrival of Mr. Cowdery (being the 7th of April), I commenced to translate the Book of Mormon and he began to write for me.

The End

#### FOUR FOES OF THE SABBATH

"IN A RECENT issue of the Sunday Guardian mention is made of the groups which are threatening to take from us the weekly holy day of rest and worship, Sunday or the Christian Sabbath. Foremost in attack upon such a day of rest and worship is The Amusement and Sporting Group. Within this group belong not only the theatres, professional sports of various kinds, fraternal, labor, and civic groups who plan picnics and exhibitions on Sunday; but also many of the churches (which have a European Sabbath background as contrasted with our British-American Sabbath heritage) which devote much of this holy day to

sports, carnivals, and other worldly activities.

The Industrial Group which requires that five million people work on Sunday in the United States contribute to the loss of our traditional Sabbath. There is no question that much of this work could be eliminated if the industrialists and workers so desired.

The Anti-religious Group consists largely of the organizations which are atheistic and anti-religious in their teachings, and they always have been the foes of a Christian Sabbath. This group is to be feared the least of any.

The fourth group is The Indifferent and Misguided Church Group. It is estimated that almost one-third of the members of Protestant churches in the United States seldom if ever attend church. Thirty million church members are said to patronize the Sunday movies until the managers say they could not keep open on Sunday without the attendance of the church people. It is difficult to estimate the number of Protestant church members who play golf, attend professional sporting events, and seek personal pleasures on Sunday instead of giving regular attendance to the church services and their support to one of the most vital institutions of the Christian Church, the Sabbath. No doubt this group of indifferent church members is doing more to destroy the Sabbath with its holy influence than are the other three groups.

Our church takes a very pronounced position on the keeping of the Sabbath. In the General rules of church membership this statement appears, and to it each member subscribes as he unites with the church:

"By avoiding evil of every kind, including: .....profaning of the Lord's Day, either by unnecessary labor, or business, or by the patronizing or reading of secular papers, or by holiday diversions."

We may make a distinct contribution to the saving of the Sabbath tradition by observing this standard, also by doing everything within our power to oppose any or all efforts by any group to destroy this precious heritage, the Christian Sabbath."

This article, "Four Foes of the Sabbath" was taken from the "Herald of Holiness," the Official Organ of the Church of the Nazarene. It was originally taken from

the "Sunday Guardian," the last three paragraphs are evidently a statement of the Nazarene Church, which should be commended by every God-fearing man, irrespective of his religious affiliations.

In editing The Gospel News, my object is, to uphold righteousness, and I will add that the God who commanded: Thou shalt not commit adultery, not steal, not lie, use not His name in vain, etc. Yea, the same God said: Thou shall keep the Sabbath Holy."

Men or women, who can indulge in Sunday sports and amusements, do not have much, if any, of the fear of God in their souls. Are the people who advocate a Restoration of the Gospel setting an example to all mankind in keeping the Sabbath Day Holy? If not, why teach others? I read that God is not a respecter of persons, but is the same Yesterday, Today, and Forever.

Editor

#### LETTER FROM ST. JOHN, KANSAS

Brother Editor:

On Saturday evening August 14, 1948 Brother Joseph Lovalvo and family of Detroit, Michigan and Brother Anthony Gerace of Windsor, arrived in St. John about 9 p.m. at the home of Brother Sanders and Sister Eva. It was a joy to see them. They all seemed to be so refreshed and not a bit tired from their long journey. Brother and Sister Ashley and Brother and Sister Robinson came over and spent the evening visiting. We had been anxiously waiting for their visit and looked forward to the meeting on the Sabbath day.

Sunday morning Sunday School was turned over to Brother Lovalvo who gave us a very good lesson which was enjoyed by all. Telling of many of his experiences since being in the gospel. At noon the saints all gathered at the home of Brother Sanders and enjoyed a basket dinner together. Brother and Sister Jones and Sister Maudie and Brother and Sister Wergin and daughter Amelia from Wichita and Sister Amy Lassiter from Hutchinson were here to spend the day with us.

Sunday afternoon meeting was started at about 2 p.m. In this meeting our two young brothers, Brother Olen Ashley and Brother Alex Robinson were ordained elders. A wonderful blessing from God was felt by all when our young

brothers were ordained and we felt it was pleasing to God. The rest of the afternoon was spent in testimony and prayer. One sister was renewed and we spent a wonderful day together. The afternoon meeting was dismissed a little after 6 p.m. and we reconvened at 8 p.m. with Brother Lovalvo giving us another fine sermon. Some members of The Church of Jesus Christ (L.D.S.) came and met with us in the evening.

On Monday afternoon Brother Lovalvo and Sister Virginia and son Leonard alone with Brother Anthony and Sister Ring visited in Hoisington with Mrs. Marieda Steibens who has been sick for quite some time. It was through Marieda that we became acquainted with the folks at Alexander. Brother Lovalvo had much liberty in explaining the gospel to her and before they left her she asked him to annoint her for her affliction and a wonderful blessing was felt with several experiences being given.

Tuesday morning Brother Lovalvo and family, Brother Anthony and Brother Sanders and Sister Eva made a trip to Trinidad to visit the saints there. We arrived at Brother and Sister Cerames home and went over to the little church building in Sopris where we sang a hymn and had a word of prayer and felt the peace and blessing of God there. After lunch we went into Trinidad and gathered as many saints as we could together at Brother and Sister Cerames home in Sopris. There were seven members and three visitors present. Brother Joseph gave them a beautiful sermon exhorting them to keep faithful and that God would send them a shepherd. They have never had anyone in charge since Brother Costas death. The meeting closed at about 12 p.m. but I believe we could have continued all night without tiring. We spent the night with Brother and Sister Cerame and then started homeward the next morning arriving in St. John at about 6:30 p.m. We met again at 8 p.m. in the church here. A few visitors were present. On Thursday afternoon Sister Fry the president of our Ladies Circle invited the brothers to attend our circle meeting. Brother Joseph told us of the work of the brothers among the Indian people and of how much the Ladies Circle had helped through their prayers and their benevolence. Such a good spirit was felt that he asked us to

continue the meeting in testimony and prayer. It was a circle meeting that will never be forgotten by all who were present.

Thursday evening we met again in the church and listened to another fine sermon by Brother Lovalvo and our young brothers also spoke a little in the meeting. There were a few visitors.

Friday was spent visiting among the children of the old saints and a Mexican family were also visited and this family attended services that evening and said they enjoyed the meeting very much.

Saturday along with Brother and Sister Robinson and Brother Sanders and Sister Eva they all spent the day in Wichita with the brothers and sisters there and again enjoyed the fine hospitality of the saints. Brother and Sister Robinson visited an acquaintance of Brother Robinson and he has promised to attend our services in Wichita. Brother Lovalvo accompanied them.

Sunday morning Sunday School was devoted to singing hymns and several special numbers were given. We were especially pleased that everyone took part. Sunday afternoon meeting was turned over to Brother Lovalvo and our two young elders. We were very pleased with the lesson given by them and feel they are going to be a wonderful help to the St. John Mission.

At noon we enjoyed a picnic dinner in the park along with our brothers and sisters in Wichita. The wife of the young Mexican and her husbands cousin and their families were with us and we were pleased to have them.

Monday we spent the day in Alexander, Kansas. We stopped at the home of Brother and Sister Geckles and enjoyed once again their kind hospitality. They had a fine dinner prepared for us. After dinner a few others came and Brother Lovalvo explained the Bickerton organization to them. Brother Geckles said he told him things he had wanted to know for 40 years. We had prayer with them and one of the neighbor girls was very touched. She is a sweet girl. In the evening they visited Brother Earl Toland of the Utah Church and his family and had a nice visit there.

Rose and Sharon spent the day with Virginia Robinson and Leonard spent the day with Jack Ring.

Tuesday afternoon was spent vis-

iting among the saints. They also visited the young Mexican family and found her to be ill. She had wanted to come to the meeting that night but wasn't able. She asked Brother Lovalvo to anoint her. They really liked him. Tuesday evening it came time to say goodbye to Brother Lovalvo and Sister Virginia, Leonard, Rose and Sharon and Brother Anthony. The spirit of God was felt by all present when Brother Lovalvo gave his farewell sermon and we could hardly say goodbye.

May God bless Brother Joe and family as well as all our dear brothers and sisters in the gospel and may we be able to meet one another oftener and enjoy the fellowship and blessings of God together. We hope to see them all with us again next summer.

Sister Louise Robinson  
Sister Eva Sanders

#### PARLOR-LYNCH NUPTIALS

Brother Wilbert C. Parlor, presiding Elder of the West Elizabeth Branch of the Church, and Sister Elizabeth M. Lynch of Coshocton, Ohio were quietly united in marriage in the home of the groom's mother, Sister Sarah Ann Parlor, on Sunday afternoon August 29, 1948 in the presence of a few friends.

Neither the groom or the bride had any attendants. The ceremony was performed by the groom's uncle, Brother W. H. Cadman who is also a life-long acquaintance of the bride. Sister Elizabeth on both maternal and paternal sides of her ancestors, comes from pioneer members of the Church, likewise with Wilbert on the maternal side of his family. After the marriage was solemnized, the newly married couple attended the afternoon service in the Jefferson Church, and in the evening departed on a week's automobile tour. Best wishes to them for a long and happy life together.



#### NEWS

##### By Brother Cotellesse

We had an out-door meeting at Muncey, Ont. recently and baptized a Mr. Best of London, Ont. We had a fair day with two good meetings. This letter is dated August 24, 1948. He says: We were at the hospital in London last Sunday to visit Sister Seth who had been operated upon a short time ago. She is weak but is coming along very well. (Sister Seth is one of our faithful Lamanite sisters from Muncey, May the Lord bless her.) On last Sunday, I presume at Muncey, there was a young Belgium couple baptized during the day. Brother Cotellesse also informs me that they have started holding meetings in Jackson, Mich. at the home of Brother Evanson. We are glad to hear this news.

#### WYANO NEWS

Brother Editor: Enclosed you will find \$2.00 for a year's subscription for the most precious little paper in the world, the "Gospel News."

The little paper not only teaches us, but it also keeps us in contact with one another. It does another big job — helps in spreading the Gospel, this we all want to see.

Our hope and prayer is that this Gospel will go to the ends of the earth, and that it will be received with open hearts. May God bless us all that we may fully realize our share of responsibility in spreading this Gospel. My sincere prayer is that we may always be gilded by the spirit of God.

Sister Nina Angelo.

#### Washington's Prayer for the United States of America

Almighty God, we make our earnest prayer that thou wilt keep the United States in thy holy protection; that thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government: and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large. And finally that thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility and pacific temper of mind which were

the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant our supplication, we beseech thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(This prayer, which is reprinted and attached to George Washington's pew in St. Paul's Chapel, on lower Broadway, New York City, was derived from a circular letter written by General Washington on the disbanding of the army in 1783 and addressed to the governors of all the states.—Vox Pop Editor.)

#### MORMON'S WARNING WORDS

And now behold, I say unto you that when the Lord shall see fit, in His wisdom, that these sayings shall come unto the Gentiles according to His word, then ye may know that the covenant which the Father hath made with the children of Israel, concerning their restoration to the lands of their inheritance, is already beginning to be fulfilled. And ye may know that the words of the Lord, which have been spoken by the holy prophets, shall all be fulfilled; and ye need not say that the Lord delays His coming unto the children of Israel. And ye need not imagine in your hearts that the words which have been spoken are vain, for behold, the Lord will remember His covenant which He has made unto His people of the House of Israel. And when ye shall see these sayings coming forth among you, then ye need not any longer spurn at the doings of the Lord, for the sword of His justice is in His right hand; and behold, at that day, if ye shall spurn at His doings He will cause that it shall soon overtake you.



# THE GOSPEL NEWS

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## THANKSGIVING DAY

For many years it has been the custom with our Nation in the Autumn season after harvest-time to observe a day known as Thanksgiving Day and turn to God in which to praise the Great Giver for all His goodness and bountiful blessings to the children of men. And this year should not be an exception. This has been a year of full and plenty for all. While the threat of war is continually falling on our ears, and many homes are being broken-up with our young men taken to different places — yet we must not fail to be thankful, and continue to trust Him who has been so mindful of us all, and like the Psalmist say: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits."

On this day many have cause for gratitude only for the material benefits of life, nothing else; yet all of us should ever sing praises to God for all things and in everything give thanks. Let us with David in Psalms 116-12: ask ourselves this question: "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?" And answer as he did, Psalm 116-17, "I will offer thee, the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call upon the name of the Lord."

We have so much to be thankful for; when we think of our Pilgrim fathers in the year 1620 — as they landed here they were greeted with sleet, rain, and their vessels were weather beaten from the storms they had passed through — yet they knelt down and thanked God for their deliverance from the treacherous sea, and set a day aside to be observed each year by them in thanksgiving; for what? For home and freedom, to worship in their own way. Surely we should say: "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?" Not just to praise Him this day for natural blessings and happiness, and prosperity; but for that freedom of religion and the inner peace of heart, without which all is naught.

God's word is full of exhortations to praise Him—David says, "Praise the Lord all ye Nations: praise Him all ye people — Let

everything that hath breath praise the Lord."

So let us recognize with thanksgiving the Great Giver — and as we sit in the family circle this Thanksgiving Day with our loved-ones, enjoying fellowship and the good things to eat, may we not forget those less fortunate, who do not have freedom of home and religion — and give thanks always for all things both great and small, overlooking nothing and remembering always — to Praise God from whom all blessings flow, and let us give thanks. Sincerely, Sadie B. Cadman.

## "TEAM WORK"

By Brother M. H. Barnhart

Editor: During the depression years the Friends Service Committee Inc., started a project to try and help the destitute peoples of the coal fields. So in the year of 1937 the month of April, work was begun on this project. They took men of the mines, railroads and mills. Men of all nationalities and creeds and colors. Unskilled men as far as construction of homes goes. They had one Overseer, one Master carpenter and one Master stone mason. They banded them together and constructed 52 stone homes. Some 4-5-6 rooms. These unskilled men did all the work, streets, sewers, water mains, plumbing within the homes, wiring and landscaping.

The first family moved into his new home some two years later, (1939). At the end of eight years, each of the 52 homes were occupied. That is why I call it "team work."

Today this Homestead Site is commonly known as the "Garden Spot" of Fayette Co., Pa.

This slogan of "team work" brings to my mind the Ancients of old, in their efforts to organize and establish the Church, recalling Alma in his much labor and endeavors to organize the Church in his day. Also Nephi in the Book of Mormon. The Apostle Paul, Philip and the Ancients of old, coming down to this last dispensation to Brother Joseph Smith and his brethren, even down to Brother William Bickerton and his brethren,

how they laboured to organize this Church.

To me, it surely took team work being directed by the spirit and power of God to accomplish that which God has commanded. And so today we must have team work among us of the Church, to carry on the work which was begun by our Brethren of old. We find that without this team work in our Branches and Missions, neither functions very well (very true.)

LETTER FROM  
SISTER CONVERSE  
Ahsahka, Idaho

Dear Editor: I am sending a clipping of the death of my husband's brother, and some snapshots at the church and cemetery. It is a picture of the Indian Church and burial ground, in which they left us have the services in, also allowed us to bury in their burial ground. The Indians are friends of ours, and other white people are buried in their cemetery. We sent a car for Brother Robert Newby. He preached the funeral sermon, he is past 80 years old and walks with crutches. He knew the deceased, Tom Converse, since 1919. He did well in speaking, pointing out that he had given many "cups of cold water" and would be rewarded. The Indian Church is about 60 years old. It was from this Nez Perce tribe, that five men went long years ago to St. Louis, looking for the "white man's book of heaven." Only one returned, the others died on the way to or from the east. It seems too bad that this tribe, with their schools, churches and Council meetings, know so little of the Indians own "Book of Heaven," the Nephite Record or the Book of Mormon.

I have attended their church meetings and some of their revivals. I went to a Thanksgiving-Day doings with Indian friends at their Church in Kammiah, Idaho and was so delighted with their program, their fine singing, their cooking and their long table set in their house for the purpose, only a few rods from their Church. It was just fine and done in a serviceable way. Times were a bit hard, so each family brought some-

thing. They had salmon, wild meats as well as beef, sweet potatoes, celery, lettuce, huckleberries, pies, cakes, potatoes hot mashed, or in salads, etc. The way they fixed these things I will always remember. Squash is a favorite vegetable with them. (Sister Converse, the way you describe this dinner it makes me wish I was there, Brother Editor.) After the dinner was over they had speakers in one end of the house, and then a sale of things which were brought for that purpose. After that all went to the Church for service, and everybody was given a chance to join in the program. They have several such doings each year in Kammiah and other places, but seldom in Ahsahka as many of the Indians have moved away. They had the largest funeral ever held by the Nez Perce people from this Church for a returned soldier.

Today is the last day of August. I helped in our Saw Mill today. My husband sawed and an old man carried the boards and slabs from the saw. They call it "off bearing." We need many things, but when I read a letter in a Church paper I got hold of recently, the letter coming from Germany. We in the U.S.-A. have much to be thankful for. They have little, even of the bare necessities of life. The soap, shoes and other things they had received from the Church people, made them very glad. How happy they would be to have a home, a place as good as this old log-shack or cabin, so far away from the whine of the planes in early morning hours when all want to sleep. We have no trouble like that here, nor do we have to look at the ruins of war.

Saints, I send you all Greetings. I was so glad to hear from so many of you. I do not want to pass any one by. I have tried to answer you all that wrote to me. I am busy day and night, and fall asleep as soon as I take up a pen to write. Today I snapped beans by the saw mill while I kept fire under the boiler, and stopped the engine when hubby waved it to be done, turned in the water and shut off the injection as needed. Now I will say goodbye and may God bless you all. Sister Bertha Converse

(Editor's note: In publishing the above letter I have condensed it some, at the same time I believe I have given in a short way, the news contained therein. Sister Converse received a number of letters from the saints after her last letter was

published. She has answered some of them. The group in St. John which wrote to her, she is sure she answered, but was not sure of the address. She sends a picture of the Indian church and says, "This is the Church I had hoped you would be here preaching in some day, but unless the Lord moves upon the people and somebody, I suppose no Elder will speak there for some time." Elder Newby who preached this funeral sermon, is Brother Robert Newby of Stites, Idaho. Brother Costa and I ordained him some years ago. Brother Newby, I am glad to learn of you still able to go. May God bless you the remainder of your days. Brother Cadman.)

### "THE FIRST DOMINION"

By A. B. Cadman

"Oh thou tower of the flock, the stronghold of the daughter of Zion, unto the shall come the first Dominion; the kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem." Michah 4-8. This prophetic utterance you will notice, is pertaining to the last days when the Mountain of the House of the Lord, shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it (a spiritual exaltation.) Any many Nations 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 4-1,2.

I wish to draw your attention to the "first dominion." What is it? Where was it? How long did it last? Who was the tower of it's flock? And, why was it taken away? It was the first government of God on earth, given direct from God unto Adam, but was not exercised by him while in Eden. They needed no control as sin had not entered. Therefore by the foreknowledge of God, it was pre-arranged and ordained, and revealed to Adam, before he fell. So after the fall, what a terrible plight. How could he, in his then present state exercise dominion over every creature, when he had not yet mastered himself? In this great sorrow, the man and the woman began to repent; angels from heaven to earth was sent, revealing to them the plan of redemption, the atoning

blood — Christ the Infinite Man.

This is an everlasting dominion, without father, without mother, the holy order of the Son of God. Solomon said: Wisdom brought Adam out of his fall. He (Adam) then lived in this holy order about 930 years, and had dominion over every creature. He was the "Tower of the flock of the Ancient of Days."

The Ancient of Days or, the first Dominion, lasted about one thousand years. The first three in their order was Adam, Cain, and Abel. The latter excelled in doing well, not because of a birthright, but because of his obedience to the laws of God, upon which redemption is founded. Cain became jealous of his brother, God appeared unto Cain saying: "Why art thou wroth? Why hast thy countenance fallen? If thou doest well, thou shalt be accepted, and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door, and his desire shall be towards thee, and thou shalt rule over him." Cain could not retain his place as second in the Dominion, but he heeded not the council of God, and in his anger slew his brother and was cast off, and became the head of an evil Kingdom in opposition to the Kingdom of God. Antiquities state that each succeeding generation became more evil than the former, and among his (Cain's) posterity, is recorded the first polygamist union in the Bible. Lamach whose wives were Adah and Zillah. God had ordained that two become one flesh. "And Adam knew his wife again, and she bare a son, and called his name Seth, for God said she, hath appointed me another instead of Abel whom Cain slew. And Adam lived 130 years, and begat a son in his own likeness after his own image, and called his name Seth. Genesis 5-3.

And to Seth, to him also was born a son, and he called his name Enos: then began men to call on the name of the Lord. Genesis 4-26. Did not men call upon the name of the Lord before this? Yes they did, then why make mention of it at the time Enos came on the scene. We now have again the three, Adam, Seth, and Enos. I wish to draw your attention to the fact, that when Christ reigns the thousand years, there will be three, Christ, and one on His right hand, and one on His left; even Salome knew this and she made a request that it would be her two sons, But Christ answered her: "It is not mine to give, but it shall be given to THEM for whom it is prepared.



of my Father." Matt. 20-23.

Enos was born in the third century. God had commanded man to be fruitful and multiply, so we must conclude that there were many sons and daughters born. The historian, Josephus speaks of the many sons of Adam, and says: "It would be tedious for him to name them," implying of course that he could of done so. Josephus must of had access to records, in order to of named Adams sons. Moses refers to the sons of Adam to the number of the children of Israel. Deut. 32-7, 8. (12). "Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations; ask thy father and he will show thee, thy Elders and they will tell thee. When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance when He separated the sons of Adam, He set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel." Moses was addressing his people, just before he left them as they were about to go over Jordan into their inheritance in their Zion. According to the covenant made to Abraham 430 years before, divided unto the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel, headed by Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; likened unto the first dominion in the days of Adam, the Ancient of Days. The first and the last. Daniel saw Christ coming to the Ancient of Days, the last as it was, in the first. The divine order that never changes, given of God before the plans of men were even thought of.

Men corrupted themselves to the extent, that the true order of God was lost, but they have copied somewhat after this Holy Order throughout the ages, and the United States is a good example, somewhat likened to the original, with our President and Governors of states, elected by the people, and for the people to make laws, and to execute them for the benefit of all the people. Quite a contrast from Fascism, Nazism or Communism where the people are bound to a dictator, or be shot, imprisoned or taken as slaves to Siberia. The kingdoms of devils are trying to enslave men and destroy the good that is in the world. The devil knows what the Prophets have spoken concerning Zion of the last days, and if he can destroy the liberty and freedom of choice to elect and act with a free will, as a God given right to all men (not by force), then the world is doomed as in the days of Noah. But the

designs of God will not be frustrated, for He said: "His wisdom is greater than the cunning of the Devil."

What a wonderful age was the first Dominion, for it is written that Enoch walked with God for three hundred years, and the Historian Josephus says: that no evil befell them from the time they were born until they died. And the prophet Isaiah says of Zion of the latter days: they shall not hurt or destroy in all God's holy Mountain. Even the Lion and the Lamb shall lie down together, and John Wesley says: Oh what an age of golden days. What a contrast from the government of Cain, wherein each succeeding generation became more evil than the former one.

(To be continued)

#### "LETTERS FROM GERMANY"

(In response to a package of food sent by the Sabbath School of the Church in Monongahela, Pa.)

Saar bruchen  
Luesentaler, Saar.

We received your package on my daughters birthday, you can imagine how great our happiness. We were very surprised to get this package on her birthday. He that has everything, could not be so happy as we were. The poor cannot feel too much toward the loving God. A man thinks upon God in his need, unless he is a good man. Therefore may the loving God be with us. We need Him every moment of every day. We thank you that you have thought on us poor people. We shall think of you in our prayers. Franze Muller.

P.S. The Monongahela Branch of the Church has responded to the pleas of two different families in Germany. The following is a sample of one of the letters we have received. "Ober-Ramstadt, Darnsadt, Hesse, Germany. Mr. W. H. Cadman, 519 Finley St., Monongahela, Pa.

Dear Mr. Cadman: Read about your Body "Church of Jesus Christ" and take an intensive interest in it. In my utmost distress I come to you and implore you to help me. My family were forced to leave our home in the C.S.R. and lost all our goods and chattels. We are now homeless, abandoned, poor and driven to despair in the foreign Germany. All this distress is to us in spite of our documents proving that we were against this Nazi-Regime. We suffered endless

because we were during all these years faithful followers and worshipped our God. Now we are living in a famine and are starving and hungry. I read that American Bodies had sent food and etc., to Germany. Having no acquaintances in your country I dare to implore to your charitable heart to send for my starving family food etc. I would be very thankful to you.

Further we are most urgently in need of one watch because we all do never possess a single one. Perhaps is it possible by your goodness and collection to send us a plain one. We would be too poor a hand at expressing our feelings on paper.

Will you be so kind and publish this request in the churches of your body for I hope that there are good peoples which will send for my starving and hungry family food-stuffs and etc.

Thanking you in anticipation for your trouble in this matter. I hope to hear from you very soon. "MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND THE OTHER GOOD PEOPLES FOR EVER AND EVER." Sincerely yours,

Arnold Zenker.

(When this appeal came to us here in this Branch of the Church, we felt that we could not ignore it, neither did we have any desire to do so. We sent food through the organization known as "CARE." They delivered the goods and returned to us the receipt signed by the recipients. The Sisters Bible Class in our Sabbath School purchased a nice watch which was sent by registered mail, and we received a very nice letter, full of appreciation for the same. Godly people surely cannot ignore the supplications of poor hungry people, little children as well as adults. W.H.C.)

#### "THE DISCOVERY OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST."

To tell you of my discovery of "The Church of Jesus Christ" on earth, I have to relate to you a few things about my previous experiences. I have always been a lover of knowledge and wisdom, but I did not know anything about them, at that time. Therefore, I began to read books in order to learn what they were and how to find them. Evidently, at my amazing surprise, I soon discovered that the more I read, the more I enjoyed myself, in all the rivers of eloquence I found in them, for all the books

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thing. They had salmon, wild meats as well as beef, sweet potatoes, celery, lettuce, huckleberries, pies, cakes, potatoes hot mashed, or in salads, etc. The way they fixed these things I will always remember. Squash is a favorite vegetable with them: (Sister Converse, the way you describe this dinner it makes me wish I was there, Brother Editor.) After the dinner was over they had speakers in one end of the house, and then a sale of things which were brought for that purpose. After that all went to the Church for service, and everybody was given a chance to join in the program. They have several such doings each year in Kammiah and other places, but seldom in Ahsahka as many of the Indians have moved away. They had the largest funeral ever held by the Nez Perce people from this Church for a returned soldier.

Today is the last day of August. I helped in our Saw Mill today. My husband sawed and an old man carried the boards and slabs from the saw. They call it "off bearing." We need many things, but when I read a letter in a Church paper I got hold of recently, the letter coming from Germany. We in the U.S.-A. have much to be thankful for. They have little, even of the bare necessities of life. The soap, shoes and other things they had received from the Church people, made them very glad. How happy they would be to have a home, a place as good as this old log-shack or cabin, so far away from the whine of the planes in early morning hours when all want to sleep. We have no trouble like that here, nor do we have to look at the ruins of war.

Saints, I send you all Greetings. I was so glad to hear from so many of you. I do not want to pass any one by. I have tried to answer you all that wrote to me. I am busy day and night, and fall asleep as soon as I take up a pen to write. Today I snapped beans by the saw mill while I kept fire under the boiler, and stopped the engine when hubby waved it to be done, turned in the water and shut off the injection as needed. Now I will say goodbye and may God bless you all. Sister Bertha Converse

(Editor's note: In publishing the above letter I have condensed it some, at the same time I believe I have given in a short way, the news contained therein. Sister Converse received a number of letters from the saints after her last letter was

published. She has answered some of them. The group in St. John which wrote to her, she is sure she answered, but was not sure of the address. She sends a picture of the Indian church and says, "This is the Church I had hoped you would be here preaching in some day, but unless the Lord moves upon the people and somebody, I suppose no Elder will speak there for some time." Elder Newby who preached this funeral sermon, is Brother Robert Newby of Stites, Idaho. Brother Costa and I ordained him some years ago. Brother Newby, I am glad to learn of you still able to go. May God bless you the remainder of your days. Brother Cadman.)

### "THE FIRST DOMINION"

By A. B. Cadman

"Oh thou tower of the flock, the stronghold of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall come the first Dominion; the kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem." Micah 4-8. This prophetic utterance you will notice, is pertaining to the last days when the Mountain of the House of the Lord, shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it (a spiritual exaltation.) Any many Nations 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 4-1,2.

I wish to draw your attention to the "first dominion." What is it? Where was it? How long did it last? Who was the tower of it's flock? And, why was it taken away? It was the first government of God on earth, given direct from God unto Adam, but was not exercised by him while in Eden. They needed no control as sin had not entered. Therefore by the foreknowledge of God, it was pre-arranged and ordained, and revealed to Adam, before he fell. So after the fall, what a terrible plight. How could he, in his then present state exercise dominion over every creature, when he had not yet mastered himself? In this great sorrow, the man and the woman began to repent; angels from heaven to earth was sent, revealing to them the plan of redemption, the atoning

blood — Christ the Infinite Man.

This is an everlasting dominion, without father, without mother, the holy order of the Son of God. Solomon said: Wisdom brought Adam out of his fall. He (Adam) then lived in this holy order about 930 years, and had dominion over every creature. He was the "Tower of the flock of the Ancient of Days."

The Ancient of Days or, the first Dominion, lasted about one thousand years. The first three in their order was Adam, Cain, and Abel. The latter excelled in doing well, not because of a birthright, but because of his obedience to the laws of God, upon which redemption is founded. Cain became jealous of his brother, God appeared unto Cain saying: "Why art thou wroth? Why hast thy countenance fallen? If thou doest well, thou shalt be accepted, and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door, and his desire shall be towards thee, and thou shalt rule over him." Cain could not retain his place as second in the Dominion, but he heeded not the council of God, and in his anger slew his brother and was cast off, and became the head of an evil Kingdom in opposition to the Kingdom of God. Antiquities state that each succeeding generation became more evil than the former, and among his (Cain's) posterity, is recorded the first polygamist union in the Bible, Lamach whose wives were Adah and Zillah. God had ordained that two become one flesh. "And Adam knew his wife again, and she bare a son, and called his name Seth, for God said she, hath appointed me another instead of Abel whom Cain slew. And Adam lived 130 years, and begat a son in his own likeness after his own image, and called his name Seth. Genesis 5-3.

And to Seth, to him also was born a son, and he called his name Enos: then began men to call on the name of the Lord. Genesis 4-26. Did not men call upon the name of the Lord before this? Yes they did, then why make mention of it at the time Enos came on the scene. We now have again the three, Adam, Seth, and Enos. I wish to draw your attention to the fact, that when Christ reigns the thousand years, there will be three, Christ, and one on His right hand, and one on His left; even Salome knew this and she made a request that it would be her two sons, But Christ answered her: "It is not mine to give, but it shall be given to THEM for whom it is prepared.

hate him? And who is the instigator of hatred? And who is the inspirer of that great love which Joseph possessed for his brethren after many years of sojourn in Egypt? And who can say with certainty what kind of education Joseph had in those days? If not I?"

Then, all astonished and perplexed, I asked: Who are you and where do you come from? And the voice said: "I am Jesus Christ and come from heaven!" Instantly a shock as of electricity came through my body. I looked around and found myself in the bedroom knelt down, praying the Lord God for his blessing upon me.

This great visitation of the Lord instilled in me more love for the Gospel Restored. I opened the windows and saw the light outside, then I said to myself: "This is the Creation of God, for the beauty which Our God has created is indestructible to man! And after many prayers offered to the Lord Our God for His blessing and protection upon me, I was able, with His help, to overcome the power of darkness and get away from under the talons of Satan, and then I was baptized in the Church of Jesus Christ.

Now, after forty-nine months in the Church, I still feel willing to thank the Lord God for his goodness and above all for having taken me out of darkness and put me upon the Rock of Salvation, asking Him to give me strength to remain faithful till the end.

Brother Henry Berardi,  
Lockport, New York.

#### EXCERPTS FROM DOCTRINAL PAMPHLET, NO. 1

19th. We believe also that the fullness of the Gentiles will soon be brought in, and the Church or Kingdom of Christ will be taken from them and restored to Israel again, and the Gentiles will be punished for their disobedience.

20th. We believe in the restoration of Israel as it is spoken of by the Prophets: and that God will use man as his instrument for its accomplishment in this age, as he did in ages past: We believe also, that in order to bring about these events God must and will reveal His will to man as he did in days of old.

21st. We believe that God will employ this Church for that purpose. "Hear the word of the Lord, O ye nations, and declare it in the Isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him and keep him as a Shepherd doth his

flock." And again in Jeremiah 16th C. 16th v. "Behold I will send for many Fishers, saith the Lord, and they shall fish them: and after, I will send for many Hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks.

22nd. We believe also that blindness in part has happened unto Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles be brought in: and so all Israel shall be saved, as it is written, there shall come out of Zion the Deliverer and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob. See Rom. 11th C.

23rd. We believe that the Aborigines, or Indians upon this Hemisphere, are a part of Israel, Descendants of Ephraim and Manasseh, the Sons of Joseph, and that this land of America is theirs by an original God given right. Also that it is the land referred to by Jacob in Genesis 49th C. 22nd to 26th vs. inclusive as a land given of God to Jacob, and of Jacob to Joseph. Also that it is the land referred to by Moses when blessing the children of Israel before his departure from them, as the land of Joseph. See Deuteronomy 33rd C. 13th to 17th vs. It is the land referred to by Ezekiel 37th C., see 25th vs. Isaiah 33rd C., see 17th vs. Also 21st. v. and many more passages. In short, it is the land of restored Israel, where the Little Stone of Daniel will smite the image at the feet and bring about the wonderful results by him described.

24th. We believe the word of God, wherein he says, "He will write unto Ephraim the great things of his law and they should be counted as a strange thing." See Hosea 8th C. 12th v. We also believe that the book of Mormon, is that strange thing, or the great things of God's law to Ephraim, also that it contains a true record of the Gospel of Christ as given to the tribe of Joseph, by Christ in person after his resurrection, whom he recognized as the Sheep of whom he spake, that had to hear his voice, and become one fold and have one Shepherd. See John's Gospel, 10th C.

25th. We believe that the book of Mormon is the book spoken of by the Prophet Isaiah, 29th C. The same also that Ezekiel refers to in his book, 37th C., as the stick of Joseph in the hand of Ephraim.

26th. We would just state, that the book of Mormon has been shamefully misrepresented, and we desire every lover of truth to read it for themselves, as they cannot afford to rely on common report

concerning any matter connected with their soul's salvation. We hereby assure all men that it teaches nothing contrary to purity and sound doctrine, and is a history of the dealings of God with the Aborigines of this land. It also contains a vast amount of Prophetic matter of unlimited importance bearing upon the future. It is impossible for lovers of truth and virtue who are reasonably free from prejudice, to carefully peruse its contents without experiencing delight and satisfaction; or for persons who are soaked in greed, hypocrisy and sensuality, to do so without being maddened by its stinging reproaches of their character and conduct. It affords cold comfort for Polygamists or Bigamists or any such loathsome ulcers of society. Jacob, a former Prophet of the Lord of this land, writes as follows: Therefore, I the Lord will not suffer that this people shall do like unto them of old," (meaning David and Solomon with their many wives); "Therefore, my Brethren, hear me, and hearken to the Word of the Lord; for there shall not any man among you have, save it be one wife; and concubines he shall have none; for I the Lord delighteth in the chastity of women, and whoredoms are an abomination before me: Thus saith the Lord of Hosts." See book of Jacob, 2nd C. This is not the only instance by any means where Polygamy is condemned in the book of Mormon. The Almighty commanded Lehi, when he brought him to this land, positively against the practice of Polygamy. Old King Noah was condemned by Abinadi for the same offense. Riplakish is also condemned in book of Ether for the same abomination. Therefore, we believe that a man shall have only one wife and a woman but one husband, and base our faith especially upon the book of Mormon in this particular, and shall hereafter consider that persons, who so hastily condemn a book, that makes such declarations, thereby give evidence of their inclinations to the contrary.

#### PUT ON THE WHOLE ARMOUR

By J. D. Moraco, Detroit, Mich.

Paul speaks of putting on the whole armour of God and enumerates the different parts of armour which we should wear as soldiers of the Heavenly Kingdom.

In natural warfare soldiers are required to wear different types of

armour adapted to the nature of warfare in which they are engaged. In very early warfare, and no doubt in Paul's day, soldiers wore steel helmets which covered not only the head but also the face, iron vests, gauntlets, etc., many of which are now on exhibit in Art Museums throughout the country. Paul in speaking to those who had voluntarily enlisted themselves in the Army of God, called their attention to the fact that they needed to be armed with a spiritual armour which consisted of Faith, Hope, Love, Good Works, Kindness, Long-suffering, and a strong will and desire to be well disciplined soldiers. Willing to give their lives, if necessary, for the cause.

"We want no cowards in our band, who are afraid to die,  
For we, for we, don't think to yield,  
But for the victory we'll fight  
Or perish in the field.

Today, more than ever before, we as members of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ, must wear at all times the **WHOLE ARMOUR** of God; even the Shield of Faith, the Helmet of Salvation, the Sword of the Spirit and the Breastplate of Righteousness. Against such an armour the fiery darts of envy, pride, hate, malice, yes, the bullets of self-justification and fleshly desires will never be able to penetrate.

We (Elders) as officers of this spiritual army must at all times lead a well disciplined life to keep up the spiritual morale of those who look to us for guidance. We must mortify our members, and set a good example before asking them to do so. We must gain their confidence and keep it by becoming their servants. We must first train our spiritual hearing to the beat of the drum, the Holy Ghost, so that we may never be out of step spiritually and then teach our Brothers and Sisters to do likewise. We must keep our armour **CLEAN** before we inspect the armour of someone else. We must lead them in this battle against the fiery darts of Satan. Brothers, let's not be afraid to receive a wound ourselves, rather than suffer others to be wounded. Should any of them be wounded, our first aid should consist of gentleness, love and humble persuasion to return to battle with a new determination. Let's feel sorry for those that desert our army and pray for them that they might return. Should we have to court martial anyone for a wrong, let's give

them a just trial even as we would desire for ourselves, should we be brought to trial. Let's make the sentence a righteous one regardless of who it may be. When we salute one another, let's do it only in the Love of God.

Those who have just enlisted in this Heavenly Army and those of us who may have been recently promoted, let's remember to respect, love and honor, those who have fought many long and tough battles, I'm certain that they will in turn treat us in the same manner in which they once desired to be treated when they first enlisted.

When we get discouraged, let's not give-up! Rather let's remember that a Winner never quits and a Quitter never Wins.

May God bless us young and old that we may together fight a good fight and uphold the Faith.....After the battle we will wear a CROWN.

J. D. Moraco

#### HENDERSON-BURGESS NUPTIALS

By Ethel Henderson  
Windsor, Ont. Canada

Brother Otto Henderson, son of Brother and Sister Allan Henderson of Louis Ave., and Sister Dorothy Burgess, daughter of Brother and Sister Clifford Burgess of Joffre Place, were united in marriage in The Church of Jesus Christ, corner of Howard and Irvine Avenues, on August 14-48 at one o'clock p.m. Brother Robert Watson Jr., officiating.

Matron of honor Ethel Henderson, best man Douglas Henderson, brother and sister-in-law to the groom. Bridesmaids were Peggy Croppo, Olive Elyly, and Margaret Heaps. Ushers Bobby Burgess, brother of the bride, Jack Ford a cousin of the groom and Floyd Henderson a brother of the groom. Flower girl, little Elaine Watson. Ring bearer, little John Owen. A double-ring ceremony was performed.

A wedding dinner was served in the Olivet Baptist Church basement for eighty guests, and reception in the evening in the Ukrainian hall in Windsor. The service was a beautiful one and the Church was well filled with friends of the young couple. The newlyweds spent their honeymoon up north in Ontario, and are now residing at the home of the bride's parents, 378 Joffre Place, Windsor, Ont. We feel sure all will wish Otto and

Dorothy the best in every way. The Gospel News extends its best wishes.

#### BADIU-ROGOLINA NUPTIALS

By Ivy Fisher

A very pretty wedding took place in the Stelton Church. The marriage of Frances Rogolina to Anthony Badiu was solemnized on September 11-48.

Brother Patsy Rogolina gave his daughter in marriage, with Brother Rocco Ensana officiating. Brother Frank Rogolina was the best man, and Mary Stefana the bridesmaid. Many of the brothers and sisters were present at the wedding, and also at the bride's home where a wedding reception followed.

#### IMHOFF-VANCIK NUPTIALS

By Bertha Sommerville,  
Port Huron Michigan

A very pretty wedding was solemnized in The First Baptist Church in Ferndale, Michigan on Saturday evening Oct. 9th at 7:30 o'clock.

Miss Eleanor Ruth Vancik of Ferndale, the daughter of Brother and Sister Paul Vancik of Bentleyville, Pa., and Alfred Edgar Imhoff the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Imhoff, of Ferndale were united in marriage. Brother W. H. Cadman officiating.

The bride was given away in marriage by her father. Eula Elliot was maid of honor and Robert Mazade, nephew of the bride was best man. The reception followed immediately after the ceremony and refreshments were served in the Church parlor. About 150 guests witnessed this beautiful and impressive ceremony. There were relatives and friends from afar and near, all wishing the newlyweds a long and happy life together.

After the reception the couple left for a two-week trip to Denver, Colorado. On their return they will be at home 8140 Kenwood, Ferndale, Michigan in their lovely new home. Both are employed by the Burroughs Adding Machine Company.

Eleanor knowing Brother Cadman since childhood, made the request that he perform the sacred ceremony.

#### ROSS-DELUCA NUPNTIALS

At 2:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon, September 30, 1948 at the Church of Jesus Christ in West Aliquippa, Pa., Mr. Louis G. Ross

of near Aliquippa, Pa., son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo T. Ross, Senior and Miss Jennie DeLuca of Aliquippa, Pa., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis DeLuca, were united in marriage. A goodly number of relatives and friends witnessed the ceremony. Elder John Ross officiated. The vocalist was Mr. Max Burkett, a friend of the bride. Piano accompaniment was rendered by Miss Betty D'Antonio, a cousin of the bride. After a trip to Washington, D. C. the newlyweds have taken up housekeeping.

#### SOCIAL GATHERING TAKES PLACE AT INDIAN RESERVATION

On Sunday, September 26, 1948, we were privileged to have Brother W. H. Cadman with us who had come upon request of the Indian People at the Tonawanda Indian Reservation, who desired to hear him speak at their gathering. Brother Cadman spent the day with us in Lockport delivering some interesting addresses which were enjoyed by all present.

I then drove him and a few other brethren of Lockport, including my brother Sam from Rochester, N. Y., to the Reservation.

The meeting was opened at 8:15 p.m., in their usual manner with a number of Indian people present. Among them also were two Mormon Elders who are on Missionary Work and who reside on the Indian Reserve. After attending to some of the usual affairs, Brother W. H. Cadman was invited to speak. He enjoyed great liberty in introducing himself as well as the Church of Jesus Christ with which he is affiliated. Brother Cadman also read a verse of Scripture found in St. John's Gospel, 10th Chapter, 16th verse, having reference to the Seed of Joseph upon this land. The spirit of God bore witness while he spoke. Upon termination of his address, Mr. Clark Printup (Vice-President of the Community on the Reserve), called upon the rest of us brethren to speak. We each bore our testimony to the truthfulness of the Gospel. The Mormon Elders also bore their testimony. Refreshments were then served and a wonderful time was had by all. It is hoped that some good will shine forth from the seed that was sown.

Brother Paul D'Amico

#### NEWS FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.

Brother Editor: Enclosed find Money Order for \$14.00. Four of it

for the Church, and ten for the Indian Mission. This is money collected by our new Ladies Uplift Circle. We have held seven meetings so far, and have six members. We have had some very good meetings and have really been blest, with the exception of one meeting. Some big boys mocked us, meowed like cats, barked like dogs and finally they threw stones in the open-door. Surely old Satan was prevalent that night, however we continued our meeting.

It was so hot we could not close the windows and doors. Pray for our Ladies Circle, we enjoy it so much.

Sister Lydia Allen

#### NEWS FROM STELTON, N. J. By Ivy Fisher

The Stelton Mission was blessed by having visitors from New Brunswick, N. J. and Bronx, N. Y. They were Brother and Sister Mazzeo and daughter, and Brother and Sister Todaro.

Brother Mazzeo opened our service on the occasion and Brother Todaro followed him in speaking. An interesting lesson was given about the lame man who was carried daily to the gate of the Temple which is called Beautiful to ask of alms. Peter and John going together into the Temple, casting their eyes upon the man, stopped and said: Silver and Gold we have none, but told him in the name of Jesus of Nazareth rise up and walk. Immediately the lame man was healed. 3rd Chapter of Acts. We had a very good meeting.

In the afternoon meeting, Brother Todaro told of his experiences while in Italy and expects to return there in the near future, and he asks for our prayers. Many wonderful testimonies were given. There is nothing like a good spiritual meal and a healthy soul.

#### FRIENDLY WORDS From Pontiac, Mich.

Dear Brothers and Sisters of The Church of Jesus Christ: I have been a member of the Church for only a short time, but I have received many blessings and the spirit of Christ is with me. I have learned in that short time to love the Brothers and Sisters, for they have shown me much kindness. It helps me to carry my cross with a smile.

Because you think of others, in such a kindly way; you are always doing something, To brighten someone's day — May every touch of

gladness, And each friendly deed you do that brings happiness to others, Bring twice as much to you. Sincerely Mary A. Martin.

#### COMPLIMENT From California

Editor: Enclosed you will find a check for \$2.00 as a subscription for another year for "The Gospel News," the greatest little newspaper in the world. V. James Lovalvo.

#### LOCKPORT, N. Y. CHURCH FREE OF DEBT

Dear Brother Editor:

We wish to report to the Gospel News, that on October 8, 1948, the debt on the Lockport, N. Y. church building was completed. The Church was dedicated in March 1946, and it pleases us to inform all who are interested that a nice Church building awaits them at 339 Ontario Street, Lockport, N. Y.

May I say also that I have made two trips to the Tonawanda Indian Reserve since Conference and find that they are still interested in the Gospel Restored. We have made inquiry regarding holding some services there, and await their answer in the near future. May the Lord bless the souls of those Indian people to the extent that they might once more shine even according to the experience given by William Cadman Sr. in our "Religious Experiences and Expectations."

Paul D'Amico

#### IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Yesterday October 17, 1948 while discussing our lesson in First Cor. 5 — speaking of the influence our lives have over others — especially those close to us, the words of the Saviour came to me in Matthew 6, 23 "If the light that is within you is darkness how great is that darkness." If the light of the Gospel given to us is darkness and not a light to those around us, what a great responsibility rests upon us as followers of Christ. Jesus told His disciples, "Ye are the light of the world—Matt. 5, 14. He also says in Luke 11, 35 "take heed lest the light that is within you is not darkness."

We have been entrusted with the Gospel — how is our light? Does it shine all around to those nearest us, or is that light that has been given us, darkness to those we come in contact with? Jesus said in Matt. 5, 15 "Let your light so

shine that men may see your good works and glorify the Father which is in Heaven, May we appreciate the light that has been given to us and let our light shine for Him. Let the lower lights be burning, Send a gleam across the way ; Some poor fainting struggling seaman

You may rescue, you may save.

Sadie B. Cadman

#### MY CHILD'S HERITAGE: THE GIFT OF DIVORCE

By Clara W. Verner

Often I have wondered how children react toward divorce; so last evening I broached the subject to a close friend, never dreaming that she could talk from experience. Naturally, I shall not use her name, but the story is genuine.

"I am a child of divorced parents," she surprised me by saying. "I was eleven or twelve when they found a place for me. You see, I had to be in school, and had to be permanently cared for. My mother found a good Christian home for me. My father was to pay my room and board; and my mother, who was a dressmaker — not in a shop, just in her own home — was to provide my clothes.....My mother married again."

After a pause of heavy silence, she continued: "I'll never forget the first day my mother left me in this place to board.....The sun was setting in the west when she left. I remember shading my eyes against the sun, and watching her as far as I could see, bawling just as hard as I could bawl.....I cried so much of the time! The people were just as good to me as they could be.....but there simply isn't any substitute for your own mother and father. My heart was bleeding all the time."

Evelyn Wentworth is in her late forties, with a perfectly devoted family of her own now. My heart ached as I studied the sweet, gentle face, thinking what a precious mother she is — yes, and wife, too; so I couldn't resist asking, "Since you are older, do you think there could have been a way to salvage your mother's home?"

"I don't know. My father was very difficult — quick-tempered....I really think my father must have been a very badly spoiled child. He was the youngest of a large family, and had always had his own way. He never did get over it.....When my mother realized how much I was suffering, she did try again, for my sake — but it

didn't work."

"Do you think religion would have been the answer?"

"Oh, yes — I do," she answered emphatically. "Christianity solves most problems.....If they had been Christians, none of it would have been necessary. But neither of them was.....My mother became a Christian only a few months before she died"

"Is your father a Christian yet?" I ventured.

"No," she answered hopelessly. "He still is very difficult. I took care of him for two weeks — and, well, my husband just simply said I couldn't do it.....We have him in a good rest home. He has excellent care; the people are good to him. We go to see him about once a month. If we go oftener, he becomes discontent. Time stands still for him. He doesn't seem to know how long it is between visits. When I bring him to our house for a week end, he feels he has been there a long time. So I think it is best this way.....His pension takes care of him. I volunteered to furnish clothes and medication I didn't have to. It was voluntary on my part.....No, religion seems never to have penetrated his brain. When anyone mentions it, he says, 'Oh, I'm all right,' and that is that."

We paused to digest what had been said. Then she aroused herself to enquire, "Is there anything else you would like to ask? I don't mind answering.....There's nothing quite so terrible in the world, I think! Nobody can possibly understand, unless he has gone through it.....There's just nothing like it!"

I turned away stunned. In my heart I had visualized something of the sort, but to hear it firsthand, in words reflecting such agony — it shook me. What a heritage to leave a child! What an old age to reap!

(Taken from Herald of Holiness)

#### SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE

(Church and State Newsletter)

In June, North Dakota, by a majority of 11,483 in a very large turnout of the voters, administered the Roman Catholic Church a decisive defeat. The Catholic effort was to keep religious garbs on 75 nuns teaching in the public schools. The referendum was not inaugurated by citizens with a view to imposing a religious test upon anyone holding public office but for

the sole purpose of ousting sectarian influence from the public schools. The bishop's action in decreeing that the nuns may continue by changing their garb is unobjectionable, provided that the new garb is not distinctly religious, that the nuns are duly qualified to teach, and that they pay income tax as do all non-Catholic teachers. If these conditions are not fulfilled, a mere technical sidestepping of the citizens' vote will not suffice.

The New York Times, July 17, 1948, on page 28, publishes an article to the effect that Catholics wish to train a million or so for the armed forces by their own officer units under some war veteran plan. Dr. Clyde R. Miller of New York at once addressed a letter to President Truman protesting that this indicates that a group in America, under the influence of a foreign power (the Vatican) with possible undisclosed aims, could utilize this force for private ends, even to subversive purposes. In any event the Catholic undertaking is plainly a violation of the Constitutional provision for Separation of Church and State.

#### A POEM

By Sister Annie Nastasia

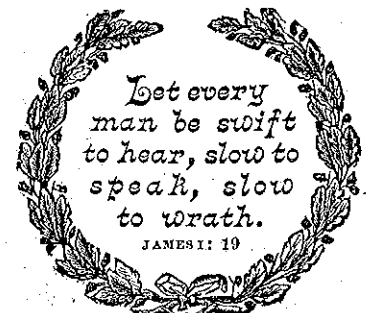
There is a sunbeam shining for me,  
Shining for me today;  
O, may it shine so I can see  
The darkness of my way.

My way is sad, dark and dreary  
My strength is not so much;  
All the way I fear and am weary,  
And I with pain am touched.

My path is rough as I go through,  
I stumble here and there;  
My Lord who is so good and true  
Comes quick with tender care.

Although the clouds hang low and dark

Which hides the sun from me  
But a sunbeam the clouds do part  
And shines upon me free.





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## THE CHRISTMAS STORY

There's a story, oft' repeated, of  
the birth, long, long, ago,  
Of a babe, born to a virgin, who  
was pure as driven snow;  
And though it's been told and re-  
told, 'til it echoes in my heart...  
Still I must once more narrate it,  
not in full, but just in part.

Born a Prince, tho' few believed  
it; many could not understand  
How the child of lowly parents  
could both heav'n and earth com-  
mand.

But the wise men of the Orient,  
seemed to know, as wise men  
do...

That the right are not the 'many,'  
but have always been the 'few.'

So they travelled thru the darkness,  
(that their eyes might see the  
Light);

With a brilliant Star to guide them,  
thru the perils of the night.

Then at long last they beheld Him,  
where the lowly beasts had lain,  
With no silken cloth about Him,  
for the ways of God are plain.

Gifts, they brought to Him, of  
Myrrh, and of frankincense and  
gold.

But the gifts, by far, most treas-  
ured, were their hearts, and love  
untold.

And then, suddenly the voices, of  
the Angels, chorused in:

"Glory unto God, the Highest,  
Peace on Earth, good will to-  
ward men."

Catherine Poma  
San Diego, Calif.

## THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

The world celebrates the birth-  
days of many important men. How  
much more fitting at this time of  
the year, to turn our thoughts to the  
strange and miraculous birth of the  
only begotten Son of God; our Lord  
and Saviour. Who was born to be  
"a light to the Gentiles and the  
Glory of Israel."

What a great honor was bestow-  
ed upon Mary, that she was chosen  
of all the women of that time to be  
the Mother of Christ. The Angel  
expressed it better than any thing  
we could say, "Thou art highly  
favoured the Lord is with thee:  
blessed art thou among women."

Luke 1-28. And later when Mary  
visited her cousin, Elizabeth also  
said, filled with the Holy Ghost,  
"Blessed art thou among women."

So it came to pass that the Son  
of the God who created all things,  
was born in such a humble way  
and found by shepherds lying in a  
manger.

Truly God is no respecter of per-  
sons or wealth. No king and queen  
on the earth was intrusted with the  
care of this Babe; but Joseph and  
Mary, poor in material things, were  
found worthy to receive him. A  
stable not a palace was his birth-  
place but surely the hosts of heav-  
en sang on this glorious occasion;  
and wise men led by the star of  
the east, rejoicing greatly brought  
him precious gifts, fell down and  
worshiped. Perhaps the custom of  
giving presents to those near us  
came about from this act of the  
wisemen. We cannot bear him gifts  
in our hands but we can worship  
as they did.

It is wonderful according to  
our faith, that we can believe the  
righteous upon this land America  
also received the sign of his com-  
ing as told them by the prophet  
Samuel. "There shall be one day  
and a night and a day, as if it were  
one day and there were no night;  
and this shall be unto you for a  
sign; for ye shall know of the rising  
of the sun and also of its setting;  
therefore they shall know of a sure-  
ty that there shall be two days and  
a night; nevertheless the night  
shall not be darkened; and it shall  
be the night before he is born." Helman 14-4.

Among other signs was a new  
star, perhaps the same star that  
shone over Bethlehem; and it was  
propheesied long before that there  
would come a star out of Jacob.

There was great rejoicing among  
the Nephites and Lamanites who  
believed when these signs came to  
pass; they knew their hopes had  
not been in vain. Many of the wick-  
ed repented when they saw the ful-  
fillment of the prophecy.

For nearly 2000 years the Chris-  
tian world has remembered His  
birthday at this season of the year;  
praising Him with song and prayer,  
reading again of the first Christ-  
mas. All man kind should rejoice  
that "God so loved the world, that

he gave his only begotten Son,  
that whosoever believeth in him  
should not perish but have ever-  
lasting life." John 3-16. We should  
thank God constantly that Christ  
came into the world to redeem all,  
who would keep his command-  
ments, from the fall of Adam.

Surely if we loved one another  
even as he has loved us, then his  
coming would have brought "Peace  
on the earth, good will to men" in  
all the world.

Martha Kelly, Greenville, Pa.

## THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

"It is more blessed to give than  
to receive." How often we have  
heard that quotation and yet how  
true it really is, especially at  
Christmas time. Many of us think  
of Christmas as a time for rejoic-  
ing, of merrymaking, and of eating  
all the good foods that mean Christ-  
mas is here. We never stop to  
think why Christmas is celebrated.  
The real reason is because the  
most beautiful gift the world has  
ever known was given to us on that  
day of days. That gift was Christ,  
the "King of Kings" and the  
"Prince of Peace."

We should be thankful in this rich  
land of ours for none of us have  
ever known the pangs of hunger,  
or the lack of sufficient clothing in  
freezing weather as many people in  
foreign lands have known. Truly  
Christmas is a wonderful time, a  
blessed time, when the spirit of  
giving dominates all other thoughts  
and when all the peoples of the  
world should have an all embrac-  
ing love and good will toward their  
fellow men. Whether it is called  
Noel by a Frenchman, or Weih-  
nacht in Germany or Natwita in  
Italy or just plain Christmas by an  
American, real reason behind its  
celebration needs no explanation  
beyond the miraculous presentation  
to us all — the gift of Christ the  
Lord to all the peoples of the  
earth.

Anita Colagiovanni  
Monongahela, Pa.

## CONFERENCE

### IN YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

On Saturday morning October 2,  
1948, the quarterly conference of  
the church met at Youngstown,  
Ohio church Building. The morn-

ing, afternoon and evening sessions were opened to elders only. Quite a number gathered together for the occasion, including President W. H. Cadman and both his Counsellors, Charles Ashton and Joseph Dulisse. The three 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. After much pro and con a vote was taken which resulted in dropping the matter. Other items of business were as follows: we have eliminated January Conferences and to hold only three conferences a year (April, July, October) and that business sessions of July and October conferences be opened to the Priesthood only and Sunday meetings opened for all. All future April conferences, both business sessions and Sunday meetings, will be open to all members, also in the future no meals will be served on Sunday in conferences, there will also be only one meeting held on Conference Sundays. A motion was passed in this conference that we forbid all wedding celebrations on the sabbath day. Our evening session came to a close with a very appropriate hymn (Going Home). I will also say that the Youngstown Sisters served a very nice lunch to us at recess times during the day.

Owing to the expected crowd on Sunday, our meeting was held in the Auditorium of the Chaney High School Building. A very accommodating building, and where we have met many times in Conferences. The morning session of the service was introduced by Brother John Dulisse of Detroit, Michigan, who delivered a very eloquent and inspiring talk, relating a history of the background of his entrance into the church and also introducing the background of the Apostle Paul.

Brother John Mancini spoke next and gave a very wonderful talk on the Gospel of Christ, telling us that not everyone who says Lord, Lord, shall enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but he whose life, when it is placed into the Great Laboratory of God and is analysed, come up to the specification of the requirements of the order of which He gives for the stature of His real followers.

Brother Joseph Loyalvo also

gave a wonderful talk on the same subject, a good feeling being brought into our service. Brother William H. Cadman gave the concluding remarks exhorting one and all of us that, as Paul said, "if I build again the things I once destroyed, I make myself a transgressor," hence let us who have found the narrow way so walk in it that we may be the light of the earth to those who are in darkness. Sang Hymn No. 455, "On the Other Side." Meeting closed with prayer by Brother Samuel Kirschner.

P.S. Please take Note: While there will be no Conference in January 1949, all Branches are to send in their quarterly contributions as usual.

### MR. TRUMAN RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT

By W. H. Cadman

I wish to relate or rather write an experience which I had during the week preceding the recent election-day. Prior to this occasion, I had paid very little attention to the campaign, but during this week, President, Truman and Governor Dewey both spoke in the same evening at different places, and I listened to each one of them. But before I go any farther, I do not wish this article to be taken as a departure from Righteousness to Politics, for such is the remotest thing from my mind. It is my experience, I wish to convey.

After listening to these two candidates at the aforementioned time, my mind was much troubled — the ordinary person would not know how to cast his ballot. My wife had retired and it was getting late, but with a troubled mind, I went into our front-room by myself, and went down on my knees and implored God on behalf of the conditions in this fair land of ours. I did not pray for either of the men, but I talked to the Lord in prayer, even as one man talks to another. I expected to be, and was in the state of Kentucky on election day on religious duties, and therefore lost my right to cast a ballot.

As I have said, my mind was troubled. I told the Lord that at best, we here in this world are only mortal, and our minds much limited. I also reminded Him that His knowledge knew no bounds, all things were naked in His sight. I ask Him in effect; that in electing a man as President of our country, that His "will" be done and not

mine. My feelings were that His will would be done. I arose from my knees with my mind at ease. While in Kentucky as I listened to the election returns, I remarked that the election of Mr. Truman was a MIRACLE. I believe I am safe in saying: that there is no precedent in our history in such an unexpected victory, apparently there was no chance of victory for Mr. Truman. Two prominent men bolting his party, the Press was against him, the poles that were taken gave him no encouragement. In fact it looked like a walk-over for Mr. Dewey. It was a foregone conclusion that Mr. Truman was beat. It seemed that everybody was against him, but evidently the people were not.

Let me ask all Christian people: Do you really believe that God is the same today as He once was? Was there ever a more perilous time in the history of our Nation than today? Let me answer: according to my Bible, God is still the same. He has not abdicated His Throne. He still rules, and I read in my Bible: "that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will." And again I read: "and all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and He doeth according to His will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay His hand, or say unto Him, What doeth Thou?" I will add that I do not know President Truman, nor any of the candidates that was running for the office, but I firmly believe that the will of God is evident in the re-election of Mr. Truman. In rising from my knees on the occasion mentioned, my feelings were, that Gods will would be done. Let us all remember that God is not a respecter of persons, and sin is the transgression of a law. Our Motto is Freedom and Liberty, but if we take liberty to transgress the laws of God, we shall pay the penalty thereof. Free speech is a wonderful privilege, but who will dare say: that it has not been terribly abused here in America? In the liberties we take, we should treat others as we would like to be treated.

### DIVINE FELLOWSHIP

By Brother Oron Thomas

Divine Fellowship: Is there anything more agreeable and stimulating than fellowship in our homes or in the Church? There is nothing

more delightful than fellowship.

Peter and John were put in prison after Peter had healed a man who had been lame since birth. They were released the next day after appearing before the Sanhedrin, because the priests had seen the result of the miracle, and were afraid to detain them longer. However, they were told not to preach Christ any more, but they refused to yield.

Peter began to talk to the people, telling them that God had made that same Jesus whom they had crucified, both Lord and Christ. These people may have said, away with Him crucify Him, but their conscience was pricked, and they said to Peter: men and brethren what shall we do? Peter said unto them, repent and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you and your children, and to all that is afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. Many other things Peter told the people, begging them to save themselves from this untoward generation.

Many accepted his invitation, and were baptised. As many as three thousand souls, and they continued steadfastly in the Apostles doctrine and fellowship, and breaking of bread and prayer. They sold their possessions and goods and parted them to all men, as every man had need. This newly people must of felt this fellowship, for they continued daily with one accord in the temple and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart. Praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the Church daily such as should be saved. What a fellowship, what a joy divine!

Paul in his letter to the Ephesians, pleads with them to live the kind of lives that would preserve this fellowship. He writes, "I therefore the prisoner of the Lord beseech thee that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherein ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness with long suffering, forbearing one another in love. Endeavoring to keep the unity of spirit in the bond of peace."

#### A TRIP TO KENTUCKY

By W. H. Cadman

On October 29th Brother and Sister Joseph Bittinger of near

Uniontown, Pa. and Brother W. H. Cadman left home for a visit with our folks at Nortonville, Ky. We arrived there the next day at 4:30 p.m., and found Brother and Sister Parrott, also Sister Raynal all very well. We stayed there until the next Friday morning, and held meetings in their home in the evenings. On this trip we encountered wet weather, the results were, we did not have much outside attention at our services. We had meetings about every night, and we enjoyed ourselves therein. Brother Parrott is employed as a "timberman" in the mines at Nortonville. We were royally treated in his home, and we felt that our visit was reviving to them, and may the Lord continue to bless them.

Leaving there on the morning of Nov. 5th in a heavy down-pouring rain, we traveled all day until 9:30 p.m., when we arrived at the home of Sister Lynch at Coshocton, Ohio, a distance of 458 miles from where we started.

We stayed all night at the Lynch home and held a meeting with them the next day. Sister Lynch has now entered her 90th year, and still gets around very well in their home. She is one of the oldest members in the Church today. Her son Cochran and daughter Elizabeth are still at home caring for their mother. We arrived back in Monongahela at about 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 6th. We had a very pleasant trip all-told, with the exception of the wet weather.

#### "EXCERPTS"

From Doctrinal Pamphlet No. 1

17th. We believe there has been a gross and wide-spread apostacy amongst men from the true order and doctrine of the early Church as set up by the Saviour. Few Scriptural subjects are treated of more extensively in the sacred word, and to make anything like a comprehensive statement of the matter would be an extensive task. We refer the reader to several very pointed passages on the subject. See Isaiah 24th Chapter. Acts 20th Chapter 29, 30. Second Thess., 2nd Chapter. First Timothy 4th Chapter, and Second Timothy, 3rd Chapter, also 4th Chapter, and Second Peter 2nd Chapter.

18th. We believe that this Apostacy from the true Gospel was so widespread complete and general, that man himself was utterly unable to provide a remedy, and we recognize all efforts at reformation as utter failures to reproduce

even a faint resemblance of the duties and privileges of the ancient Saints or the order and excellence of the Church as established by the Saviour. We will further state that we know of no Scripture that in the least degree intimates that a reformation of the Gospel and Church of Christ ever would take place from the aforestead Apostate condition. The Scriptures however do foretell a restoration of the Gospel of Christ in the latter ages of time, in the hour of God's Judgments. See Rev. 14-6, 7. "And I saw another Angel 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 water." We should all remember that in the time of John, there is no doubt of the true Gospel then existing, and that he saw in visions occurrences of future times, it necessarily follows then that this Scripture foretells the restoration of the Gospel by an Angel calling back mankind from erroneous religion to the worship of the true God, and announcing the hour of God's judgments, reminding people that worship a God without body, parts or passions of the necessity of contrasting him with that God, who is the author of this vast creation. The next Angel that John mentions declares that Babylon is fallen and thereby clearly locating the period of these occurrences. Can any man or Minister withstand the application of the foregoing Scripture? I say they cannot, and I dare them to try.

#### A TRIP WEST

By Florence Catena

Brother Editor: My two weeks vacation will certainly not be forgotten! I spent a short time in New Jersey visiting a few of the saints, and was treated wonderfully. I attended Sunday services in Stelton and felt it was a day well spent. After the afternoon service, Sister Elsie and I left for Erie, Pa., where we spent one evening with Brother and Sister Mancini, enjoyed our visit with them very much. The following day we left for Coal Valley, Pa.

The evening we arrived at Brother and Sister Ashton's home, a

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## EDITORIAL

Please Take Note: We have now completed the printing of the second thousand of the Church histories. We are anxious to move some of them so as to give us more room for other literature. Prices on everything is soaring these days, but the old price (\$2.50) still remains on our history. My suggestion is, that the G.M.B.A. purchase a quantity of these books, and place them in various libraries. Also the various Locals of the M. B. A. do likewise. This will not only replenish our Book Fund, which of course is needed, but it will be getting our literature before the public. The Niles Mission recently placed a History and a Book of Mormon in the McKinley Memorial Library at Niles, Ohio. We have also our various publications placed in the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. Will the Missionary Benevolent Association do what they can in this matter so as to help the Church out in the printing of our literature? Anyone wishing to make a Christmas gift to a friend, buy a Church History.

The Monongahela Branch of the Church started services last night (Nov. 21), which will continue throughout the week of the Thanksgiving Holiday. Also on Thanksgiving Morn, a before-breakfast prayer service will be held, beginning at seven o'clock, and lasting from one to two hours. The Glassport Branch is going to hold a Thanksgiving service at 9:30 a.m. Before another issue of this paper is published, Christmas and the New Year's Day will have passed on. The Gospel News wishes the best for all it's readers. Don't forget to make some of your friends happy by giving them a gift: A subscription to this wonderful little paper.

Editor.

group of the saints from Glassport came over — we spent a delightful evening singing hymns.

On Thursday morning, October 21st — Brother and Sister Ashton, Elsie Miller and I left for St. John,

Kansas. We stopped evenings as Sister Elsie did all of the driving — she did a good job of it too.

We arrived in St. John on Saturday evening and found the folks waiting anxiously for us. There was a nice gathering on Sunday. We enjoyed the meetings to the fullest extent — the spirit and blessing of God was felt by all. I would like to add that St. John has some wonderful singers. The brothers and sisters from Wichita were there and also Sister Connie Buccellatto from Detroit was present with her little boy. We were much pleased to have the opportunity to visit the homes of all the saints — we were treated wonderfully.

We had the privilege to view Zion's Valley, and Brother William Bickerton's grave. Tuesday evening we had another nice gathering in the Church — Brother Ashton gave an inspiring talk on discernment. At the close of the service we sang "Going Home." God's very presence seemed to be in our midst.

Wednesday morning we left for Wichita to spend a little time with Sisters Jones and Wergin. After a lovely dinner we headed for home. We stopped at Nauvoo and Carthage, Ill. Joseph Smith's Homestead is certainly situated in a pretty location overlooking the Mississippi river. Previous to this we passed through the Ozark Lakes — it is a very pretty sight. Saturday evening October 30th we were back in Coal Valley, Pa. Sunday morning we attended Church in Glassport, enjoyed a good meeting and felt happy to see so many of the saints.

Sister Elsie remained for another day, but I left for home on Sunday afternoon. However, before leaving a group of the young folks gathered at Brother Ashton's home and we spent a little time singing hymns — God surely did pour out His blessings upon us.

Our trip was a perfect one — we are thankful to God that He gives us the privilege to meet with the saints from various places.

We are very sorry we did not have the opportunity to visit you while in Pa.

## ANNIVERSARY

Nov. 4, 1948 the Ladies Uplift Circle of West Elizabeth, Pa., met in the home of Sister Ashton in Coal Valley, Pa. This was the 16th Anniversary of our Circle, and the ninth anniversary for the Coal Valley Circle. Sisters from Glass-

port, Dravosburg, and Sister Vina Cadman from the Monongahela Circle, and some of the brothers and friends met with us.

Meeting was opened by singing "Tell Me the Story of Jesus" and with prayer, and followed by singing "Jesus Took My Burden." Opening remarks were made by Sisters Skillen, and Ashton. The West Elizabeth Circle sang a hymn composed by Sister Elizabeth Davidson, titled "Come To the Circle" and sang to the tune of "Come To the Supper." A group of young sisters sang a selection for us. Sister Wilson read the 80th Psalm which was followed by singing "Turn Us Again Lord." Sister Ali gave a report of the Glassport Circle, Sister Vina Cadman gave a report of the Monongahela Circle. Mrs. Evans of Dravosburg spoke of how she enjoyed to be present with us, Sister Mabel Bickerton sang us a beautiful hymn, titled "Precious Lord Take My Hand" and "Lead Me Home." Sister Gertrude Little gave a report of the Coal Valley Circle, and others gave reports of their various Circles.

The Brethren that were present were given an opportunity to speak. Brother A. B. Cadman gave us an encouraging talk concerning our help to the Church. Brother Schuster bore his testimony relating that through the prayers of the Sisters, he obeyed the Gospel. Brother Ashton gave an interesting talk of his trip to St. John, Kansas and other places; which was enjoyed by all present.

There was a good attendance of brothers and sisters at our Anniversary meeting, and the time was well spent in the service of God. The meeting was dismissed with prayer by Brother A. DiBattista. A lunch was then served, and an offering was given which will be placed in the Indian Missionary Fund.

Sec. Clara Stevens.

## MAREK-CASTEEL NUPTIALS

John W. Marek son of Mr. and Mrs. John Marek of Charleroi, Pa., and Ruth E. Casteel the eldest daughter of Mrs. Freda Casteel of Naomi, Pa., were united in marriage in The Church of Jesus Christ, Monongahela on November 18th., in the presence of many friends gathered for the occasion. Brother B. Teman Cherry officiating. The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr. George Lint. The bridesmaid was Jean Chalfant of Fayette City, Pa. The best man was John E.

Swartz of California, Pa. Soloist, Julia Juggheens of Charleroi, while Mrs. Sara Vancik was at the piano. The church was beautifully decorated with ferns and flowers for the sacred occasion. A reception was held at the home of the bride, after which the young couple left on a wedding trip to Miami, Florida. The Gospel News extends its best wishes to the young couple for a long and happy life together.

#### SISTER ANGELINE CORRADO PASSES ON

The passing of Sister Corrado has brought sorrow to all who knew her. Her devoted life to her Redeemer and the untiring efforts she manifested in church work will long live in the minds of those near and dear to her. At the early age of 13, she embraced the Gospel and she has fondly cherished that good thing which the Lord planted in her heart.

Her greatest ambition was to promote peace and happiness into the lives of persons young and old. To her family, Sister Corrado was a dutiful wife and a faithful mother, and a loving Sister. She will be missed by all, but the glorious hope which the Gospel brings, should lessen over-much-grief by the assurance of meeting again where parting will be no more. She was a little short of being 42 years old. May the Lord comfort those near and dear to her, and enable them to follow in her footsteps, that their end may be like unto hers. She leaves her husband, Brother A. A. Corrado, and two daughters, Irene and Amelia and many friends to mourn her loss. Funeral services were conducted by Brothers Samuel Kirschner and Charles Ashton from our Church on South Forest St., Youngstown, Ohio.

#### THE PRE-EMINENT CHRIST By W. B. Walker (Herald of Holiness)

The Apostle Paul said, "That in all things He might have the pre-eminences" Col. 1:18. There have been many eminent men since the beginning of time, but there has been but One who was pre-eminent. Edward Hale says, "Personality is the greatest thing in the world." Jesus is the greatest Personality that the world ever has known. Renan said, "Whatever the surprises of the future may be, the character of Jesus Christ will never be surpassed." Men are constantly in search for heroes who are with-

out blemish; but in all the millenniums there has been but One of whom it could be written, "No fault in Him." Well has one exclaimed, "It would take a Christ to make a Christ. However high men may climb, Jesus is still above all." "His name is above every name."

Christ is pre-eminent in creation. Paul says, "For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth . . . he is before all things and by him all things consist." He is the creator of the universe — all things, visible and invisible — of all things that had a beginning. And He is prior to all creation. He is the Preserver and Governor of all things — for by Him all things consist. The mountains are His majestic thoughts, and the flowers His beautiful thoughts.

Jesus is pre-eminent in nature. Are you a student of the rocks? Miller says, "You study will lead you to the Rock of Ages." Are you a student of flowers? Gray says, "You can't help finding the Rose of Sharon." Are you an astronomer? Herschel says, "He who watches the stars cannot miss finding the Star of Bethlehem." Are you a zoologist? Then, "All roads through zoology lead to the Lion of the tribe of Judah." Truly, He is pre-eminent in nature, and over nature. He spoke to the wild and restless waves of the ocean, and they took their rest. He winged His flight to the skies from Olivet, when gravity was tugging at His skirts.

The Master is pre-eminent in history. He is before all things, and by Him all things consist. History is really His history. Where is the historian who could leave the Christ out? One could as easily write an astronomy and leave the sun out, or geology and leave the rocks out, or a botany and leave the flowers out, as to attempt to write a history and leave Christ out. Herodotus has been called the Father of History, but Christ is the true Father of History. "In the beginning was the Word." Life was not bound on the one side by the manger and on the other by a cross. His life was bounded by the boundless circle of the Eternal; it reached from everlasting to everlasting. With his pierced hands He broke time into two pieces — B.C. and A.D. All history before Him converged toward Him, and all history since Him diverged from Him.

He is pre-eminent in art. The great painters of the world are Christian painters. The great pictures of the world are Christian pictures. What is art without Raphael, Michelangelo, and Rubens? Their great paintings are — "The Annunciation," "The Transfiguration," "The Resurrection," and "The Ascension." Christ is the center of them all. Take Christ out of the art galleries, and there would be nothing left but bare walls and empty pedestals. He is the background of every art gallery and the hidden image of every immortal marble.

Our Lord is pre-eminent in music. Over His manager-cradle the angels broke out in mighty song. When the first stars sang together, it was about Him they sang. The song that fills all heaven is the Song of the Lamb. Musicians tell us that in every musical composition there is a unity note. Christ is the unity note of the worlds most sacred music. The immortal compositions are Handel's Messiah, and Haydn's Creation. Then there is also the Mount of Olivet, The Ascension, and the Last Judgment by other composers. When Handel linked his name with Christ, he found himself linked to immortality. Long after Alexander the Great and Napoleon Bonaparte are forgotten, Wesley's "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," Toplady's "Rock of Ages," and Adam's "Nearer, My God, to Thee" will be sung by the millions around the world. Christ is the keynote of the music that lives.

Christ is pre-eminent in redemption. Lincoln's name stands for freedom, Bacon's for philosophy, Milton's for poetry, and Stuart's for royalty—but Christ's stands for redemption. "Thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins." "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief." "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: in whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins." "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate." There is but one way to be saved from all sin, and that is through God's provided redemption — Jesus Christ, the pre-eminent One.

He is pre-eminent over death. One philosopher said, "I have taught men how to live," but Christ has taught men how to die. He alone broke through the casket and made two openings — out as well as in. He said, "Because I live, ye shall live also." "I am the resurrection, and the life." Jesus was arrested in the olive grove and rushed to the trial of cruel mockery; He was dragged through the streets of Jerusalem, and He trudged up the hill to Calvary. Hell rejoiced because the plan of the ages was apparently defeated. But the voice of the prophet came ringing across the centuries, "He shall not fail!"

So amid the darkening sun, and the shuddering of nature, the Master said, "It is finished." The glorious plan of redemption was finished. Our Lord went into the dark domain of the grave—He tasted death for every man. On the third morning He arose triumphantly from the darkness of the tomb. "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore." Glorious resurrected Christ, who sweeps onward and upward forever! Blessed pre-eminent One!

#### THE INFLUENCE OF ONE LIFE

Millions have perished in war and terror.

We survive.

Millions are homeless.

We are sheltered.

This night in all the world, for every man well nourished, three are hungry.

We are fed.

The world's abundance should have blessed mankind with homes, health, and competence. Instead, it has been used to destroy all these—to breed pestilence, misery, and poverty.

The finger of the bitter past points to a bloody page . . . "and we shall meanly lose or nobly save the last best hope of earth."

Each life is tested by its answer to the question first asked in the worlds beginning: — "Am I my brother's keeper?"

One Life was lived in answer. By all the formal measurements of greatness it should have failed. 'Twas such a little span of years in such a far-off lonely little land.

He was born in a village stable. No birth could be lowlier, hence none need despair because of lowly birth. Possessed of profound wisdom. He had but meager edu-

cation. None, therefore, need despair for lack of schooling. No wife, no child—He showed each lonely heart its deepest need.

For thirty years, near the village of His birth. He grew and learned His simple trade, shaping the native wood to serve the wants of home and craft.

Three years He wandered, teaching, shaping the native hearts to service of truth and love. He was never more than a few hundred miles from His birthplace.

He held no earthly rank or office, wrote no book, no song; painted no picture, builded no monument.

His native land was ruled by conquerors and foreign legions. While still in the flush of youth. His own people turned against this Man who strangely taught that evil can only be overcome by good.

He was denied by His close friend, deserted by most, betrayed for thirty pieces of silver by one He had befriended.

One dark hour He knelt in the Garden, His hour of decision.

He gave Himself over to His enemies, was tried and condemned in mockery, spat upon and lashed, nailed to a cross between two thieves.

He died asking forgiveness for His persecutors while His executioners gambled for his only earthly possession — His robe.

He was laid in a borrowed tomb.

Nearly two thousand years have passed and none has reigned or wrought, or served, or dreamed who has so touched and moulded human life. He is the ideal—the example — who has inspired the noblest and the humblest lives — the great unalterable, wholesome, growing influence in a world of blood and tears.

He who was friendless would be Friend of all. Homeless, He dwells in countless homes. Books on His life fill libraries. His Gospels cover the earth. Song and music in His praise fill the heavens. Pictures, spires and monuments proclaim His influence. Scholars, illiterates, rich men, beggars, rulers and slaves . . . all are measured by His life.

The names of Pharaohs, Caesars, emperors, and kings of all the ages that have come and gone are but ghosts upon a printed page. All their combined legions and military might are dust upon the land; their proud sea-borne armadas rust upon an ocean floor.

But this one solitary Life surpasses all in power. Its influence

is the one remaining and sustaining hope of future years.

Where does such power dwell?

"Be ye not therefore anxious saying:

'What shall we eat?' or 'Where-withal shall we be clothed?' But seek ye first His kingdom and His righteousness—and all these things shall be added unto you."

In a Roman court nearly twenty centuries ago. Pontius Pilate asked of the multitude demanding the death of this young Galilean:

"I find no evil in Him. What shall I do with this Man?"

Today each troubled heart must meet the challenge when the Pilate-within asks:

"What shall I do?"

By Ernest R. Chamberlain  
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Contributed by Margaret Heaps

#### WE MUST HAVE THE BIBLE

We must have the Bible. There are some things we can get along without. If we must, we can get along without the telephone or the radio or the automobile. It would be interesting to sit down and make a list of the things we could get along without. One of the world's greatest men once said that he liked to look into the shop windows and note the things he could do without. There are many people in the world today who must of necessity do without many things to which they have been accustomed. There is one thing every one of us must have.

We must have bread.

We must have bread for our hungry bodies.

We must have bread for our hungry souls.

"It is," says Ruskin, "the curse of every evil nation and evil creature to eat and not be satisfied. The words of blessing are that they shall eat and be satisfied."

We must have bread. The Bible is bread. The Bible ministers to hungry bodies. It is the guidebook for all who minister to the hungry, the needy, the unemployed, the underprivileged in this and other lands. "The Word had breath, and wrought with human hands." The Bible will allow no one to carry an easy conscience when men and women and little children need bread. The Bible issues the mandate "Give ye them to eat." It demands an answer to the question, If a brother or sister be naked and in lack of daily food, and one of you say unto them, Go in peace, be ye warmed and filled; and yet ye



give them not the things needful to the body; what doth it profit?" It passes judgment according to the rule, "I was hungry, and ye gave me to eat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink." The Bible is the great textbook for all social service. As you enter the foyer of a great municipal hospital, you look into the picture of the Good Samaritan, and underneath you find the inscription "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." We must have the Bible, if the bodies of sick and hungry and needy folks are to have bread; for God makes use of human hands and human hearts when he distributes bread.

The Bible ministers to hungry hearts. We remember what Jesus said, and we know what he means. "Man shall not live by bread alone." We need more than wheat and corn and coal. We must have bread to satisfy our hungry hearts. The world is full of weary feet. They must find rest. The world is full of folk who carry about with them disappointing hopes and broken purposes. They must have courage. The world is full of aged people and ambitious youth. They must have peace and aspiring gladness. The world is full of sinners. They must have a Saviour. We can get along without the newspaper and the magazine and the latest book; but we must have the Bible.

The chamber of commerce must have it.

The court of justice must have it.

The hall of legislature must have it.

The college and school must have it.

The factory and office must have it.

The home must have it.

Every man, woman, and child must have it.

It is said Alexander slept with Homer's "Iliad" under his pillow; for even the great conqueror needed something more than swords and soldiers. He needed vision. We need something more than gold and silver. We need hope and courage. We need light and guidance. We need security. We need a Saviour. The world wants an adviser, and administrator, a philosopher, an economist. The world needs a Saviour. If we are to find a Saviour, we must have the Bible. It was a President of the United States who said, "I am sorry for the men who do not read the Bible

every day. Certainly. We are sorry for man who misses his daily bread. We are more than sorry for the man who starves his soul.

#### WE MUST HAVE THE BIBLE.

Trusting this article written by Hugh Thomson Kerr may prove to be a blessing to all Readers of the Gospel News.

Lockport, N. Y.  
PAUL D'AMICO

#### NEWS

Brother Jesse V. Johnson reports the following: "The Port Huron Mission enjoyed two more baptisms last Sabbath (Oct. 17) in the persons of Bro. and Sister Eldon Allen. Bro. Marco Randazzo officiated. We are encouraged because of the interest being shown by so many in this part of the vineyard. We are hoping that the seed that has been sown shall bring forth fruit in God's own due time."

The Monongahela Branch had an addition to its fold recently in the baptism of Bro. George Hendler. The officiating Elder was Bro. M. Mountain. Bro. George is the only son of brother and sister Harry Hendler.

A card received from Sister Phyllis Wergen of Wichita, Kansas informs us that her husband, Bro. Wergen, Brother Reese Jones, and Brother Charles Sanders of St. John, Kansas have gone to Trinidad, Colo. to visit the brethren and sisters of that place. (The Editor is glad to hear of our Brethren moving around in the service of God.)

A lengthy letter has been received from Brother Laird Sr. of Brantford Ont., written while confined in the hospital with a heart ailment. We hope of course that he will soon recover and be able to return to his home. Brother Laird seems to be very grateful for what he has found through obeying the Gospel as taught by The Church of Jesus Christ. He speaks of some of the brethren from Detroit calling at his home on their way to the Indian Reservation, held meeting in their home and they were wonderfully blessed.

A letter from Bro. Barnhart informs us: that on October 17th, a few from Vanderbilt, Glassport, and S. Greensburg met with our folks in Washington, D. C., at the home of Sister Stephens 2910 Olive St. N. W. The morning meeting was opened by Bro. Stone, who was followed by other brethren. The theme of their talk was, "the

true love of God towards one another.

The afternoon meeting was opened by Bro. Swanson, and the ordinance of feet washing was attended to. A child was blessed during this service, and a number bore their testimony to the Gospel. Sister Stephens along with her other four sisters, are daughters of the late Brother and Sister James Curry of Coal Valley, Pa. The spirit of God was with us during the day. The trip there and back was well worth the time and effort put forth.

We have five Sisters and one Brother living in the city of Washington, and they request an interest in our prayers throughout the Church. Bros. Swanson and Stone have been holding meetings in Washington for sometime past. May God bless them in their efforts.

#### WHY QUESTION THE LORD'S WORD?

Prov. 8-22 & 31 inclusive: "The Lord possessed me in the beginning of His way, before His works of old. — I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. — When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water. — Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth: — While as yet He had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world. — When He prepared the heavens, I was there: when He set a compass upon the face of the depth: — When He established the clouds above: when He strengthened the fountains of the deep: — When He gave to the sea His decree, that the waters should not pass His commandment: when He appointed the foundations of the earth: — Then I was by Him; as one brought up WITH HIM; and I was daily His delight, rejoicing always before Him: — Rejoicing in the habitable part of His earth; and my delights were with the sons of men."

#### A LETTER FROM IDAHO November 23, 1948

I was much pleased today to receive a letter from Bro. R. Newby, of Stites, Idaho. It has been a long time since I had a letter from him. I will add too, that his letter has a good ring in it. He says: "The last 'Gospel News' gave me a new lease on life, as there was so many

good articles in it." He also says: That he has been living on borrowed time now for eleven years. He went through a major operation a short time ago, and is now spending his time in a wheel-chair, and says that unless God comes to his rescue he will have to spend the rest of his days in the chair, but he says: "I am not complaining, I feel like Job of old: I will trust Him though He slay me."

He says: "that while in the hospital, the Lord showed him that the world was in a worse condition than it was in the days of Noah, and that all Christian Nations are drunk on the wine of the Mother of Harlots." He further says: "I wish all the saints would make it a matter of prayer that I might be able to get around again on my crutches, so as to be able to go into the pulpit when I have an opportunity. I can get a hall here free of charge if I was able to go. History says John, the revelator, preached when he was old, and had to be carried to the pulpit in a chair. And adds "I am willing to do so myself if I can bring one soul to the blessed Saviour." The reader will observe that Brother Newby is getting old, I believe about 83, and like many other old men, his pension barely keeps him. He also informs me that Sister Converse is not very well, she is one of his converts. I have given a few of the "Highlights" of his letter, and want to get this in the December paper if I can. Bro. Newby I would like to visit you again, but should I not, my prayer is, that God will bless you and be with you until the end.

Sincerely,  
Bro. Cadman.

#### HARRY I. LORBER ON THE AIR

"The Daily Republican," Monongahela, Pa.—Harry I. Lorber of R. D. 1, "Monongahela's Blind Poet," was heard in a program broadcast yesterday afternoon (Thursday) at 2:45 through the Charleroi station, (WESA). He read some of his original poems from his published book, "A Pocketful of Cheer."

P. S. Brother Harry is on the Air every Thursday afternoon reading some of his poems. Any one that is interested in poetry, will no doubt find much interest in the Pocketful of Cheer, a book of his poems that sells for one dollar each, and which can be obtained by addressing him. Brother Harry was born blind as also his little sister. He is now 29 years old and is a very bright young man, being

well schooled. He has a recording machine, and was at my home here yesterday attending the Ladies Uplift Circle meeting, of which he took recordings. His sister, too, is learning very fast in the School for the Blind in Pittsburgh, Pa. I wonder lots of times why this unfortunate condition has befallen Brother and Sister Lorber's family. But I have not given up hope, but what the Lord will yet stretch forth a hand in their behalf. May God hasten the day. Brother Cadman.

#### A POEM

Oh glorious nature  
Wonderful thing.  
Without thy God  
Thou would never been.

In thy virginity  
Pure and good;  
From the hand of God,  
Behold thou stood.

Fair and bright  
No sin in sight,  
To vex thy God,  
When He walked within.

Angels will praise thee  
In ages to come  
Of the glorious Creation,  
From His hand it came.

In the garden of Eden  
With flowers so bright,  
Man and the woman  
Glorious in His sight.  
But after the fall  
What a terrible plight  
Man and the woman  
In their hasty flight.

Gone from His presence  
In grief and in sin,  
The man and the woman  
A strange life to begin.

When man and the woman  
Began to repent  
Angels from heaven,  
To earth was sent.

Revealing to them  
The redemption plan  
The atoning blood  
Christ the infinite Man.

I was inspired to write these verses on Jan. 29th 1948 at South Gate, Calif., after beholding and meditating on the beautiful flowers.

Alma B. Cadman

#### THE EVILS OF TOBACCO

question at issue, tobacco smoking, but from the shelter of a nom-de-plume snipes at a man whom everyone who knows him holds in the highest esteem.

Mr. Colgrove's letter deals with a come vital to Canada. One can

question that must someday hardly take up a work of fiction without finding numerous disguised advertisements pushing cigaret smoking by women and whisky drinking by men. Yet, for a large portion of a century, it has been known that inveterate smokers have heart ailments, as proved by medical science, and that the father passes on his weakness to the children.

Almost every issue of the "Free Press" contains a notice that some person has succumbed to heart trouble. Until the last few years female smoking was confined to a few old women, who were of an age that could not physically affect the new generation. But today young women smokers are common.

As one who has contacted many different nationalities, I have for years observed that a great race is being built up in Canada. Its young men and women are not excelled in physique by any other people in the world, although perhaps the Nordics of Europe run them close.

But this has been in spite of the drawback of smoking by the male parent only. A century of pulling smoke into the lungs instead of good, fresh air, by both parents instead of one, will bring an enfeebled people with affected hearts and sudden death.

It is true that many smokers live to old age, but look at their frail bodies and trembling hands! In my youth heart disease was principally an ailment of weak women; today it has become one of the greatest scourges of this continent.

At a chess club of which I was a member, almost all the best players were non-smokers, and suffered no mental fatigue after playing many hours. But the average smoker made the game a sort of skittles. The few really good players who were smokers could hardly sustain the mental effort for as long as an hour.

Although I have not seen Mr. Colgrove for years, it happens that I once had occasion to talk with him on his favorite subject of astronomy. I found he had one of the most penetrating minds I have met in the course of a long life among journalists and other professional men.

At the time I put this down to his Celtic ancestry, but now I feel that his brilliance is also due to the fact that he does not dope himself with tobacco. He has long been one of your columns.

Herbert Tangye