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THE NEW YEAR

Breathes there a man with soul
so dead
Who never to himself, hath said
"The old years gone, the new,
ahead,
Now let me be resolved:
"To wake each morning with a
prayer,
That where I go, God will be
there
To help me to be just and fair,
And, thus, from guilt, absolved.
"To greet my neighbor with a
grin
And say, 'old boy, what's been,
has been;
And from now on, let friendship,
win;
Life is too short for hate! . . .
To face with patience, every
chore
And not complain forevermore:
'Each task is harder than before.'
And then be riled at fate.
"Not once to wish for what I've
not;
To be content with what I've got,
For others may think that's a
lot. . . .
You know, perhaps it is!
Rather, to share what I possess
With those who have a great deal
less
And bring a ray of happiness
To homes of little bliss.
"To not be puffed with self-
esteem. . .
Lest, being not what I would
seem
Someone should mock my little
dream,
And openly, deride.
To not be secretly glad
When those I do not like, are sad.
And think, 'What they deserve,
they've had,'
For God can see inside.
"To lend a loving, helping hand
To those who elsewhere, could
not stand,
And thus fulfilling God's com-
mand
By spreading words of cheer.
To pledge allegiance, Lord, to
Thee,
So that some joyous day, I'll see
Thy smiling face; For then 'twill
be—
Forevermore Happy New Year.
Catherine Pomo.

DEDICATION OF THE CLEVELAND CHURCH

The Cleveland Branch dedicated their new Church Building, located on East 200 Street and Nicholas

Ave. in Euclid, Ohio. There were about three hundred attended the services; visitors from Monongahela, Erie, Pa., Youngstown, Warren, and the folks from Lorain, Ohio came in a chartered Bus, and most of their members attended the services. Saints were present also from Windsor, Can. and Detroit, Mich. President W. H. Cadman was our main speaker. The morning services was opened with prayer by Bro. A. A. Corrado, and Bro Cadman gave us a wonderful talk, his text was taken from the 66th Chapter of Isaiah, and God's blessings were felt throughout the morning. After a few closing remarks by Presiding Elder Biscotti, Bro. John Mancini of Erie, Pa., closed the meeting with a prayer.

Among our many friends that attended, were Mr. and Mrs. Allan Austin, who made it possible for us to have such a beautiful and attractive building where we can worship God. Mr. Austin donated us the Building Plans and personally kept a vigil eye on the building until it was completed. May God bless him and his family.

The afternoon was spent in praising God. We had a very nice song service by our home folks. Sister Lena Perlioni did very well in organizing the program. Solos were sung by Bro. W. H. Cadman, Bro. A. A. Corrado, and Bro C. A. Burgess of Windsor, Ont., Canada who came to take charge of the piano. Sister Rose Palermo, who recently moved to Cleveland also sang a beautiful solo. We had a beautiful duet sung by Darlene Velardi and the Maselli boy, they sang "America, The Beautiful." Bro. Burgess and Sister Eliva also sang a lovely duet.

The afternoon service was opened with prayer by Bro. Gorie Ciarravino Bro. A. A. Corrado gave us a nice talk and the blessings of God was felt by all. Brother Andrew Nemeth having the privilege of asking the blessing on his grandson.

Due to the great number attending the services, only a limited number had opportunity to speak. We were honored to hear Bro. Miller of Detroit and Bro. Burgess of Windsor, Bro Frank Giovannone of Warren, Ohio, and Bro. Ciarravino of Detroit, also from Bros. Carlini and Romano of Detroit, who spent their vacation plastering our building. (I, Bro. Cadman will add

that these two brethren did a wonderful job of plastering).

Before the afternoon services was closed Bro. Mario Milano, spoke in behalf of the members of the Cleveland Church, thanking their Presiding Elder for his endurance and untiring efforts in the Branch. A tribute which in my estimation was very good. Though the crowd was large and seating room was limited, we had two very capable ushers in charge, Bros. M. Milano, and E. Picuito, who throughout the day had everything under control and maintained very good order.

It is now 27 years since the Gospel was first introduced among us here in Cleveland. We have a small building which we are proud of, and it was built near where the Gospel was first preached to us. The afternoon service was closed with prayer by Bro. Alfred Dominico of Lorain, Ohio. So a wonderful day was spent in service of the Lord. A day which will live in the memory of the Cleveland Branch for many years. Sister Angeline M. Biscotti.

An acknowledgement to Brother Rocco Biscotti. — The Cleveland Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ, wishes to acknowledge and to thank you on this occasion of our dedication of your splendid work performed in our Branch, for we owe to you this success after the many years of trial that our Branch has passed through.

When the storm was fiercest, even as we were about to fall apart, you have kept us together. To us you have been a beacon-light, indeed, a guide, and we wish you would accept our appreciation and rest assured you will enjoy greater peace and joy in the future, for your brothers and sisters are with you.

Your Brothers and Sisters of Cleveland.

Baptizing for The Dead

First Corinthians, 15th Chapter. Verse 29, "Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead, if the dead rise not at all? Why are they then baptized for the dead." This scripture is strongly used by some people who believe in a restoration of the Gospel, to prove baptism for the dead. That is, a living person may be

baptized for a person who is dead. It does seem very strange that people of intelligence will advance and practice such a principle. Nevertheless many are doing so. It seems to be a principle that many fall for. I presume it is appealing to their minds, especially when they can be baptized for a loved one who has died without being baptized.

Let us examine this chapter some. If you will open your Bibles and turn to 1st Corinthians, 15 Ch., beginning at the first and reading to the eleventh verse inclusive, you will observe that the Apostle is giving testimony that Christ had risen from the dead. He not only refers to the testimony of others, but gives absolute testimony himself, that He (Christ) was seen of Him.

Beginning at verse 12 to 19 inclusive, it is readily seen that these people to whom he was talking, were even teaching that there was no resurrection of the dead, and Paul is very emphatic in verse 13 in declaring: "if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen." And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. In verse 15 he makes it plain that we are false witnesses of God, because they had testified that He had raised up Christ "whom He raised not up if so be that the dead rise not."

Paul wrote this letter to the Corinthians in 59 A. D., and according to my Bible, Christ was baptized when he was thirty years old. His ministry was three and one-half years, making Him about 34 years old when He ascended to His Father. This letter was written then about 25 years after the ascension of Christ. Does it not seem strange that in so short a time, and especially in that era that some of the followers of Christ would dispute the resurrection?

If some of the followers of Christ at that time were disputing the resurrection of the dead (and indeed they were according to what is written in this scripture) they would be liable to teach and practice most anything except that which was good and holy. For if Christ did not rise, they were baptizing for a dead Christ and history says they were baptizing for the dead, yet Jesus Christ never taught such a doctrine neither did the Apostle Paul. History also states that many Christians provoked their enemies that they might die a martyr's death.

Is that right? No it is not. The fact that history and even this scripture of which I am treating on, says they baptized for the dead, yet, that is not proof of Jesus Christ being the author of it. Jesus taught that unless a man was born of water and the spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. See John 3. No proxy in that statement, is there?

In the restoration of the Gospel in these last days, the question of Authority to act in the ordinances of the gospel is very prominent, and should be too. May I ask a question right here? Do you consider men who were denying the resurrection in that early day as true servants of God? Do you think that those men who were denying the resurrection, had authority from God to immerse any one for the remission of sins? Reason says NAY. Even the professed revelation authorizing baptism for the dead, as recorded in the book (Doctrine & Covenants) has one stipulation in it, that under certain conditions, God would reject them and their dead." In other words, that even after the dead had been baptized for, they would be held responsible for the acts of those still living. To my mind, such is the heights of ridiculousness.

If you will take note of the first chapter of Second Peter, you will observe it is addressed to a people who have obtained the same precious faith as us (meaning Peter and his brethren) and in Chapter 2-1, 2, Peter declares: "But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them and bring upon themselves swift destruction and many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. And in verse 12, they are referred to "as natural brute beasts." In the restoration of the Gospel, the same precious faith which Peter and his brethren enjoyed was restored again. When this scripture is thoroughly analysed, the Utah Church nor the Reorganized Church has any just grounds whatever to teach men that they can be baptized for their dead. The Saviour never taught any such doctrine, either in the Bible or the Book of Mormon.

I have been among the Indian people, and learned that the Elders of the Utah Church are teaching

that devilish doctrine among them. A doctrine so repugnant to the intelligence of any ordinary man. I heard of one man who went into the water and was dipped 75 times before coming out — baptized for his dead ancestors. Are a people who do such things, much higher than the poor heathen who bows to gods of wood and stone? I am afraid they are not, when measured by the teachings of Jesus Christ. There is no such a thing as "proxy" in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is true we can help and encourage one another along on the Highway of Holiness, but all men must obey the Gospel for themselves. Jesus said: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned." No room for proxy in those words are they? In Ezekiel 14-14 I read: "Though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they should deliver but their own souls by 'their' righteousness, saith the Lord God." I warn all our Indian friends and any others, that the Utah Elders nor any-one else can prove the doctrine of baptism for the dead from the teachings of Jesus Christ. They must resort to one of their own books, known as the "Doctrine and Covenants" for that ridiculous doctrine. Sincerely W. H. Cadman

JESUS AND RIGHT LIVING

Living the good life as Christ would have us live, takes us back to the principles and motives of living the good life when it reminds us of our divine origin as the crowning activity of God's creative work in which He created man in His own image, after His own likeness and breathed into man part of His own life as the breath of life, making man a living soul. "And God created man in His own image. In His image created he him."

Therefore man should live his life on the high level which will reflect the image and likeness of God his Father. The pure life, like everything worth while must be striven for, cultivated and achieved through discipline. Keep thyself pure and enjoy the Lord's benediction. "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God."

We are often discouraged. At such times we should remember that old story of the Bible that has brought comfort to so many. Remember the three fishermen, Simon, James and John. They had toiled all night and yet in the

morning their nets were empty. A young man came by. He sat and talked in a friendly way, noticing their empty nets, their idle hands and their lowly spirits. As He said, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a draught."

They were surprised at those unreasonable words for, they had fished for many weary hours without getting any fish in their nets. What was the use of letting down their nets without hope of getting results? Nevertheless Simon said, "Master, we have toiled all night and taken nothing, but at thy word I will let down the net." And when they had so done they found their nets so filled with fishes, that the nets did break.

Discouraged? yes, and you think that is the end. You think there is no other answer. You are wrong. Leave the beach where you were stranded, bend your back and launch out into the deep. Yes, leave the quiet, easy life you have liked so well and launch out into the sacrifices of life. Call up new energy and a new initiative. Your reward awaits you in the depths even as the fishermen. We must dare to do as Jesus did when He took His life as a fisherman might take a net, launched it into the depths of life amidst a sinful world.

After some two thousand years His net is full, but yours? Well you have an eternity before you, so launch your net into the depths of life. Thus your reward will be sure and thus you will find the pathway to peace. If you hear a prayer that moves you By its humble pleading tone, Join it. Do not let the seeker bow before his God alone. Why should not your brother share the strength of "two or three in prayer."

Sister Mary Ann Martin,
Detroit, Mich.

MEETING IN GLASSPORT, PA.

The general meeting of the Missionary Benevolent Association met in Glassport on Saturday Nov. 13th. A very large crowd was in attendance. Delegates were present from Michigan, Ohio, New Jersey, New York, and various places in Pennsylvania. A complete change of officers was made at this meeting, with Domenick Thomas of Detroit elected President, and Charles Curry of Glassport, Pa., made Vice President. After the business was disposed of, the Young folks of Glassport Locals gave an interesting program. A wonderful time was enjoyed by all present.

ROCHESTER BRANCH VISITS

On Sunday, December 5, 1948, a social gathering was held at Lockport, N. Y., when the saints of Rochester, N. Y. traveled in five cars to Lockport to join the saints of this locality. Bro. Ishmael D'Amico, Brooklyn, N. Y., had been with us for most of the week and was also present in this gathering. The Priesthood of the Rochester Branch were all present and upon special request Bro. Patsy Marinetti presided over meetings. A large attendance of strangers were also present in this gathering.

The morning meeting was opened with Hymn "Somebody Else Needs Him Too", and was followed with prayer said by Bro. Ishmael D'Amico. We then sang "I Ought To Do Something For Jesus." Bro. I. D'Amico introduced the meeting reading for his Text a few verses of Scripture found in St. Matthew, 13th Chapter, commencing with the 44th verse. After reading this Scripture in English he proceeded to speak in Italian enjoying great liberty in delivering the word of God as was brought forth by the Saviour. We then sang, "There Is A Fountain," after which Bro. Patsy Marinetti gave an interesting talk launching out on the subject which was introduced. The spirit of God was manifested upon all present. Meeting was dismissed at 12:00 Noon with Hymn, "On The Other Side." Closing prayer by Bro. Paul Petrangelo.

The fellowship service was opened at 2:40 P. M. with Hymn "The Peace That My Saviour Has Given." Followed with prayer by Bro. Frank Rosati. Continued with Hymn, "I Am Thine O Lord." Bro. Frank Rosati bore testimony to the truthfulness of the Gospel with a good spirit prevailing. A number of brothers and sisters from Rochester and Lockport also bore their testimony. An enjoyable time was had by all. Fellowship meeting was dismissed at 4:45 P. M., with Hymn, "The Mercies of God." Closing prayer by Bro. Paul D'Amico. After this meeting most of the saints of Rochester left for their respective homes, while a few remained for our evening service.

Our evening service convened at 7:30 P. M. by singing "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart." Followed with prayer by Brother I. D'Amico. We continued with hymn "Faith is the Victory." Brother I. D'Amico related a number of experiences concerning the mercies of God upon the Gentiles, and particularly

upon the Italian race of people, and how God has blessed us though we were not worthy of His mercies and goodness. The remainder of the service was spent in singing Hymn and more testimonies were given. Meeting was dismissed at 9:00 P. M. by singing a Parting Hymn in Italian. Closing prayer said by Bro. Frank Rosati. At the close of this meeting the few remaining saints of Rochester left for their home, while Bro. I. D'Amico left for Detroit, Michigan to visit part of his family, and the saints in that city.

Brother Paul D'Amico

EXCERPTS FROM DOCTRINAL PAMPHLETS, No. 1

Our Seventh Article of Faith declares: "We believe in preaching the Gospel without purse or scrip." The question of money comes in here, in which all religious bodies should certainly exercise great care, that it shall not be an object in the performance of any religious function, especially in the matter of preaching the Gospel. As a highly respectable authority (our ancient Brother Paul), in his first Epistle to Timothy, 6th C. 10th v., declares, "The love of money is the root of all evil," and this species of love is very easily cultivated.

Our elders, when at home, earn their living in their regular occupations, as all other honorable people are supposed to do. When they are sent away from their homes on special missions for the purpose of preaching the Gospel, their traveling expenses are paid to their field of labor, and their families are cared for (until they are called to return) by the Church. The Saviour gave instructions to the ancient disciples; adapted exactly to these circumstances. See Luke 10th C. "And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, peace be to this house; and if the Son of Peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it; if not, it shall return to you again. And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give; for the laborer is worthy of his hire." What is their hire in this case? I say their food, by the plain teachings of Jesus Christ and a man who would torture or twist the words of Jesus Christ from their legitimate meaning would steal. We are told sometimes that "we must not muzzle the mouth of the Ox that treadeth out the Corn." See 1st Cor. 9th C. 9th v. Certainly not,

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EDITORIAL

DID THE TREES GET TOP-HEAVY?

The Book of Jacob 5-47, 48 "But what could I have done more in my vineyard? Have I slackened mine hand, that I have not nourished it? Nay, I have nourished it, and I have digged about it, and I have pruned it, and I have dunged it; and I have stretched forth mine hand almost all the day long, and the end draweth nigh. And it grieveth me that I should hew down all the trees of my vineyard, and cast them into the fire that they should be burned. Who is it that has corrupted my vineyard?—And it came to pass that the servant said unto his master: Is it not the loftiness of thy vineyard — have not the branches thereof overcome the roots which are good? And because the branches have overcome the roots thereof, behold they grew faster than the strength of the roots, taking strength unto themselves. Behold, I say, is not this the cause that the trees of thy vineyard have become corrupted?" May I ask, is there not much to think upon in the foregoing scripture? Editor.

but what has that to do with a Modern Hireling Ministry? Not anything. It simply proves, as before stated, "That the laborer is worthy of his hire, or his food;" and that only in the circumstances described, and nothing farther in that line, can be proven by the passage.

In regard to a salaried ministry, as prevailing in this age, we regard it as entirely unscriptural, having no authority whatever in Scripture, when correctly understood and applied. On the other hand, it degrades the ministry of Christ to the level of an earthly occupation or profession, and men seek to attain proficiency therein, with precisely the same objects in view, as in any other worldly business; of course they make a profession that their principal object is the salvation of man, but when men have a double object in view in a ministerial life, the one being

(they think) of a spiritual character, and the other temporal, observers know that the latter interest predominates so decidedly, that the former is almost entirely lost sight of, and man's nature is such that it cannot be otherwise.

This principle also necessitates so much persistence in beggary, Collections on Sunday are so general that people are frequently afraid to attend religious service without being provided with money—the very thing that ought to be far from their minds on the Sabbath Day! and thousands of conscientious men stay away from meetings altogether, because it seems to them that religion is greediness for gain. We would say, however, that Christ is responsible for none of these irregularities and excesses; they are practiced in opposition to his instructions and example, and he will never recognize or approve the conduct of such pretended followers. We have observed that the erroneous conduct noticed has tendency of excluding the poor and conscientious from the means of grace, whilst the rich, the thoughtless, and giddy, remain. They in general seem to approve of present methods of raising revenue, because they thereby have opportunity of publicly exhibiting their generosity, and securing recognition as paying members which introduces another false and destructive principle. These paying members have got to be handled carefully; the doctrine of Christ has got to be construed to suit them; their follies and frivolities must not be rebuked, and their pride must be humored, or else, what seems to the ministers as their worst misfortune, is liable to occur, viz., non-payment of salary. And, indeed, it has sometimes seemed to me, that when persons hire a man to minister religion to them and faithfully pay him for his services, that it is only reasonable that he should minister to them in such quantity and quality as they themselves desire. Missionary expenses with us are provided by voluntary contributions; wherever we have a church, (or what we call a Branch) organized, one person therein is authorized to receive voluntary contribution from the members of that Branch, or any other person inclined to assist our cause, and they are regularly required at each Conference, to pay over the same and present a written account of the amount received, and so paid over. Special efforts have sometimes been made

to raise money in emergencies, but we always confine ourselves to the voluntary principle. In regard to its distribution to the families of missionaries, we made arrangements many years ago, which I am certain were just and Godlike; said arrangement since made were never deviated from nor ever will be (in regard to the principle of equality contained in them) while I live by my consent. The Church appointed a committee of three to make arrangements in that matter, which were adopted, viz: "That when any elder was sent abroad by proper authority, to preach the Gospel, his wife or other dependant should be paid by the Church the sum of four dollars per week, and also one dollar per week for each child under twelve years of age, until such time as he shall return; the amount of allowance subject to change in varying times, but always equal as to persons." Now I have written so much in regard to the collection and distribution of moneys for sacred purposes, and consider those that read this statement should approve and practice that which they deem correct.

DYER-DIBATTISTA NUPTIALS

Mr. Robert Dyer, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Dyer of Yukon, Pa., and Miss Esther DiBattista, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony DiBattista of Glassport, Pa., were united in marriage in The Church of Jesus Christ at Glassport on Oct. 23rd at 1:30 p.m. The brides father, Brother DiBattista officiating. It was a double-ring ceremony. The brides sister Miss Florence DiBattista was her only attendant. Best man was a brother-in-law of the bridegroom, Willis Wood, and the ushers were James Nero, and Charles Curry. Soloist was Miss Josephine Molinatto of Warren, Ohio a cousin of the bride, and was accompanied by another cousin, Miss Dolores Severino of Youngstown, Ohio. The bride was given away by her brother, John DiBattista. A reception took place in the basement of the Church, and was followed by a family dinner in the home of the bride's parents. Mrs. Dyer is a graduate of the Glassport High School and was employed by Westinghouse Airbrake Co., where her husband is also an employe. He is a graduate of South Huntington Township High School and served in the Army for three years. The young couple left on a wedding

trip to Miami Beach, Florida, and are now residing at the home of the groom's parents at Yukon, Pa. No doubt all will join, in extending best wishes to Esther and Robert.

GENERAL CIRCLE MEETING

The General Meeting of the Ladies Uplift Circle of the Church met at the Cadman Home in Monongahela, Pa., December 18. Sisters from different Circles were present. Among those were four from the Niles, Ohio Circle, and three from W. Aliquippa, Sister Elsie Miller from New Jersey, also Sister Ford from Windsor, Ont. Canada, and many others from up and down the valley.

Circles not represented by delegates, sent in their reports by letter, which were very encouraging and enjoyed by all present. Sister Ford related her experience among some Indian people which are confined in the T. B. Sanatorium in Windsor, which brought a wonderful blessing in our midst. That is where the greatest interest and work of the Circle lies. (among the Indian people) We have for many years helped to carry the word to God's covenant people, and we have had an outpouring of His Spirit in speaking of that work.

We must be as the Scriptures says "Nursing Mothers" to them. If we can't go to them it is our duty to send or help those who can go. We are giving Sister Ford one dozen Books of Mormon to give to those Indians who are so anxious to know of the history of their people, and God's dealings with them. Our financial help, not only for the Indian Mission work, but to the printing fund, and also the Missionary Fund of the General Church, and to the conferences has been appreciated by our Brethren. And by being a help to others, God has wonderfully blessed us, as individuals and collectively. Our next General Meeting will be held in March 1949 in Glassport, Pa. Now at the close of another year we can say it is good to serve God, and may we trust Him more faithful in the New Year — working harder to help bring the Restored Gospel to many — who yet have not heard and don't understand. By Sadie B. Cadman.

SIX MEETINGS

During the month of November I was privileged to attend many

meetings of the Church of Jesus Christ in different localities, enjoying many rich and delightful blessings.

The first Sunday, accompanied by brother Joseph Lovalvo, his son Leonard, a friend, my nephew, companion and I, we drove to Mt. Bridges, Canada, and held a meeting in one of the homes of the saints. The lesson I spoke on was found in St. John's Gospel, 17th Chap. 21st verse, which reads as follows: That they all may be one; as thou Father, art in me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that Thou hast sent me. This prayer I believe points out more directly the contact between God, His son Christ Jesus and us His followers, than any that I can think of. If all mankind who claim allegiance to the Saviour, could through His Holy Spirit, always have a full realization of this blessing, and live from day to day as God would have us do, I would say like the favoured Apostles, what manner of men ought we to be, even after the similitude of the son of God. There was a grand feeling in this line of thought. Brother Joseph Lovalvo also spoke impressively on the subject. There was a Belgian family in ur midst who could not speak or understand the English language, so Brother Lovalvo asked sisters Albertine and Van Bree to give their testimonies in Belgian for the good of our visiting friends, and I shall never forget the blessings that were received, these people being in our meeting for the first time came nearest to having their faces shine like an angel, as was Stephen's, than any others I have ever seen.

On the second Sunday, my family and I were dropped off in Port Huron by Brother Nicholas Pietrangelo and another Brother. We soon found ourselves in the Sunday school class with Brother Marco Randazza, Reno Bologna, Allen Henderson, Warren Nellis and a number of Brothers and Sisters, (including Sister Heaps from California, and some from Windsor.) Our attention was taken up in Sunday School with a very inspiring study of the transfiguration of Jesus Christ. Following, Brother Henderson introduced our service speaking on the water which the Saviour offered the Samaritan woman telling her that He had water which after she drank of it, she would never thirst again. This subject was very satisfactorily explained by several Brothers. All

gave our Heavenly Father thanks and praise, that in these the Latter Days, He has placed our feet on Christ the solid foundation, so that when the winds and the storms appear, we shall not be moved, and by the help of God, may be even able to remain faithful that our souls may be saved in the Kingdom of Heaven, and God could also use us to help others in the last day to find grace and favour with their God, that this earth may be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea. Taking all things into consideration I would say that a very grand time was enjoyed by all present.

The third Sunday a group of us went to the Grand River Reservation, where we had quite an enjoyable time with the people of God. Some of our Brothers and Sisters on the Muncey and Grand River Reservations are very sick and solicit the prayers of one and all.

Fourth—On Thanksgiving eve, a Brother in our branch spoke on a topic found in the 17th Chap. of John and 17th verse. Sanctify them through thy truth: Thy word is truth. This Brother spoke very touchingly on this subject stressing our sacred obligations to God and our fellowmen, if we are living up to our privileges and enjoying the numberless blessings that are the heritage of the people of God.

Fifth — This past Thanksgiving Day service is one I shall never forget for a long time. Brother Joseph Lovalvo read a passage of scripture found in the 2nd Chap. of Esther, 9th through the 12th Verse, and gave us one of the nicest talks I have listened to for a long time. Then the meeting was turned over to the Saints for testimony, in this I also received much blessing, being filled with the spirit of God.

The sixth and last, but not least, of these series of meetings found Brother Silverio Criscuolo, his companion and baby, Sister Lambert from Windsor, my nephew, companion and myself in the new Cleveland Church Bldg., located at E. 200th Street, Euclid, Ohio, on the last Sunday of the month. We had driven down that Sunday morning and were pleased beyond expression to see such an artistic building, built and being dedicated to the service of God. Brother W. H. Cadman gave the dedication sermon, speaking from the 66th Chapter of Isaiah, 1st and 2nd verses, particularly part of the 1st verse which reads as follows: Where is the house that ye built unto Me? And where is the place of my rest,

Also 2nd verse: For all those things have been saith the Lord! but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit and trembleth at My word. I cannot remember ever hearing Brother Cadman speak so wonderfully before. The building was filled to capacity with Saints and visiting friends, seemingly from everywhere, and he held the rapt attention of all. Brother Cadman in his talk congratulated the Cleveland Saints for that which they had done in erecting such a beautiful structure, and declared that it was good and very good, but only in as much as peace would always be found there; and when the Lord visited He could find room in His peoples' hearts, so that He could indeed make it His House, dwell there, and many be brought to Him to live faithful lives which will be perpetuated, not only for time, but for Eternity.

This service was very interesting. At its close a lunch was served in the basement. In the afternoon there was a very nice program given by the young people. The afternoon service was introduced by Brother Angelo Corrado from Youngstown, Ohio. I also gave a short talk, and started back to Detroit feeling that my day could not have been spent in any way more appropriately than in the company of Saints, enjoying many rich blessings, which is the gift of God's love.

Brother Matthew T. Miller
Detroit

O HEAR HIS VOICE

By Sister Elizabeth Lynch Parlor

"I am thine O Lord, I have heard Thy voice

And I told Thy love to me:

But I long to rise in the arms of faith,

And be closer drawn to Thee." Hymn 324

We read in the Bible the history of the past from the beginning of time. Adam walked with God in the garden of Eden and heard God's voice. Transgression entered into the garden. (Gen. 3) And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day; and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God. Unto the woman God said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow. And unto Adam He said, "Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I

commanded thee, saying Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground: for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art and unto dust shalt thou return."

Gen. 4: Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord. And Abel brought an offering of the firstlings of his flock. The Lord had respect unto Abel and unto his offering. But unto Cain he had not respect. Cain was wroth. And the Lord said unto Cain, "Why art thou wroth — if thou doest well shall thou not be accepted? And if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And subject unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him."

Cain slew Abel. When the Lord spake to him again Cain answered Am I my brother's keeper? God pronounced a curse on Cain. Cain said his punishment was greater than he could bear. So the Lord set a mark on Cain lest any finding him should kill him and vengeance would be on the killer.

In Adam's son Seth began the generations which led to Enoch. Enoch walked with God: and he was not: for God took him. In the third generation from Enoch we find Noah.

Gen. 6) And the Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be a hundred and twenty years. There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men and they bare children the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown. And God saw the wickedness of man was great in the earth and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil every day. And it repented the Lord that He had made man on the earth. And the Lord said He would destroy both man and beast.

But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations and Noah walked with God. Noah heard the voice of God and did according unto all that the Lord commanded him. Then every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man and cattle and the creeping things and the fowl of the heaven;

and Noah only remained alive and they that were with him in the ark. (Gen. 8) Noah built an altar unto the Lord and offered up a burnt offering. And the Lord said in His heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake though the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth. As yet all the days of the earth remaineth, seed time and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease. God made a covenant with Noah that there would be no more flood to destroy the earth.

For many generations the whole earth was of one language. (Gen. 11). Then the people decided to build a city and a tower whose top may reach to heaven; and let us make us a name lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth."

And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower which the children of men builded. And the Lord said, Behold the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do; and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. Let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. So the Lord scattered them upon the face of all the earth.

After many generations Abraham was born and Abraham heard the voice of God. (Gen. 18) And the Lord said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do; seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgement; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.

Isaac and Jacob heard the voice of God. And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of day. And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint. And he said Let me go, for the day breaketh. And Jacob said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me. And he said Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men and hast prevailed.

(To be continued)

"THE FIRST DOMINION"

By A. B. Cadman

Continued from November issue

Adam lived 930 years. Enoch was born when Adam was 622 years old, and he Enoch was translated when he was 365 years old in the year of 987, and had lived contemporary with Adam for 308 years. Their Zion was coming to a close, the cause is recorded in Genesis 6 Chapt. In verses 2, and 3 it is recorded: "That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they choose." In verse 3 the Lord said: "My spirit shall not always strive with man." In verses 5 and 6 "And God saw that the wickedness of man was so great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the Lord that He had made man on the earth, and it grieved Him at His heart." In verse 9 we read that "Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations." Noah was born in the year 1056, and Lamech his father was 182 years old, and begat a son and called his name Noah: saying this same shall comfort us concerning our work and toil of our hands, because of the ground that the Lord has cursed. To destroy the world was terrible, yet the Lord stayed His hand for six hundred years and there was no other remedy. In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, was the depths of the deep broken up and it rained forty days and forty nights, "And all flesh died that moved on the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast and of every creeping thing that creepeth on the earth and every man, and only Noah remained alive, and they that were with him in the Ark." Surely the heavens wept and hell enlarged her borders.

On the 27th day of the second Month of the following year, they came out of the Ark. The recorded events of this age are much limited, it being ten generations from Noah to Abraham who, was born 292 years after the flood. The people of the age soon were given to idolatry, but there was no strange God with Abraham. He kept himself as the apple of His eye. He is called the friend of God, the father of the faithful, and such is not recorded of any other man, that he took his only son to offer up as a sacrifice, by the command of God. In the very act, an angel appeared, and stayed his hand

Christ, and worshiped the Father in His name, and also we worshipped the Father in his name, and for this intent we (the Nephites) keep the law of Moses, it pointing our souls unto Him (Christ) and for this cause it (the law) is sanctified unto us for righteousness, even as it was accounted unto Abraham in the wilderness to be obedient unto the commands of God in offering up his son Isaac, which is a similitude of God and His only-begotten Son." And fifteen years before Isaac was born, God made a covenant to Abraham Gen. 15-18 "unto thy seed have I given this land," (Canaan). Also verse 8 "and he said Lord God, whereby shall I know I shall inherit it?" And God gave him a marvelous experience, when he offered a sacrifice, a three year old heifer, a she goat, This act of Abrahams is often referred to as a type of the sacrifice of Jesus, the only begotten Son of God. So we see that the heavens recognized a man who was obedient in all things, which the Lord would command him to do. And in the Book of Mormon it is written, Jacob 4-5 "Behold they believed in and a ram of three years old, a turtle dove and a young pigeon, portraying what I believe the five dispensations. The first from Adam to Abraham of about 2030 years divided into two parts as was the first animal.

Abraham has now come on the scene in a remarkable manner to head a new dispensation, wherein his posterity were to receive their dominion in the land of Canaan. Even as Adam and his sons received their dominion, which was called the Ancient of Days." So Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and the twelve sons of Jacob which became the twelve tribes of Israel. In 470 years from the covenant of an inheritance, entered the land of Canaan, so Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob stood at the head of this second dispensation, even as Adam, Seth, and Enos was in the first, and Gal. 4-16, 17 Paul says: "Now to Abraham was the promise made which is Christ" "the law which was 430 years after."

Then forty more years they entered the land of Canaan which they had possession of for 1570 years to A. D. 70, less the 70 years while they were in captivity. In reading the biblical account of the great favors of God that came to them in their righteousness, and His disfavor to them when they fell into sin; yet He was merciful to them, and sent angels and

prophets to them throughout all those forty two generations, until Christ their promised Messiah was born. Then as Moses said "of the Rock that begat thee thou art unmindful, and hast forgotten God that formed thee." Deut 32-18. And in Romans 11-15 "for if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead." Or as Ezekiel 37 Chapt. likens Israel "to a valley of dry bones" — "and they lived and stood upon their feet and exceeding great army.

(To be continued.)

SISTER MARIA JACKMAN PASSES ON

Mrs. Marie Jackman, 82, died suddenly on Tuesday evening at 8:30 o'clock at the home of her son Joseph, at 501 Third Street, Donora, where she had been living for the past eight years.

She was born in Italy on September 5, 1866. Her husband, Domonick, died in 1931 at Aliquippa. Surviving are four sons: Anthony, Aliquippa; Camillo, Lock Four; Joseph, Donora; John, Baltimore; one daughter, Anna, Forlani of Bearre, Italy; twenty-two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Sister Jackman was buried from The Church of Jesus Christ in Monongahela on December 4th with Brother W. H. Cadman in charge, and Bro. Philip Mileca of West Aliquippa, Pa., assisting. She was baptized into the Church soon after coming to this country, never was able to talk much English, but was a pleasant old lady. She has now gone to reap the reward that is laid up for her. May the Lord comfort all her children in their bereavement.

ELDER VINCENT AZZINARO PASSES ON

Brother Azzinaro of Bronx, N. Y. died on Nov. 26, 1948, and was laid away to rest on November 30th. The services were attended to by Brothers Ishmael and Ansel D'Amico, and Vincent Lupo. Interment was at Woodlawn cemetery at Bronx. He leaves to mourn his loss, his beloved wife, two sons, John of Bronx, Salvatore of Brooklyn, and two daughters, Mary and Josephine at home. He was aged 60 and was born in Italy. After immigrating to America he became a member of The Church of Jesus Christ, and was a faithful member until death took

him home. The Gospel News, in behalf of the members of the Church, extends their sympathy to our Sister and all her family in their bereavement. May the Lord comfort you all. Contributed by Bro Zinzi.

BROADCASTING OVER THE AIR

Our folks in Port Huron, Mich. assisted by our folks in Detroit, and Windsor, Ont. started a "broadcast" on December 12th, Sunday from 10 to 10:30 a. m. over station CHOK 1070 on the dial, CHOK-Fm 97.7 located at Sarnia, Ont. Canada. This is a 5900 watt station, and has a radius of 500 miles. It is known as the "Gospel Hour" and there is no doubt but what it will be an interesting program for those who listen in. Those who wish to help our brethren along in this venture, can address the "Gospel Hour" in care of Jesse V. Johnson, Box 528

MEETING ON INDIAN RESERVATION

Brother Jesse V. Johnson of Port Huron, Michigan reports of them holding a meeting on the Indian Reservation, near Sarnia, Ontario with about 150 present at the services. The speakers for the occasion were, M. Randazzo, Jos. Lovalvo, and R. Watson, Sr. The Sisters of the Port Huron Mission spent four days visiting among the Indian people prior to holding the meeting. (Good for the Sisters, Bro. Cadman). Brother Johnson reports that Bro Ishmael D'Amico of Brooklyn, N. Y. visited their Mission on December 12th. It was his first visit to this Mission, and it is said, "we enjoyed hearing of his experiences in The Church of Jesus Christ, over a period of thirty years."

December 5th was "Detroit Day" at the Mission and a number of the Detroit folks were present. I will add: that Brother Johnson seems very much enthused over their work at Port Huron, and at the Indian Reserve near Sarnia, Ontario. The Gospel News will do all it can to help, you all along.

BROADCAST ON DEC. 12 Sarnia, Ont.

The Broadcast came off as planned. Music was furnished by the Brethren from Detroit and Windsor. The pianist was Bro. Clifford Burgess. The theme song was "Softly and Tenderly". The closing Theme song was composed

by Bro. Burgess himself. Very fitting for the occasion. Bro Marco Randazzo spoke from the 13 Chapter of St. John on the subject of Love. The contract was signed for one year. The cost of the half hour we think is very reasonable, compared with the service here in the States. The price to the Church of Jesus Christ is \$19.39 for the half hour. The reports that we have received so far have been rather encouraging.

GLORIES OF THE RESURRECTION

First Corinthians 15 Ch.

Verse 39 "All flesh is not the same flesh; but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds." Thus there are various kinds of flesh in the Animal Kingdom — Verse 40 "There are also celestial (heavenly) bodies and bodies terrestrial; (earthly), but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another." Thus both bodies have a glory, but the heavenly is greater than the earthly. — For instance in Verse 41. "There is one glory of the sun, another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for one star differeth from another star in glory." What a wonderful orbit the moon is, yet the sun outshines it, its glory is greater. Look up into the heavens and note the variation in the brightness of the stars, one outshines another. — Verse 42, "So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown (buried) in corruption; it is raised in corruption." Here then is one of the glories Paul speaks of The Immortal outshines the mortal. — Very plain is it not? — Verse 43 "It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory, it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power." Is not this very plain? In death the body is a weak helpless thing, in the resurrection, it becomes animate, a living and powerful creature, it is triumphant over death. Yea, how glorious the resurrected body, compared with the helpless body that was lowered in the grave. — Verse 44 "It is sown (buried) a natural body, it is raised a spiritual (immortal) body. There is a natural (mortal) body, and there is a spiritual (immortal) body." Here again we see the glories Paul is speaking of, the spiritual outshining the natural.

Under the divided state of various people in the Restoration of the Gospel today, some interprets this scripture to mean, that there is going to be a variation in Glories

with the ransomed in heaven, But not so with The Church of Jesus Christ.

In St. John 14-2 I read: "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you." I wish to draw all readers attention to this fact, that there is nothing in this scripture which would indicate that any one mansion would be greater than another, No not in the least. The fact that the Saviour said there is "many", does convey this thought, that there will be plenty room for ALL that attains to an entrance to its portals. That should be sufficient for us all.

In Hebrews 11-35 I read; "Women received their dead raised to life again; and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance that they might obtain a better resurrection." Had the people referred to in this scripture, recanted or denied their testimony to escape persecution, they may have forfeited their right of coming-forth in the first resurrection, which is certainly a better resurrection than the last one as described by John in Rev. 20. Those who come forth in the first resurrection, the second death has no power. I might also add: that the more we suffer here for righteousness sake, the more glorious heaven will be to us. On the other hand it is only reasonable to suppose, the more wicked we are here, the more dreadful it will be to meet God. Therefore, more terrible the final place of punishment.

The Church of Jesus Christ believes that the faithful of all ages will be brought together in the thousand years reign with Christ as in Rev. 20-6. The writer of Hebrews 11-40 gives a very nice thought in this matter as follows: "God having provided some better things for us, that they (of past ages) without us, (present-tense) should not be made perfect." The writer therefore conveys this fact that the faithful of all ages shall eventually be brought together and perfected for their final abode, which is in heaven. It is unreasonable to think that we shall all be in classes of various glories in heaven. The Apostle Paul in speaking of the various glories, is speaking of them in the resurrection, and not in Heaven. It is not our faith that the Lord expects to place some of the faithful in wonderful mansions, and others in humble cottages.

Brother W. H. Cadman

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A YEAR UNTRIED

A year untried before me lies,
What shall it bring of strange
surprise?

Or joy, or grief, I cannot tell;
But God, my Father, knoweth
well,
I make it no concern of mine,
But leave it all with Love Divine.

Be sickness mine, or rugged
health,
Come penury to me, or wealth;
Though lonesome I must pass
along,
Or loving friends my way may
throng;
Upon my Father's Word I rest,
Whatever shall be best.

No ill can come but He can cure,
His Word doth all of good insure;
He'll see me through the
journey's length,
For daily need give daily
strength.

'Tis thus I fortify my heart,
And thus do fear and dread
depart.

The sun may shed no light by
day,
No stars at night illumine my way;
My soul shall still know no
affright,
Since God is all my Life and
Light.
Though all the earthly lamps
grow dim,
He walks in light who walks
with Him.

O Year untried, thou hast for me
Naught but my Father's eye can
see;
Nor canst thou bring me loss
or gain,
Or health or sickness, ease or
pain;
But welcome messenger shall
prove,
From Him whose name to me
is Love.

Contributed by Sister Barclay.

MT. BRYDGES, ONT.

Dear Brother Editor: Another
year is beginning — what will it
bring forth? How wonderful and
how comforting to belong to God,
and to be able to face the uncertain
future without fear! I thank Him,
with another year in the past,
that I am much closer to seeing
Him—face to face.

Have been wondering if you
folks can get the Broadcast of our
church from Sarnia, Ont. I do hope
you can. (No, we in Monongahela
can't get it). Oh it is such a bless-
ing to us here; I tell the various
brother Elders when they come,
that I have a complaint to make
about the broadcast — it is too
short. I enjoy it so much that it
seems as if I've scarcely tuned in
and enjoying such a blessing, when
it's all over. It's the same with our
service at meetings each Sunday.
I look forward all week to them,
then they are over so quickly. But
I truly thank God that we are
now able to have a meeting every
week here in Mt. Brydges at Sis-
ter Albertina's home; instead of
every other week as in the past.
So, with the radio service, too, we
are doubly blest. We are deeply
grateful to the untiring efforts of
the Elders and others who make
this possible.

I recently received the enclosed
poem, "A Year untried" from a
dear old friend of mine, who has
had it many years as you can see;
faintly, the date — 1916. Thought
perhaps you might like to put it
in your church paper. Wishing
you all a very happy New Year in
the Lord. Love to all the saints
everywhere from Sister Velda Bar-
clay.

GOOD NEWS FROM SAN DIEGO, CALIF.

The Editor is in receipt of a
letter from Sister Jesta Lombardo,
telling of a wonderful meeting
they had on December 19th. They
had as a guest on the occasion,
brother Warren Nellis of Coleman,
Mich., who according to the let-
ter, gave them a wonderful sermon
which caused much rejoicing. The
gift of tongues and visions were
present in their midst, also a
young girl asked for baptism
which was attended to later in
the day. The new convert is a
daughter of brother Natale Samar-
row who is now in Italy preaching
the gospel. Brother Samarow left
his home in New Brunswick, N.
J., sometime in November. The
latest news from him are, that he
baptised nine persons. Reverting
to Sister Lombardo's letter: she
says that many wept and all re-
joiced in the meeting. She further
says: "Brother Cadman prayer

means a lot, in the meetings and
out."

An old Scotchman operated a small
rowboat for transporting passen-
gers across one of the little lakes
in Scotland. One day a passenger
noticed that he had carved on one
oar the word "Faith" and on the
other oar the word "Works." Curio-
sity led him to ask the meaning
of this.

The old man said, "I will show
you." He dropped one oar and
plied the other called "Works,"
and they just went around in cir-
cles. Then he dropped that oar
and began to ply the one called
"Faith," and the little boat went
around in circles again—this time
the other way round.

After this demonstration, the
old man picked up both "Faith and
"Works" and plying both oars to-
gether sped swiftly over the wa-
ter, explaining to his inquiring
passenger, "You see, that is the
way it is in the Christian life."—
Canadian Churchman.

O HEAR HIS VOICE

By Elizabeth Lynch Parlor

(Continued From January Paper)

Isaiah 14—For the Lord will have
mercy on Jacob, and will choose
Israel, and set them in their own
land; and the stranger shall be
joined with them, and they shall
cleave to the house of Jacob, And
the people shall take them, and
bring them to their place: and the
House of Israel shall possess them
in the land of the Lord for serv-
ants and hand maids; And they
shall take them captives, whose
captives they were; and they shall
rule over their oppressors: And it
shall come to pass in the day that
the Lord shall give thee rest from
thy sorrow, and from thy fear,
and from the hard bondage where-
in thou wast made to serve.

Isaiah 49 — And now, saith the
Lord that formed me from the
womb to be his servant, to bring
Jacob again to him, Though Israel
be not gathered, yet shall I be
glorious in the eyes of the Lord,
and my God shall be my strength
and he said, It is a light thing that
thou shouldest be my servant to
raise up the tribes of Jacob, and
to restore the preserved of Israel:
I will give thee for a light to the
Gentiles, that thou mayest be my

salvation unto the end of the earth.

First Nephi, Ch. 14—And it shall come to pass, that if the Gentiles shall hearken unto the Lamb of God in that day that he shall manifest unto them in word, and also in power, in very deed, unto the taking away of their stumbling blocks—and harden not their hearts against the Lamb of God, they shall be numbered among the seed of thy father; yea they shall be numbered among the house of Israel; and they shall be a blessed people upon the promised land forever; they shall be no more brought down into captivity; and the house of Israel shall no more be confounded.

Therefore, Woe be unto the Gentiles if it so be that they harden their hearts against the Lamb of God. For the time cometh, saith the Lamb of God, that I will work a great and a marvelous work among the children of men; a work which shall be everlasting, either on the one hand or on the other—either to the convincing of them unto peace and life eternal, or unto the deliverance of them to the hardness of their hearts and the blindness of their minds unto their being brought down into captivity, and also into destruction, both temporally and spiritually, according to the captivity of the devil of which I have spoken.

Rev. 3-20, 21—Christ says, Behold I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in His throne.

THE HEAVENLY JERUSALEM Cleveland, Ohio

And I saw a New Heaven and a New Earth: for the First Heaven and the First Earth were passed away and there was no more sea, and I John saw the Holy City, New Jerusalem coming down from God out of heaven prepared as a Bride adorned for her husband. And I heard great voice out of heaven saying: the tabernacle of God is with men and He will dwell with them and they shall be His people, and God himself shall be with them and be their God, and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying. Neither shall there be any

more pain, for the former things are passed away.

Glory of the New Zion: Isaiah Ch. 35—And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with songs of everlasting joy upon their heads they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

There is no disappointment in heaven. Earth's sorrows and cares are forgotten. No tempter is there to annoy. After reading about the heavenly Jerusalem and the glory of the New Zion, I cannot conceive how a man can look up into the heavens and say there is no God. The Apostle Paul writing to Timothy Chapt. 3 "This know also that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy; having a form of Godliness but denying the power thereof, from such turn away."

During the illness of my wife in the hospital, she was not allowed any water for twenty four hours, and she became very thirsty. She cried out: please, is there no one that will give me water? At that moment a man appeared before her bed with a glass of water in his hand. She then went to sleep and when she awoke she was not thirsty; Jesus gave her that living water. St. John 4-10. She also had an experience while in the hospital of being in heaven, and was telling God how good a nurse had treated her. The Lord's answer was: "Yes I know. I see all." This takes my mind to the dedication of our new Church in Cleveland recently, and the sermon which was preached by our president W. H. Cadman. His text was taken from the 68th chapt. of Isaiah. "Thus saith the Lord, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest." Brother Cadman also referred to God as the same yesterday, today and forever, which pleased me very much, because these words are a fixture with me. He also went on to say that all buildings will crumble to the earth. Yes, that is true, that is why my heart is now set on that City, the New Jerusalem, and if I prove faithful, someday its blessing I will share. I have dreamed about heaven and thought about heaven ever since I was a boy ten years old. I was baptized into The Church of Jesus

Christ in the year of 1915, being then 19 years old, and I am enjoying more of the blessings of God every day. We are having wonderful meetings here in Cleveland, and our brothers and sisters are as one. We have a very humble presiding Elder, Bro. Biscotti.

A few years ago I dreamed I was walking upon a high mountain alone with my wife; the path was so narrow we had to walk sideways. On each side of the path lay a valley below. To fall off this path meant certain death. My wife had a hold of my hand urging me to come on, there was a light ahead of us. She was strong, I was weak and afraid. I was crying, but I knew as long as she had a hold of my hand I would be all right. We were on our way to the heavenly home, the New Jerusalem. We both completed the journey. I want to take this opportunity to thank all the saints for the lovely cards they sent my wife during her illness and the many prayers that were offered up in her behalf. May God bless you all this coming year, and many years yet to come, and may we all meet beyond this vale of tears. Bro. Oliver Lloyd.

GIVING By Martin Michalko Corapolis, Pa.

We are taught and impressed much during the observance of the Lord's birthday of the blessedness of giving, not as a custom of that day but rather to continue on with a spirit of giving during the whole year. With the passing of another Christmas season, I wonder how many in this world will be able to retain this thought which is oft taught and stressed during the observance of this day.

It is a foregone conclusion that we as a people of God should not need a reminder. But since slackness in various things has hampered the progress of God's elect down through all ages, it behooves us to examine ourselves individually whether or not we have shown appreciation to our God for His goodness, by being good to others. Since we have been converted we have received a knowledge of God and of His ways, and many truths have been opened unto us. We should in no wise become slack or negligent in this part of our service or to become forgetful of the words of the Lord Jesus of how he said that it was more blessed to give than to receive. In all of

his recommendations for sharing of our worldly wealth he definitely promises us a great reward, provided that our alms are done rightly. By rightly we could include such scripture as: "the Lord loveth a cheerful giver", give not alms to be seen of men", "let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth", "and he that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully", etc. Indeed if we have any measure of the love of God in our hearts we will be ready and we will give cheerfully, secretly and abundantly, for this is the dictation of a heart that is so filled. It is no wonder that we often hear the saying that the more we give the more we have, and contrariwise the less we give the less we have.

I read an editorial in one of the local papers in which the writer commended the little commonwealth of New Zealand for her generous actions towards the victims of war commonly known as displaced persons (D.P.'s). He went on to say that they were ready to accept another 1000 such people, these they stipulated were to be widows, orphans and elderly people, people which were dependent on others for care. Other nations including our own, insist that such displaced persons as they admit must be able-bodied and capable of self-support. Can we not say that the deed of this little nation has been a nobler one than the deeds of other nations including our own? Our nation being blessed above all others should also have remembered some of the aged and unfortunate.

The editor goes on to say that the unselfish offer of New Zealand entitles her to admiration and respect. Rightly so. Does a parallel condition involving us exist in this religious world? We that are of the Church of the Lord Jesus and blessed above all others are we allowing those around us to give unselfishly to the spreading of the word of God, and to helping the needy, while we sit idly by giving excuses too often and that which is needed too infrequently? Let us be wise and alert in this matter, brothers and sisters by retaining the spirit of giving, and by using this gift until it becomes a part of us, and by so doing we too will bring a little "joy to the world." Let us keep our eyes and ears open that we may be even as the Samaritan on the road to Jericho, and not as the two re-

ligionists. Let us be even as we sing in one hymn, "thoughtful and earnest, kindhearted and true," for the Lord Jesus himself set this example, and promised us treasures in the heavens for following in His footsteps and examples.

In writing this article it seems that my mind is drawn to a closely related subject which I wish to deal with at this point but not extensively. It is the subject of tithing. Many people today practice tithing which has also been recommended in our midst at various times. I believe though there is a better way, for I firmly believe that a penny given freely and cheerfully brings a greater reward than an hundred dollars given by one who does so just because his giving is prompted by a feeling that he is compelled to so do by a law. Will not the words of the Lord Jesus bear up with a statement like this when he watched the people cast their offerings into the treasury. He said of the widow's mite that it was more than the abundance cast in by the others. Not more as we would understand according to the arithmetic which we learn in school, but more in the sense that it brought a greater reward to the individual. So then a person that of his own self sets in his heart to practise a tithing will receive his reward not according to the amount, but rather according to the spirit in which it is given, and he that sets and gives only a hundredth instead of a tenth will likewise receive according to the spirit in which he gives his offering. But why should we set a tenth as a law, would it not stifle the desire of those who could give more, and burden those who are not able to give the tenth? If this be the case can we not use the counsel of Paul to the Romans, which he gave them for another matter, but which is very fitting for this matter? (Romans 14:5) "Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind"—how much he should give and how often.

EXERPTS FROM DOCTRINE PAMPHLET NO. 1

When we decided to arrange a brief statement of our faith for future publication, it was resolved (as is mentioned in a letter written by brother William Skillen a short time before his death), "That it was necessary to know what we do believe, and what we do not believe." Therefore, having paid so

much attention to what, we believe, we will endeavor to express ourselves as to some religious practices, more, or less, prevalent in the World, in which we do not believe. Infant Baptism, in any form, we absolutely reject, for the following reasons: First. There is no authority in the Scripture for such a proceeding. Christ furnished neither precept nor example for mankind to follow to that effect. We think that a strong reason. The Methodist Church, a numerous religious body, both in this country and in Europe, set forth in the fifth article of their faith, that "The Holy Scriptures contain all things necessary to salvation: So that whatsoever is not read therein, nor may be proved therefrom, is not to be required of any man, that it should be believed as an article of faith, or be thought necessary to salvation." Then, without any proof from Scripture, they declare in the 17th article, that "The baptism of young children is to be retained in the Church." The first quotation of their faith we can endorse; the second we reject, and demand a reason why Infant Baptism should be made an exception to the previous rule.

I remember some years ago reading an article in the press issued by the Pope of Rome—that is, Pope Pius IX—pointing out the inconsistencies of Protestants in this particular. He cited several doctrines of the Catholic Church which Protestants reject on the grounds of their being unscriptural, and then inquired why they admitted and practiced this doctrine of Baptizing Infants, which could not be proven by Scripture, not in the least degree. He then explained that this doctrine was not in the Church until about five hundred years after Christ, and that the Catholic Church made no pretense of founding it upon Scripture, but upon the traditions of their Church, which he alleged was of equal authority with the Scriptures. Upon this latter point, of course, men will differ, but who will say the Catholics do not occupy more reasonable grounds in this matter than the Protestants, who maintained that unscriptural practice, which originated only in Catholic traditions, and yet condemn those traditions?

In the second place, we find from Scripture that whenever baptism is taught or administered by the ancient disciples (with the single exception of the case of Christ), it was for the accomplishment of

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EDITORIAL

NOTE: In justice to the writer, we are republishing the article "The First Dominion" in this issue. In the January issue some of the type was misplaced which caused confusion to the readers. Sorry this happened. Anyone in Canada wishing to subscribe for The Gospel News, do so by addressing Robert Watson, Jr., 694 Irvine Ave., Windsor, Ont.

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a specific object. That object was the remission of sins. It must be evident to all reflective minds that a little child is not a sinner; indeed, it is not capable of transgressing a law, and sin is the transgression of a law. Little children were held up by the Saviour as an example of innocence and purity to upgrown people, and they were told that "except they became as a little child they should in no case enter into the Kingdom of Heaven." Who will say in the face of these facts that they are sinners? In regard to original sin, it was removed by Christ; the penalty only remains, which is Death, and that will lose its force at the Resurrection. That can be realized by any person who will consult only their own conscience. Whoever felt a condemnation of conscience because of the transgression of Adam? Then there is no necessity (and what is not a necessity in Christ's Gospel is certainly superfluous), of baptizing little children for the remission of sins, because they have no sins. Foolish people, that practice such a doctrine, do not realize that in so doing they are reproaching Him whom they call Master and Saviour. Do you consider that Christ was so deficient in the understanding of the duties devolving upon Him in establishing the plan of salvation by instruction of the Father, and then after it had been in operation for several hundred years, accomplish-

ing successfully its proper object, it needed amendment or improvement by man? The idea is preposterous, and the man that believes or acts upon such a theory, it seems to me, has need of a guardian.

VERY FRIENDLY INDEED

(From Cleveland, Ohio)

Dear Editor: On Christmas Eve, Mr. Allan S. Austin stopped in my barber shop and handed me a Christmas card for our Church here with a check for \$500.00 and the following message: "Mr. Rocco Biscotti, Pastor of The Church of Jesus Christ, Euclid, Ohio. To wish you and your Church success, and as further evidence of our admiration for your fine work, we wish you to accept the attached check for Five Hundred Dollars. The Wilbert J. Austin Memorial Trust. Allan S. Austin, Trustee."

Brother Editor: This gift was certainly appreciated by us all here. Our building cost us over fifteen thousand dollars, including of course the price of the lot. We have enjoyed God's blessings in our new building thus far and we are trusting in God for future blessings and success.

This last Sunday we had Bro. Russel Cadman and family, and Sister Martha Kelly from Pennsylvania with us. We enjoyed their visit very much. With best wishes to all the saints. Sincerely Bro. Rocco Biscotti.

RADIO ADDRESS

Over "CHOK" Sarnia, Ont. 1/9/49

By T. S. Furnier

Good morning, radio friends: The foundation of my subject is; The parable of the sower and the seed.

Jesus said: "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." John 5:39.

The Apostle John warned the followers of Christ in these words:

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

The prophet Isaiah saw that evil spirits would enter into some, which would cause them to peep and mutter, and referred us to the word of God, to test their value.

Hear the words of this prophet: "And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should

not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead?"

"To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." Isaiah 8:19, 20.

In a few moments we shall read the parable of the sower as taught by Jesus, and recorded in St. Matt. the 13th chapter.

Remember that Jesus said: eternal life is to be found in the scriptures.

But in our efforts to obtain the prize, we shall encounter many difficulties and false spirits.

To be forewarned is to be forearmed.

The Apostle Paul said: "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

"Wherefore take upon you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." Eph. 6:12, 13.

He informs us to have our loins girt about with truth, to have on the breastplate of righteousness, our feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace, taking the shield of faith that we may be able to quench the fiery darts of the wicked, and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God: Praying with watchfulness and perseverance.

Dear friends: By this time, our minds should have been made up, to be honest with ourselves and allow the words of Jesus to either justify or condemn us, in the aforementioned parable of the sower.

Let us read and seriously consider his words:

"And he spake many things to them in parables, saying, Behold a sower went forth to sow;

And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the wayside, and the fowls came and devoured them up:

Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth:

And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.

And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up and choked them:

But others fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an

hundred fold, some sixty fold, and some thirty fold:

Who hath ears to hear, let him hear." St. Matt. 13: 3-9.

Jesus then explained to his disciples why he spoke to them in parables and continued by saying:

"Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower." St. Matt. 13:18.

"When anyone heareth the words of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.

But he that receiveth the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it;

Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while; for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended.

He also that receiveth seed among thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.

But he that receiveth seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundred fold, some sixty, some thirty." St. Matt 13: 19-23.

There are four groups of people represented in this parable, none of us escaped the notice of the Saviour.

To which of these groups do you belong?

If you belong to either of the groups No. 1, 2 & 3, you are either without understanding, or you have hardened your heart against that which is good, or you are very cold and indifferent, and weak indeed, and have cause to believe, repent, and be baptized for the remission of your sins and receive the Holy Ghost.

For just as sure as God is eternal, you are not prepared for that great day, when the earth shall be rolled together as a scroll and the elements shall melt with fervent heat; in that great day when you shall be brought to stand before the Lamb of God.

Do you suppose that you could be happy to dwell with that holy Being, when your souls are racked with a consciousness of guilt that you have ever abused his laws?

Many are without understanding because they do not ask for it.

Jesus said: "Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and ye shall

find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

For everyone that asketh receiveth, and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened." St. Matt. 7:7, 8.

James the Apostle informs us in these words: "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." Jas. 1:5.

Others become members of the church of their choice, and just so everything is going in their favor, they find joy in serving God, but let a little difficulty arise, or some of their old associates scoff at them, ridiculing them, for what THEY TERM, to be foolish tradition. Saying, there is no God, there is no devil, there is no hell, eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we die. Lie a little, take advantage of the one because of his words, dig a pit for your neighbor; there is no harm in this.

He who is enticed by these things soon forgets what God has done for him and becomes unfruitful.

Others find pleasure in the sinful practices of this world, and resort to secret works of darkness to obtain riches and get gain.

Many are puffed up in their hearts and seek deep to hide their counsels from the Lord; and their works are in the dark.

The day and age in which we are now living, is one of sin and transgression. Satan will rage in the hearts of the children of men, and stir them up to anger against that which is good.

Others will he pacify, and lull them away into carnal security, that they will say: All is well, all is well, and thus the devil is cheating their souls, and leading them away carefully from God and Godly things.

It is necessary that the servants of God acquaint mankind the consequences of sin.

The Lord commanded men should not murder; that they should not lie; that they should not steal; that they should not take the name of the Lord their God in vain; that they should not envy; that they should not have malice; that they should not contend one with another; that they should not commit whoredoms; and that they should do none of these things; for who so doeth them shall perish.

"For none of these iniquities

come of the Lord; for he does that which is good among the children of men; and he does nothing save it be plain unto the children of men."

There is a natural law to punish the transgressor, and there is also a spiritual law for the same purpose.

If there was no law given against murder, — if a man murdered he should die, would he be afraid he would die if he should murder?

Also, if there was no law given against sin, men would not be afraid to sin.

Sin has caused the destruction of nations and peoples, and whatsoever nation shall uphold secret combinations, to get power and gain until they spread over the nations, they shall be destroyed;

This subject will not be complete unless we consider the fourth group. I like to talk about them, that is: "He that receiveth seed unto the good ground." This group is well spoken of by the words of the poet Viz:

In ancient days men feared the Lord,

And by their faith received his word,

Then God bestowed upon the meek

The Priesthood of Melchizedek.

By help of this their faith increased,

Till they with God spoke face to face;

An Enoch, he would walk with God,

A Noah, ride safe o'er the flood.

Abraham obtained great promises,

And Isaac he was also blest,
A Jacob could prevail with God,
The sea divide at Moses' rod.

The Lion's mouth a Daniel closed,

The fire ne'er scorched his brethren's clothes,
But time would fail to mention all,

A John, a Peter or a Paul.

Who did to the third heaven's arise,

And view the wonders of the skies;

He saw and heard mysterious things,

Yet all by faith and not by wings.

Such blessings to the human race,

Once more are tendered by God's grace:

The Priesthood is again restored, For this let God be long adored. Who cannot help but admire such noble followers of God?

The true servants of God have always been the object of persecution.

Hear what the Apostle Paul said they had to contend with in their day and age:

"For I think that God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to man.

We are fools for Christ's sake, but ye are wise in Christ; we are weak, but ye are strong; ye are honourable, but we are despised.

Even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwelling place,

And labour, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted we suffer it:

Being defamed, we intreat: we are made as the filth of the world, and are the offscouring of all things unto this day.

I write not these things to shame you, but as my beloved sons I warn you." 1st. Cor. 4:9-14.

They believed in God, their minds were enlightened, they trusted him in tribulation and persecution, they trusted not in the riches of this world, but in the riches of God's grace, the unsearchable riches of Christ.

The word of Christ dwelled in them richly in all wisdom.

They did not practice deception or hypocrisy. Though persecuted, theirs was a happy lot.

Dear friends: You too can enjoy these many blessings.

God invites all men to come unto him, and partake of his goodness; and he denies none that come unto him, black and white, bond and free, male and female, and he remembereth the heathen, and all are alike unto God, both Jew and Gentile.

And whosoever shall believe in his name, doubting nothing, unto him God will confirm all his words.

"And now behold, who can stand against the works of the Lord? Who can deny his sayings? Who will rise up against the almighty power of the Lord? Who will despise the works of the Lord?

Who will despise the children of Christ? Behold, all ye who are despisers of the works of the Lord, for ye shall wonder and perish.

O then despise not, and wonder not, but hearken unto the words of the Lord, and ask the Father in the name of Jesus for whatsoever things soever ye shall stand in need. Doubt not, but be believing, and begin as in times of old, and come unto the Lord with all your heart and work out your own salvation with fear and trembling before him.

Be wise in the days of your probation; strip yourselves of all uncleanness; ask not that ye may consume it on your lusts, but ask with a firmness unshaken, that ye will yield to no temptation, but that you will serve the true and living God." (B. of M 9:26-28 in part).

David the Psalmist says: "He that goeth forth and weeping, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Psalms 126:6.

Some of my radio audience may have discerned that I have quoted some passages of scripture that are not familiar to them.

Permit me to call your attention to the words of the prophet Isaiah; speaking to Israel he says: "And thou shalt be brought down, and shalt speak out of the ground, and thy speech shall be low out of the dust, and thy voice shall be, as of one that hath a familiar spirit, out of the ground, and thy speech shall whisper out of the dust. Isaiah 29:4.

How can any nation speak out of the ground? We add, by recording God's dealings with them, burying them in the earth, and their record exhumed, (or taken out of the earth) later.

In conclusion: If further information is desired regarding this last statement, or any other, contact "The Church of Jesus Christ," at any of the addresses that will be furnished by our announcer.

May God add his blessings is my prayer.

VADASY-ARCURI NUPTIALS

The Hopelawn, N. J. Church was the scene of another pretty wedding on Saturday, Jan. 8th at 4 p.m., when Anthony J. Vadasy and sister Theresa Arcuri were united in marriage by Brother Joseph Benyola. The bride was given away by her older brother, due to the absence of her father who is confined in the hospital. The maid of honor was Edith Arcuri of Metuchen, and the bridesmaids were Marie Calabro of Hopelawn, and

Helen Pacanoki of Perth Amboy. The best man was Joseph Farragasso of New Brunswick. The ushers were Frank Arcuri and Joseph Arcuri both of Metuchen. Sister Mary Feher was soloist, while Palma Mazzeo of New Brunswick accompanied her at the piano.

A reception was held at the Legion Hall in Metuchen, and a supper served at 8 p.m. The young couple will reside with the groom's parents in New Brunswick, N. J. The Gospel News extends best wishes to the young couple.

CHARLES KOSLOSKY PASSES ON

Charles Koslosky, the seven year old boy of Sister and Carl Koslosky, died after a very brief illness at his home in Ellsworth, Pa., on Jan. 6th. Services were attended to at his late home on Jan. 8th, Brothers Oron Thomas and Samuel Kirschner in charge. Little Charles leaves to mourn his early departure, his father and mother, and seven brothers and sisters. We extend the bereaved family our sympathy.

AN UNTIMELY DEATH

Sgt. Gordon E. Lowe Jr. met with an untimely death by accident at Langley Field, Va., Sunday, Dec. 19th 1948 at 1:30 a.m.

Sgt. Lowe was the son of brother and sister Gordon E. Lowe of 407 N. Prospect St., Connellsville, Pa., and a grandson of brother and sister Oron Thomas of Vanderbilt, Pa. He was a little short of being 21 years old.

He was laid to rest in the family plot in the Flatwoods Cemetery on Dec. 23rd. Brother Charles Ashton was in charge of the service.

May the Lord comfort Brother and Sister Lowe and family.

MARIA G. MOLISANI PASSES ON

Sister Molisani has passed on. She was born in Italy Nov. 11, 1887, died at her home in Detroit on Dec. 21, 1948. She had just passed her 61st year. She came to America in August of 1922, and was baptised into the Church in Sept. of the same year. She was laid away to rest on Dec. 24th, the services being attended by Bros. Joseph Lovalvo and Marco Randazzo. She leaves to mourn her loss, her husband, two sons and three daughters. Sister Molisani obeying the Gospel in 1922, makes her one of the oldest members in

Detroit. She has been a faithful sister, and has now gone to reap her reward. May the Lord bless and comfort Brother Mollisani and his children.

"THE FIRST DOMINION"

By A. B. Cadman

Continued from November issue

Adam lived 930 years. Enoch was born when Adam was 622 years old, and he Enoch was translated when he was 365 years old in the year of 987, and had lived contemporary with Adam for 308 years. Their Zion was coming to a close, the cause is recorded in Genesis 6 Chapt. In verses 2, and 3 it is recorded: "That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they choose, 'In verse 3 the Lord said: 'My spirit shall not always strive with man.' In verses 5 and 6 'And God saw that the wickedness of man was so great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the Lord that He had made man on the earth, and it grieved Him at His heart.' In verse 9 we read that 'Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations.' Noah was born in the year 1056, and Lamech his father was 182 years old, and begat a son and called his name Noah: saying this same shall comfort us concerning our work and toil of our hands, because of the ground that the Lord has cursed. To destroy the world was terrible, yet the Lord stayed His hand for six hundred years and there was no other remedy. In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, was the depths of the deep broken up and it rained forty days and forty nights, 'And all flesh died that moved on the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast and of every creeping thing that creepeth on the earth and every man, and only Noah remained alive, and they that were with him in the Ark.' Surely the heavens wept and hell enlarged her borders.

On the 27th day of the second Month of the following year, they came out of the Ark. The recorded events of this age are much limited, it being ten generations from Noah to Abraham who, was born 292 years after the flood. The people of the age soon were given to idolatry, but there was no strange God with Abraham. He kept himself as the apple of His eye. He

is called the friend of God, the father of the faithful, and such is not recorded of any other man, that he took his only son to offer up as a sacrifice, by the command of God. In the very act, an angel appeared and stayed his hand. This act of Abrahams is often referred to as a type of the sacrifice of Jesus, the only begotten Son of God. So we see that the heavens recognized a man who was obedient in all things, which the Lord would command him to do. And in the Book of Mormon it is written, Jacob 4-5 "Behold they believed in Christ, and worshiped the Father in His name, and also we worshiped the Father in his name, and for this intent we (the Nephites) keep the law of Moses, it pointing our souls unto Him (Christ) and for this cause it (the law) is sanctified unto us for righteousness, even as it was accounted unto Abraham in the wilderness to be obedient unto the commands of God in offering up his son Isaac, which is a similitude of God and His only-begotten Son." And fifteen years before Isaac was born, God made a covenant to Abraham Gen. 15-18 "unto thy seed have I given this land," (Canaan). Also verse 8 "and he said Lord God, whereby shall I know I shall inherit it?" And God gave him a marvelous experience, when he offered a sacrifice, a three year old heifer, a she goat, and a ram of three years old, a turtle dove and a young pigeon, portraying what I believe the five dispensations. The first from Adam to Abraham of about 2030 years divided into two parts as was the first animal.

Abraham has now come on the scene in a remarkable manner to head a new dispensation, wherein his posterity were to receive their dominion in the land of Canaan. Even as Adam and his sons received their dominion, which was called the Ancient of Days." So Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and the twelve sons of Jacob which became the twelve tribes of Israel. In 470 years from the covenant of an inheritance, entered the land of Canaan, so Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob stood at the head of this second dispensation, even as Adam, Seth, and Enos was in the first, and Gal. 4-16, 17 Paul says: "Now to Abraham was the promise made which is Christ" "the law which was 430 years after."

Then forty more years they entered the land of Canaan which they had possession of for 1570

years to A. D. 70, less the 70 years while they were in captivity. In reading the biblical account of the great favors of God that came to them in their righteousness, and His disfavor to them when they fell into sin; yet He was merciful to them, and sent angels and prophets to them throughout all those forty two generations, until Christ their promised Messiah was born. Then as Moses said "of the Rock that begat thee thou art unmindful, and hast forgotten God that formed thee." Deut 32-18. And in Romans 11-15 "for if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead." Or as Ezekiel 37 Chapt. likens Israel "to a valley of dry bones" — "and they lived and stood upon their feet and exceeding great army.

(To be continued.)

FREEMAN DOUGLAS PASSES ON

There has not been an obituary sent me of the death of Bro. Douglas, one of our Indian brothers who reside on the Six Nations Reserve in Ontario, Can. I understand he died on Dec. 24th. Brother Douglas was baptised two or three years ago. He has not been well for sometime, having a weak heart. The last time I (Bro. Cadman) was on the Reserve I called to see him, and he was very poorly. As for my acquaintance with him, I observed that he was a quiet and inoffensive brother. He has now gone to rest. May the Lord bless his loved ones who will mourn his departure.

EXTRACTS FROM "THE GOLDEN AGE"

By A. B. Cadman

I will quote a few extracts from the "Golden Age." Jan. 8, 1930. "The greatest of all frauds is that lie of the devil—The dead are not dead." I have at other times read in this same paper, asking: "Where are the dead?"

Of all men who ever lived on the earth who was without sin; Him who knew all things, could discern the thoughts and intents of the heart of man; who was in the beginning with God, and the same came from God — that man was Christ. The only perfect Man that ever lived; therefore we must accept His teachings as perfect — we cannot even conceive anything imperfect about Him. He said to Martha, St. John 11th Chapt. "Thy

brother shall rise again." She replied: "I know he shall rise in the resurrection." Jesus said: "I am the Resurrection and the Life, he that believeth on Me though he were dead, yet shall he live, and he that believeth in Me shall never die." Was Christ here referring to the natural dead? No, he was referring to the life of God in man that should never die, and that life should come to those that believe in Him. One of Christ's disciples said, "suffer me first to go and bury my father." Christ said: "Let the dead bury the dead."

It is said that "millions now living shall never die." You will notice in the New Testament that there are two kinds of death referred to, dead naturally and dead spiritually. That is why Christ said "I am the Resurrection" etc. To awaken men from the death of Adam, to a life in Christ, and He, Christ gave us a parable of the condition of man after the death of nature. We understand a parable to be an illustration of an actual fact or condition. If not, then His parables would be of no purpose.

The parable referred to, is of the rich man and Lazarus. He illustrated the rich man as clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day, and Lazarus was a beggar at his gate, full of sores, and desired to be fed on the crumbs from the rich man's table, and the dogs licked his sores. This parable shows the "lot" of these two men after death but according to the doctrine set forth in the "Golden Age" concerning death; these two men would not know of their condition while here on earth, the rich man not knowing anything of his wealth, and Lazarus not knowing anything about his hunger, for the "Golden Age" says: "the dead knoweth not anything, both body and soul in the grave dead." Jesus Christ the Son of God gives us a different light on the life which follows death, for the rich man in hell lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and saw Lazarus in Abraham's bosom. Now if hell is the grave as is set forth by the Golden Age, how could the rich man's dead body see with its eyes Abraham afar off, and ask him to send Lazarus with a little water to cool his (the rich man's) tongue? He was told that it was impossible, for a great gulf was between them, yet their bodies may have laid in the same cemetery. He

then wanted Abraham to send Lazarus to his brethren who were yet living on earth, so they would repent and not come to where he was.

The Apostle Peter had a better hope in what is called death. Second Peter 1:13, 14 he says: "Yea I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle (earthly body) to stir you up by putting you in remembrance. Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath showed me." If the spirit of man does not return to the God who gave it, but goeth to the grave along with the body; then Peter did not put off his body, but he lies dormant in the grave, and if the "rest" Paul speaks of in Heb. Chapt. 4, is the grave which he hoped to enter, may I ask: was the "GRAVE" the REST he had reference to? If so, why did he warn the Hebrews who had failed after the same example of unbelief of entering the REST?

This same paper "Golden Age" says: "the next fraud was in the days of Enos, when men first began hypocritically to call upon the name of the Lord," end quote. I would like to ask for their authority to change the word of God, for the Bible states, I quote: "In the days of Enos men began to call on the name of the Lord." Enos was the son of Seth whom God gave Adam and Eve in the place of Able whom Cain slew. Enos lived 905 years. He was 387 years old when Enoch was born. Enoch was a righteous man, and walked with God for 300 years after he begat Methuselah, and all the days of Enoch was 365 years, and he was not, because God took him.

Paul in Heb. 11-5 says: "By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death. And was not found because God had translated him." For before his translation he had this testimony that "he pleased God."

Adam, Seth, and Enos lived in the days of Enoch, and no doubt they would bless God because their calling on him had not been in vain, for they saw their son Enoch grow into such a perfect state of righteousness, that he could walk with God with such faith, that death had no claim on him, and he was translated—taken home to God, which home is the hope of every man of faith who ever lived on earth.

"THE LIVING NEED THE FLOWERS"

The living need the flowers
That we strew upon the dead;
The flowers of human comfort,
The kind words to be said.

The handclasp given in silence,
The touch upon the brow;
These priceless human blossoms
The living need them now.

How, often those we cherished,
Lie in the churchyard shade,
Decked with those floral
emblems
Which oh! so quickly fade.

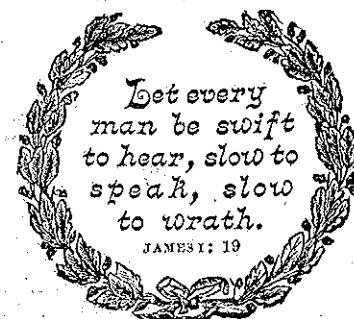
Who while we had them with
us,
Longed, had we only known;
For more of the fadeless
blossoms,
In God's own garden grown.

The living need these daily,
All through their years of life
To ease the bitter heartache,
To soothe amid the strife;

We may honor the lifeless body,
As we lay it on the sod,
But—it's what we owe it living,
That we answer for to God.

LaVerna Flowers

(A Poem direct from Scotland)
Contributed by Sister Elsie
Johnson, Port Huron, Mich.



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ARMOUR OF GOD

Take unto you the armour, whole,
Of God, that ye may stand,
Within that evil day, and then
When all is done, to stand.

Stand! Girt thy loins about with
truth
So that ye may not fall
When intrigues ugly head shall
rear
To strike, or to appall.

Thru' the breastplate of right-
eousness
No vengeful thrust may pierce.
No self-accusing reprimand
Of conscience' anger, fierce.

Preparing for the gospels peace,
Thy feet must e'er be shod,
And 'spread God's word, so ye
may win
Heaven's approving nod.

Hold o'er your arm the shield
of faith
To quench the fiery darts
Of wicked enemies who'd dare
Put doubt into your hearts.

The helmet of salvation, then,
Is yours, if you would take
The spirits' sword: The Word
of God;
Thy very soul, the stake!

But if ye pray, with all great
prayer
In supplicating spirit,
And watching, while ye perse-
vere. . . .
Heaven is thine, to merit.
Catherine Poma

GOOD NEWS

Bronx, N. Y.

Dear Editor: I am happy to say that here in the Bronx, we had three baptisms and one blessing with quite a few visitors attending our meetings. It seems that God is commencing His work, for we have not seen such faith as was displayed by these new converts, and also the visitors. What I like to impress you and the readers of The Gospel News of this great faith is, when one of these converts asked for baptism on one of the worst days in the city's history (N.Y.) Dec. 19, '48.

This day was very cold, with a very strong snow blizzard, and yet our Minister and he went into the

water and performed this ceremony. Such faith cannot be ignored by anyone, and that's why we are happy whenever a soul surrenders to God. All our baptisms have been in the cold Months, when most people fear of catching colds, rheumatism and other winter ailments; but when the Lord calls, elements and what-not does not retard us.

I expect that when I write you again, I shall report more souls surrendering themselves to God. Accept the best wishes from our residing Elder, Vincent Lupo and all the members here. May God bless you and help you in printing this wonderful paper for our benefit and knowledge.

Bro. Nicholas A. Zinzi

AN INTERESTING LETTER

Brother Editor: I'm writing you a few lines to give you some news of our Branch here in Windsor. In the past few months a wonderful spirit has prevailed and I hope and pray that it will continue and grow.

On Sunday night of Jan. 2nd, we had a wonderful meeting, the spirit of love dominated over all of us. Brother and Sister Ross Collison arose to their feet and after giving a wonderful testimony, they asked to be reinstated in the Church. The Spirit of God was with us and there was great rejoicing to see those that have strayed, come back to the fold.

After a rather dormant period of two years, the Ladies Uplift Circle was reorganized and with its reorganization, it seems as though a new spirit has been injected in our Branch. There is a desire and enthusiasm to go out and spread the Gospel of Christ, and to bring back those who have strayed away from the fold. In our Windsor Sanitorium, a group of young Indian men and women from Canadian Reservations have been confined for treatment of tuberculosis. When Sister Ford heard of this, she went to the Sanitorium and paid these Indian people a visit. She has gained their friendship and confidence and has paid them regular visits ever since.

At first she used to bring them gifts of fruit and candy, but one day she heard as though a voice

spoke to her and said: "Is this what I gave you to bring to my chosen people?" And then she knew that it wasn't candy and fruit that she should bring, but it was the Book of Mormon. So she brought them the Book of Mormon and they received it gladly. As Sister Ford said, "If we can't go to the Lamanite people, God will bring them to us. There seems to be a good work opened up at the Sanitorium for our young people."

The young men of our Branch usually composed of Bros. Joseph Collison, Robert Watson, Jr., Steve Johns and myself, meet together about once a week and we act as the spirit moves us. Sometimes we discuss the scriptures, and sometimes we go visiting and we always enjoy ourselves. I find that by gathering together in this way, I grow spiritually and a deeper understanding of the glories of God grows within me.

Well, I have given you a bit of news of our activities here in Windsor. We would like to hear some news from the other branches of the Church. The Gospel News is a wonderful medium by which we can become better acquainted, and by our examples we can show the world that ours is truly The Church of Jesus Christ.

Bro. Anthony Gerace

GOOD TO PASS ON

A paragraph or two from a sermon delivered by Dr. Paul S. Rees over WJR in Detroit. TEXT, "He that doeth the will of God abideth forever." I John, 2-17. I—Consider, first, that in the context we have a description of what is the will of God for us. God has a will with respect to the character of our life.

Take these words with which the chapter opens: "My little children, these things I write unto you, that ye sin not." This is what Dr. Massee calls the "divine imperative": "that ye sin not." He says it is equivalent to saying, "You must not sin." Right sound and timely are Dr. Massee's words when he adds: "The solemn truth . . . is that God has but one law for men who claim a right relation with him; and that law is I am holy, be ye holy."—I brother Cadman, will add right here: that God does

not excuse sin, but He does forgive penitent souls. We are taught in God's word that "without holiness no man shall see the Lord." I believe God means what He says.

EXCERPTS FROM DOCTRINE PAMPHLET, NO. 1

Our people of this land are very strenuously opposed to combination of Church and State, or, at least, profess to be. If they would look back a few hundred years in the history of Virginia, they would find the statutes in old Colonial times enforcing the people to observe this very doctrine by fining them so many pounds of tobacco if they neglected baptizing their children within a limited time after they were born. How is that for Church and State? The minister, I presume, would see that law was not a dead letter. Was that the time so many of them learned to chew and smoke? Perhaps they think me impertinent in asking such questions; but I am afflicted with a considerable degree of curiosity. I saw a statement of Cardinal Gibbons just today: "That whenever there has been a unity of Church and State, the latter has always used the former for its own advantage," but, I think, that in the case to which I have referred, the conditions were reversed. However, it is encouraging to notice that people have not always been so foolish as they are now, and only consented to disgrace their little babies in treating them as sinners under considerable pressure; and in complaining of unity of Church and State, their complaints were consistent with their conduct, which cannot be said of the majority of people now, who are willingly and cheerfully complying with this principle of false religion, contrary to the Scripture, repugnant to common sense, and formerly enforced by statute law.

Thirdly, Infant Baptism, even if it had been right and ordained of God, is not carried out now in accordance with ancient custom. I read some years ago a work on baptism by Alexander Campbell, which showed that Infant Baptism was practiced by immersion in England as late as the time of Queen Elizabeth; in fact, "That she was immersed in her babyhood. She died, if I remember correctly, in the year 1603." This indicates that immersion was the method in use for over eleven hundred years. This new-fangled system of sprinkling then came into use in this

way: A certain Woman (of what is termed the Higher Class), stated that her baby was weakly, and desired that it might be baptized in some manner less dangerous to its health. The result was, it was sprinkled. A new method of baptizing children sprang into existence with that simple circumstance, and immediately all the children in England became sickly, and are yet. For fear some people may think these statements are not true, and may not have the opportunity to investigate for themselves, I will state that I have a common prayer book of the Church of England in my possession which gives corresponding evidence of these statements. The form of the public Baptism of Infants set forth, "That when the godfathers and godmothers (I wonder what part of the Scripture they found them in), shall have named the child, the priest shall name it after them. If they shall certify him that the child may well endure it, he shall dip in the water discreetly and warily (which means, I presume, being careful not to drown it, saying, etc. But if they certify that the child is weak, it shall suffice to pour water upon it, saying," etc. I have used the word sprinkling as the equivalent of pouring, which, in reality, it is with them in practice, as the priest merely dips his fingers in the water and then lets it run off to the baby's face. I will say that I have witnessed hundreds, if not thousands, of infants baptized in the Church of England, for I was born in a populous neighborhood and attended their meetings regularly for many years. Every Sabbath afternoon there were some, and oftentimes a great many, and I never saw one immersed, which indicates, under their rules, that they were all weakly. Poor things, I wonder how so many of them became stout as they grew up? I had thought also of making mention of some of those households, reported in Scriptures as having been baptized, and prove that if said households contained Infants they were certainly not included in the expression; such, for instance, as the household of Stephanas, the Jailors, and Lydias; but, on second thought, it seemed more prudent to wait until some of our smart and exceedingly educated ministers prove that Lydia was married, before I place her character in dispute in regard to her having, or not having, children, as I have a

good deal of respect for Lydia.

There are many other principles of doctrine in which our people disagree with (what is commonly called) professing Christians, and we cannot help these disagreements, because they arise on Scriptural and conscientious grounds. In some of our principles we agree with some Christians, whilst in the same principle, we find ourselves entirely at variance with other Christians. I cannot perceive that there is more diversity in vegetation than in Christianity, and certainly there is a very wide diversity in the forms, natures and uses of the former. I have tried sometimes to conceive or perceive a plan upon which the Almighty could harmonize all the divisions, contentions and differences of modern Christianity (exclusive of what is generally considered the vices), and produce from that source material on which to construct a peaceful Heaven. In doing so I am met with the word, absurdity. Such is an utter impossibility, except on the conditions prescribed by Christ in his own Gospel. Indeed, while meditating upon these matters, I have been forced to the conclusion that Satan could not receive them in his Dominions without endangering his own supremacy, except on the condition of exercising over them sufficient severity to entirely subjugate them to his own authority. I have no doubt that he will thoroughly understand how to conduct his business successfully in the matter referred to.

RADIO TALK OVER STATION CHOK

by Brother M. Miller
January 16, 1949

Dear Radio Friends:

I deem it a great honor to have the privilege of bringing you a short message this morning, hoping and praying that all in radio land, who at this time are listening in may receive some word of encouragement which shall abound to a greater possession of the love of God and consequently, greater and stronger activity in the work of the Lord, so much needed today. I shall endeavor to speak from a topic found in the 12th chapter of St. John's Gospel and the 32nd verse, which reads as follows: "AND I, IF I BE LIFTED UP FROM THE EARTH, WILL DRAW ALL MEN UNTO ME." This verse thrills my heart and soul with that joy which is unspeakable and full

of glory. When we think not only of this lovely verse, but of the chapter as a whole; even in this latter day when there is so much to allure and distract us, by enjoying a full amount of the peace and blessings of God we can feast upon the spirit of this theme, imagine that we were at the feast in Bethany with Jesus; Lazarus whom, He had raised from the dead, Martha who served, and enjoy some of the fragrance of the precious and costly ointment with which Mary washed the feet of Jesus and wiped them with her hair. In passing we shall pause to bring in the sentiment of Judas Iscariot, why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence and given to the poor? This he said not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief and had the bag, and have what was put therein. Then said Jesus, "LET HER ALONE, AGAINST THE DAY OF MY BURYING HATH SHE KEPT THIS, FOR THE POOR ALWAYS YE HAVE WITH YOU, BUT ME YE HAVE NOT ALWAYS." Many of the Jews went to the feast not only to see Jesus, but also Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. But the chief priests consulted that they might put Lazarus also to death, because that by reason of Him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus. On the next day many people that were come to the feast when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of Palm trees and went forth to meet him and cried, Hosanna, Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord, and Jesus when he had found a young colt sat thereon. As it is written, "FEAR NOT, DAUGHTER OF SION BEHOLD THY KING COMETH SITTING ON A COLT."

And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast; the same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee and desired him saying, "Sir, we would see Jesus." Philip cometh and telleth Andrew, and again, Andrew and Philip tell Jesus and Jesus answered them saying "THE HOUR IS COME, THAT THE SON OF MAN SHOULD BE GLORIFIED, VERILY, VERILY I SAY UNTO YOU, EXCEPT A GRAIN OF WHEAT FALL INTO THE GROUND AND DIE, IT ABIDETH ALONE, BUT IF IT DIE, IT BRINGETH FORTH MUCH FRUIT, HE THAT LOV-

ETH HIS LIFE SHALL LOSE IT, AND HE THAT HATETH HIS LIFE IN THIS WORLD SHALL KEEP IT UNTO LIFE ETERNAL. IF ANY MAN SERVE ME LET HIM FOLLOW ME AND WHERE I AM THERE SHALL MY SERVANT BE, IF ANY MAN SERVE ME, HIM WILL MY FATHER HONOUR, Now is my soul troubled and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour, but for this cause came I unto this hour. Father glorify thy name, then came there a voice from heaven saying, I HAVE BOTH GLORIFIED IT, AND WILL GLORIFY IT AGAIN." Now, how may we lift up Christ we can do so in such a multiplicity of ways, that they can not even be enumerated.

In the first commission of Christ to His disciples when He had called them and given them authority to preach the Gospel, to heal the sick, to cast out devils; He advised them that when they entered a house they should commend the peace of God upon it, and if the peace of God was there, they should abide there, carrying out the will of God as directed by the Holy Spirit. This is an important way in which we may lift Him up; by being humble, sincere, true and as ready always to obey the spirits' gleamings as were the primitive followers of Christ, who we can surely affirm endeavoured with heart, soul and mind, to follow the example of their precious leader. What a wonderful spirit must have overwhelmed the heart and soul of Mary, that caused her to have been so filled with compassion for her Lord, many others before our day had this blessed spirit of Christ which caused them not only to be desirous to live pure and emaculate lives here below, but willing fully to give their lives for what they professed. Think of Joseph when he was beset with temptation, he declared, "how can I do this great wickedness and sin against my God." Of Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego. All ready to die if necessary rather than deny allegiance to their God. Think of Peter and John when forbidden to preach this precious Gospel, which is the power of God unto salvation; What did they declare? We would rather please God than man. Those who have never been obedient to the commandment of Christ may lift Him up by repenting of their sins having faith in the son of God; and

be baptized in his name, with a firm desire to live for Him, or die for their profession, rather than being like Judas, who cared not for the things of God but only for his personal lust and pleasure. My daily prayers are that this whole world will soon come into a realization of this grand saying of Christ, "And I, IF I BE LIFTED UP FROM THE EARTH WILL DRAW ALL MEN UNTO ME," Also the prayer he taught his disciples, When he said, "OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME, THY KINGDOM COME ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN." May the kingdom of God come swiftly on earth as it is in Heaven and all men be able to enjoy it in its fullness, the fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of men. I will conclude with the words of the poet.

"May we, who know the joyful sound, still practice what we know;
Not hearers of the word alone,
But doers of it too,

By acts of mercy let us show,
we have not heard in vain

But kindly feel another's woe.
And long to ease his pain.

The widow's heart shall share
our joy, The orphan and oppressed
Shall see we love the sweet employ
to succor the distressed.

We'll teach the ignorant the way,
true happiness to know.

And how the vilest sinner may
escape eternal woe.

Thankful that we the gospel
hear. And love the joyful sound.

Oh! may the sacred fruits appear.
And in our lives abound.

Bring joy, bring joy, bring joy
to me and to you at home bright home.

God bless every heart that is
true, is my sincere prayer."

THE FIRST DOMINION— THIRD SERIES

The three dispensations having come to a close being four thousand years from Adam till the birth of Christ. These dispensations if you will examine closely each were divided into two parts, as were the three animals that Abraham divided and laid each piece one against another, "and it came to pass when the sun went down and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace and a burning lamp passed between those pieces." No doubt portraying the continuation of priesthood authority. Throughout these dispensations, till

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EDITORIAL

Take Note: Our friend who ever you may be. The \$130.00 dollars you mailed to The Church of Jesus Christ without identifying thyself, has been received, and was turned into the Church Treasury. In behalf of the Church, I wish to thank you for your generosity. I assure you that the gift is much appreciated and will be used in our efforts in furthering the Gospel in this world. Sincerely Bro. W. H. Cadman.

the coming forth of the Son of God, who was to offer his body as a last sacrifice. As Adam stood at the head in his day, also Abraham in his time, also Solomon the choice of God to build the temple, the first temple we have recorded ever built.

What a glorious beginning 480 years from coming out of Egypt, or 1060 years till the birth of Christ, the Babe of Bethlehem. When He was about 30 years of age He came to Jesus to be baptized, and when He came up out of Jordan the Heavens acclaimed him as the Son of God, and the holy ghost sat upon Him in the form of a dove, he alone headed the new dispensation (no counselors). He said to His mother, "wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" He began to declare the gospel kingdom and establish His church and chose twelve disciples, whom he ordained apostles. Was he not also an apostle? Yes, it is written, He was our chief apostle. He lead them, as their head, for three years. He took Peter, James, and John up to the mount and was transfigured before them and there appeared Moses and Elias, the three celestial and the three mortal, Peter, James, and John. We have no account of the three apostles being transfigured. What a wonderful experience for them to behold, no wonder they said, Lord it is good for us to be here, let us build three tabernacles, one for thee, one for Moses, and

one for Elias. Why were not the twelve present?

No wonder it is written of them, they appeared to be the three pillars of the Church. Christ designated Peter to feed His sheep, to stand at the head of the Church, for Christ was to leave them and go to the Father. Peter delivered the first gospel sermon on the day of Pentecost, also the first gospel sermon to the Gentile. He was of the twelve, but now we find him at the head with James and John, as the divine order in the beginning, there is no other. The Book of Mormon says of this holy order of priesthood was the order of the Son. After James was put to death with the sword we have other apostles with Paul and Barnabas, Andronicus and Junia, "who are of note among the apostles," Romans 16-7. See also Rev. 2-2, "and has tried them that say they are apostles, and are not." Suppose after their trial they had been found true and not false. If they were of the twelve would they not have known they were apostles?—a positive fact that men could have been apostles and not of the quorum of twelve. The dispensation that has generally been referred to as the gospel dispensation, undoubtedly portrayed by the dove that Abraham placed on the altar. This dispensation came to a close 560 A.D. and the dark ages set in.

My next article will treat on the Restoration, commencing in 1820, just 1260 years from the close of the dispensation, that was portrayed by the dove. We were to have another, the last dispensation of the fullness of time, typed by the second bird, that was laid on the altar of sacrifice, which will continue until Christ comes in His glory. "And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed." Daniel 7-14.

A. B. Cadman

SISTER SANDERS, LETTER READ OVER THE RADIO AT SARNIA, ONT.

St. John, Kansas
Jan. 13, 1949

Dear Brother Johnson: We just received our copy of The Gospel News in which we read of the "broadcast" sponsored by the Church, known as "The Gospel

Hour" and since we are so far away and are not able to help much spiritually with the exception of our prayers, which do go up in behalf of the Gospel being taken to the Redman and for God's blessings to be with you as you try to teach them in this half-hour, what the glorious gospel of Christ really is. We felt here we would like to help temporally by sending a donation from the MBA, and Sabbath School here for one week's broadcast. We do hope that much good will be done and the gospel will spread everywhere.

There is much to be done all over this great continent, and I don't believe the day is far off when much will be done, our young brothers who are able will be needed for missionary work and the elder brethren can take care of the work in the Branches that are already established. I feel great things are soon to begin and hope that we may be faithful and in our place of duty, and ready to answer when he calls: Here am I, Oh Lord send me. Not having met you, I do not know much about your family but I do send my love to all there, Brothers and Sisters in the gospel and friends. May God bless you and keep you faithful, and may the good that your Broadcasts do, repay for any effort or inconvenience you may have to put forth. The only regret we have here as some of them said last night, we can't hear it. I know it must be wonderful and maybe someday when we are visiting in Detroit or close, we hope to hear the "Gospel Hour" and any other broadcasts that the Church may be able to sponsor.

One time a few years ago one of the sisters in our Branch had a daughter visiting here, and this daughter although not a member of the Church asked me if I didn't think, that where it says in the Bible, that the Gospel would be preached from the housetops might mean that it would be broadcast by radio, and I have thought of that many times when I have heard of our brother broadcasting on the radio, and hope that this Gospel can be continued to be preached in this manner as well as from the churches and wherever the opportunity may arise. Again I send my love to all and will close wishing God's blessing may abide with each.

Sister Eva Sanders

A HEAVENLY DREAM

"I was among our people in an open space, or field. We, all our people seemed to be gathered there and thus assembled. There was a VERY large flock of white doves in the air, approaching our assembly, and they came and lit among all our people. They were exceedingly beautiful in appearance, and on their backs between their two wings were two other colors, one of red, and two stripes of blue, the blue being about one inch wide. These stripes running length-wise from head to back part of wings, but on the back of the dove.

My feeling was VERY anxious to know why these doves came, and in walking here and there among all these people and doves, I discovered a former brother of the Church sitting on the ground. Along side of him was a large pile of small flags, with very small sticks on them, and all members of the Church of Jesus Christ, names were written on them. This former brother of the Church was turning and examining each flag to see and find his name. The deep feeling was, that these doves were going to each take a flag in their bills, and continue on their journey, and each dove carrying one flag and the name of one member of The Church of Jesus Christ. Thus was the end of my dream, and I might say, a good feeling followed after awakening."

I have meditated on this dream since I arose this morning, seeking the meaning of it. Here is my interpretation: "We, our people were gathered, for which gathering is truly our hope, and we are earnestly looking for that day. A dove has always been the symbol of peace, love, and so forth. The colors which are red, white and blue, are our National colors, which represent this land of U. S. A. The flag is known Nation-wide as a banner. Our names on the banner will be carried nation-wide, or the day is coming when The Church of Jesus Christ and its people will be known all over this land, and the dove, a symbol of peace, will bring tidings of peace to the people of this land first and to many nations later."

This is my interpretation, and I might add that I believe this former Brother would like to see his name on his flag or banner, and his name added to The Church of Jesus Christ.

Sincerely, Bro. Paul Love,
Fredonia, Pa.

CHRISTIANITY

Christianity—Is the precepts and doctrine taught by Christ. Precepts—an authoritative command or rule of action, so Christianity is to follow the precepts or authoritative commands given through Christ our Redeemer.

To teach His doctrines and His precepts to all nations, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever He has commanded. One commandment He gives unto us is that we love one-another, as He has loved us. Love thine enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them that despitefully use you, and persecute you.

Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgement ye judge, ye shall be judged and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. We are commanded to have faith, for without faith we cannot please God. Faith, the first principal of the gospel of Christ. Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

Cease to do evil; learn to do good. Obey the voice of the Lord, your God. Listen not to the whisperings of Satan. Be not led by the pride nor by the love for the praise of men. Make clean your heart and humble yourselves. The law of the Lord shall be written in each heart. Powers of peace and love shall guide all those that are willing to hear and obey, and powers of evil subdue. Rejoice that ye are children of your God.

Be humble if you want your work to be accepted of man and God. Many are truly seeking to learn wisdom and to find the truth. Hold fast to any truths which shall stand even through darkness. Speak the truth. Blessed are the servants that defend this cause, for truth shall live and bring to naught all errors.

Remember the Lord Jesus who intercedes to the Father for mankind, that He shall draw all who will come into life eternal.

Judge not—but rather in thy heart let gentle pity dwell. Man's judgement errs, but there is One who "doeth all things well."

Ever through the voyage of life, this precept keep in view: Do unto others as thou wouldst that they should do to you. Judge not.

Sister Mary A. Martin, Detroit

A WEEK SPENT IN OHIO

On January 22nd I went to Lorain. I arrived there on Saturday and was taken to the home of Bro. Alford Dominico where I spent the night. Before going to the meeting on Sunday Morning, I listened to the "Gospel Hour", a program sponsored by our folks in Detroit, Port Huron, Michigan and Windsor, Ont., from Sarnia, Canada. The announcer was Bro. N. Pietrangelo and the speaker was Bro. D. Morraco. The chorus of young folks rendered some very nice singing, including a solo by Bro. Brutz, and a duet by Sisters Brutz, and Alice Romano. This was the first time I had heard the program: Very nice indeed.

I then went to our Church in Lorain. It was the first time I had been in their new building. The last time I visited them, they were working on the foundation; now they have a well built structure, and it is very nicely finished. It was quite a financial venture for them, but I learned that they were getting along very well in meeting their obligations.

We had a very nice gathering on the occasion, I was pleased to meet Bro. and Sister D'Amico and others from Detroit, along with Brethren from Warren, Niles, and Youngstown, Ohio. We had very nice meetings all day including a night meeting. I stayed and held a meeting with them on Monday night. The meetings while I was there, were very well attended, and I believe were enjoyed by all. Before leaving Lorain, Sister Velardi took me in their car to visit Bro. and Sister Chester, who live a few miles out in the country. They have been confined to their home for a long time, Bro. Chester having suffered a stroke of paralysis, and now sits in a chair about all the time. We found them both cheerful in the midst of their affliction. We had prayer with them before leaving their home. I will add that our folk in Lorain were all very hospitable towards me.

I left there on Tuesday for Cleveland, where I spent the evening in the pulpit of their new Church. A very nice congregation were present and I enjoyed myself very much in speaking. At the close of the meeting, I was taken to the home of Bro. Ventura for a short visit. They were having a little party for one of their boys

who had just graduated from High School. I was then taken to the home of Bro. and Sister Nemeth. Bro. Nemeth was very poorly and was confined to his bed. He has been faithful in the Church for quite a number of years, and he is not young any-more. Before leaving his bed-side, we went down on our knee's and offered up a prayer in his behalf. We then paid a visit to the home of Bro. and Sister Thomas. They are old faithful members of the Church, and it was the first visit I have had at their home for a number of years. It was getting late by this time, and I was taken to the home of Bro. and Sister Biscotti, and given a good bed for the night. The next day I called at Bro. Biscotti's barber shop, and due to his trade, he likes to trim people when he has a chance, and too, he trims them in more ways than one. So after he trimmed me to his own liking, I boarded a bus for up town, where I boarded a train for Niles.

Arriving in Niles, I met Bro. Daniel Corrado, who took me to his home, and after having supper, went to the hall where they hold their meetings. We had a very nice crowd at the meeting. Before the meeting was opened, the young folks of the Niles Mission sang a selection of beautiful hymns, and I will add too, their singing was very good. I thought it very nice of them. Instead of sitting around talking, to be spending the time singing songs of praise and inspiration. I enjoyed myself in their pulpit on the occasion. I was taken back to the home of Bro. Corrado, and after being served a good midnight lunch, I went to rest for the night. The next morning before I had finished eating my breakfast, Sister Nastasia came in and took me to her home for dinner. Bro. Nastasia and his son then took me in their car to the home of Brother Chester Dreer, and from there I went to their Church which they built recently, and where I occupied the pulpit, and had a nice audience to talk to. I was taken back to Bro. Dreer's home for the night. On the next morning (Friday) Bro. Iorio took me in his car to the South Side Hospital in Youngstown where I had a visit with Bro. A. A. Corrado. He had gone through an operation but was getting along very well. Before I left him, one of the broth-

ers of our late sister Corrado came to take Bro. Corrado home. Bro. Iorio then took me to the R. R. station where I boarded the train for home.

As for myself, I felt that the week was well spent. I was welcomed everywhere I went, and I believe my visits were tending to build up, and not tear down. Sincerely Br. W. H. Cadman.

A LETTER FROM ITALY

The Editor recently received a letter from Brother Todaro, who along with Brother Sammarro is in their native land preaching the Gospel. The letter was written in Italian, and was translated in English by Bro. A. A. Corrado.

It is as follows: Bro. Todaro says that three more baptisms took place where Bro. Sammarro lives, and three children were blessed. Altogether, there are twelve baptisms in the City of Macchia, Albanese, Province of Cosenza.

The two Elders have journeyed close to Rome, to a city on the Island of Ponza, and there they baptized eleven more persons. While the brothers were baptizing these people, two Catholic Priests got word of what was going on, and a few days later, these same Priests, leading about five hundred people, and carrying a large Cross at the head of the parade, went to the house where the brothers were living. The crowd remained behind, and the Priests approached the Brothers with a Bible in their hands, and they asked Bro. Todaro if he were married or single, and upon learning that these brothers were married, they, the Priests told them that they could not preach the Gospel.

They had quite a conversation, and Bro. Todaro told them how the Angel Moroni was sent by the Lord to restore His (Christ's) Gospel upon the earth. They also had quite a discussion about the "ten commandments," especially the one saying "Thou shalt not make unto thyself any graven images." Finally the Priest departed, and the crowd remained confused, quarrelling among themselves, some for and some against our brothers. Brother Todaro remained in this town, while Bro. Sammarro was going to go to the southern part of Italy.

The Brothers request that there should be more Elders in Italy to carry on this work, and they also ask for the prayers of the saints.

Altogether, they have baptized thirty one people in different provinces.

Editors Note: This reminds one, of the experiences of the Apostle Paul in his day, "when some cried one thing, and some another." But what a wonderful land is this Wonderful Land of America, especially in the great U. S. A., wherein equal rights are given to all people, to serve God as to the best of their understanding without being molested, at least lawfully. Yea, this wonderful land, the U. S. A. The land of the free, and the home of the brave. It is a little bit curious to me that the Priests would bring up the marriage question, that is, a married man cannot preach the Gospel. They seem not to be very well acquainted with the Bible they had under their arms. Where was there a greater man in the Christian era than the Apostle Peter? And I read in the Douay (Catholic) translation of the Bible as follows: St. Matthew 8-14, "And when Jesus was come into Peter's house, he saw his wife's mother lying and sick of a fever." Again in the same Bible in St. Mark 1-30, "And Simon's wife's mother lay in a fit of a fever; and forthwith they tell him of her." Take note of First Corinthians 9-5 Catholic Bible as follows. "Have we not power to carry about a woman, a sister, as well as the rest of the Apostles and the brethren of the Lord and Cephas? Where is the consistency of these two Priest's mentioned by our brethren? Consistency, Consistency, Thou are a Jewel! I ask you all to remember our two brethren in your prayers, that God might fill their mouth's with word's, and their souls to overflow with wisdom.

Polasky-Molinatto Nuptials Warren, Ohio

Virginia Polasky, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nickolas Iorio and Jonathan J. Molinatto, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Molinatto were united in marriage in The Church of Jesus Christ at Warren, Ohio on Saturday, February 5th in the presence of many relatives and friends. Brother Wm. Gennaro officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Maid of honor was Vera Labosky of Newton Falls, Ohio. Best man Peter Molinatto brother of the groom. Bridesmaids were Helen Spisak, cousin of the

bride of Coraopolis, Pa. Florence DiBattista of Glassport, Pa., cousin of the groom, Betty Giovannone of Lordstown, Ohio. Ushers were Neal Uiutti and Wm. Gennaro, Jr. of Warren, and Ray Dorazio of Champion. Soloist was Ann Damore of Youngstown, Ohio while Irene Cassanta of McKees Rocks, Pa., was at the piano.

The Church was beautifully decorated with palms and flowers for the sacred occasion. A dinner and reception was held at Quimby Park Shelterhouse. The newlyweds and parents of both are members of the Church. They are at home at 179 Washington N. E. Warren, Ohio. The Gospel News extends best wishes to Jonathan and Virginia for a long and happy life together.

WM. HOWARD DAVIDSON PASSES ON

W. H. Davidson passed away in the McKeesport Hospital on January 31, 1949 after a brief illness. He was born on June 5th 1869. Laid away to rest in Versailles Cemetery, McKeesport, Pa. on February 3rd. Services attended to by Bro. Charles Ashton. Brother Davidson was baptised into the Church when quite a young man. He was the son of the late brother and sister James and Charlotte Davidson, and was born at West Elizabeth, Pa. He was married to Hattie May Rearick of West Newton, Pa., in 1894 who died in March of 1926. He was later married to Elizabeth A. H. Cadman of West Elizabeth, who along with seven children to his first marriage survive, and mourn his loss. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved.

Military Funeral

Pfc. Vincent Tomasello born October 31, 1921 and who died of wounds received in France on September 28, 1944, and his body removed to this country was buried here on December 30th, 1948. Brother Charles Ashton attending to the services. Private Tomasello was the son of Sister Josephine Tomasello and of the late brother Dominic Tomasello. His mother, two brothers and two sisters mourn his loss, Sister Tomasello is a member of the Glassport Branch of the Church. We extend our sympathy to all.

The Ten Commandments

1 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

2 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

3 Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

4 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

5 Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

6 Thou shalt not kill.

7 Thou shalt not commit adultery.

8 Thou shalt not steal.

9 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

10 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbors house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maid servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbor's. Exodus 20.

The foregoing are the ten commandments which were given to Moses by the Lord God, and one sometimes wonder if Christian people think they can walk on the narrow path of righteousness as taught by the Lord Jesus Christ, and at the same time ignore these commandments because of them having been given to Moses.

If professing people think they can do so, that is, ignore these commands, they are simply deceiving themselves. The God that said: Thou shalt not steal, lie etc., also said: Thou shalt not commit adultery. The same God also commands us to honor our parents,

and we may have parents, and elder brothers and sisters in Christ, even as we have natural ones.

The Apostle Paul in Romans 12-9 exhorts us to "ABHOR that which is evil." In Romans 13-9, "Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying; namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thy self." In Romans 2-21, 22. "Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thy self? Thou that preaches a man should not steal, dost thou steal? Thou that sayest a man should not commit adultery, dost thou commit adultery? Thou that abhorst idols, dost thou commit sacrilege?" In First Thessalonians 5-22, the command is: "Abstain from all appearances of evil." In Galatians 6-7 it reads thus: "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Bear in mind all that profess to serve God, that the word of God teaches you to be HOLY. And without such (holiness) no man shall see the Lord. Heb. 12-14. The Apostle Peter teaches men to be holy; because it is written, Be holy; for I am holy. First Peter 1-15, 16.

Richards-Wilson Nuptials

Mr. James Richards of Somerset Co. Pa., and Virginia Wilson of West Elizabeth, Pa., the daughter of Brother and Sister Geo. Wilson, and the grand daughter of Sister. Ruth Griffith were united in marriage at the home of the brides Greatuncle A. B. Cadman on February 20th here in Monongahela. Bro. A. B. Cadman officiating.

Virginia is teaching school, while James is a student of California, Pennsylvania State Normal School. They left immediately on a trip for Alabama, and plan to go to Italy in August to study music. We all join in wishing them much happiness in their future life together.

A Visit to Erie, Pa.

On February 19th, the undersigned made a trip to Erie and spent Sunday with our folks there. I found them all fairly well except Brother Dr. Chandra who has not been well for sometime past. I spent my time at the home of Brother and Sister Mancini, with

whom Brother and Sister Behanna make their home.

Thus far, our brethren have not been able to obtain a public place of meeting, but we had meeting in their home on Sunday Morning with several non-members present. I enjoyed speaking on the occasion. In the afternoon, Brothers Mancini, Behanna, and myself had quite a long visit with Brother Chandra who is a native of India. He is poorly and is confined to his bed. He seemed to be in very good spirits, and very talkative. He passed his 93rd birthday recently, and though he is now on a sick bed, yet he is a well preserved man for one of his age. He like many others, has spent his time in the world seeking the things thereof, but after meeting up with Bro. Behanna and Bro. Mancini about two years ago, he embraced the gospel and bears testimony of a wonderful experience, so much so, that even as old as he is he is very anxious to return to his native land and tell his people of the wonders he has found by repenting and going through the waters of baptism. Due to the conditions in India and throughout Europe, he has not been able to obtain his passports yet, but even though sick in bed, and at his age, he still has hopes of visiting his people and tell them what he has found. I am sure it is my prayer that he will yet have that opportunity.

While there, I saw a letter which very recently came from one of his acquaintances in India, a man who not long ago finished his Electrical Engineering Course with the General Electric Co. in Erie, urging him to visit an official of the India government in Washington, D. C., for he was sure that with his help arrangements could be made for him to make the trip. His friends in India seem anxious to see him. I pray that the Lord will spare our old brother to yet visit his people, and tell them of his experiences in obeying the gospel.

From what I observe and have been told, it looks evident that our brethren in Erie will be able to do some good, if they can only obtain a suitable place to meet in. Brother Mancini is at present negotiating for a piece of property that he might have a public place to preach the gospel in. I wish them success I am sure. In addition to this trip, I received a

phone call just recently from one of our brethren at Vanderbilt, Pa. The results were, they sent a car to my home and took me to Scottsdale, Pa., where I attended a preaching service. Our brethren at Vanderbilt are sowing some good seed in that neighborhood, and from appearances will be reaping some harvest there. I spent the night at the home of Brother and Sister Shazer's home, and their daughter brought me home the next day in their car. Best wishes to you all. Bro. W. H. Cadman.

PROPHETIC DREAMS

Within the period of the past 16 Months, I have had three prophetic dreams which I have been advised to write. May the Lord give you understanding. This was in 1945. They are as follows.

Dream No. 1

I dreamed that we were in our church holding services. When we were about to leave, our eyes were attracted by the unusual darkness falling from the east, with destructive fury, a storm cloud was approaching. Bro. James Acquilino cried out, "Let us all cry unto the Lord, that He may deliver us and stop it."

We did as we were told, and with fervor and with fear prayed unto our Father to have mercy and stay His Hand. As each of us would finish praying, the cloud slowly returned to the east from whence it was coming, and soon the skies were sunny again.

Next, we were admiring the beauty of colors displaying in the skies, and towards the south we saw three beautiful doves, most gigantic in size, and arrayed in the rainbow colors. They were lying very still—the scene was beautiful. I wanted my mother to see it too, and while I reached over to her beckoning to the skies, the doves began to move, and soon they were standing upright. While we stood looking, we felt the peace of the Lord descend upon us, and it seemed a period of time had elapsed thus, and we noticed that on the west side there were rows of mountains. They seemed to reach the skies, and on the peak of one of these stood one guard keeping watch on us, and on the enemy on the other side. Back and forth he would walk, making sure that no danger would occur. We would not cross over the mountains neither could the

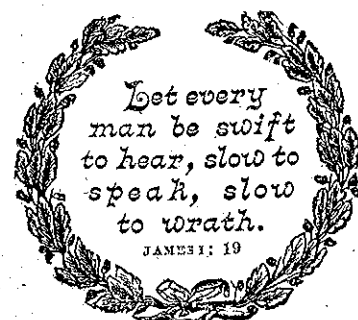
enemy come into our territory. In this way, time was spent enjoying the blessings of the Lord which were with us.

Then suddenly we were in church again, outside the door, and looking with horror on that which was happening. The earth was going to be burned, and we again knelt to pray, but did not because we knew it was useless. The skies were opened and we heard the Apostles pleading with the Lord to stay His Hand and to spare the human family a little longer. "Father for the righteous' sake," they pleaded. But the Lord answered, "It was told them thus it would be. My servants have warned them—they know. Now, whosoever is righteous will be found righteous still and whosoever is wicked will be found wicked still." From the fright and heartache I awoke.

P. S.—Dream No. 2 will be in our next issue.

SISTER LENORE GRIFFITH PASSES ON

Sister Griffith, the wife of Bro. Clarence Griffith of Dunlevy, Pa., passed away on February 24, 1949 at the Allegheny hospital. Funeral services were attended to in the United Brethren Church at Dunlevy on February 28. Bro. W. H. Cadman was in charge and Bro. Wm. Bailey assisted. She was born in Fayette County, Pennsylvania on July 7, 1895. She was the daughter of the late Aiken and Sarah Ann Ebert. She leaves to mourn her loss, her husband; one son Harry Usher, one daughter Mrs. Arminia Gibino, and one grandchild. Also one brother Wm. Ebert, and one sister Mrs. Hannah Rogers. Sister Griffith was baptised into the Church of Jesus Christ some years ago. She was laid away to rest in the Monongahela, Pa., cemetery. We extend our sympathy to all who were near and dear to her.



THE GOSPEL NEWS

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CHRIST AROSE!

By Emma Garber

The tomb today can hold no ill
For through its corridors so chill
Rings out a voice no power can
still

Christ arose!

The war-benighted world can hear
These words dispelling doubt and
fear

That ring in accents sweet and
clear,

Christ arose!

He lives eternal life to bring
And those who own Him as their
king
With Heavenly hosts at last shall
sing,

Christ arose!

EASTER

During the Easter Season, once more our minds are turned to the trial of Jesus. When we see Him brought before unjust men and spit upon, beaten, just as was prophesied many years before His time. Truly it was necessary that Jesus should die, for He was as a lamb without blemish, and a pure and perfect sacrifice. No mortal man could take His place, for there was none like Him either before or since.

There is two ways to look at the crucifixion of Jesus, one looking at it, and one looking from it. The death of Jesus has puzzled many people. The Bible makes it clear that it was necessary and not simply an accident. But why the necessity? Can you picture what Jesus saw from the cross? Well, let's look down from Christ's point of view on the cross. Down below were the soldiers who watched Him; the Jewish leaders who taunted Him! the crowds who but a short time before had cried for Barabbas to be released and for Christ to be crucified; then to the women who wept for Him. We can look over the dark clouds beyond the glowing horizon to a new life with Christ, when we have with Christ died to the old life, then we can know the new life.

One can never understand or appreciate the death of Jesus, it's relation to our redemption, until like Paul we can say: "I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the

Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." Gal. 2-20. Then only can we say: "I live." It is not something done for us alone; it is something that happens to us, and in us. Now look upon the cross; it is a cruel picture—Christ the Son of God, hanging there, bleeding, suffering and dying for you and for me. Not a pretty picture, but rather a very sad picture.

Let us think of the cross for a moment, there are two crosses for a follower of Christ to carry in life. One is the cross of sin and selfishness. The cross that we often refer to as a burden before we give ourselves to Christ. The other is the cross of Christ. The first one is heavy and killing; the second is life giving and purposeful. We are not burdened and handicapped by bearing His cross as Christians, but rather we are helped and blessed thereby. The cross He bore to Calvary was a Roman Cross, the cruel cross of the world and death. The real cross that He carried on that fateful first Good Friday, was the cross in His heart because of the sin of the whole world. To carry the same cross which Christ carried in His heart is our great privilege. St. Paul said, "If we suffer with Him, we shall also reign with Him." Second Timothy 2-12. We carry that cross when we share the compassion of Christ for a lost world, and when we follow Him in loving service.

Now the essential to the Christian faith is the Christian view of death. If death ends all—if beyond life's portals it is night—then all our victories on earth are in the end, swallowed up in defeat. Paul living in daily fellowship with our risen Christ, sounds forth the Christians' radiant faith: "This corruptible must put on incorruption," he says, that: this body of flesh must be laid aside before all God's plans for us can be realized. Death is one of God's most gracious providences. The body in which we live is our temporal home. This house of flesh is subject to accident and decay. Sooner or later it must fall to pieces and is no longer a fit dwelling for the immortal spirit. Through the experience of death, we move out of the old house into a better one. We lay aside the corruptible and put on the incorrup-

tible. We pass from an earthly order of life to a heavenly. We thank God for death. It is a necessary step in the spirits progress as God has planned it. "Death is swallowed up in victory." Easter Day and the risen Christ are our unfailing assurance, that — "Up from the grave He arose, With a mighty triumph o'er His foes; He arose a victor from the dark domain, And He lives forever with His Saints to reign. He arose, He arose, Hallelujah, Christ arose." Thelma Campbell. Monongahela, Pa.

WANTED! WANTED;

All members of The Church of Jesus Christ to send us at least ONE DOLLAR each for an EASTER GIFT to help along on our MISSIONARY WORK. This invitation is not confined to members of the Church, but to all our FRIENDS who wish to help along the preaching of the Gospel, for surely "The World Needs The Gospel of Love." The Lord loveth a cheerful giver. I am sure your offering will be appreciated. All offerings that are received, will be turned over to the General Church Missionary Fund. Mail your contributions to The Church of Jesus Christ, P. O. Box 72, Monongahela, Pa. All members living in Canada, mail your offering to Robert Watson Jr. 649 Irvine St. Windsor, Ont.

May I hear from all the members of the Church? Sincerely Bro. W. H. Cadman.

P. S. Will all Presiding Elders announce this from your pulpits?

GATHERING IN HOPELAWN, N. J.

Our Churches in New York and New Jersey are going to gather together in the Hopelawn Church on the first Sunday in May. An invitation is extended to all who may wish to meet with them. Personally, I brother Cadman would like to be present.

AN INVITATION

Brother Editor: A few lines to tell you that Greensburg has revived it's M.B.A. meetings beginning February 18. Old officers resumed their positions and new officers were elected to fill vacancies. We had some strangers who

enjoyed themselves and seemed interested.

We had visiting brothers to assist, and after a fine program, lunch was served in the basement of the Church. We hold meetings every Friday night and would appreciate, since we are few in number, any visits from members of other Branches. Sister Virginia Swanson.

"OUR HISTORY"

Dear Mr. Cadman

"I have found your large History of the Church very interesting, and I think it ought to be in various important libraries that take an interest in Mormonism. If you were to call it to the attention of the New York Public Library; the Harvard College Library; the Yale University Library; the Bancroft Library at the University of California, Berkeley; the Henry E. Huntington Library, San Marino, California; the Chicago Historical Society; the Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka, Kansas; the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis.; the Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland, Ohio; the Salt Lake Free Public Library, Salt Lake City; the Utah State Historical Society, State Capitol, Salt Lake City; the University of Utah Library, Salt Lake City; the Historian's Office, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Salt Lake City; and the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Independence, Mo.; The Brigham Young University Library, Provo, Utah; and the Utah State Agricultural College Library, Logan, Utah.—all, I imagine, would be glad to buy copies for their collections." (signed Dale L. Morgan—Editors Note: Mr. Morgan contacted me about two years ago, and evidently he is making an extensive research of what is commonly called "Mormonism" and if I understand him right, he expects to publish a History of his findings. The above is a paragraph from one of his letters to me. I am publishing it with his consent. Our History sells at \$2.50 plus ten cents for postage, WHC.

AN EXPERIENCE

By Ivy Fisher

I want to thank and praise God for His goodness and mercy, for I know His blessings have been great since the day I was born. Count your many blessings, Name

them one by one. They have been many that is true. Too many to count. My tongue is not long enough, nor can I express myself in giving thanks to my Heavenly Father for what He has done for me. I want to relate an experience I had when I was about six years old. It happened in England, the country which was my native land.

"My mother sent me to the store which was close to our house. On my way home, two boys were fighting and throwing stones at each other. One stone hit me in my right eye. Mother heard me scream as a horse and wagon passed by the house, and mother thought I was run over. But when she saw my eye, she rushed me to the nearest Doctor. The Doctor told her not to worry, it would be all right. Twice a day, morning and night, we had to make the trip to the Doctor's. I remember he used to give me some pennies.

Every ten minutes my eye had to be bathed in stuff which was deadly poison, and I had to stay in a dark room. I was taken in every school and brought before every class in the town where we lived, and if any one was caught throwing stones, their parents would be fined. At the end of the sixth week when the Doctor took the bandage off my eye, it was open and I could see. The Doctor was amazed and said to my mother: surely this is the Hand of God for a great miracle was performed. He never expected me to see again.

If God had not been so merciful and had not restored my sight, I never would have been able to come to this great land of America. Not knowing at the time why my father was inspired to come to this Wonderful Land, God moves in mysterious ways, His wonders to perform; He plants His footsteps in the sea, And rides upon the storm.

It was all in the purpose of God, for here is where we were introduced to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This wonderful gospel, I am living for it, I cherish it.

I obeyed the gospel on August 11, 1929 and my parents in September of the same year. My parents passed away in The Church of Jesus Christ. The Lord has never left me alone in times of troubles or afflictions. He has helped me and I praise God from whom all blessings flow. Parlin, N. J.

PROPHETIC DREAMS (continued)

No. 2

I dreamed that I was hiking and along the way to the countryside my mind was filled in contemplation, about the wonders of the Lord, when suddenly I stood still, not able to pursue my course. My eye was attracted towards the western skies. I saw three stars contending with one another, and in their motion, the skies surrounding this scene were trembling. Then all of a sudden the star that was closer to earth, fell to the earth. The remaining two stars stopped for a second, then continued to pursue their contention and again, another star fell—the sky trembled slightly.

One star was left. I saw the moon—appear, and soon the moon and the star were contending, each seeking to overthrow the other. In their struggle to keep their positions, the star on two different occasions, seemed to be stronger and would overshadow the moon and cover the western skies with blood and fire, but the moon would return and the star would lose more light. On the third struggle the moon succeeded to overthrow the star to the earth. The earth and skies shook violently, and tongues of blood and flames of fire seemed to have reached the center of the skies. The moon was no longer visible. My hike and its desire ended at this point, and my heart was filled with pain.

Then I was carried away in the Spirit and I was home. This home was very high in the air, and in the rear it had a balcony. Into this home I saw many kindreds and people and tongues. My mother, along with other sisters, was administering to them. The prejudice towards nationality contrast seemed to have taken wings and all could understand the same language spoken—their only concern and delight to help one another spiritually and temporally.

At this point I marvelled because my mother had so much natural substance to administer unto all these; and was enjoying doing so! I rejoiced over this occasion, of course, and I walked over to the balcony. Here I saw a white mist (pure as pure white can be) fall slowly upon the land. From this height I could see all America, and I was pained to see its beauty and pride torn down, and still as a graveyard.

Then as this white mist covered

the earth, I saw this land once again peopled, and its aspect no longer filled with hustle and bustle, but filled with the peace of the Lord and beautifully built — green grass and beautiful homes and Churches.

I was filled with joy at this, and the Spirit of the Lord spake within me—and I spoke these words, "Peace on earth forevermore and good will towards men in every deed! I was awakened rejoicing.

PROGRESSION OF SPIRITUAL CHARACTER

By John Mancini

Christ said, "be ye therefore perfect even as your Father in heaven is perfect."—Matt. 5:48—our goal to work towards. Christ said, "unless your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven."—Matt. 5:20. "A new commandment I give unto you that ye love one another as I have loved you."—John 13:34. These are all challenges to our saintly lives. We can't get around them in any way, shape or form regardless of our justification. Each individual feels justified by his actions or his conversations, hatred, etc. But the question arises, "does God justify us?" Paul said, "therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God."—Hebrews 6:1. Paul also said, "when I was a child I spake as a child, etc., but when I became a man, I put away childish things." The question is not to find the faults always in some other person but to examine ourselves first—nobody is perfect. We must also remember that to convert somebody to our faith we must show them that we have something better than what they have in our faith with works, our attitudes and love towards one another, our example of Christ and brotherhood; also how we have changed our lives from hate and jealousies to love and patience and joy and happiness.

Paul said the fruits of the Spirit are love, joy, patience, longsuffering, etc. If these qualities must exist and be the part of a Child of God or else he hasn't been born again and still carries the mark of the evil one and is subject to the whisperings of Satan who

causes disruptions, etc. Seven things the Lord hates — a proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, an heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, a false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren. Are we guilty of any of these? Don't say brother so and so is or sister so and so is. Am I?—that is the question. It is high time we reform ourselves before we can try to reform somebody else. We must first be partakers of the qualities of the Spirit of God before we can hope to impart them upon somebody else. If I am a failure in anything, how can I expect to convince someone to follow after me, someone who probably is enjoying a certain amount of success in that which I failed in. It is the same spiritually. How can one convince someone else to be a Child of God if they, themselves have not shown the true Spirit of God themselves. Let's not try to fit this picture to someone else's lives—let's fit it to our own. Let's not try to preach to someone else how to live Godly in Christ Jesus—let's show others how we live and by our example in our lives and conversations prove it. Remember the saying, "I would rather see a sermon than hear one any day." Remember also that talk is cheap. We hear much about the quotation of the Lord Jesus Christ when He said, "it is not all those who say, 'Lord, Lord,' that enter into the Kingdom of God, but those who do the will of the Father which is in heaven." We always apply this to the whole Christian world. It means us just as well.

When God was about to send the Last Plague on Egypt and He told the Israelites to sprinkle the lintel of the doorpost with blood that the Angel of Death might pass over them and strike the Egyptians, it meant the Israelites as well if they disobeyed the command of God and hadn't sprinkled the doorpost of their home the Death Angel that passed over Egypt that night would have struck the Israelites as well. Remember what the scripture says, that judgment begins at the House of God, etc. So judgment does fall on the people of God; they are not immune if they do not the things of God. Let us beware. Paul said, "let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into

his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it." Hebrews 4:1.

If God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest He will not spare ye. He destroyed His people many times. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. Most people spend a great part of their time trying to correct the faults of others and neglect to correct their own. Some people are always ready to give advice to others feeling themselves as wise as Solomon when they need advice to solve some of their own deplorable conditions that surround their own private lives. How can anyone advise someone whose status is far above the one who is trying to advise. The Saviour said, "Thou hypocrite remove the beam from thine own eye before you attempt to remove the mote from thy brother's eye."

TO THE EDITOR

By Emil Huttner

The Gospel News:

The month of February has been dedicated by President Truman as the month of Brotherhood. Gentiles and Jews, Catholics and Protestants in various churches, public halls and private gatherings, have been celebrating what we call Brotherhood. The writer has attended some of these Brotherhood meetings where men and women of all nationalities and creeds were present.

A recent Brotherhood meeting was held in Monessen, Pa., at the C.I.O. Hall on Donner Avenue, where an audience of about 1,000 men and women were present.

Among the speakers were representatives of all denominations and among the several Ministers present were a number of colored and whites, Catholics and Jews. The audience too consisted of a large number white and colored sitting side by side and intensely listening to the beautiful sentiments of combined thoughts in fostering and preserving the most sacred gift of God, known to men as "Brotherhood."

The principal speaker of the evening was Mr. Russel, a veteran of World War II, with both of his hands amputated, who emphasized the importance of Brotherhood and stressed several instances throughout our land where Brotherhood is not known to exist except in print. Mr. Russel is nationally known as one who played a

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EDITORIAL

The Editor has received a few lines from Port Huron, Mich., relative to their broadcasting over CHOK, Sarnia, Ont., and I wish to commend you folks at Detroit and Windsor for the organized effort you have thus far put forth. The letter states as follows: "Last Sabbath Day (March 13) will long be remembered by all who heard the program. The young people from Windsor furnished the music and singing. Brother Fred D'Amico in his talk was at his best. It proved to be helpful, because of so many reports we have received." May the Lord bless you all.

Any one wishing to help our brethren along in their Broadcasting of the Restored Gospel, may do so by addressing the "Gospel Hour," Box 428, Port Huron, Michigan.

Note: Books of Mormon \$1.00 postpaid. Church History \$2.50 plus ten cents postage. Saints Hymnal \$1.50 postpaid. Subscription to The Gospel News \$1.50 per year. Very large TYPE testament & Psalms \$2.00. A very good Bible \$3.75. Foreign Bibles are very hard to obtain, yet I have been able to buy some foreign Bibles. Do not be afraid to send in an inquiry. Editor.

leading role in the picture known as "The Best Years Of Our Lives."

As I was sitting listening to the most beautiful sentiments pronounced earnestly by some of our speakers I couldn't help thinking of the falsehood of some of our so called ardent Christians and Jews who so earnestly portray the picture of friendship and brotherhood in an audience, in Churches and in Synagogues and change their faces right after leaving the Speakers stand and convert their hearts to their original colors of falsehood and hatred.

One of the principals on the speakers' platform was Rev. Cooke, who is President of the Monessen Ministerial Ass'n. Rev. Cooke is a colored man, but his true heart and his intelligence as a man and as

a speaker of truth is most gratifying and outstanding.

Suppose this very Reverend Cooke being a colored man, would take his wife to a nice restaurant or Ice-Cream parlor and take a seat and ask to be served, would this intellectual and good man be respected and receive attention as a white man would? Even if Rev. Cooke would enter the restaurant with one of his fellow speakers who just a minute ago denounced bigotry, would this very business establishment respect the colored Minister and render him proper service? Of course not; Why? it is because Our Christianity and Judaism is perverted, masked and falsified. Both Christians and Jews have drifted away from true fellowship and far from brotherhood.

Unfortunately neither the Churches or Synagogues serve the purpose for which they are designed and the people throughout the globe have lost the sense of understanding of the real truth and real life that holds in store happiness and peace. Until such realities can be reached men will suffer setbacks as a result of wars and destruction. Tolerance alone is not sufficient to guide us in life. We must have love and affection in our hearts and forget our differences in religion, color or creed. All men are created equal and we shall live by these principles.

WHAT LACK WE YET?

Coleman, Michigan

In Matthew 19-16, 22, we read of the story of the rich young man. He had kept all the commandments: Therefore asked, "What lack I yet?" As a Church may we ask, "What lack we yet?"

The children of Israel wandered in the wilderness forty years; not because of the distance, but because of disobedience. This year of 1949 the work of the restoration has been in the wilderness of sin for 120 years since the Book of Mormon has been translated to this Gentile nation.

As we search this divine record, along with the Bible, we should be able to find, "What lack we yet." God has not withheld the greater things from us because of obedience to His commands; but because we lack obedience.

First I will refer you to Third Nephi, 23-1, 5, After Jesus had taught from the words of Isaiah. He says: "Yea a commandment I give unto you that ye search these things diligently; for great are the

words of Isaiah." Here is one place or a matter we as a Church lack in. Many say we can't understand Isaiah, Why? Because we did not search diligently. Diligently means, steadily and with care. Can we understand machinery, electricity, figures, farming or anything else, without study or searching? Thus with Isaiah's words. In verse 2, we find, Isaiah also spoke to the Gentiles. Thus we can see he spoke of the restoration of the Gospel in Chapter 29. Of the sins that came in see Isaiah 5-13, 26; 30-8, 18, and 66-3,5.

Also Isaiah spoke of the "Branch" (or remnant) in Chapter 4—and of the time when the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely, for them that are escaped of Israel. Also he tells us how soon this nation will be destroyed, after they are weary on the High Place (Government) Isaiah 16-12, 14. In Isaiah 25th Chapt. we read of Zion, as the Lord's mountain, where all nations will feast on good things. Verse 8. He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces etc. Verse 10. "For in this mountain shall the hand (power) of the Lord rest, and Moab shall be trodden down under him," etc. Verse 11 shows this mountain will be in the midst of Moab. Thus Moab are the wicked around this mountain Zion of God's.

Also Isaiah spoke of this Church or Branch, in Isaiah 41-2. Read it all—Who raised up the righteous man from the east?" Yes, He raised up a people from the east, and will call him to his feet, gave the nations before him, and made him rule over Kings, etc.

In Isaiah 45-13 God speaks, "I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will direct all his ways; he shall build my city, etc. Verse 14, shows nations in bondage to this man, (God's people). In Isaiah 46-9 13, shows God ruling, also declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My Counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure: His Counsel is His word or gospel. His pleasure is, that He will have a people that will do His will in Zion. Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executeth My Counsel, (gospel) from a far country, etc. The ravenous bird is on a parallel with "the roaring Lion" in the Book of Mormon; And here it says he is the man that kept

the counsel (gospel) of God. Also see Isaiah 66-2 about this man.

Thus may God help us all to see the need to search the prophecies of Isaiah, is my prayer, that we may come to that place we read of in Moroni, 10-32, 34.

Now, may we go on, Third Nephi 24-1. Here we read of Christ commanding them to write the words of Malachi which He would tell unto them, etc. In Third Nephi 26-2, These scriptures Malachi, Chapters 3, 4, which ye had not with you, the Father commanded that I should give unto you; for it was wisdom in Him that they should be given unto future generations, Who are these future generations, but the Gentiles? Yes this Book of Mormon is to us Gentiles. Why did Jesus have to speak these words, and command them to be written, lest we should not have them? Because, Malachi spoke, and wrote his prophecies at 397 years before Christ was born. Therefore they on this land of America, had not the words of Malachi until Jesus gave them his words. We all know the Nephites came to this land about 600 years before Christ was born, which was over 200 years before Malachi wrote.

Many things Malachi spoke of are still to be fulfilled, Christ did not come suddenly to His temple at His coming at Jerusalem. He was born in Bethlehem, grew up as a child; then entered the temple and taught the word of God.

No one had any trouble to stand when Christ or John the Baptist came into Jerusalem. In Third Nephi 24-2, 3, 4, Neither Jesus or John did the work of refining and purifying the sons of Levi (Priesthood) that they did after an offering unto the Lord in righteousness. Thus this is yet to come. Neither was the offering of Judah and Jerusalem pleasant unto the Lord. No, they crucified Him, and Jerusalem was destroyed. Yet all these things will come to pass in the near future; when God's power comes as this messenger, or the Elijah will come to prepare the way of Christ's next coming. Their Nephi 24-7, We read where they have gone away from God's ordinances and have not kept them. Return unto me and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of Hosts. But ye say wherein shall we return?

Are not many of us wondering why God's blessings are not more in our midst; Why are not more

of our prayers answered over the sick, why is the Church so small? Why are the Apostles and Evangelists so busy with earthly cares instead of carrying the restored gospel to every nation on earth? Why do we only have two Elders in fertile field of Italy; when many could work there? Why are there so many tribes of Indians that never heard of this man (church) of the east? These questions are all answered in verse 8—Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed Me. But ye say: wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Now if we all did what he tells us to do in verse 10, all these above questions could be solved. Verse 9, says ye are cursed with a curse, for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Is America cursed? Look at frosts that destroyed our fruits in California, and the south. Look at the thousands of cattle frozen to death in the west. And wars and sicknesses of many kinds. And are we as a Church exempted from these curses? We know we are not. Then what is the matter? Lack we yet? Yes may God help us to confess we have robbed Him.

God commanded Christ to give these words, Bring ye all the tithes (one tenth) into the storehouse, that there may be meat in my house; and prove Me (God) now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it. If you notice here, God did not say to bring all the tithes and offerings. He said all the tithes. The offerings are something we give to God. Yet the tenth we owe Him, just like we owe the grocery man; and because we don't pay it to His cause, we rob Him.

Verse 11, God says he will rebuke the devourer etc. for His people. Also, your fruit won't fail before ripening time etc. Verse 12, All nations will call you "blessed" for ye shall be a delightful land, saith the Lord of Hosts. Did you notice "land" was, and is "single," also all nations will honour this land. It will be when Zion comes.

I spoke on this subject in Los Angeles, Calif. I felt the Lord led me to do so. I do know many thoughts came to me as I was speaking, that I never thought of before. I thank God, all things will be according to His will. May the will of all his lowly saints be lost

in His will is my prayer. In the past we have thought tithings, only was in the law of Moses; but in the Book of Mormon which is given to lay down all contentious and false doctrines, we find Christ gave this command anew. As God commended him. Notice in Third Nephi 26-10-11. Also in Ether 4-6, 7. The greater things are to be withheld from the Gentiles, until they do the words of this book. Can we say we believe this book, and at the same time, keep not the things commanded in it by Jesus our resurrected Lord? Do not we say of their Churches, they don't believe the Bible, because they baptize by sprinkling? Do not we say of others, they don't believe in the restored gospel because they don't keep the ordinance of feet washing? Yes, and it is true. May we all pray God to open our eyes and let us see, as we sing the song is my humble prayer in Jesus name, Amen. Bro. Warren Nellis.

Editors Note: I have had several articles of late touching on the matter of "tithing." I wish to inform all contributors to The Gospel News that I do not care to publish anything more on this subject. The Church of Jesus Christ has all these years practiced the system of "free will offering." Under the law of Moses, tithing was an obligation or a command. Prior to the giving of the law, we read of some instances where a tenth was given, but evidently it was given of a free-will, not a command. The system adopted by the Church many years ago, does not prohibit any member of giving a tenth if they wish to do so. Therefore my counsel to all of you is, do the best you can financially to further along the preaching of the Gospel. In the last issue of this paper, brother Martin Machalka of Coraopolis, Pa., I thought handled the subject very good. If you can give a tenth, give it freely, but do not stop at that if you can do more, but do it FREELY. This is not meant as a rebuke to any one. Editor.

THE FIRST DOMINION

Fourth Series

"Having made known unto us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He hath purposed in Himself: That in the dispensation of the fulness of times He might gather in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in Him." Ephesians 1-9,10.

Establishing the fact that there was yet to be another dispensation which was to complete the fulness of times, spoken of by the Apostle Paul; that all things in Christ would be gathered in one; both of heaven and earth, that is, of Adam's race for whom Christ died to redeem.

Isaiah 11-10, 11. Speaking of this time, said: "and in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people: to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people." (Israel). So the last or the fifth sacrifice that Abraham offered, had its designation or typifying of the last dispensation of which Paul refers to.

The dispensation that Paul was then living in, was to come to an end, because of sin and transgression, which he refers to as the "mystery of iniquity."

The fourth beast referred to by Daniel 7-7 (the Roman Empire) was to: "make war with the saints and overcome them" Rev. 13-7. Then the dark ages set in. And what a terrible age!—when "men were to run to and fro, seeking the word of God and could not find it (Amos 8-11, 12) a famine, not of bread and water but of the hearing the words of the Lord."

But in the dawning of this new day before the rising of the sun; darkness began to disperse and men began to see more clearly, and understand the awful condition of their day.

The reformers stepped out into the light which was then seen on the horizon of the coming new day; wonderful men, who would rather die than retract, making possible by their reformation the restoration of the gospel by the angel which John saw flying in the midst of heaven having the everlasting gospel to preach to them that dwell on the earth etc. Rev. 14-6.

The famine in the days of Elijah was 1260 days. Ezekiel 4-6 — "I have appointed thee each day for a year." So it is evident that the famine which was not of bread and water, but of hearing the words of the Lord, was to be 1260 years. The heavens were opened to the young man Joseph Smith in 1820, just the exact time from the year 560 A.D. as foretold by the Prophets.

The inception that took place in this young man when he saw a great light, and a vision of the Father and Son speaking to him, and instructing him what to do—seven years later the angel appeared, and delivered into his hands the golden records; from which the 'Book of Mormon' was published in 1830.

While Joseph Smith was translating the Book of Mormon, and Oliver Cowdery acting as his scribe, they read in the third book of Nephi the teachings of Christ relative to baptism, so they retired to a secret place and implored God in fervent prayer, and the angel of God again appeared and laid upon them the Holy Priesthood. They then proceeded to baptize each other. These two at the head, now constituting the body born, 9 years from the inception which took place in 1820. By the year of 1830 April 6th, when the Church was organized, there were about 70 members and six elders.

My next article shall deal somewhat on the order of the Church, its great progress in its infancy, until evil was found in it—until the time of travailing, when a remnant of his brethren shall return to the Children of Israel, and the first dominion will be established. Bro. A. B. Cadman.

LABORING AMONG THE INDIAN PEOPLE

March 7/49

Dear Sister Cadman: I am keeping my promise in writing to you. Bro. and Sister Watson, Bro. Henderson and myself left here (Windsor, Ont.) at 2 p.m. for Grand River on Saturday, arriving there at 8 p.m. First, we called at Sister Sadie Jameison's for a short visit and then went on to Bro. Beaver's home. It was raining very hard and they were waiting for us. Bro. Beaver then took us to an Indian home in Caledonia. The man is a Catholic and he wanted to have a talk about the Bible and the plan of salvation. We did not leave his home till after 12 a.m. We had prayer at the home and felt a blessing while there. He asked for a meeting to be held at his home. So there will be a meeting at his home next Saturday evening, and he is going to invite others in. It was two o'clock in the morning when we returned and went to bed.

We were up again at 7:30 a.m. and went out to visit the sick, Mrs. Atkins and Mrs. Miller. We then went to the hall where our meet-

ings are held on Sunday. The hall was nearly full. I had 23 Indian children in my Sunday School class. What impressed me most, were three young men about 19 or 20 years old come in. They were the first boys I had in the class when I started the class some years ago. Surely, seed has been planted and it looks as though the Lord is watering it. We never know when we teach little children, but what some day they may be great leaders in the Restored Gospel, especially among the seed of Joseph. We had a lovely meeting and they sang several hymns in the Indian language, also the little tots sang "Away over Jordan" and put motions in it. The children also sang in the Indian language "At the Cross." They are about five years old and walk a mile to come to S. School. I am sure that some day these children will be used in the great work of building up Zion.

After the close of the morning meeting, and before the opening of the afternoon service, Sister Watson and I visited at the hospital which is located on this Reserve. While there I read a chapter in St. John, and Sister Watson offered up a prayer, and we felt so blessed. You know I always feel more blessed in doing little things for the seed of Joseph (Indians) because I know God is well pleased in this. We then went back to Sister Lewis' home for the afternoon meeting. We had quite a gathering. Bro. and Sister Laird from Brantford, Ont., met with us, and some strangers were present.

Bro. Henderson opened the meeting and he was surely inspired. The meeting was opened for all to bear their testimony, and we felt that we were sitting in heavenly places. After the close of the meeting we started for home, better than 200 miles away. We arrived at 11:15 p.m. We had a very good trip.

I was at the Sanitorium here in Windsor on Thursday. The Indians there are beginning to take an interest in the Book of Mormon. I do not have much time to spend with them, as visiting time is only one and a half hours. The girls are pleased in receiving letters from the girls in Monongahela. One of the girls (who is Catholic) put her arms around me and walked all the way down the corridor to the door when I was leaving, and she said she just waits for me to come. I am so glad the Lord has given me this great love for these Indian people. The things that the

Ladies Uplift Circle here doing, also the things that Mabel Bickerton's class has sent, are very much appreciated. Sincerely, Sister Ford. May the Lord bless you Sister Ford and all others who are lending a helping hand among the poor Indian people. Bro. Cadman.

LADIES UPLIFT CIRCLE MEETING

The General Meeting of the Ladies Uplift Circle met in Glassport, Pa., on Saturday, March 19, 1949. Sisters came from New Jersey, Niles, Ohio, Monongahela, West Elizabeth, and Coal Valley, also many from Glassport were present.

We now have 19 Circles scattered through the Church, and those not represented by delegates, sent in their written reports. Many interesting letters were received with the reports, which are always enjoyed. We appreciate the letters our brethren send in to us with their report of the work of the Indian Missions in Canada—which we have helped to finance for many years.

The Indian Mission work has been one of our greatest interests in the Church—We know the Gospel must go to the Red Man and we want to do our little part. / this meeting we gave \$150.00 to help the brethren to take these trips to the two reserves, and \$25.00 to the General Church Missionary Fund—\$25.00 to the Conference, and \$25.00 to the General Church Printing Fund. (All told you have donated \$225.00 to help the Church along, very good indeed. Editor)

Among our letters to the Circle, was one from Sister Ford of Windsor, Ont., which was read and received with much interest—After reading the same, immediately our Sisters wanted to help Sister Ford in her work among the Indians who are at the Sanitorium in Windsor, and a free-will offering was taken up amounting to \$18.00. Our next General Circle Meeting will be in West Alliquippa, Pa., in June. We hope many of our Sisters will plan to meet with us.

"A PARAGRAPH" FROM A LETTER

We are very happy to say that we had another baptism two Sundays ago, (letter is dated March 9, '49) the husband of one of the daughters of Bro. Natale Summaro, who is now preaching the Gospel in Italy. It was a beautiful bap-

tism, with the young brother broken down in humility, and the peace and blessing of God which we all felt there. It had been raining, but when Bro. DiBattista was getting ready to baptize the brother, the sun came out and two beautiful rainbows with each end touching each side of the bay were seen. It was truly a wonder and a blessing to all, as there were also quite a few strangers who drew near to see the baptism.

We understand they had a baptism in Los Angeles this past Sunday. Every time we hear of a baptism, it brings joy, and we hope God will bless each and every one who enters the covenant with Him, and that the glorious work of the Gospel will roll and roll until it covers the whole earth, as Daniel speaks of. We are very crowded in our meeting place and we hope the Lord will help us, so that some day we can build a little Church here.

When visiting in Los Angeles, Bro. Heaps mentioned the coming Conference and wondered how we all felt about holding a "little" conference here, with the Los Angeles Branch coming to San Diego this time. Well, we certainly were happy, and if all goes well, hope that we can all meet together and perhaps share some of God's blessings with His Church throughout the states. Sister Lena Liberto. San Diego, Calif.

WINDSOR NEWS

By Dorothy Henderson

Dear Brother Editor: A few lines to give you some of the recent happenings in our Windsor Branch. Bro. Anthony Gerace told in our previous edition of the wonderful spirit which has prevailed among us. I along with him hope and pray that as we exercise our love one for the other that He will increase us in members.

On Sunday Feb. 13, six young brothers two from Detroit and four from Windsor, bore their testimonies over the radio at Sarnia, Ont. Bros. Joseph Collison, Anthony Gerace, Otto Henderson and Jack Ford were the four who represented Windsor. I think that everyone who heard them will say that God inspired their words that morning. On March 5th the young people decided to have a fast and prayer meeting for our Ministry, that when they go out on missionary work, their words might cut like a two-edged sword, and also that when they lay hands

on the sick they will be healed. Although we were only six in number God poured out His blessings so great on us, that I don't think we will ever forget it.

The following day which was Sunday, God continued to bless us for our efforts. Two carloads of young people had a desire to go to Port Huron and worship with the saints there. We can truly say that it was good to have been there. The Windsor choir has started to take their turn every fourth Sunday on the Broadcast. On March 13th Windsor took their turn at singing and Bro. Fred D'Amico was the speaker. His subject was on faith, and I am sure that everyone who listened to him received a blessing. The young people came back from the broadcast and met some of our senior brothers and sisters and went to Chatham, Ont. to hold a meeting with the saints there. We were also happy to have Bro. Samuel Cuomo and Sister Rose Cuomo with us from Sudbury. They came over 500 miles just to be in a meeting with the saints for a couple of hours. This is the love of God that has been instilled in our hearts for one another.

We are glad that the Lord has stirred us up once again to be up and doing in His service. My prayer is that He may continue to bless us in all our efforts, that the world may know that we are His disciples.

Henderson - Heaps Nuptials

Bro Lloyd Henderson, son of brother and sister Allen Henderson of Louis Ave., and Sister Margaret Heaps, daughter of brother and sister James Heaps of Los Angeles, Calif. were united in marriage in The Church of Jesus Christ, corner of Howard and Irvine Avenues, on Feb. 12, 1949 at one o'clock p. m. Brother Allen Henderson officiated in a double ring ceremony. Matron of honor Ethel Henderson, best man Douglas Henderson brother and sister in law of the groom. Bridesmaids were Dorothy Henderson also a sister-in-law of the groom and Olive Elzly. Ushers were Otto Henderson brother of the groom and Jack Ford a cousin of the groom. Little Gail Collison was flower girl.

A wedding dinner for 35 was held in the Majestic Dining Room, and reception was held in the home of Brother and Sister Burgess. The newly-weds spent their

honeymoon in Toronto, and are now residing at the groom's parents, 2274 Louis Ave. Windsor Ont.

Begbie-Bommarito Nuptials

Mr. Bert Begbie of Windsor and Miss Mary Bommarito, daughter of Sister Bommarito of Branch 1, Detroit, were united in marriage at the Windsor Branch on Dec. 30, 1948. It took place at 7:30 in the evening and Brother Allen Henderson officiated.

The Church was beautifully decorated with palms and flowers for the occasion. After a short honeymoon in Ontario they are residing in Belle River, Ont.

Evelyn Gavinsky Passes On

Sister Evelyn Gavinsky the daughter of Sister Mary Gavinsky died at her home in McKees Rocks, Pa. March 13, 1949 after an extended period of illness. Services were held in the church building. Brothers Vincent Clements and George Ondrasik in charge.

Sister Evelyn and her mother had not been attending the meetings for a good many months. We were glad to hear that just before her death God gave her a visitation, in which she felt that she wanted to say good-bye to friends, members of the church and relatives. We were glad especially for her mothers sake, for we feel that this experience should bolster her in the days which are ahead.

Besides her mother she leaves five brothers and three sisters, may the Lord bless each of them.

Sister King Writes

March 19, 1949

Brother Editor: Please find enclosed \$1.50 for a subscription for The Gospel News. Send to Bro. David W. Hagar box 262 Brownsville, Pa. If you should have an extra paper for this month, Bro. and Sister Hagar would appreciate one. Sister Hagar has been confined to her room for the past eight months with a heart and other ailments. It would be very nice for the saints in Monongahela to pray for her and her companion and other Branches of the Church also.

She has been spared through illness of a very serious nature over a period of ten years or more. I visited her today the 18th, and found her in very good spirits even though her health is poor, I

gave her as much news of the Church as I could, for she is desirous to hear of the brothers and sisters and their work. Say a prayer for this afflicted sister and if you have an extra paper for this month she would like to read of the Brethren's work in Italy. We are having some wonderful blessings in the Redstone Branch, and we hope and pray for prosperity in the Gospel throughout the Church. Margaret King.

Mission of the Restored Gospel. (The Gospel Reflector May 1909)

This question, as suggested by the heading, has been very little understood by the various factions of so-called saints. First, was it restored for the benefit of the Gentiles only? or was it restored to them that they would restore the House of Israel in righteousness for the coming of Christ? Many are working for themselves or the uplifting of some body of Gentiles, accumulating for themselves, instead of making an effort to establish a place which would be an example to the world. In all the gatherings that have been made they have taken the systems of the world with them, allowing selfishness and personal gain to be dominant, contrary to the designs of God. We find that God declared an allotment for Israel which was lost because of transgression, and instead of Gentiles trying to rectify this, they have shown less unionism and co-operation than Israel did in their blind situation. Each man in all the so-called gatherings has gone into business for himself, to build a name and fortune for himself and family, instead of improving from the example of the primitive Christians, where they had all things in common, considering each the others keeper, each being a part of the body of Christ as Paul said.

The Utah people say they have been successful in their gathering, yet we find a system there that makes some rich and many poor, and the wicked systems of the world reigning supreme. The same conditions exist in Independence, Mo., and St. John, Kansas. The effort made by our people at the latter place by William Bickerton in 1875 was an honest effort, but there were many Judases, and no law to govern them. Bro. William Bickerton taking all men to be honest and

honorable. So we see Gentiles in possession there. This does not correspond with the Prophet Isaiah that the law shall go forth of Zion and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. While we find the law going forth from transgressors, and not from men chosen of God to lead His people. It appears easier for men to be lead in that which is wrong, because the devil and the world is ready to pat you on the back in what is wrong. So let us watch the spirit we are following, that of the world, or that of Christ.

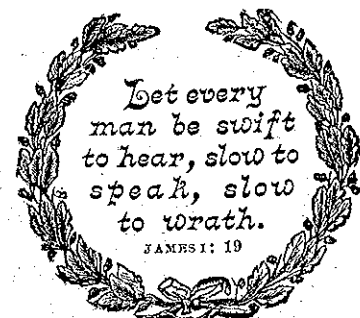
Alexander Cherry

"Praise" From 'Way Down in Kentucky.

Bro. Editor we are sending you ten dollars to be used as you see fit, also money to renew our subscription for The Gospel News, the best little paper in the world. Hope you all are enjoying the blessing of God. We are well here. Sincerely Bro. and Sister L. R. Parrott, Nortonville, Kentucky.

MRS. OLLIE MAXON NUTTING PASSES ON

Mrs. Ollie Maxon Nutting, daughter of the late Melford Maxon died at the home of her daughter Mrs. Peter Leach, 510 Center Ave., Lock Four, Pa., on March 21, 1949. She was born at Redstone, Pa., on August 30, 1868. She was buried from the Frye Funeral Home in Charlestown on March 25th. Brother W. H. Cadman in charge. She leaves to mourn her loss, six sons and two daughters, 37 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren and one brother John Maxon. She was baptised into the Church of Jesus Christ some years ago. Sister Nutting was a sister of the late sister Church Hixenbaugh. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved family.



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THANKSGIVING

God my heart, I offer Thee
Thanks for the things you've given
me,
E'en though at time, I fail to see
Their magnitude.
Now, while my eyes are opened
wide,
Dear Lord, draw closer to my side,
That I may unto Thee confide
My gratitude.

Thanks for the dawn at break of
day
That tears the veil of night away,
And wakes me from my sleep to
pray,
With strength imbued.
Thanks for a tree's tall majesty
As, arms outstretched, it beckons
me,
And blessed shade, it proffers me,
In gentle mood.

Thanks for the moon you've placed
so high—
To guide my feet, as I go by;
And for the stars that ride the sky
In multitude.
Thanks for the lake, the brook,
the sea,
For all they hold, to nourish me.
And for the earth, who tenderly
Prepares my food.

Thanks for the love of family;
For all Thy generosity
Accept these humble thanks from
me,
Though they be crude.
Some day, dear Lord, when I am
nigh
Unto Thy throne, I'll surely sigh
With perfect thanks, for then will
I
Have been renewed!

Catherine Poma
San Diego, Calif.

CONFERENCE NEWS

By Bro. Pietrangelo

Our recent conference met in the Southeastern High School auditorium in Detroit, Mich., on April 2, 1949 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 Counselor Charles Ashton and Second Counselor Joseph Dulisse presided over the conference.

I want to say at this time that

it was a blessing to be able to meet and fellowship with many of our brothers and sisters from various parts of the country and to demonstrate that love for one another even the love that Christ spoke about that the world would know that we are His disciples.

All three sessions of our business passed off very well relative to the various matters which were brought before us. There were many items of business in this conference that we were able to complete. We also received news from our brethren in Italy who are preaching the gospel there concerning their progress. The Lord has blessed them to the extent that quite a few souls have rendered obedience to the gospel. They also reported a little difficulty in gaining recognition in Italy in preaching the gospel, so in this conference a motion was passed that the president and secretary of the Church supply the Italian government with the necessary information that is needed.

The first portion of our Sunday morning service, from 10:00 to 10:40 a.m. was taken up by a combined choir of the Detroit and Windsor branches.

Sunday morning service started at 10:50 a.m. Hymn No. 45, "Jesus and I" was sung. Prayer was offered by Brother Samuel Kirschner. Continued with hymn No. 497, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Brother Kirschner read a portion of Scripture found in St. Mark, 7th chapter, 31st verse to the end, speaking on the theme, "My Jesus has done all things well." He declared that we who have humbly yielded obedience to His high and holy will, have proven Him not only to be a God that is able to work mighty miracles, but have the persuasion that if we are faithful in doing His implicit will, He will be with us and no one will be able to do us ill. Brother Kirschner also related a wonderful miracle in the way of healing in his family.

Brother Clyde Gibson spoke next on the life of David, who as a boy, through the power of God, slew the lion and the bear and with a sling and stone slew Goliath, who in that day defied the hosts of Israel. A good spirit accompanied his discourse.

Brother Charles Ashton spoke next on the life of Stephen, telling us of how he was abused, being stoned to death. But God was with him and when they looked upon his face, it was as the face of an angel as they could hear him crying out, "Lord lay not this sin to their charge." He went on, declaring that if we are the people of God, as Stephen was forgiving, so must we be forgiving, inasmuch as we ask God's forgiveness.

Brother Charles Sanders of St. John, Kansas followed, a good blessing being felt in his talk: which was mostly on the acceptance of Christ to His Father, when He went down to the waters and was baptized by John the Baptist.

There were two candidates for baptism: Sister Laird and her son Clare Laird of Brantford, Ontario, Canada. Bro. Marco Randazzo officiated. Meeting came to a close by singing "Doxology." Prayer by Brother Anthony Corrado.

In the evening meetings were held Branch 1 and 2 and Windsor, Ont., Can. and a good time was enjoyed by all. We were surely glad to have our brothers and sisters with us.

Among the many that attended conference we were glad to see some of our Indian people with us. Brothers Hugh Beaver and Fred Hill and Sister Hill, all from Six Nation Reserve, and Sisters Alice Seth and Lucy Schnake from Muncey, Ont., Reserve, and also Brother and Sister Laird with part of their family from Brantford, Ont., Canada. After the meeting many of our brothers and sisters wended their way homeward and may God bless all of you in your respective branches and missions.

DREAM NO. 3

Prophetic Dreams Continued

I dreamed that I was on my way to help a sister who was in need. The realization of the dire need of aid among the Saints gave me pain because there were very few who could help, but would not. At this point I found I had reached my destination, and got started on my task awaiting me when I noticed the room I was working in filled with lights of the color of the rainbow. At this point several sisters came in and began to speak of things of a temporal nature. I complied for a second, and then

I proceeded to tell them of the wonders I had seen in the skies. One of them would not believe, and soon all in one voice said, "How is it we don't see any of these things? You see it all." How my heart was pained at this instance—having been made to see their hardness and unbelief. While I continued to plead with them to draw nearer to God that He may make them see; the skies began to cover with beautiful lights, 'such as we saw a few years ago before this world war.' We gazed and wondered. Then a white light, wide enough for a 6 foot personage to be covered by it, stretched across the skies, and quick as lightning I saw the Lord pass and fly thru it from the West to the East. The eye was not quick enough to follow Him. In a twinkling of an eye, I saw it. I gasped and it was gone towards the East; it did not return. Then the lights ceased and all of us were marvelling at this heavenly display. I discovered they had not seen the Lord fly thru this white light.

Next on the West side, far, far, away the sign of the Cross was beginning to be visible, high up in the air. The splendor surrounding this hurt the natural eye. Slowly our eyes were made stronger and we saw the Form of the Son of God nailed on the cross—his body brilliant, above any natural brilliancy.

About 500 feet up in the air, a track was stretched across, up to this cross and we saw something approaching us! As it drew near it took the aspect of a crane.

The Cross stood there—it seemed an hour, and then this disappeared, we wondered what was in the on coming crane. We didn't wonder long, because the crane stopped and two heavenly messengers made their appearance, and announced to us that they had come to harvest a vast field of golden wheat that was made visible to just them on the right hand side of us! One Angel left the crane and flew right at the beginning of the field with a sickle or scythe and immediately began to reap. One Angel remained with us and would explain to us, and bid us to watch closely. We saw that he reaped everything together, and then the good wheat was gathered and tied together with a blue ribbon. The rest was left behind to burn, he informed us. We saw it done! At this point, a few

brothers of the church came in and began to speak with the Reaper "Angel." They felt to help, but they were not allowed to, so they followed the reaper and spoke with him. But it was not given to them to see him as we saw him. An Angel came down to Earth. They talked with him with the understanding and conversion of a natural light. I exclaimed, "I wonder if their hearts do not burn within them, as they walk and talk with them!" As I said this, I saw another light about to appear, and we were awaiting the coming of the Lord. In this way, eyes Heavenward, I awoke in conversing with the Heavenly Messenger. We were told to get closer to God—that the time was nigh on hand, and it was high time we turn our hearts and eyes Heavenward! (the end)

Sister M. A. Warden Caldwell

BRO. LAIRD WRITES

Dear Bro. Editor:-

This morning I feel led to write a short note to you, to let you know of the rich blessings that were mine during conference week end. For many years I have striven to serve God, but since coming under the light of His blessed Restored Gospel, I find that I was mostly striving, and during those years I have been blessed many times, but never have I been so richly blessed as during this past week end. I who am so unworthy of anything at His hand, the wonder and the joy of it all is beyond my understanding.

As you know Mrs. Laird was baptised Sunday afternoon, and not only her but my 17 year old son Kenneth also, and what a blessed service it was. Oh I do humbly thank God that He in His mercy made real to my heart the truth of His Gospel as taught by the Church of His Son Jesus Christ.

I trust you had a safe and pleasant journey home on Sunday. And may I offer my sympathy, and not mine alone but my family join me in this to you and your family in the loss of a relative, may God grant you all solace is my prayer.

I will close now with just this word, that we here in Brantford are living in the sunshine of His love and grace and that we are all very happy. Please Bro. Cadman may we ask your prayers, there is a trying time ahead for us and we need His grace to see us thru. Remember us to all the

saints down there and our earnest prayers for you all.

Yours in Jesus Christ's Service,
A. Linton Laird,
Brantford, Ont.

EXCERPTS FROM "RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCES"

(Beginning on Page 15)

Now, in regards to our expectations, and our hopes with reference to the subject of gathering; we realize that they are of immense importance. We will refer you to the thirty-second chapter of the prophecy of Isaiah: "Behold a king shall reign in righteousness, and Princes shall rule in Judgment." This has reference to Christ and His servants. The next four verses describe the importance, improvement and advancement of man, under the elevating influences of Christ's Kingdom. The next two verses describe man in his present condition. The eighth verse, (to correct present conditions, and introduce the principles leading to the establishment of Christ's Kingdom) presents a man who deviseth liberal things, and declares that, "By liberal things shall he stand." The ninth and fourteenth verses, (inclusive) describe the condition of Israel during their extended experiences of God's displeasure, (on account of their wickedness) which continues until the new era, introduced by the fifteenth verse, arrives, when they shall rejoice and glorify God, realizing "That the Spirit is poured upon them from on high, and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be counted for a forest. Then judgment shall dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness remain in the fruitful field, etc." These grand expressions refer to the land of America, of that I am absolutely certain. Don't you know that this great land, was, until very recently, a wilderness, also that it has very suddenly emerged from that condition; in fact so sudden, that it is still esteemed as such? This wilderness has also become a fruitful field to a wonderful extent; examine our wonderful increase of exports to foreign countries of life's necessities, during the last half century, if you wish to realize the full force of this application. Then judgment shall dwell in America, and righteousness remain there, and God's people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in quiet resting places.

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. I will now refer you to another passage. See Isaiah 29-17: "Is it not yet a very little while, and Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be esteemed a forest? America is here called Lebanon, (as it is also in Isaiah 33-9). Please note that, "the little while," mentioned here dates from the restoration of the Gospel, or coming forth of the Book of Mormon, which happened less than 70 years ago. During that time, notice development of fruitfulness of this land, and notice also, that it is also esteemed as a forest, which signifies an extensive wood.

I will next refer you to Isaiah, 33rd chapter. The first verse presents before us two parties; one that spoils and deals treacherously; another party who is spoiled. The first party is this United States; the second party is the Indian race, who are of the house of Israel. Isaiah himself was an Israelite, and, after declaring the facts of the first verse, begins to pray for Israel, saying, "Oh, Lord, be gracious unto us; we have waited for thee; be thou their (our should be) arm every morning, our salvation also in time of trouble." It will be noticed that I insert a correction here, which is certainly well placed, as the word (their) would necessarily refer to the party that spoiled, and would be against the reading of the whole chapter. The Scripture declares that the Spirit shall lead us, and guide us into all truth. Certainly, then, it will give us understanding of such a palpable error as that. I have one Bible that claims to be translated by inspiration, that makes Isaiah in this same case say, "Be thou their arm every morning, their salvation also in the time of trouble." I wonder what Isaiah thinks of that. The latter part of the first verse, also shows, that these conditions will eventually be reversed, and the spoiler will be spoiled by those whom it had previously spoiled.

THE RESTORED GOSPEL

Continued from the Gospel
Reflector of June 1909

Continuing from the last issue along this line of thought, many things are presented to my mind. We find that God's people have been an example to the world from the beginning, not only in obeying the ordinances of the Gospel, but in raising up the righteous seed unto the Lord. As the Apostle Peter said, that they should be a holy nation, a royal priesthood, a peculiar people; different from all others. If, with this in view, we then follow the systems of others, is it possible for us to be a fulfillment of this declaration of Peter? We find that God led His people from one land to another that they might live a different system from the rest of the world.

We see that the Lord asked Cain where his brother was, and he answered "Am I my brother's keeper?" Why did he ask that? Because he was guilty of being filled with the spirit of selfishness and seeking to be first in the eyes of God and man. So we find this same spirit of selfishness seeking the advantages over others today. If we are our brother's keeper, why have systems taking the advantage in buying and selling at a profit, to the disadvantage of others? Why some produce all and others nothing? Some employing others at a disadvantage for the accumulation of wealth for a few? Some living in luxury, while those who do the producing receive that which the non-producer sees fit to give them. Was this the mission of the Restored Gospel? No. The Gospel came to restore mankind to the life which God intended. He made the earth and what it contains for the whole human race. If they served God in spirit and in truth, why do Latter Day Saints persist in systems of men?

How do we expect to raise up a righteous nation in cities and towns controlled by Belzebub or the Prince of this world? The Saviour said we must keep ourselves unspotted from this world. Can you do this, being mixed with systems that we and our families are surrounded with? The spirit which is predominate in the world, is a spirit of cunning and deception in business—taking advantage of the weaker ones. The Saviour said, "My kingdom is not of this world." Therefore, the systems of His Gospel and kingdom are different entirely from all others. Is this the

case with the whole Christian world? No; the world is in power.
By Alexander Cherry

TO THE EDITOR OF THE GOSPEL NEWS

By Emil Huttner

On numerous occasions in congregations with Christian Brothers and in my associations with gentile friends I have been confronted with questions concerning followers of the Hebrew faith, questions that at times I found it offhand difficult to answer. One of the usual and principal questions put to me by gentile friends was: "Why don't the Jews believe in Christ?"

Unfortunately I find most of the Gentiles, I should guess about 80% among Protestants and about 98% among Catholics have little if any knowledge of the scripture in either the Old or New Testament. Some that do understand a little have gathered their knowledge from listening to preachers who from time to time concentrate on a doctrine of their own invention for they (the Ministers) too have only skimmed the Bible and occasionally jump from pillar to post to impart some sort of sermon that will appeal to the masses in their congregation. In most cases Ministers will preach a sermon that will fit into the minds of those that pay well into the collection box. They do not preach the Gospel as handed down to the Christian people by Jesus and His disciples, for if they would there would be no quarrel between Gentiles and Jews, and we would understand one another in a real sense of Godly command and brotherly feeling towards one another.

I am a Jew, but I attended a parochial school until I was twelve years of age and at the same time I have received a Hebrew education for a period of eight years. I learned the good, and evil administered by both teachers. The Catholic teachers in Europe were Priests and Nuns, and the Hebrew teachers of whom I learned what little I know, were men well versed in the Hebrew language and very familiar in the Old Testament but in their general make-up, both the Christian and Hebrew teachers were fanatics and in their views were strictly in opposition to one another's faith and rather intolerant. Both expressed in terms of dislike, hatred and intolerance. As I came to understand both creeds, I dropped them both and

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EDITORIAL

Note: The Monongahela Branch of the Church is Broadcasting over the Air from WCVI Station at Connellsville, Pa., from 9:45 until 10:15 on Sunday Mornings. Set your Dial at 1340. Bro. Wm. (Billy) Tucker the announcer. Any one wishing to help our cause along, may do so by addressing "The Gospel Hour" P. O. Box 72, Monongahela, Pa. Any suggestions or requests will be given due consideration by the Announcer.

A card received from Bro. Marco Randazzo, informs us that there was two more baptisms at Port Huron, Mich., just recently. I must add, that Brother Randazzo and his co-workers are doing very well in that part of the Vineyard. Just as I am getting ready to go to the printers with the material for this issue of the paper, I receive a lengthy letter from Bro Johnson of Port Huron, informing me of the wonderful work that is in progress at that place. It is wonderful the way the Lord is blessing the efforts which are being put forth in that part of the vineyard. The work is so pressing that Bro. Randazzo is contemplating moving his family to Port Huron in order to be more handy his field of labor. He has been traveling about 42 miles one way to the meetings there for several years. May the Lord bless his move. Evidently the work of the Lord comes first with Marco. They need help in Port Huron. Anything you can do? If so address the Gospel Hour Box 528 instead of 428, Port Huron Mich. I assure you all, that a wonderful work is being accomplished in that district. And say by the way; don't be too hard on the Editor should an article appear in these columns that just don't please you. You know God cannot please everybody much less the Editor do so.

began to think in terms of some neutral an happy medium by which Christian and Jew could understand one another and live in harmony and love as prescribed by

the laws of nature and the commands of God.

I wanted to write the answer to my friends and colleagues through The Gospel News in order to answer their questions on this subject, but I happened to come across a pamphlet from a broadcast by a well known Hebrew Rabbi, Ferdinand M. Isserman, who gave a sermon on Brotherhood Sunday initiated by the National Conference of Christians and Jews. I believe that for the benefit of those who do not know of the attitude of the Jews towards Christianity, and the relations between the Jews and Jesus the Saviour. I am enclosing a copy of the broadcast which you will incorporate with my letter. I hope the following will answer your questions.

(Editor's Note: The article Mr. Huttner has sent me is rather long, but I will publish it so that all may get some understanding of the Jewish conception of Jesus Christ.)

THE JEWISH JESUS AND THE CHRISTIAN CHRIST

A Broadcast by

Rabbi Ferdinand M. Isserman

This is Brotherhood Sunday initiated by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, approved by national Protestant, Catholic and Jewish religious bodies and welcomed by the American people. It initiates Brotherhood Week in honor of the birthday of George Washington. Its aim is to support wholesome inter-faith relations in our country. Its purpose is not to water down religious differences but to strengthen the recognition of the right and duty of every individual to his own religious convictions, to emphasize the ideal of religious freedom and to disseminate the idea that men and women of diverse faiths and differing and even conflicting theologies can and should be friends. It is in this spirit that I present this subject, THE JEWISH JESUS AND THE CHRISTIAN CHRIST. Both Jews and Christians have put to me questions, answers to which, according to my judgment, I shall try to give in this sermon.

There are Jews and Christians in the world unaware of the fact that Jesus was a Jew, that his family was Jewish, that his disciples were Jewish, that his friends and associates were Jewish, that he worshipped in the synagogue, that he voiced Hebrew prayers, that the only language he spoke was the language of the Jews in

Palestine of the first century, that Jesus observed the Jewish ritual, that he kept Jewish holy days, that he knew the Shema Yisroel and uttered it, "Hear O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is One." and "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy might." There are many Jews and Christians who do not know that the golden rule which Jesus taught he learned from the rabbis (that the prayer which he composed, now known as the Lord's Prayer, is taken in part from the most popular prayer among Jews at the time of Jesus, the Kaddish prayer, popular to this very day, and commencing, "Extolled and hallowed be the name of God. May His Kingdom come and His will be done in all the earth." There is no question about the Jewishness of Jesus.

Why is it that Jesus was born in Bethlehem, Judea? Why is it that he spoke in the synagogues where Jews prayed and not in the temples of the pagans of his time? Why did not Jesus live among the Greeks and the Romans? Why was Jesus not a Greek, a Teuton or a Spaniard, or an Italian? Jesus was born among Jews because in the ancient Mediterranean world there was only one people that had the idealism, the character, the universal vision, the ethical and spiritual insight, the love and knowledge of one God to produce prophetic spirits of the caliber of Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus was born among Jews because Judaism was a great universal faith, because the Jewish home fostered the ideals of brotherhood and of justice and mercy, because the synagogue spoke in terms of internationalism and universalism and racial equality and world peace, because the Bible, the library of the ancient Jews, was concerned with the teaching and dissemination of the ideals of love and mercy and justice and brotherhood. In the Old Testament we read, "Have we not one Father? Has not one God created us all?" A prophet of Israel said, "It hath been told thee, O man what is good, and what the Lord does require of thee, but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God." It is in the Book of Isaiah that we read that men should beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks and that nations should learn war no more. It was a son of the synagogue who wrote the verse to be found in the

Book of Proverbs "If thine enemy be hungry, feed him; if he be thirsty, give him water to drink." It is the first book of Torah, the Book of Genesis, which taught that Adam was the ancestor of all people and the rabbis, commenting on that, drew from it the lesson of universal brotherhood.

If Jesus had lived where was no Bible, if Jesus had lived where one God was not worshipped, if Jesus had lived where war was preferred above peace, tribalism above internationalism, ritualism above righteousness, if Jesus had not lived among people who were taught that their first duty was to affirm the unity of God and to love Him with all their hearts, he would never have become the central figure of the Christian faith. What develops the character of a personality? Environment, early training, parents, associates, kinspeople, religious influences. These helped to make the character of Jesus. His environment was Jewish. His family was Jewish. His associates were Jewish. His prayers were Jewish. His teachers were Jewish. His faith was the faith of the synagogue.

Jesus was Jewish, not foreign to the synagogue, but part of its spirit, the fruit of its tradition. It is this Jewish Jesus who has universal appeal, the universal appeal of Judaism, the universal appeal of righteousness, the universal appeal of brotherhood. This Jewish Jesus is an important part of Christianity, but does not represent the unique religious contribution of the church. Jesus who becomes the Christ is the contribution of Christianity to religious thought. Jesus is Jewish, Christ is Christian. What are the differences which distinguish the Jewish Jesus from the Christian Christ?

The church has taught that Jesus is the messiah whose coming was prophesied by the Bible and whom the Jews have expected. According to Jewish thought the messiah was to be a descendant of the royal family of David who would again restore the independence of Judea and enable a descendant of the royal family to re-establish the monarchy. When this Jewish state would be recreated it would be a signal for the dawn of an age of peace and righteousness for all mankind. The coming of the messiah would mean an end of the woes of all people, and the troubles of Jews as well as the troubles of the rest of mankind would disappear. There are many Jews

today who still believe in the coming of such a messiah. There are others like myself who believe in the coming of a messianic age of brotherhood, justice and peace, but not in the coming of a personal messiah. The messianic age will be ushered in by a spiritually and morally disciplined humanity, who rising to the noblest heights will build the kingdom of God on earth. Then there will be no wars, no class distinctions, no segregation of races, no manmade poverty, no job discrimination; but every man will sit under his vine and fig tree in complete security, and none will make him afraid.

The Christ of Christianity is more than human. He is the son of God, not as you and I may be sons of God, but in a different way. According to some believers, he was conceived supernaturally, was more than mortal, divine in nature. Many think of him as deity and worship him. Among Christian theologians there are varying degrees of the deification of Jesus, but that he is more than man, the son of God, part of the trinity, has been the generally accepted doctrine of the church. We Jews are uncompromising in our monotheism. God is only one. He and He alone is our Saviour. "Thou shalt have no other gods besides Me," reads the second commandment. The unity of God is the basic Jewish affirmation. It is heralded in the Shema isroel the watchword of our faith. The Unitarian church has emphasized the unity of God and the humanity of Jesus. It is not considered Christian. It is not a member of the Federal Council of Churches, nor a member of the Metropolitan Church Federation of St. Louis. It recognizes the moral greatness of Jesus, the prophet, but that recognition alone is not adjudged to be adequate doctrine for Christianity. Therefore, many Christians do not regard Unitarians as members of their faith. All Christians believe that God is one and that Jesus was the son of God. The church separated from the synagogue when it began to deify Jesus. The synagogue was concerned lest a god in the flesh would lead to idolatry and weaken the worship of the one God.

The Christ of Christianity rests on the belief that after his death he was resurrected from the grave and the fact of his resurrection gives mankind assurance of immortality. The resurrection is observed annually in the Easter festival, the most important religious

day in the calendar of the church. Orthodox Judaism teaches that when the messiah comes, the righteous dead will be resurrected from their graves and will enjoy the kingdom of God for which they labored. Those of the Reform Jewish faith do not believe in the resurrection of the dead. The church teaches that the resurrection of Jesus is eloquent proof of the immortality of the soul. Judaism also upholds the immortality of the soul. Its belief in the immortality of the soul is based on the conviction that God, who created man, did not intend him to perish. Faith in immortality rests on the fact of God, but not on any event in history.

Christians teach that Jesus offered himself as an atoning sacrifice in order that mankind might win salvation from sin. That is the meaning of the well-known sentence, Jesus Saves. Christian doctrine affirms that belief in the atoning sacrifice of Jesus brings salvation to the individual. Judaism teaches that no human being can atone for the sins of others. Ezekiel, the prophet, formulated the doctrine that each man shall die for his own sins. According to Judaism, God forgives the repentant sinner. The Yom Kippur formula is that repentance, prayer and charity are acceptable atonement for sins and will win the forgiveness of God. Judaism believes that individuals cannot transfer their sins to others, and that the atoning sacrifice of one individual can not relieve mankind of the burden of sin.

Many Christians regard Jesus as a mediator between man and God. When some of my Christian friends pray, they generally pray in the name of the lord, Jesus Christ. They appeal to God through him. Judaism teaches that no mediator between man and God is needed. The humblest man is as qualified to stand in the presence of God as the most saintly rabbi, and can reach out to Him and communicate directly with Him. To pray to God no intermediary is necessary. God is with the humble and contrite spirits of all walks of life, of all races, of all nations, of all faiths.

These, then, are the five theological differences between Judaism and Christianity: First, that Jesus was the messiah; second, that he was the deity; third, that he was resurrected and thus assures immortality; fourth, that his

death saved mankind from sin; and fifth, that he is a mediator between God and man. When Jews do not accept the theology of the Christ, they do not reject the ideals of Jesus, nor his social philosophy. Nor are they indifferent to the virtues that he manifested in life. Love, brotherhood, justice, humility, peace, kindness, mercy, these ideals are as Jewish as the aleph beth, the Hebrew alphabet. Many Jews today are appreciative of the prophetic stature of Jesus, of the inspiring influence he has been and is in the history of civilization. His nobility and humanity and the love he has aroused in many are part of the glory of Jewish history. There was and there is no conflict between Judaism and the Jesus who exemplified prophetic ideals though there is disagreement about the theology which grew up around him. But despite such theological disagreement with our Christian friends we have worked and shall work with them in all good causes that realize prophetic teachings and that promote the well-being of mankind. Both Jew and Christian are heirs of the same great spiritual heritage which they must jointly defend and seek to fulfill, and in no country have we been more conscious of this than in ours, with its emphasis on religious freedom and its recognition of the right of every man to worship God in accordance with the dictates of his conscience—a right so effectively stated by George Washington in his historic letter to the Jewish congregation at Newport, from which I quote:

"All possess alike liberty of conscience and immunities of citizenship. . . . For happily the Government of the United States, which gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance requires only that they who live under its protection should demean themselves as good citizens."

WINDSOR NEWS

Brother Editor: Just a little news from Windsor saying, how much we rejoice in the wonderful spirit and desire to be active in the Lord's work here. We enjoyed our many visitors during Conference time, especially conference evening, when our Sister Laird and her son Kenneth from Brantford, after requesting baptism at conference, had hands laid upon them for the reception of the Holy Ghost. The Lord blessed us and we rejoice in the preaching and

the testimonies of our brothers and sisters from other Branches.

On Good Friday we had a fast and prayer meeting. The meeting was left open and we were led to pray for the gifts of God, and for the visitors among us that the Lord would touch their hearts, also for our Sister Rosabell Johns who is not well, also Sister Knight. We also prayed that the Lord would prepare our hearts for the Sunday feet washing service. The presence of the Lord was with us and we joined hands and sang, "Blest be the tie that binds." God was surely good to us.

We enjoyed God's blessings in our feet washing service. We had with us Sister Cuomo from Sudbury, she had journeyed five hundred miles to be with us. Brother Cuomo planned to come but could not get away, so he plans to be in Chatham next Sunday for our meeting there. Our brother and sister travel all that distance often to be in the meetings for a few hours. Surely there is a tie that binds our hearts in one. There seems to be such a great desire to do something for Jesus, and the love of God is in our midst. My prayer is, that we can press onward and upward that we might show forth this light that is within us, that others might come to love and serve God. Sister Ethel Henderson.

SISTER ELLEN MARTIN WRITES

Brother Editor: I enjoyed the Easter Radio Broadcast so much. I feel that I should write and tell you about it, and to encourage you brethren in this work. I felt the blessing of God in the sermon as much as I have in many good meetings in the past. The singing was also very good, which I think is very important for the success of the program. I sincerely hope you will keep the program on the Air indefinitely. And may the Lord bless all our brethren who are spreading the gospel. Belle Vernon, Pa.

A TRIP TO ST. JOHNS, KANS

Dear Editor: A few lines letting you know of our trip to St. John. We left Detroit April 3rd at about 1:00 p. m. The three of us: Bros Ciaravino, F. Buccellato, and myself after driving about 29 Hrs., we arrived in St. John at 5:15 p. m. the next day April 4th. With God's help, we safely traveled 1045 miles. Here's where I feel like repeating the words of

our beautiful hymn "If Jesus Goes With Me, I'll go Anywhere." We surely can say that God was our Guardian. The brothers and sisters in St. John were glad to see us, and greeted us with a warm welcome. We all had sorrow in our hearts because of the departure of Brother Ashley, even though I had not known him in this life, yet I have that hope within, that if I prove faithful till the end, I shall some day meet him in the Kingdom of God where we will part no more. From what I have heard of Brother Ashley, he has lived a wonderful life while here below. His relatives and many friends we talked to, told us of how he tried to do his part in manifesting the love of God among his brothers and sisters and many friends. It causes us to rejoice to hear words of praise of a person after he has gone to rest.

The funeral service was held at 2:30 p. m. Tuesday. The interment was at the Fairview Park Cemetery. While there we visited the grave of brother Wm. Bickerton, also the graves of a few other brothers and sisters who have long gone to their rest. From there we went to a little knoll—the place where Wm. Bickerton went and prayed to God for His blessing to rest upon Zions Valley, now known as St. John. Even though there are only a few brothers and sisters there now, I thank God that The Church of Jesus Christ still exists in St. John. I pray to the Lord that He will bless them, that they will go hand in hand endeavoring to do God's will, and that some day the Church there will grow large in numbers. Let us remember the Saints out there in our prayers.

We started for home at 6:45 p. m. Tuesday. On our way we stopped at Nauvoo, Ill. The place where Joseph Smith lived. After seeing many things of interest, we went to Carthage, Ill. and visited the jail where Joseph Smith and his brother Hyrum was killed in the year of 1844 by an angry mob. We then continued on our journey home, arriving in Detroit one o'clock a. m. Thursday. After spending the remainder of the night at brother Ciaravino's home. I left Detroit for my home in Warren, Ohio. I arrived home safe at 6:30 p. m. Thursday. We had wonderful weather throughout our trip. I thank God for His guidance on

our trip, and for the prayers of the saints. May God extend His mercies and blessings to all my brothers and sisters in Christ. Let us all remember Sister Ashley in our prayers that God might comfort her. Sincerely Bro. Frank Giovannone

HOW TRUE IT IS

"We are, forgotten men in a land of plenty. We are prisoners in the land of our birth.—Robert Yellowtail, Montana Crow Indian leader." (Editors Note.) This causes me to refer to the prophet Isaiah 33-1: "Woe to thee that spoilest, and thou wast not spoiled; and dealest treacherously, and they dealt not treacherously with thee! When thou shalt cease to spoil, thou shalt be spoiled; and when thou shalt make an end to deal treacherously, they shall deal treacherously with thee.") The Church of Jesus Christ gathers from these prophetic words of Isaiah that the Spoiler shall eventually be spoiled. This Gentile Nation of people have trampled upon the poor Indians, who are descendants of the House of Israel, to whom the God of heaven allotted this land of America, which is very plainly shown in the blessings made to Joseph in Genesis 49-22,26 inclusive. The Jewish people rejected the man Jesus, and the penalty has been severe. My counsel, to all men, is to learn of the Book of Mormon, read it prayerfully, for the penalty is severe upon the Gentile people who have spoiled the poor Indian unless they repent and make their wrongs right where it is possible to do so. Yea, the Prophet has declared that the SPOILER SHALL BE SPOILED.

MRS. LEBOWITZ PASSES ON

Mrs. Helen Ruth Lebowitz of Wiloughby who died on March 17, 1949, was the daughter of the late Wm. H. and Harriet May Davidson.

She had expressed her desire to be baptized, but her illness and subsequent death prevented it. She leaves her husband, Albert and two children, three sisters and three brothers. The funeral services were conducted by Bro. Rocco Biscotti of Cleveland, Ohio.

OLEN ASHLEY PASSES ON

Olen B. Ashley died here at his home in St. John, Kansas, on Saturday April 2, 1949 at 4:50 a.m. He was born August 17, 1912 in Cleyburne, Texas. He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife Helen,

one brother and two sisters. Funeral services were conducted in The Church of Jesus Christ in St. John by Bro. Gorie Ciaravino, assisted by Elders Felix Bucellato, Alexander Robinson, and Reece Jones. Interment was in Fairview Park Cemetery. Brother Ashley was baptized into the Church in December of 1944, and was recently ordained into the Ministry of the Church. He was a promising young Minister, and the news of his sudden death, just as we were about to convene in our recent Conference saddened us all. While it was known that he had an ailing heart, yet such a sudden end took us unaware. Three of our young brethren left Conference for St. John on Sunday Morning to attend the services. May the Lord bless and comfort his young wife, Helen and all others who were near and dear to him. The following verses are taken from one of his favorite hymns." One day as I walked in the path of doubt, that leads through the valley of tears, I met the great Saviour who pointed out the end of my wasted years. He freely forgave all my sin and wrong. The way of life opened to me. And into my heart came the sweetest song of heavenly melody. Someday by the side of the crystal sea, I'll sing of His mercy anew, That wonderful song that He gave to me. He's waiting to give to you. Sister Ashley extends her thanks to the Conference and all brothers and sisters for the flowers, and expressions of sympathy sent to her.

"RESURRECTION TO THE ASCENSION"

By Sadie B. Cadman

In the last issue of The Gospel News, we read of the Resurrection of Jesus—that great event—that we commemorate at this spring season, and then so easily forgotten until the next year. But the days between His resurrection and His ascension, many times are overlooked. To me they are wonderful proof that He is Risen indeed. We have an account of Him appearing ten different times in Palestine, also several times on this land of America. The first appearance is recorded in John 20 to Mary Magdalene, who very early in the morning while it was yet dark, visited the tomb. Finding the stone rolled away, ran to tell the disciples—who after seeing the empty tomb went unto

their own homes—but Mary stood at the sepulchre weeping, and stooping down, looked into the sepulchre and saw two angels in white—who said to her, "Woman why weepest thou?" She answered them saying, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid Him." Turning herself back she saw Jesus standing, but knew not it was Jesus. He asked the same question, "Why weepest thou?" whom seekest thou?" She supposing Him to be the gardener said, "Sir if thou have borne him hence tell me where thou hast laid Him and I will take Him away." I like those few words of Mary—she was willing herself to take His body and take care of it. But oh, how sweet those words to her ears when He said—"Mary"—Also told her to go and tell His disciples—but the disciples did not believe her. Mark 16-10.

The same day at evening He appeared to His disciples—The doors were shut for fear of the Jews, but He stood in their midst and said to them—"Peace be unto you." He showed them His hands and side. The disciples were glad, and again He said, "Peace be unto you." And He also breathed on them and said, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost."

After eight days He appeared again to them Thomas being absent before—and did not believe He had risen from the dead, was now present. The doors again shut, He stood in their midst, and knowing of Thomas' unbelief, spoke to Thomas and told him to feel the wounds in His hands and thrust his hand into His side and be not faithless but believing, and Thomas answered, "My Lord and My God." The words the Saviour spoke to Thomas are still a promise to us today. "Thomas because thou hast seen Me thou hast believed; blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed."

Matthew 28 chapter tells us of another appearance, this was to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, and Mark says Salome—they had brought sweet spices to anoint Him. On their way they said among themselves, Who shall roll away the stone from the door of the sepulchre? For the stone had been sealed and Pilate had said, make it as sure as you can. But when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great. Mat-

thew 28 chapter says there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone from the door and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning and his raiment white as snow, and for fear of him the keepers did shake and become as dead men. The angel spoke to the women and said: "Fear not ye; for I know that ye seek Jesus which was crucified, He is not here: He is risen. Come see the place where the Lord lay, And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and behold He goeth before you in Galilee." The woman departed quickly with fear and great joy. And as they went to tell His disciples, Jesus met them—and told them not to be afraid, but repeated to them the same words as the angel had spoken, saying they would see Him in Galilee. In Luke 24 Chapter—We have the account of the two disciples on their way to Emmaus a short distance from Jerusalem: while talking over the things which had happened—His crucifixion and death and also the report of the women seeing the empty tomb, and also Jesus; Jesus Himself drew near and walked with them. But they knew not it was Jesus. He asked them, What manner of communications are these that ye have one with another as ye walk and are sad? They were surprised at this question. Then one of them, Cleopas, asked Him, "Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem and hast not known the things which are come to pass there these days? He asked them: What things?

Then they told Him of all that had happened, then He expounded to them the scriptures and told how the prophecies had been fulfilled—but they did not know it was Jesus. As they went in the house they also invited Him in, and as He sat with them at the table, He took bread and blessed and break it and gave to them, their eyes were opened and they knew Him, and He vanished out of their sight. Then they said one to another, did not our hearts burn within us while He talked with us by the way and opened to us the scriptures? They immediately returned to Jerusalem; and there they found the rest of the disciples gathered together, and told them, "The Lord is Risen indeed and hath appeared

to Simon," and how He was made known unto them in the breaking of bread. And as they were talking, Jesus stood in their midst.

Jesus appeared unto the eleven in Galilee, the place where He appointed to meet them—here He gave them their commission to go into all the world and preach the Gospel—with the promise He would be with them always Matt. 28. Again He appeared to His disciples at the sea of Tiberias and ate with them. This was the third time He appeared to His disciples alone. In the first chapter of the Acts it says Jesus showed Himself alive after His passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. In His teachings He says: I am the good shepherd and am known of mine. Also in St. John 10-16 "And other sheep I have which are not of this fold, them also I must bring and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold and one shepherd."

When Columbus discovered these shores, he found a people here. In later years the history of this people became known through the power of God. The angel appearing as recorded in Rev. 14-16 and bringing with it the everlasting Gospel, and the history of the former inhabitants of the land of America (the Indians). In this history (Book of Mormon) we read in Third Nephi 11 chapter of the same Jesus appearing to the people here (in America) during those forty days after His resurrection. These are the other sheep who were to hear His voice. What wonderful writings were left for us. How great is the wisdom of God. Read about these visits Jesus made on this land, (America). After these many appearances Jesus and His disciples assembled on the Mount called Olivet, and after telling them to wait until they would receive power from on high. As they beheld Him He was taken up; and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven, behold two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like-manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven. Many years have passed since He as-

cended, but we still look forward when He shall come again as they were told. May we all be ready to meet Him when He comes:

A LETTER FROM BRONX, N. Y.

Brother Editor: please accept this small gift of \$..... in money order, to help toward preaching the Gospel. As a new member of the Bronx Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ, the Lord was very gracious unto me and prepared my mind before I became a baptized member of His Church, through a testimony a Sister brought to my mother's home. Incidentally mother was called, or passed away the same week I was baptized. The Lord gave me many dreams and visions which I am extremely grateful, not being worthy of so great a gift.

I was a former member of the Church, but I was spiritually-hungry for something better and deeper than I received at the Church. I asked the Lord in prayer for His true Church, and it was given to me. Thanks be to God, for His Glory endureth forever Amen. It is my sincere hope and desire to serve God until the end of my days. May the Lord bless this Missionary Work, and Bro. Cadman for his noble work. Sister Katherine Henshaw.

A LETTER FROM ST. JOHN, KANS.

Brother Editor: I am enclosing \$..... on the Easter offering for Missionary Work. We always read with pleasure of the missionary work being done, for we realize that is the most important work in which we can engage. We are praying that God will bring in someone to replace our son and brother Olen.

The last issue of The Gospel News was enjoyed very much I always pass mine on so that others may enjoy it too. May God guide in the use of the Missionary Offering so that the greatest good may be accomplished. We are looking forward to having visitors to our Branch here this summer. The invitation is open to all. Sister Martha Ring.

THE GOSPEL NEWS

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THE FALLEN BROTHER

If we knew the cares and sorrows,
Knew the cherished hopes in vain,
And the many unknown struggles—
If we knew the woe and pain;
Would we act the good Samaritan
Pity them instead of blame?
Would we seek at reformation
Or condemn them just the same?

If we knew the secret battles,
Knew the bitter of defeat,
And the many unknown causes
Forcing them thus to retreat;
Would we help them gain the victory,
Hope anew inspire within,
Or condemn them just as harshly
As THOUGH they LOVED the
SIN?

After we judge our fallen brother,
See the deed but not the cause;
Lend our tongue to condemnation,
In the act we never pause
To consider how he struggled,
Ere beneath the law he fell,
All forgetful on we rush him,
T'ward the grim eternal hell

—Selected

PORT HURON, MICH.

Dear brothers and sisters in the Restored Gospel. Greetings: We had another wonderfully day of services here on Easter Sunday. First—the broadcast at Sarnia, CHOK, Sunday School, two Sisters were baptized, and others to be baptized next Sunday, or soon. In the p.m. fellowship service, confirmation of Sister Gardiner and Sister Gains, and the Sacrament of our Lord's Supper, and feet washing service in which we were much blessed, and in the evening—a good song service, and a wonderful sermon by Brother N. Pietrangelo.

Our Bro. and Sister M. Randazzo are doing so much to help spread the restored Gospel in our fair City. Our building is too small. We want to build a new Church, and we know our Heavenly Father will help in this, the true Church of Jesus Christ. I was baptized last June.

Jennie M. Hanna.

GOOD NEWS FROM YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO.

Dear Editor:

Sunday May 8, was commemorated to all mothers. Our day began with Sunday School, then a presentation by the little children

which took in the 4th Commandment, Honor thy father and thy mother that thy days may be prolonged. After this presentation we began our regular services which was opened by prayer by Bro. Frank Woolie then Bro. A. A. Corrado delivered an inspiring sermon taken from the 24th chapter of Joshua.

Before the service was over Aima Damore asked for baptism, after her Pauline and Catherine Woolie daughters of Bro. Frank Woolie. After a brief pause Bro. Corrado extended the invitation to others. Philis Damore, wife of Bro. Anthony Damore followed. It seemed that the spirit could not leave us that morning. Next came Ann Damore, wife of Bro. Philip Damore. The spirit then moved across the room and rested on Ruth Woolie another of Bro. Woolie's daughters, then Bro. Corrado spoke a few more words and then his daughter was touched, she also asked for baptism. We all attended the baptism. Bro. Corrado baptized his daughter and the Damore girls while Bro. Woolie baptized his daughters.

This is a Mother's Day which will be long remembered and a good gift to some mothers of our Church. We also had a baptism about a month ago, Lydia, daughter of Bro. and Sister Lacivita.

I can truthfully say that we surely enjoyed ourselves very much. May the Lord bless our new members and keep them strong and faithful until the end.

Our afternoon meeting was spent in fellowship and also in confirming our new members. Our meeting was closed by Bro. Corrado, thus ending . . . A Perfect Day.

We hope that we can have many more of these days. It gives us such a wonderful feeling and assurance that the Lord is still near and willing to aid.

Knock and it shall be opened
Ask and ye shall receive.

Bro. Louis Pandone.

GREAT THINGS AWAIT US

Never ceasing to ask our Lord to lead and guide us by His holy spirit. And keeping His commandments, as He in person gave us an example in them. First Cor. 12-8 etc. For to one is given by the spirit, the word of wisdom, to another the word of knowledge by

the same spirit; To another faith by the same spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same spirit; to another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kind of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues; All these gifts are given to His Church and people, to establish a way whereby, that child or (gift and power of the Holy Ghost) that which was born on the day of Pentecost may lead and guide us and show us things to come.

Because of these gifts, being in the Church of Jesus Christ — by their works ye shall know them, the Church as well as the individual. I might add: Much knowledge has truly been given to many of our people, that; that might be fulfilled in part. In First Thess. 5-4 etc. But ye, Brethren, are not in darkness that the day should overtake you as a thief; Yea, are all the children of the light, and the children of day? We are not of the night nor of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep, as do others, but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep, sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and for an helmet the hope of salvation. For God hath not appointed us unto wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. And further, the Apostle Paul says, quench not the spirit, and despise not prophesying. Prove all things, and hold fast to that which is good.

My personal thoughts on these scriptures are, we should by the Spirit of God, be able to separate the evil from the good and as Paul said, hold fast to that which is good. And also, should not be slack in denouncing false doctrine, false teachings, and hypocritical actions, so that the judgement of God may not lay on our shoulders. Surely great knowledge has been given to you and me. Surely we (our people) are given sufficient knowledge to know the day in which we live. We must give heed to the Holy Spirit which will lead and guide us in the days approaching.

Many prophets have prophesied of our day, and the things which

will take place in the restoration of the Gospel. To those that are living in the darkness or night, destruction is surely their lot. But to those which are living in the light of the Gospel, or as Paul says, living in the day and are not asleep to the warning spirit of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To those, is hope of eternal salvation and deliverance from the terrible destruction that awaits the inhabitants of the earth. Surely in the restored gospel, we can praise our Lord and Saviour daily, who has seen fit to number us with you in this great hope and knowledge, that when that day shall come, we will sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree, and none shall make him afraid, for the mouth of the Lord of Hosts hath spoken it. Micah 4-etc. For all people will walk every one in the name of his God, and we will walk in the name of the Lord our God for ever and ever. The second verse, And many nations shall come and say: "Come" and let us go up to the Mountain of the Lord and to the house of the God of Jacob, and He will teach us His ways and we will walk in His paths, for the law shall go forth from Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

We can see the blessings being taken away from the Gentile nations and we can also see the House of Israel beginning to receive some of the blessings the prophets have foretold. — Through the seed of Abraham, all nations of the earth will be blessed. Genesis 19-18. Second Nephi 5-14 And behold according to the words of the prophet the Messiah (Christ) will set Himself again the second time to recover His people. Wherefore He will manifest Himself unto them in great glory, unto the destruction of their enemies. When that day cometh when they shall believe in Him. And none will be destroyed that believe in Him. Therefore, in conclusion we glorify our God that we are numbered with you in the Church of Jesus Christ. Our prayers are that God will bless our Apostles, our Elders, and our people. That from day to day greater knowledge will be given to all. We wish our writings to be uplifting and encouragements. We must help one another. Brother Paul Love.

RESTORED GOSPEL (Continued)

Taken From The Gospel
Reflector, July 1909

Daniel said in the interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar's Dream that in the days of those kings that the

God of heaven would set up a kingdom that would destroy all other kingdoms. This, then, proves the fact that God was dissatisfied with all other kingdoms. Why? Because they were not set up by Him, but by men. To prove this we must look at the form of government: Paul says Christ was ever after the order of Melchisedic, king of Salem. We are told in the scripture that he was king of righteousness, without beginning of days or years, without father or mother. This shows us that the authority of the kingdom was eternal, not earthly, and the spirit that controlled Salem was of God and the law that governed it was the law of heaven, and the man ordained of God to execute the law of righteousness, the spirit to govern with all justice and meekness. Having the esteem of God rather than the esteem of men, being friends of God and not of politicians or kings or rulers of the kingdoms of this world.

This interpretation shows that his kingdom would be divided and that many kingdoms would arise from time to time until the time would come for the Gospel to be restored. When the spirit and authority of Melchisedic, which is the priesthood of our Saviour. In the eleventh chapter of Isaiah, first verse, the prophet says, and there shall come forth a rod of the stem of Jesse and a branch shall grow out of his roots. This refers to Christ. He proceeds to show us that he will have power in subduing the spirits which are in carnal man, which proofs we have in the four gospels. Then we find in verse 10, he says, in that day there shall be a root of Jesse which shall stand for an ensign to the people. The branch to grow out of his roots was the Church set up in the different nations, but there was no ensign because His time had not come to set up the kingdom as an example to other kingdoms, yet He shows through the power of the spirit on the day of Pentecost that what they received, no earthly kingdom could give them, taking away the devouring spirit and the destruction and venomous nature of man.

No longer like the beast but full of love, a spirit which is a foretaste of what the kingdom is to be, when the everlasting kingdom is set up by Him. We find all nations float an ensign and the prophets speaking when the ensign of Jesus Christ stands for the people, they will not only receive the spiritual blessings of the gos-

pel, but he says their rest shall be a glorious rest. From what? From the tyranny and selfishness and greed. Rest from our carnal nature. Rest from the systems of the carnal world, having a perfect law. We find Jesse was the father of David. David was chosen of God to throw down the nations that worshipped the king of this world. Even when a boy God used him in slaying Goliath. So Christ's earthly lineage was from David. So David became the strength and root of God. So the root of Jesse will subdue the power of evil and he, Isaiah says of this ensign, shall the Gentiles seek. This shows that Christ would set up and organize the Church with apostles and prophets. David declared he saw the Lord sitting upon His throne, which shows us that God would set up a kingdom in the days of those kings, which would have the Law of Christ—Men beating their swords into plowshares, and spears into pruning hooks; they shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain. Bro. Alexander Cherry.

EXCERPTS FROM "RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCES"

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The third and twelfth verses (inclusive) of this chapter gives us an account of the destruction of the spoiling party, previously mentioned. The fifteenth verse describes the kind of people who will then possess this land; the seventh, "That they shall see the King in His beauty," (meaning Christ) previously noticed by Isaiah 32-1. and shall behold the land that is very far off." Far off from where? From Palestine, of course where this book was revealed and written. The same New Jerusalem, that has been previously noticed, as having to be built upon this land, is again brought to our notice in the twentieth verse, corresponding precisely (in the sense) with other passages herein referred to. We are then informed, "That there (in this land) the Glorious Lord will be unto us a place of broad rivers and streams; wherein shall go no galley with oars, neither shall gallant ship pass thereby." Would that compare to Palestine? No, not in the least degree. In those conditions, we shall be able to say, "The Lord is our Judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our King; He will save us." 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.

Here is a Kingdom, then, that we are looking for: the Kingdom of Christ; called by our brother Daniel, "The Ancient of Days," which will fulfill the covenants made to Israel; prepare the way for the permanent coming of the Messiah, who shall eventually come to the Ancient of Days; introduce immortality and assume everlasting dominion. The prophet Daniel gave a wonderfully extensive description of futurity, with regards to these Empires that should succeed each other, when he by the divine spirit of God, made known unto King Nebuchadnezzar his dream and the interpretation thereof. It is necessary for us to understand how far his declarations have been verified and fulfilled. He declared unto the king, "Thou art this head of gold. And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth." He then describes the fourth kingdom, or what is commonly called the Roman Empire, with its leg of iron and its feet part of iron and part of clay. The feet and toes are particularly described as being composed of these materials (iron and clay) which materials will mix together but not cleave to each other, producing a condition of weakness. Just think of the bones and sinews of human feet being composed of such materials; there would be nothing but the skin to hold them together, how unable they would be to support the body. Just the same with regard to these kingdoms that stand upon such feet. The legs, you understand, were of iron that breaketh and subdueth all things, representing former cruel and tyrannical methods of ruling mankind; the clay represents the more modern, moderate and mild method of accomplishing the same purpose, which is exhibited in our own land, though much mixed with iron. These United States are the feet of that great image. Of that fact there are no scriptural or reasonable grounds for doubt.

Concerning the description of this Image, as here given, I do not know of any material difference, as regards the understanding of it, between us and other people, except the fact of the United States constituting the feet. The generality of the people in all ages, have been lacking in the matter of understanding the prophecies bearing upon their own period of time,

therefore a similar situation at this time does not surprise us. When we look forward into futurity, these differences will no doubt increase. We cannot grow in the knowledge of prophecy, except we grow step by step, as we would do in any other branch of learning. It is, therefore, necessary to know where the feet are located, in order to understand Daniel's declarations concerning them. See Daniel 2-34 and 35. "Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and break them to pieces. Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them; and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth." What wonderful declarations these are. Existing nations, composing the Empire, and the remains of the three preceding empires are all going to be totally destroyed, and this great and universal destruction will commence at the feet of this image.

THE BURNING BUSH (Cleveland, Ohio)

Brother Editor: And Moses said: "I will now turn aside and see this great sight why the bush is not burnt, and when the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush and said: Moses, Moses, and he said here am I. Put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is Holy Ground and Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God. However, instead of condemning Moses, God gave him a blessing for himself and for his people. God sent Aaron into the wilderness to meet Moses. Aaron was glad to see him and kissed him. Surely Moses was glad to see Aaron, because Moses was slow of speech, and without Aaron, Moses would not have accomplished what he did. After hearing Aaron speak, the Children of Israel believed and bowed their heads and worshipped.

Moses and Aaron were giving all to the Lord, and at times they both must of thought it was a hopeless case, to try and convince Pharaoh to let the children of Israel go, but the Lord said: I have surely seen the affliction of My People. The Lord heard their cry and knew of their sorrows, but before this, Moses thought that God did not see

what his people had to endure, and he, Moses went about to set things right himself by killing an Egyptian. But God told Moses that He knew all about the sufferings the children of Israel were enduring under Pharaoh's taskmasters, and that He would deliver them from their burdens and take them out of Egypt into a land flowing with milk and honey. I will rid you of bondage and will redeem you with a stretched out arm.

God kept His promise to the Israelites. He was the God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. God told Moses when He sent him unto Pharaoh, to bring the children of Israel out of Egypt, certainly I will be with thee. Of all the good Moses did for them, he was accused of trying to kill them with thirst, and Moses cried unto the Lord: what shall I do unto this people? They are almost ready to stone me. Yes, there was much murmuring against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness but Moses told the Israelites, their murmuring was not against him and Aaron, but against the Lord.

The Lord heard their murmurings, and sent them bread. They called it Manna. And God spake all these words (the Commandments) saying: I am the Lord thy God who have brought thee out of the land of Egypt and out of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me, thou shalt not make unto thee, any graven image or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above or that is in the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth, thou shalt not bow down thyself to them nor serve them; for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me, and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments, thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain. Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it Holy, six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God, in it thou shalt not do any work, thou nor thy son nor thy daughter, thy manservant nor thy maidservant nor thy cattle nor thy stranger that is within thy gates. Honour thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not kill, thou shalt not commit adul-

tery, thou shalt not steal, thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

In my closing remarks, I wish to draw your attention to one of our hymns, No. 236, "What was witnessed in the heavens? Why an angel earthly bound. Had he something with his bringing? Yes the Gospel's joyful sound. It was to be preached in power upon the earth the angel said; To all men all tongues and nations that upon its face are spread. This was preached by Paul and Peter, and by Jesus Christ the Head. This we latter saints of The Church of Jesus Christ are preaching, We their footsteps wish to tread."

Yes, brothers and sisters, The Way of the Cross leads Home; to that heavenly home beyond this vale of tears, where God will wipe away all tears from our eyes. There will be no night in this heavenly home. May God bless you all. I am sending two dollars to renew my subscription to The Greatest Little Religious paper in the world. Can hardly wait from month to month to receive "The Gospel News." Sincerely, Bro. Oliver Lloyd.

GATHERING AT HOPELAWN, N. J.

Our Brethren and Sisters of New York and New Jersey all met together in the Hopelawn, N. J., Church on May 1st, and the Church was well filled up about all day long. I had not visited in New Jersey for going on two years so I left home on the evening of April 28th, arriving in New Brunswick the next evening. I went via Scranton, Pa., to consult a firm relative to having pews installed in our Church here in Monongahela. The first evening after arriving in New Jersey, I attending meeting in New Brunswick. A nice congregation was present and I enjoyed myself in their pulpit once more. I have visited there at various times for years back, and I have enjoyed myself with the saints there many times in speaking to them from their pulpit. They always make me welcome. At the close of the meeting, Presiding Elder G. Mazzeo took me to his home for the night.

On Sunday May 1st, according to previous arrangements, the saints from New York and New Jersey all met together in the Church at Hopelawn, N. J. Our folks have a very nice house of worship at that place, they had recently decorated afresh the inside of the building, and from general appearance their property is well

kept. On this occasion, the Church was well filled, every face was beaming apparently with joy in meeting one-another again. Presiding Elder Joseph Benyola especially seemed overjoyed in having so many to visit their Church. The most far-away visitors present were Brother and Sister Ansel D'Amico of Rochester, N. Y., and Bro. W. H. Cadman of Monongahela, Pa. Nothing would do but to have me in the pulpit, morning, afternoon, and evening. So, in the three meetings I did considerable talking, reading for my text in the morning, scripture found in Isaiah 50-8, 11 inclusive. We had a very nice day indeed, and I believe all returned to their homes very well pleased. Lunch was served in the Church basement by the Sisters. Being as I was going to spend the week with our folks there, they appointed a meeting for Monday night in the Metuchen Church. Presiding Elder Risola with his little flock always welcome me in their midst. I spent the evening in their pulpit and had an interesting audience of listeners. I enjoyed myself commenting on that wonderful text, "Upon this Rock I will build my Church."

On Tuesday night I occupied the pulpit in the Stelfon Church. Their building was well filled up, if I must judge by the appearance of their faces, they were all happy to be at Church, including Presiding Elder Ensano. I read the first three or four verses of St. John 15, and I really enjoyed myself in dwelling upon those words of the Master, "I am the true Vine, ye are the Branches." I will add again, I really enjoyed myself in speaking on this occasion. I must add too, that the singing down in New Jersey is very good and inspiring to the soul.

On Wednesday night I met with our folks in Bronx, N. Y. I have met there often, and as usual we were all glad to meet again. I occupied the pulpit again that night. I do not recall exactly what scripture I read, but I believe it was the parable of the Sower I enjoyed myself again in treating upon those things which are good for the soul. Presiding Elder Lupo extended the meeting longer, giving a number of others an opportunity to bear their testimonies to the Gospel. Bronx is a big place, having between one and two million inhabitants dwelling therein I will add that quite a number of brothers and sisters came all way from New Jersey to attend this meeting which means about two hours each

way by car. At the close of the Bronx service, our good hearted brother Carman Talarico accompanied me on the Elevated and Subway trains to the home of Bro. and Sister Ishmael D'Amico in Brooklyn. It was after midnight when we arrived there. The next night, Thursday, we had meeting in the Brooklyn Church at 352 Clifton Place, and to my surprise, more of our folks came all the way from New Jersey to be present at the meeting. I cannot recall what part of the scripture I read for my text, but suffice it to say, I again enjoyed myself in my endeavors to expound God's word, and I believe all enjoyed the service.

After this service was over, and to all those who would stay, while Presiding Elder D'Amico and his faithful wife Julia who were not yet satisfied until they had us seated at a big table with a great big spread thereon for us, and after feeling that we could now get along very well until breakfast time without any more eats, we went to bed, only to get up early in the morning when Bro. Talarico took me again on the Subway trains to the Pennsylvania Depot in New York City for my train home. In going down into the Depot, I walked down about 32 steps to the waiting room, and then I went down another flight of 42 steps to find a train to come home on. Some big city is New York. I was told that in Brooklyn there are more people to the square mile, than in any other part of the world. If I am not mistaken, there are about two and a half million people in Brooklyn. On my return trip home, I stopped off in Philadelphia and consulted another firm relative to installing pews in our Church here in Monongahela. I had a very nice trip, and I hope all my talking will not prove in vain. Bro. W. H. Cadman.

A Letter of Appreciation

Dear Brother Editor: Please find enclosed money order for three dollars to keep our blessed little sunshine, the Gospel News coming to my home. Many times I can't go to Church, and when I read our paper it fills my heart with joy to hear of the wonderful things my brothers and sisters in the Church are striving to do to spread the Gospel. I would like to be able to get out and help them. Maybe God will yet provide a way so I can help more in His service. I was taken to the Connellsville Hospital this early spring seriously ill. The Doctor and the nurses

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EDITORIAL

Note: The Monongahela Branch of the Church is Broadcasting over the Air from WCVI Station at Connelville, Pa., from 9:45 until 10:15 on Sunday mornings. Set your Dial at 1340. Bro. Wm. (Billy) Tucker the announcer. Anyone wishing to help our cause along, may do so by addressing "The Gospel Hour," P.O. Box 72, Monongahela, Pa. Any suggestions or requests will be given due consideration by the Announcer.

Our folks from Port Huron including Detroit, Mich., and Windsor, Ont., are Broadcasting over CHOK Station at Sarnia, Ont. at 9:00 a.m. American time, 10:00 a.m. Canadian time. Anybody wishing to help them along in the work, address "The Gospel Hour," P.O. Box 528, Port Huron, Mich.

Note: Brother Corrado informs me that he received a letter from Brother Sammarow who is in Italy preaching the Gospel, and that he has baptized 25 converts in the city St. Demetrio, also that there are others there who desire to be baptized. He also reports that Bro. Todaro had gone back on the Island of Ponza, near unto Naples. We extend best wishes for our brethren.

thought I would soon pass out of this life, but they did not know my Jesus in whom I was trusting, like I knew him. I never thought of death. I trusted in Jesus, and I prayed and my brothers and sisters in Christ were praying for me. I knew God would hear us. I have been home a few weeks. I thank God for His goodness and mercy. I thank Him for His church, and for my brothers and sisters who have obeyed the Gospel. I thank them all for their prayers to God for me, and the many beautiful cards they sent to help cheer me up. Also I thank them for the hymns they sang for me over the radio. I heard Bro. Tucker say God bless you Sister Marshall, it thrilled my soul with joy. My earnest prayer is, that God will bless and prosper His people in gaining souls for His Kingdom. Sister (Mrs.) James Marshall, Perryopolis, Pa.

MOLINATTO-NELLIS NUPTIALS

On December 20, 1948 Sister Arlene Molinatto, daughter of brother and sister Peter Molinatto of Warren, Ohio, and brother Ralph Nellis, son of brother and sister Warren Nellis, of Coleman, Michigan were united in marriage Bro. William Gennaro officiating. Sister Josephine Molinatto, sister of the bride was maid of honor, and Neal Viutti, a friend of the couple was best man. At present, the young couple are making their home with the bride's parents.

SALERNO-MOLINATTO NUPTIALS

On January 29, 1949 Sister Ruth Molinatto, daughter of brother and sister Peter Molinatto of Warren, Ohio, and brother Samuel Salerno, son of brother and sister Salerno of Niles, Ohio were united in marriage, Bro. William Gennaro officiating. Rita Mae Molinatto, sister of the bride was maid of honor, and Val Szabo, a friend of the couple was best man. Other attendants were sister Jackie and brother Tony Salerno. The young couple are now residing at the home of the groom's parents.

MOTHER'S DAY SERMON AS BROADCASTED OVER CHOK, SARNIA, ONTARIO
By Clifford Burgess

Good Morning Radio Friends: On this Sunday morning which has been set apart that all might turn their thoughts to the one who gave them birth but not forgetting HIM who gave us each this Mother of ours. I have chosen for my thought this morning the relation of Parent to Child and would ask you all to turn to the Word of God 6th. Chap. Ephesians Verses 1 to 4: (1) Children obey your parents in the Lord; for this is right. (2) Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise. (3) That it may be well with thee and thou mayest live long on the earth. (4) And ye fathers provoke not your children to wrath; but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

There are many children this morning I'm sorry to say who do not know, who their parents are, so how can they Honour their father and Mother, whom they never knew. Understand there will be a reckoning day come at last and these children who have been deprived here of a mother's love on earth will

reap their reward when they come before the bar of God.

To us who have known our parents and enjoyed many happy moments with them; who have been brought up in Christian homes, respected our Christian parents and obeyed their commands; God's promise to you and me is that it would be well with us, and our lives would be lengthened upon this earth. Then just let us pause for a moment and think if we keep our Heavenly Father's commands, which is much greater, His promise is Eternal Life in the Heaven above.

There is many a heart broken Mother this morning, over a wayward child, perhaps knowing nothing of their whereabouts, and haven't had a line from them for a long time. If such a child is tuned into this broadcast this morning, why not sit down, drop Mother a line tell her you were listening to your radio, and ask her to forgive you for your tardiness, think what a load, you'll lift from her shoulders, and perhaps stop her grey hairs from turning white.

I see in Brother Paul's teachings he cautions the parents not to provoke their children to wrath; parents have you ever stopped to consider, when a child confronts you with a question, that by a harsh answer, or cutting them off without any explanation, we can turn that child against us for life, and later, on in life, by harbouring this thought in their mind could cause the child to leave home without any explanation. Let us as Parents be Pals to our children, in their youth, when they ask for something which we feel we cannot give them, let us sit down and reason the situation out with them, so their mind is satisfied that their parents cannot afford such a request and give them to understand the situation at hand, rather than cut them off with a short curt reply.

I recall a number of years ago I was waiting in the Union Depot at Toronto Ontario, to catch a train for home. While looking over the massive crowd, walking around, I noticed a middle aged woman, with her hands upon the shoulders of a young man, and while she was looking up into his eyes, I could see tears running down her face. The thought that came to me on the spur of the moment was this man was her Son, and no doubt, he was

leaving for a distant place perhaps never to meet again on this earth. When I scrutinized the situation a little closer I noticed this young man was handcuffed to a plain clothed detective, who no doubt was taking him to the Penitentiary to serve out a sentence for some crime he had committed. Many times this scene comes back before by eyes, and these questions have confronted me. Did he leave home through some harsh spoken words? Was the teaching he got from his parents that which the Lord would expect from the parents? Where was the boy's father that he wasn't present? Was the home broken up by divorce? Did mother have to take up the duties of both parents, go out to work to earn a livelihood to support her offspring as well as herself? And by so doing the lad was allowed to pick his own company, which perhaps was not what Mother would have, but under such trying circumstances had to take. Yes many homes are torn asunder to-day, by differences that could easily be straightened out if we would let the Lord take control of our lives. For instance Brother Matthew states in his 6th Chap. Verses 32 and 33 that if we seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness; all these things shall be added unto you. It is true the Gentiles seem to be all seeking for the material things of life, and by so doing are loosing out on the real life which Christ wants us to have and enjoy. Consequently many are handcuffed to Satan and his hosts of hell, because they are not seeking to find anything better than that which they have at the present time.

I recall a sad instance which I witnessed last January while visiting a Brother & Sister in South Gate California, while waiting for the evening meal to be prepared, the door chimes rang, and upon opening same, two young men in army uniform were welcomed into this home. One boy was from the State of Pennsylvania and he was acquainted with the folks I was visiting. The other lad seemed to be just a pal of his, but tried to make himself at home with his Pal's friends. After the dinner was over, we got conversing on the different places these boys had been, and even in their young lives they had seen almost

every country in the World. However I detected, that this one lad, seemed to have something resting on his mind, as many times he just looked out into space, and had very little to say. In conversation with him, he said, I wished I had a home like this to come too, but I'm going home with my Buddy to meet his Parents in Pennsylvania, after which I'll return to the Army. Being an Evangelist in The Church of Jesus Christ my curiosity was aroused to that extent, that I asked the lad if his parents were dead. He informed me, that his parents had been divorced when he was very young, his mother re-marrying and he didn't know where she was. However he had been reared by relatives and friends, but after he got his call to the Army, he thought he would correspond with his dad, and let him know as to his whereabouts, to the lads surprise, he got a reply from his dad, that he had re-married, and the arrangement with the woman he had married was that she was going to forget her children entirely and expected his dad to do likewise. So dad had entered into this bargain with the woman he married, and this lad was out in the world to do as he saw fit. He claimed that he had no place to go, or call home and for this reason he was going to stay in the Army, although his time for training was up. He had no hope of anything better, so had reserved himself to take the hard way, as he had no one to care for him. I tried to explain to him, although his earthly parents had forsaken him that he had a Father in Heaven who cared for his Soul, and His promise to the human Family was that He would never forsake us, and for our obedience here upon earth to Him, that He had gone on before to prepare a home in Heaven for us not made by hands, and I'm caused to quote the words of the poet at this time.

Earthly friends may prove untrue, Doubts and fears assail,

But there is one who cares for you, Jesus never fails.

We cannot raise a family without the Bible or the Church, and perhaps there is someone listening in this morning who has left home and Parents through some harsh words spoken, or other instances which have caused a separation, and within yourself,

you don't feel, that you could just return home and all would be forgiven. Perhaps by dropping a line to The Gospel Hour in care of this Station, you could let us know what your difficulties are, and no doubt we could intercede for you and make everyone happy on this Mother's Day. Don't hesitate for God is waiting in the Silence. There will be a pause here while the Choir will sing "God is Waiting in the Silence."

A lot of people this morning are unable to communicate with Mother due to her being called away from this life to her reward beyond this vale of tears. But in this Studio this morning is a Mother, who has two children, a boy and a girl and I can say I love them both because I'm their Dad. And sitting at a Radio this morning is a Mother who is 86 years young, listening to her Son broadcasting this Message out over the air, and as soon as The Gospel Hour is finished we'll be on our way to see this Mother of mine. You know every parent who has a daughter expects someday they will lose them and they will take on another name. Well this self same thing happened to my daughter last August, but I have never felt that I lost a daughter, but I know I've gained a son, and I feel that their uniting on earth, was also sanctioned from God's throne above.

There has been a request made, that my daughter and I sing a duet this morning, and I was wondering how many of you mothers listening in, remember your children in your prayers every day of your life. Because I wouldn't be what I am to-day, if it wasn't for the Mercies of God and My Mother's Prayers. I thank you one and all, and trust that the remainder of this Sabbath Day will be in the Service of your Lord and Master. Before I sing the duet with my daughter and we are being accompanied on the piano by Sister Marget Henderson I'd like to read a poem I wrote for this occasion and dedicate it to my Mother who is listening in this morning.

This day is set apart for you,
To Mothers who are kind and true;

Who've set aside the things of worth,

To give a child a human birth,
Although you haven't been re-

paid,

Remember what the Lord hath said;

To all who are weary and without rest,

Come unto Me and you'll be Blest.

It's good that God didn't forget Mothers,

For it seems she's forgotten by all others:

And although she may be miles away,

Drop her a line this Mother's Day.

Tell her what she means to you,

So she can live her life anew;

And recall the days of long ago,

When she sang to you, both sweet and low.

But now that she is old and grey,

And her aged body is going the way

Of all; who have passed on before,

To enter in by the open door.

So let her life be full of joy,

That she'll remember her girl and boy;

That when she's called to her Heavenly Home,

She can present you too before God's Throne.

So I trust that on this Day of Rest,

That God will still continue to Bless;

Your Mothers all, through years to come,

Till we meet them, in that Heavenly Home.

Clifford A. Burgess

SISTER CHESTER PASSES ON

Sister Carry Chester, the wife of Bro. Vernon Chester died in the afternoon of March 21, 1949 at the Shields Rest Home. Sister Chester had been ill at home and could no longer take care of her husband who has been very poorly for about two years. They were both taken to the Rest Home where she died on the aforementioned date. She was very loyal and a steadfast companion to her husband during his long seige of sickness, whom she leaves along with one son and nine grand children, and one sister, Jessie Parrott of Nortonville, Kentucky to mourn her loss. She was baptized into the Church better than forty years ago, and was faithful to the end. Services were held for her in Lorain, Ohio, Bro. Rocco Biscotti officiating. Her body was then

removed to Monongahela, Pa., accompanied by her only son Robert and wife of Cleveland, Ohio, where it laid in state at the Bebout & Yohe Funeral Home and was later taken to The Church of Jesus Christ on March 26, where final services were conducted with Bro. W. H. Cadman in charge and assisted by Bro. Charles Ashton. Her remains were laid to rest in the Monongahela Cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved ones, and especially to Brother Chester in his affliction.

SISTER DePALMA PASSES ON

Sister Marie Felice DePalma died January 15, 1949. She was 77 years old and born in Italy. She became a member of the Church 17 years ago. The services were in Charge of Bro. Alfred Dominico, and assisted by Bro. Joseph Altomare of Lorain, Ohio. We extend sympathy to the bereaved ones.

SISTER FYRE PASSES ON.

Mrs. Rose Dominico Fyre was born in Italy on May 27, 1895, and died in Lorain, Ohio on May 6, 1949 in her 54th year of life. She was brought to America when but a babe, and was raised up in Monessen, Pa. She was laid away to rest on May 9th in the beautiful Elmwood Cemetery at Lorain, Ohio. A large crowd attended the services which were held in The Church of Jesus Christ in Lorain. Bros W. H. Cadman and Samuel Ambrose officiating.

To mourn her loss, she leaves her husband, Bro. Patsy Fyre, two sons John and Frank, four grand children, two Sisters and five Brothers, also many friends. Sister Fyre was baptized into the Church in 1922 and has been a faithful worker in the Church, and will be much missed by her brothers and sisters in the Church at Lorain. May the Lord bless and comfort her beloved ones. The Gospel News extends its sympathy to the bereaved family.

SISTER ANGELA VENTURA PASSES ON

Sister Angela Ventura died at the Lock Port City hospital on May 8th. Funeral services were conducted in The Church of Jesus Christ, Ontario St. Lockport, N. Y., by Bro. Paul D'Amico and Bro. Frank Rosati. She leaves to mourn her loss, three daughters, two sons and 19 grandchildren. Sister Ventura was bap-

tized into The Church in March of 1945. The Gospel News extends sympathy to the bereaved family.

WINDSOR, ONT.

By Jack Ford

Dear Brother Editor

The joy of serving God in the Restored Gospel is beyond the scope of any pleasures we may enjoy while living our span of life on earth. Often we are caused to thank God for his goodness in calling us out from among the sinners of this world and giving us a hope of eternal salvation.

We praise God for the unity and love of God shown in our branch by our Brothers and Sisters. This is certainly encouraging when all around us we see strife and trouble in the world to-day.

The young people's choir from Windsor went to the broadcast at station C.H.O.K. on Mothers Day and we were truly blessed in that program. We all felt the spirit of God in Brother Burgess message and this was truly a reward for our small effort of trying to spread God's word.

The youth of our Windsor branch have been blessed with a group of older Saints that have given us the support so much needed by the young in the Church.

My prayer is that the young in the church will grasp the importance of serving God with our elderly brothers and sisters in a spirit of unity. How often we have been thankful for the righteous teachings and examples of the love of God which they have shown us.

The Church is looking forward for a wonderful working of God's Spirit among his people in these the last days. May we be in a position to be used of God in the gathering of His people.

The branch here extends its prayers to all God's people and ask to be remembered as God blesses you.

NEWS FROM MUNCEY

Dear Bro. Editor

Here is a bit of news on the work at Muncney, Ontario. As we have been taking these trips, we have felt that the Lord has been our Company.

There were times the weather discouraged us, and we were unable to get to all of our brothers and sisters on the Reserve.

We experienced many blessings

at the home of our aged sister Muskolonge. During our visits there, she expressed how happy and thankful she was for the Restored Gospel with tears of joy. It made her very happy as well as ourselves, to sing hymns, pray, and testify in her home. When we left her home, we felt very well satisfied to know that the efforts put forth were well worth it and God blessed us.

Our meetings are being held at the Church Building, and recently, our brothers and sisters of Mt. Bridges have been meeting with us there. We can say that God surely has been with us in our gatherings, and we feel that our brothers and sisters of Muncey are being encouraged.

We want to gain, with the help of God, some of our members who have gone astray and to spread the Gospel to others who are not acquainted with it as yet. The prayers of all the brothers and sisters will be a great help to us in this work, Brother and Sister John Romano.

ESSEX SANITORIUM, Windsor, Ont., Canada

Dear Sir: Just a very short letter to let you know about us Indians here at the S.N. I am very glad to find there are friends of ours here in Windsor. I have been here a little over six months and Mrs. Ford of The Church of Jesus Christ is taking good care of us. She comes to see us every week, and I am very grateful for the nice work she is doing for the Indians here in the San. She asked me to write you a letter to let you know that she is taking good care of us.

I was out once since I came here, that was on Christmas Day. I went to Church with Mrs. Ford and the rest of the members of the Church of Jesus Christ. I hope to be able to go and spend the day with her in the near future. I thank you and the rest of the people who are taking such good care of us. This is all I have to say for now. God bless you.

Robert Pasquaeh.
(Thank you Robert, Bro. Cadman)

A VISIT TO OKLAHOMA

In a short letter from Sister Ring of St. John, Kansas, she informs me that she along with Sister Rixon had a nice visit in Oklahoma recently. She visited her son in Oklahoma City, and along with Sister Rixon visited with some of her people at Kingfisher, and Wa-

tonga. The latter are children of Brother Shauver who once lived in St. John, Kansas. (I never met Bro. Shauver but have often heard of him.) Sister Ring's experience was such that she expresses herself as follows: "I feel there is an opening for the preaching of the Gospel at Kingfisher, and Oklahoma City. May God send someone to them is my prayer." She sends two subscriptions for The Gospel News from the Shauver family. May the Lord bless them. And by the way! should we not pray that the Lord would send more laborers into the vineyard? The Lord taught His disciples to pray to that end, did He not? May all keep in mind that the Gospel was restored to be preached to all mankind, that their souls might be saved in the kingdom of God.

NEWS FROM WARREN, OHIO

Brother Editor: Being that we had such a wonderful meeting on May 1st, we thought we might pass the good news on. First of all, we had a young man ask for baptism before our morning meeting opened. It was Robert Ciarrochi. Oh what a wonderful blessing everyone felt as he uttered those words. Our elder brethren opened the meeting with songs and prayer, and then we adjourned and went to the water.

Also everyone of us rejoiced to see Bro. Victor and Sister Anna Ciarrollia in our midst again. They had just returned from a month's stay in Italy visiting their relatives. Bro. Victor related some of the terrible conditions in that land, and he and many of our brothers and sisters thanked God that they are in this wonderful land of America, and above all, that they are in this glorious gospel. We thank God for the blessings He bestows upon us day by day, and each of us can "count our many blessings" and give God the honor and glory.

Sister Gean Genaro

GOOD TO HEAR FROM TRINIDAD, COLO.

Brother Editor: Just a note to advise you we are all doing quite all right here. It has been quite cool and rainy this month, but from now on we can expect warmer weather, and lots of sunshine.

I sincerely hope you and Sister Cadman are enjoying good health and God's blessings. I hadn't heard from you for a long time, but sort of kept up with you and all other members through the "Gospel News."

I see my subscription has now

expired, so am enclosing \$1.50 for the renewal of it again. All the brothers and sisters here, which are very few, would want me to send you their love and best wishes. Pray for us all as we are in dire need of the prayers of all saints, and we always mention everyone of you in our prayers, in one body. Sincerely, Sister Mary Ann Jurneke. (I am glad to hear from you again. Bro. Cadman.)

NEWS

By Ivy Fisher

Brother Rocco Ensano and his son Anthony, Sister Elsie Miller and myself were visitors with the saints in Washington, D. C. on the last day of April, and on Sunday, May first. We had a very nice time and a good trip by auto.

On Saturday we went sightseeing and saw many things of interest, but the best part was when we gathered together on the Sabbath Day, to feast upon the word of God. Brother Ensano opened the service and spoke upon the Twenty Third Psalm, with brother Oren Thomas and brother A. Swanson of Pennsylvania following him. Our brethren gave us a wonderful talk which was enjoyed by all. There were three baptisms during the day.

It does us much good to meet with our brothers and sisters from time to time and hear the things of God.

APPRECIATION FROM LORAIN, OHIO

Brother Editor: This morning as I went to get one of The Gospel News to get the address, I happened to pick up one dated February 1948, and I started to read it, and oh how interesting it was. I began to shed tears of joy, and thank God for The Gospel News. It brings such joy into my heart and soul that one cannot express. May God bless you, and keep you in His loving care. This is my prayer. Sister N. DeCredico.

A NOTE FROM ERIE, PA.

Sister Cadman: We just came home from Circle meeting which we held at Elaine's this week. We meet on Friday evening; there are just four of us and we are reading in the Book of Esther. I think it is an evening well spent. Brother Dr. Chandra is not too well, some one usually visits with him every week. We were all over not long ago and had a meeting with him. Sister Maggie Behanna.

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BUILDING OUR CHURCH

What kind of a Church are you building my brother,

Are you following the pattern you see?

The Lord Jesus Christ, He's our Church, She's our Mother, It was laid down for you and for me.

Are you helping to gather the sheep to the fold,

Are you loving as Jesus hath shown?

Or do you bind a Paul as in days of old,

Forgetting the liberty you have known?

Have you the testimony of Jesus Christ our Lord,

And do you walk in it day by day?

Have you laboured for His Name Sake and kept His Word, As you journey on lifes way?

I came a little lost sheep to the fold

And I almost fainted away;

Till some dear brethren with a helping hand bold,

Was kind in pointing the way.

May the Church go forth with truth and love,

To win God's chosen Ones divine;

With the power of gifts and blessings from above,

May we conquer the foes of our time.

Sister Esther Goodwin

"THE WORDS OF JESUS CHRIST"

III Nephi 27-8, 11 inclusive. "And how be it my Church save it be called in my name? For if a Church be called in Moses' name then it be Moses' Church; or if it be called in the name of a man then it be the Church of a man; but if it be called in my name then it is my Church, IF IT SO BE THAT THEY ARE BUILT UPON MY GOSPEL. Verily I say unto you, that ye are built upon my gospel; therefore ye shall call whatsoever things ye do call, in my name; therefore if ye call upon the Father, for the Church, if it be in my name the Father will hear you; And if it so be that the Church is built upon my gospel then will the Father show forth his own works in it. But if it be not built upon MY GOS-

PEL, and is built upon the WORKS OF MEN, or upon the WORKS OF THE DEVIL, verily I say unto you they have joy in their works for a season, and by and by the end cometh, and they are hewn down and cast into the fire, from whence there is no return." It will be readily observed here that the Church being called in the name of Jesus Christ is not all sufficient; His teachings MUST be observed. It involves our domestic lives as well as anything else.

Let us read what Paul says in Galations 1-6,12 inclusive. "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be SOME that trouble you, and would PERVERT the gospel of Christ. But though WE, or an ANGEL from HEAVEN preach any other GOSPEL unto you than that which WE have preached unto you, let him be ACCURSED. As we said before, so say I now AGAIN, If any MAN preach any other GOSPEL unto you than that ye have received, let HIM be accursed. For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the SERVANT of Christ. But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by ME is not after man. For I neither received it of MAN, neither was I taught it, BUT by the REVELATION of Jesus Christ." Let all men be aware that the gospel as taught by Paul enters every phase of our lives. Even as in his teachings found in First Cor. 8-13, "Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend." The Saviour teaches that if we neglect to hear the Church "let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican." Hence the necessity of the Church abiding in His, and His Apostles teachings as well as hear His name. To be built upon the Rock, His Church must abide by His word. The Apostle Paul certifies, that the Gospel preached by him was not after man, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

AMERICA IS IN PERIL

"America is in peril! This nation is forgetting God and His day, and the Sabbath is always a sign. No people can have a saving knowledge of God without observance of God's day. History records the doom of other nations which refused to retain God and His law in their knowledge. Our nation is also making history. Our attitude toward the Christian Sabbath will also determine our destiny. Said Daniel Webster, 'America cannot survive a single century without a Sabbath.' 'The day of rest is essential to mankind; demanded by civilization as well as Christianity,' observed Theodore Roosevelt." R. M. Blackwood in Wesleyan Methodist. (Note: It has always seemed strange to me how some people profess so much love for God, and then ignore the law of the Sabbath, and the marriage ties. W. H. C.)

rites of sacrifices STUDIED

A recent writer in the Holy Land makes this astounding statement; "There is even a Talmudic seminary in Jerusalem where the rites of animal sacrifices are studied in great and earnest secrecy, in the hope that the Solomon Temple will soon be rebuilt on its ancient site. It can be said without exaggeration that if the orthodox party had their way the State of Israel would regress to the condition of life before the fall of Jerusalem in the first century A. D." These are surely significant words in the light of what many people believe regarding the restoration of the ancient Levitical sacrifices in Palestine. Startling events seem destined to take place in the near future, stranger than fiction, —from Evangelical Christian by Alliance Weekly.

GENTILES AND ISRAELITES WORSHIP TOGETHER

In a letter recently received from Brother Joseph Loyalvo, he says: Thanks for your card, I was very glad to hear from you. On Sunday May 29th I baptised Mrs. L. Gadd of London, Ont. Canada at Muncey, Ont. This lady heard the Gospel preached over the radio. She then wrote to us re-

questing some of our literature. She said that when she heard our "Broadcast," the spirit of God overshadowed her and witnessed unto her, that which she heard was truth.

Brother Henderson and I while on our way to Grand River, stopped off in London and called on her. She treated us very friendly, and we enjoyed ourselves while explaining the gospel to her. After our last Conference I approached the brethren relative to having our folks at Mt. Brydges to meet at Muncey in order to encourage our Indian saints along. So I have taken Sister Gadd to the Muncey Church for the past six weeks. We have had some wonderful meetings there, and two weeks ago she requested baptism. I announced over the radio, that we would have a special meeting at the Muncey Church on last Sunday. We had a wonderful turnout of Indian people and also several car loads of Gentiles from London, Mt. Brydges, Ont., and Port Huron, Michigan. The Church was full and God showered us with a great abundance of His Spirit. I wish you could of been with us. I am enclosing a subscription for The Gospel News for our new Sister in London. . . . Brother Joseph, I am glad to hear this good news from you, always keep in mind the words of the prophets of old: wherein they declare that the Gentiles shall become nursing fathers and mothers to Israel. The Book of Mormon shows very plain, that the American Indians are of Israel, and it is surely in the purposes of God for them to be worshiping with one-another. May the Lord continue to bless you all. Sincerely Brother W. H. Cadman.

THE RESTORED GOSPEL

Continued from the Gospel Reflector of August 1909

In this kingdom men are beating their swords into plowshares. This shows us the difference between the kingdoms of this world and the kingdoms of God. The spirit of this kingdom, Christ's, men shall till the ground, be wholly interested in the systems of production, producing the necessities and blessings of life, while the kingdoms of the world are retaining their swords, seeking the mastery by force of warfare. The old adage is the survival of the fittest, but the world

has changed this so that it is the survival of the unfittest. The more cunning and corrupt as a rule survive. It is a case of one nation trying to overpower another. It is a transgression of the law of God to kill. Yet the nations and transgressors go on with their killing. "He that fighteth with the sword shall perish by the sword" was the language of the Saviour. This shows us the destructive spirit that is here on earth, and shows how little of Christ's example has been in the hearts of men and nations.

What was meant by the prophet when he said, "they shall not destroy in all my holy mountain?" Did he mean a mountain of land? No, he meant a mountain that would be observed by all nations and tongues and people, for example he calls it his holy mountain. Are we to wait until our Saviour comes before this kingdom is in power? No, for Israel shall say when the kingdom is set up. Come ye let us, (Who? Israel) go up to the house of the Lord, What for? That we may learn of his ways and walk in his paths. What paths? Paths different from the paths which mankind are walking in. Learn of his ways, What ways? Ways of kindness, ways of brotherly love. As Christ is our great friend, so must this spirit of friendship exist in the kingdom of Christ. That every man in every place may meet a friend. The Saviour said, "Come unto me and I will give you rest," rest from the things that sin has brought. This shows us that if we are in that kingdom which the restoration is to perfect by the establishing of a nation where all Israel is to be gathered, and not Israel alone, but all mankind who accepts the ensign of truth, those who shall declare an independence from the forms and customs of men. The word restored means the returning of the plans of God, a re-establishing of the authority of the kingdom, No king upon a throne on the earth, but enthroned in the hearts of men. The spirit of love. Some may say why so much contention among those who have accepted the restored gospel? It is because some have been too much for the world while others have tried to walk after the spirit which will lead us from one degree of love to another in Christ; that we may be His bride, clean dressed in pure white linen, not

an individual but a kingdom of perfection—perfected through the spirit of God, priests of God and of Christ administering at the altar of the New Jerusalem, while the law of the kingdom goes forth and the word of the Lord comes down for the instruction of his people, until the sword of the spirit has slain that monster Goliath — the kingdoms of this world.

Will the Saviour come before this kingdom is perfected? No. Where will He come to and to whom will he come? He came to his own when He came before, but they received Him not and they slew Him. Was it because He had no power? No, but that He might open the door of Israel for all mankind to be admitted into the kingdom of Israel. Then is there to be a kingdom? "Then in the days of those kings the God of Heaven will set up a kingdom, an everlasting one." It has to smite the image on the feet through the miracles—gifts of the spirit first, then after, we see by the prophets there will be signs in the heavens and on earth. The commotions on the earth are as a warning to the people. The war cry will be the hour of God's judgement and the ensign shall be unfurled to all nations and as the poet has written, they shall draw their wondering eyes Zionward, because they shall see and feel the scepter of Juda and shall follow the ensign on to Zion, to the beautiful City of God, where there is a mountain of righteousness and glory and a nation that loves His appearing. Alexander Cherry.

WASHINGTON'S STRANGE VISION

(Due to having requests for a copy of the paper in which Washington's Vision was published, I am re-publishing it in this paper.)

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 moment 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, mysteri-

ous, 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 arose 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 gleaming 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 eyes 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 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 from above me and pierced and broke into fragments the cloud that enveloped America. At the same moment the angel upon whose crown still 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 immedi-

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EDITORIAL

As this paper is about ready to go to print, the Editor has just returned from a trip down in Kentucky. Brother and Sister Bittinger of near Uniontown, taking me in their car. It is the fourth trip for me, and the Bittingers have accompanied me on three of them. It is quite a long drive being about 560 miles from my home. It was very wet on this trip, and things did not seem very encouraging in the fore part of our visit. But towards the last part of our stay, we had some encouragement, held some meetings in a few homes and had interest made manifest. We made a trip down into Tennessee to a small village known as Palmyra where Brother Parrotts Mother lives, she came back to Nortonville with us and was baptized in the lake at that place. She was very happy in obeying the gospel, and testified when confirmed, that it was the greatest blessing of her life. Her name is Nancy Nolon of Palmyra, Tenn.

Palmyra is a very small village along the Tennessee River. An old man told us that the town was burned down by the Yanks during the civil war. It was very wet down there, and the river was overflowing the low lands and much damage done to farm crops. We have baptized four converts at Nortonville, and there is more good to be done there. Brother and Sister Parrott treats us the best while there, and I believe they are trying to do what they can to let their light shine unto others. I appreciate the generosity of Brother Bittinger with his car and his help in other ways. He officiated at the baptism of Sister Nolon. May God continue to bless the efforts that thus far have been put forth in Kentucky.

Brother Cadman

ately 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 a 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.

MINISTERING ANGELS

Genesis 2-1 "Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them." In Psalms 33-6 "By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth." The host in these two instances certainly would include the Angels. I read in Psalms 8-4 that man was made a little lower than the angels.

Genesis 32-1,2; "And Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him. And when Jacob saw them, he said, This is Gods host; and he called the name of that place Ma-ha-na-im." We read so often where angels ministered unto man, that I believe it will

be interesting to draw attention to some of the instances. In Psalms 68-17 it reads: "The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels; the Lord is among them, as in Sinai, in the holy place." In Deuteronomy 29-29 I read that "The secret things belong unto the Lord our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law." Hence it is readily observed that God through His word has revealed that there are thousands upon thousands of angels. May I ask, what is their mission? Let us allow the scripture to answer.

The first instance which is recorded in the scripture of the part angels played in the great plan of redemption, is in Genesis 3-24, when the Lord God placed Cherubims (angels) and a flaming sword, "to keep the way of the tree of life." Hence, their duty in this particular, was to shield and protect that which is good. We have another instance in Genesis 16, beginning with verse 7, where an angel comes to the rescue of Hagar, Saria's Maid. It would seem from this, that the angels eyes are always open. We have a very remarkable account in Genesis 22-11,12, when an angel called unto Abraham out of heaven and said unto him, "lay not thine hand upon the lad." Surely angels guard the servants of God, and exercises a care over them. In Genesis 32, beginning with verse 24, it gives an account of Jacob wrestling with a man, and they wrestle with each other until the break of day. Jacob prevails over the man, (generally understood to be an angel) and obtains a blessing. Again an angel is a benefactor to man, but there are so many instances of such, that I will be obliged to pass over many of such cases, because of a lack of space here. But before passing on to the New Testament, I want to refer to two more instances of angels ministering unto man. In the book of Daniel 6-16, I read that they cast Daniel into a den of lions. That was an awful thing to do to any man, but Daniel was a faithful servant of the Most High God, and I read in verse 22 where Daniel replied to the king, "My God hath sent His angel and hath shut the lions mouth that they have not hurt me." Again in Daniel 3-28, the king

saith: "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Who hath sent His angel, and delivered His servants that trusted in Him." Surely angels have been and are a boon to Gods servants.

Leaving the old Bible now and touching lightly upon some things recorded in the New Testament. In the first chapter of St. Luke, I read of Zacharias and Elizabeth who were well stricken in years and were childless. But while he was engaged in his priestly office, an angel of the Lord appears unto him and promises unto him and his wife Elizabeth a son, who proved to be the person of whom the prophet Isaiah had prophesied of hundreds of years before, him who was to prepare the way of the Lord etc. John the Baptist by name. The angel said unto Zacharias: "I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad things." Then in verse 28 of the same chapter, an angel hails Mary, saying to her "hail thou that are highly favored, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women." We read, "the Holy Ghost shall come upon thee and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee" etc. The results are, she, whom had never known man, gives birth to the child known as Jesus the Son of God, who grew to manhood amidst a crooked and a perverse generation, yet no fault was found in the Man. May I add again: Surely the angels of God have played a wonderful part in the great plan of God in the redemption of man. In Matthew 26-53, "Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and He shall presently give me more than twelve legions of Angels?" A "legion" in the Roman Army contained from 5,000 to 6,000 soldiers, and the Saviour said that His Father would give Him more than twelve legions. That saying certainly confirms the saying of the Psalmist, wherein he said: "there were thousands of them."

Even in the most crucial hour of the Saviour's life, Yea, when He prayed so fervently unto His Father while in the garden, I read in Luke 22-43 where an angel appears unto Him, "strengthening Him." Let us all give praise to God for His Holy and may I add,

His thoughtful Angels. It seems that since I started to delve into this subject of God's Angels, that I can't hardly find a stopping place; for among the thousands of them, God has certainly been mindful in past ages in sending them to comfort and deliver His faithful children, and a very pleasant thought to me is, God is still the same, for I read that He changeth not. There is one more instance relative to angels that I wish to refer to, before concluding, and that is in Rev. 14-6, 7. It reads: "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 judgement is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of water."

At the time the Apostle John had this experience, the Gospel was on the earth, for John and his brother Apostles, Elders, Evangelists were preaching it, and through it's power, were converting men and women to Christ. John evidently saw something that was eventually to come to pass—the gospel no longer upon the earth, and an angel brings it back. It is evident that something serious would happen in the future. Rev. 12, presents a woman wonderfully robed, a symbol of the Church in her glory, but before the scene is ended, the woman (Church) flees into the wilderness, a place of obscurity. She was relentlessly persecuted by the Red Dragon—a symbol of the Roman Empire, actuated with the power of evil—the devil. Under it's reign, Christ was nailed to the Cross, and the early disciples persecuted even unto death. "The dragon was wroth with the woman and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." Rev. 12-17. In Second Thessalonians, Paul warns his brethren concerning the day of Christ being at hand, and tells them that, "that day shall not come except there come a falling away first," and the man of sin be revealed, etc. In Revelations 13-7, power was given unto the beast to make war with the saints and to overcome them. In Rev. 17, John saw a woman sitting up-

on a scarlet colored beast, full of abominations, etc. and in verse 6, "And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints," etc. Undoubtedly the woman is the symbol of the fallen church. The true Church no longer on the earth. Hence John had seen another Angel flying with the everlasting Gospel as heretofore referred to. An Angel then must bring back the Gospel which was taken back unto the Lord because of wickedness overcoming the true Church. I have shown in the past ages of time, how angels came to the rescue of God's servants, and it evidently was necessary for an angel to appear unto Jesus and strengthen Him.

Joseph Smith in the early part of the nineteenth century, gave testimony to this nation of people, and to the world, that an angel had appeared unto him, Yea, the "other angel" which John saw flying in the midst of heaven. Yea, the glorious mission of the Angels of God, never sleeping, and God sent one to bring back the gospel again to man. Have you ever heard of any man giving testimony of the "other angel" fulfilling this mission of bringing back the gospel aside from Joseph Smith? Yet he gives unimpeachable testimony of the angel coming to him and delivering to him those sacred records, which along with our Bible, contain the fulness of the everlasting Gospel. Yea, notwithstanding all the accusations hurled against him, true or false (eternity will reveal) The Book of Mormon as translated from the records handed him by an angel of God, and which has been assailed from most every source, the wise, and the learned from pulpit and rostrum—Yea, in high places as well as low. Yes, the words of the book referred to in Isaiah 29-11, 12 and delivered to Joseph Smith by the Angel of God, (Book of Mormon) has survived the unbelief of this age for well over 100 years. My testimony is, that it's truth will stand when rolling years cease to move. Angels do not fly on idle missions. Let us all give God praise for His unchanging character, and that He remembereth the inhabitants of the earth in these last days, by sending an angel to the unlearned man, Joseph Smith. Let us all praise God for His Holy Angels. (W.H.C.)

BROTHER MARTIN WRITES.

Dear Brother Editor:

I see our subscription to the Gospel News expires with next month's paper, so I am enclosing Three Dollars (\$3.00) for a two-years subscription.

I also want to tell you that on May 1st, 1949, I had the pleasure of asking God's Blessing on my first Great-grandson, William Hugh Garrison, Born Feb. 9, 1949. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Garrison, Coal Center, Pa. Brother and Sister Hugh Jones of Monongahela are the Grandparents. Two years ago, I had the pleasure of asking God's Blessing on Little Sherrie Lynn, the Baby's sister.

I am happy to say the maternal grandparents have been members of the Church of Jesus Christ for four generations. We know Christ set an example when he said "Suffer little children to come unto me" and took them and blessed them. But I also like to think it was an example when God caused Simeon to take the infant Jesus in his arms, calling upon the Name of God, so even from the manger to the cross. He was a perfect example, causing men to lift up their hearts in Thankfulness as Simeon did. And we too give Thanks that God gave his Son for a light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Israel and Jesus willingly gave his life.

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GREAT THINGS AWAIT US.

By Paul Love

Isaiah 62-1 etc. "For Zions sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth. And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: And thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord shall name. —Verse 6, I have set watchman upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day or night, ye that make mention of the Lord keep not silent. And give him no rest till he establish, and till he makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth. Go through, go through the gates, prepare ye the way of the people: Cast up, cast up the highways, gather out the stones, lift up a

standard to the people. Behold the Lord hath proclaimed unto the end of the world. Say, ye to the daughters of Zion. Behold, thy salvation cometh, behold his reward is with him, and his work before him. And they shall call them the holy people, The redeemed of the Lord. And thou shalt be called, sought out, A city not forsaken.

And again the prophet foretells: Isaiah 29-14 etc. Therefore, behold I will proceed to do a marvelous work among the people, even a marvelous work and a wonder; for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid, and the 16th verse: And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, (Book of Mormon) And the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness. The meek also shall increase their joy in the Lord; And the poor among men shall rejoice in the holy one of Israel. For the terrible one is brought to naught and the scorner is consumed, and all that watch for iniquity are cut off. That make a man an offender for a word, and lay a snare for him that reproveth in the gate, and turn aside the just, for a thing of naught.

Therefore thus saith the Lord, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob. Jacob shall not now be ashamed, neither shall his face now wax pale. But when he seeth his children the work of my hand, in the midst of him, they shall sanctify my name, and sanctify the holy one of Jacob, and shall fear the God of Israel. They also that erred in spirit shall come to understanding, and they that murmured shall learn doctrine.

My thought on these prophecies in part is: that our God did not introduce at any time a confusion, or a multitude of different faiths and Churches, but rather in the setting up of His Church He introduced one Lord, one faith and one baptism. Does the Christian Churches follow this procedure today? No, we have a multitude of churches and a multitude of different faiths, even as spoken by the Prophet Isaiah 29-13: For as much as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honor me, but have removed their hearts far from me. And their fear towards me is taught by the precepts of men.

Under the restoration of the gospel we can expect as in Isaiah 11-10 etc. And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people, to it shall the Gentiles seek. And his rest shall be glorious. Verse 12: And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

Before many of these prophecies are here in reality, we have much darker days ahead of us, days that we should seriously think about and call upon our God while we are here on the earth in the state of probation, that He might have mercy upon us and deliver us.—Micah 5-8 etc. And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles in the midst of many people, as a lion among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of sheep, who, if he go through, both treadeth down and teareth in pieces and none can deliver. Thine hand shall be lifted up upon thine adversaries and all thine enemies shall be cut off. And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord, that I will cut off thy horses out of the midst of thee, and I will destroy thy chariots, and I will cut off the cities of thy land, and throw down all thy strong holds. And I will cut off witchcraft out of thine hand, and thou shalt have no more sooth-sayers. Thy graven images also will I cut off, and thy standing images out of the midst of thee. And thou shalt no more worship the works of thine hands. And I will pluck up thy groves out of the midst of thee. So shall I destroy thy cities. And I will execute vengeance in anger and fury upon the heathen, such as they have not heard.

Please note, that after destruction, desolation to our cities and inhabitants of the earth, there is truly a great restoration, that is, for the more righteous people who are spared. And, note must be taken that all nations are reduced to a remnant according to the prophets. Isaiah 61-3 etc. To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion for to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness, that they might be called trees of righteousness, the plantings of the Lord, that he might be glorified, and they shall

build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations. Verse 11. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations. Isaiah 11 ch. further states: and there shall be an highway for the remnant of his people, which shall be left from Assyria, like as it was to Israel in the days that he came up out of the land of Egypt. Isaiah 12-3 etc. Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation. Verse 5, Sing unto the Lord, for he has done excellent things. This is known in all the earth. All in that day in Zion and Jerusalem will serve one God, have one faith and one baptism, and the righteous shall live in their peaceable kingdom. And Christ says: "I will be in your midst." These things are encouraging to our people.

Therefore in testimony we praise our God for The Church of Jesus Christ, and through His Holy Spirit, He has given us great hope. What great things has been held from many people, due to the confusion and misunderstanding, not remembering that the gift and power of the Holy Spirit which will lead and guide us, and show us things to come.

REWARDS

One of the first things we learn in life, is that we will be well repaid for obedience and for doing good in our youthful years, and in later years for working diligently. A mother or a father promises their children an ice cream cone or some other goody for obeying and behaving, and upon receiving it's reward it is very happy and satisfied. When we grow into manhood and womanhood the world promises us dollars for good workmanship and for applying ourselves with our talents coupled with whatever little or much learning we have received in our school days. We are promised friends if we are polite and sociable. These things are indeed worthwhile, in fact we would not get much joy out of life without them. While we were worldly these gave us an incentive to live, along with other goals that we may have had. But after we have been converted we

cease to allow these things to be primary factors in urging us on in our new life: for we have found that God gives much greater rewards than the world will ever be able to. Let us examine a few of these. Any one of them should be sufficient to give us added impetus in our weak moments. The sum total of them along with others that are written in the scriptures is in such greatness as to be inconceivable to us in our weak mortal state.

ETERNAL LIFE. I will not attempt to write anything concerning this great reward, it being the greatest, we could not do justice to it even by filling this paper with it. I will let the readers form their own individual picture of the grandeur and glory that will be there, sufficient will it be for me to quote the promise of God's word that "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." This being a reward which we will receive in the next life let us therefore dwell next on those which we are promised for this life.

HOLY GHOST. During Christ's ministry he taught his disciples what was needful for salvation and also for establishing his kingdom here on earth. He informed men and women that they must receive a remission of their sins and that the Spirit of God would then be given to them. On the day of Pentecost the promise was given to the 120 gathered in the upper room. The change wrought upon them was indeed glorious, and with boldness they went out into the streets to proclaim Christ's doctrine, his gospel. When a good many were touched, they cried out "Men and brethren what shall we do?" The answer came through Peter, "Repent and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." This was the spirit of truth that Christ had promised to his disciples that would comfort them and that would lead them into all truth and show them things to come. The early Christian followers did receive this gift by repentance and baptism, as is recorded in the word of God. This promise being made to all including us in this day and age, we hear testimonies today com-

parable to those of yore. The reception of the Holy Ghost brought a great change into each of their hearts and lives, for the love of God was shed abroad into their hearts. That love was so abundant that some of them sold all that they had and gave to the poor. They became a wonderful people for they became meek and lowly. They became kind and considerate, with much tolerance and forbearance. I do believe that this great gift which brought a new outlook and a new hope for all was a big reward. Would a person that receives this gift not be gladdened yet more by seeing others receive it?

HAPPINESS. One of things we all look forward to in our youthful days is that we might live a happy life in the years that lie ahead. The world gets busy on us early in life to teach us worldly and sinful pleasures. We soon learn that there is bitterness attached to them, and to shed them, that is to cease from them after we have partaken of them becomes almost an impossibility in many instances and we soon find that we are virtual slaves to some of them. Thank God for his mindfulness, in loosing us from the shackles of sin and for giving us new and nobler desires. During the course of our change and subsequently we are taught what is required of us, for the initial obedience is not enough, but rather continual obedience in all things. In John's Gospel while Christ was teaching his disciples one of the requirements for a Godly life, and after explaining the matter, he spoke thus "Ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." (John 13:17). Every matter should be treated this way, if we know we should do a thing we should not procrastinate, or wilfully neglect it. This promise will not come to us if we should be found wanting. Are you unhappy brother or sister? Trying being honest with yourself and do the things that you know you should do, you will be happy if you do them. This is Christ's own promise.

SPIRITUAL STRENGTH. In pursuance of our natural labors we can perform them much better if we have strength. Natural health and strength are blessings which ought never to be overlooked. Spiritual health and strength are imperative to us as we labor in God's vineyard. Many times we see some becoming

weak in spirit. Anyone who is honest will confess his own inability, while others in their weak seasons will point the finger of blame to someone else. Old satan likes to see us blaming someone else, this seems to be one of his inventions, one of his devices to pull us out, and away from the body of believers. We see much blaming of others in the world, but how sad it is when we see and hear this in our own midst. In the word of God I read that "As thy day thy strength shall be." If my day is spent in pursuance of selfish deeds, can I expect strength from God?

KNOWLEDGE. We of this day and age are probably blessed more than any other people, throughout the ages in the respect that we are privileged to gain much knowledge. Knowledge in itself might be detrimental to us or very profitable, in whatever direction we are prone to apply it. While we were in the world we gained worldly knowledge but when we came to the Lord, we received a knowledge of God, which could be stated as Godly knowledge. Some have received a little of this grand knowledge and some have received much. David in his writings states that he knew more than the ancients because he kept the commandments. Does it pay to keep the commandments of God? Yea, a thousand times and more, yea.

EVERLASTING GUARDIANSHIP. "The Lord knoweth the days of the upright; and their inheritance shall be forever. They shall not be ashamed in the evil time, and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied."

Martin Michalko
Coraopolis, Pa.

Vancik-Cole Nuptials

Virginia E. Cole, daughter of Mr. John Cole of McKean Ave. Charleroi, Pa., and Alma G. Vancik, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Vancik, of R. D. 1 Charleroi, Pa. were quietly married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cadman 519 Finley St. Monongahela, Pa., on the evening of May 27, 1949. The attendants were Mr. George Niccolai, best man, and Ann Koren maid of honor both from Charleroi. Brother W. H. Cadman officiating. The groom attended school at Bentleyville, Pa., is employed at Belle Vernon, Pa.,

with a trucking concern. He also spent three years in the U. S. Air Force, European Theater. The bride is a graduate of Charleroi High School, also of the Bertha Leonard Business School, and is now employed by Reeves Motor Inc. at Charleroi. The young couple left on a wedding trip for Buffalo, N. Y. On their return they will be at home at 714 McKean Ave. Charleroi, Pa. We extend best wishes to the young couple.

Donkin-Rossi Nuptials

Wedding Bells ring in West Aliquippa, Pa. on May 28, 1949. Sister Louise Rossi of Monaca Rd. Aliquippa, and Cecile Paul Donkin of Elizabeth, Pa., were united in marriage by Brother John Ross at 11:30 a. m. in The Church of Jesus Christ in West Aliquippa, Pa. Dora Rossi, sister of the bride was maid of honor. John Lekus was best man. Mrs. Margaret Donkin, sister of the bride was matron of honor, Diana D. Antonio, cousin of the bride was bridesmaid, and John Ossimack, and Walter Donkin, brother of the groom were ushers. The bride was given away by her father, and she wore a beautiful bridal outfit. Miss Williams sang "Because" and "I'll Always Love You." Miss Wilson was at the piano.

The bride was employed as secretary of the Hopewell High School, she also graduated from the same school. The groom is employed in Glassport, Pa. The young couple left for Washington, D. C. on their wedding trip. They will reside in Elizabeth, Pa. By Erma Rossi.

Conti-Impastato Nuptials

At the Church of Jesus Christ, Hall and Devine, Detroit, Mich. April 30, at 10 a. m. Virginia Impastato daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Impastato, of 9386 Sylvester, and Frank Conti, son of Mr. and Mrs. Patsy Conti of 14936 Coram, were united in marriage by Joseph Lovalvo.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white satin gown trimmed in lace, with a veil of French illusion which fell in folds from her beaded crown.

Mrs. Theresa Piacentino was matron of honor, and bridesmaids were Bessie Gioia, Rosalie Molisani, and Virginia Figara. The best man John Impastato brother

of the bride was assisted by Ned Impastato, Sammy Molisani and Ned Figara as ushers.

A reception was held at which a large number of church members and friends were entertained.

Meeting at Glassport, Pa.

The Glassport M. B. A. called a special gathering of surrounding locals for the purpose of having appointed meetings of this same type in the future.

The local, holding the meeting is to have a program of entertainment for the visiting locals, this being a suggestion of the G.M.B.A.

We had an attendance of about 150. The visiting branches were Greensburg, Monongahela and a bus load of brothers and sisters from Aliquippa. We were pleased with the fine turn-out. Many of the branches were not able to attend because there was some delay in notifying them.

The theme of our program was in recognition to our natural and spiritual fathers since the following Sunday was the day set aside by the world as Father's Day. The natural father was based on the growth of the church, the men who started it and the ones that carried on the works from the beginning to date.

The Spiritual Father was based on the great men that prophesied about the birth of Christ, which is the Father that set the way to live and the way the church is based on His law.

After the talks which were well received by the congregation, we had the visiting locals sing selections of their own choice.

In a limited discussion we decided to carry-on these meetings for the benefit of each other. We left it that we should have these meetings at two to three month intervals. We had a very good start and I'm sure we can look forward to a very pleasant future with each other.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank the visiting locals for their cooperation and our only hope is that God will be with us and bless us in our efforts.

The next meeting is appointed for Greensburg, the date has not been selected, the surrounding locals will be notified. We are extending an invitation to all that are able to come.

Sister Florence Di Battista

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IS THERE A GOD?

"Is there a God, what proof have you?"

Is often asked of me.

"How do you know He's everywhere . . .

The good and evil, see?

If you can show that after death, We'll resurrected, be,

Then I'll believe and give Him praise,

For all Eternity."

"If there's a God, then tell me why,"

People go on to say,

"He doesn't turn the hearts of men

To Him, all in a day;

Why does He cause the good to die,

Leaving the cruel, stay,

So they can rule the world at large,

In their own wicked way?"

ANSWER

"Oh foolish heart, you feel the wind,

Yet, tell me can you see

From whence it blows; Or why the stars

Fall not into the sea?

Why is there night, when day is done?

Where goes the tide, at sea?

. . . I only know within my heart. . .

That is enough for me"

"Is there a God? You ask of me, Yet did you ever try

To kneel in prayer and ask of Him

For knowledge, from on High?

Are you sincere within your heart?

To Him, then, voice your plea,

And He will unto you impart

Faith, as He did, to me."

Catherine Poma
San Diego, California

Conference at Monongahela, Pa.

The General Conference of The Church of Jesus Christ met here in our Church at Sixth & Lincoln streets in Monongahela on July 1st; first session beginning at 7:30 p. m. with a good representation of General Church Officers, and representatives from the following states; Michigan, New York, New Jersey, Ohio, Florida, Washington, D. C., Ontario, Canada, and from various places throughout Pennsylvania.

The business of the Church passed off as usual, but there was

some changes made relative to holding Conferences. July has always been a very warm season of the year to transact our business, so hereafter our General Conference will be held in April. And what has been known as our quarterly conference will be held in October; making two Conferences a year instead of four as here-to-fore. The April Conference will have the privilege of appointing a gathering of our people at some designated place, to last at least over a Saturday and Sunday, where there will be no business of anykind, but the time will be spent in devotional services, and everybody will be welcome. A time when we can visit with one another, and get better acquainted with one another. My thoughts are something like this. Our first meeting should be introduced with a good inspiring sermon. We could then have one meeting in which we would allow our various brethren who are spending much of their time out in the field preaching the Gospel, giving each speaker 15 minutes to express himself. Another meeting could be held in which our young people would have charge of, and possibly a meeting in which those who have not thus far had any part, would have an opportunity to bear their testimony to the gospel. These are just my thoughts, however, I believe a very good and edifying program could be arranged wherein all our people would have an opportunity to attend.

Reverting to our Conference business again. There was four sessions of business held, and we were very busy all during those sessions. Next General Conference will be in Monongahela, Pa., on the first Saturday in April, unless the Presidency of the Church should call upon us to convene the day previous to the first Saturday. Next October Conference will be held in New Jersey, probably at the Hopelawn Church, or at the most convenient place the New Jersey Brethren may decide upon. This Conference is open for all who may attend. I will just add that Brother Ashton, First Counsellor of the Church, did not have the privilege of attending very much of this Conference; due to

the fact that his wife's daughter died in the Panama country, and her body arrived back home here just at Conference time. In behalf of the Church we extend our sympathy to our brother and sister in their bereavement.

There was only one service on Sunday. Prior to the opening of the service, we had some very nice singing. Brother James Lovalyvo being here from California, sang us a solo. Also Brother James Heaps formerly of Monongahela, but now of California along with his daughter Margaret Henderson of Windsor, Ont., sang a duet, both father and daughter had not seen each other for going on two years, and their singing together on the occasion was very impressive.

Brother Heaps was our first speaker in Sunday Morning meeting, and his talk was well seasoned with the grace of God. Brother James Lovalyvo was our next speaker following the same line of talk as Brother Heaps had introduced. Bro. Henderson of Windsor, Ont., followed and we had a very good meeting. Brother W. H. Cadman made the closing address. After the close of the meeting we retired to the river edge, where Irene Bickerton, the granddaughter of Brother and Sister W. H. Cadman, and a convert from Greensburg, Pa. was baptized. There was a very large crowd at the Sunday morning meeting. The upper floor was filled up to the limit, and I understand that there was a large audience on the lower floor who heard the speaking and singing over the loud speaker system, which I am informed worked perfectly. The Monongahela Branch, McKees Rocks, and I believe the Glassport Church all held meetings on Sunday evening. Sincerely, Brother W. H. Cadman.

Letters From Windsor, Ont.
By Bro. Anthony Gerace.

Dear Editor: I write to let you know of the great blessings that have been poured down upon the Windsor Branch.

I thank God that I have had the opportunity of being a witness to the wonderful manifestations of the Spirit of God. Never

in all my life have I ever beheld such a day.

For the month our Branch has been praying that God would speak to us and call some of the young men to offices in the Church. Last Tuesday June 21, God spoke. I will try to give you a picture as best I can of what happened on that eventful night.

A prayer meeting was called, and at about twenty minutes to eight a few of the saints had gathered together and the meeting was opened. Some wonderful prayers were offered up by the brothers and sisters, and a good spirit prevailed. About nine o'clock there seemed to be a lull in the meeting, so the Elders decided to bring the meeting to a close. Brother Steve Johns then got up on his feet and rebuked us for our weakness and he felt that there were others who still had a prayer in their hearts. So the meeting was left open.

Sister Margaret Henderson then offered a prayer and she cried unto the Lord to speak to us. Brother Allen Henderson arose under the power of God, and God spoke through him and said. "Hear ye oh My People, humble your selves before your God and I will be with you and show you things to come." Sister Margaret then finished her prayer and a few other wonderful prayers were offered up. Then Brother Henderson asked to know what God had spoken. For he felt that what had been given to us, was also for him as well.

The young brothers and sisters who were present, then requested that hands be laid upon them by the Elders, that they may be strengthened, and that in the future they may walk with greater wisdom and understanding, and that the Love of God may shine within them, and once again the great Spirit of God was made manifest among us. While the Elders had their hands laid on Bro. Steve Johns, Bro. Henderson was praying then he started to sing in the spirit and the power of God came over him again and he prophesied that Bro. Johns would be given the office of a Deacon. Bro. Henderson was so overcome by the spirit, that he fell to the floor exhausted. When he was able to get up, he requested to be anointed. Brother Watson asked me to offer up a word of prayer. I did, and the power that possessed me then,

was beyond description. After I had finished praying, Bros. Burgess and Watson laid their hands on Brother Henderson, Bro. Burgess prayed. Then in the name of Jesus Christ he commanded Bro. Henderson to become well. Then others who were afflicted asked to be anointed.

The gratitude that filled me on witnessing these things is beyond all description. I thank the great God that made me, and that He has seen fit to call me into The Church of Jesus Christ.

Last Sunday June 28. Brother Robert Watson, Jr. Bro. Domenic Moracco, Bro. Johns and myself, took a trip to Walpole Island, the Indian Reservation. — Bro. Bruce Russell who rented a farm on the Island, some how managed to get an invitation for our Elders to conduct a service at the United Church. The way Brothers Watson, Jr. and Moracco handled the matter and conducted the meeting, certainly was commendable, and I consider it an honor and a privilege to have been with them. After the service the congregation shook hands with us and invited us to come back. I understand that it was the first time that our Elders have had the privilege of conducting a service on the Island. There is a wonderful opening there now, and room for a lot of good work to be done.

A LETTER FROM LARNED, KANSAS

Dear Brother Editor

We surely hoped to see you at conference this year, but trust we can see you later. I am sorry for we will surely miss seeing the brothers and sisters, there as well as Detroit and Ohio. I hoped that the Lord would prepare a way, but I think of the experience of one of the brothers in the Church when the Lord told him not to worry about missing a certain conference, but to prepare himself for that great conference. You probably know the experience I have reference to. I have a lesson there to relearn many times that the Lord does all things well. How thankful I am, I am learning the blessings of the gospel that a stubborn heart misses—too much for a little vanity, while in humility, charity, and long suffering we learn. How much I am repaid for my meagerly effort. I am ashamed to consider myself a saint along

with the rest, but I know the hope I have found in His Church and in seeing examples in His people in the Book of Mormon, and those I have had the privilege of meeting who live today. "Oh what an age. . . Peculiar race." How dear the words of this book and many of our own hymns have become. They carry the spirit of truth and freedom I have searched for a long time, the Pearl of Great Price, The Tree of Life. I know nothing I can do to repay the Lord for the gifts He bestows upon me, the experience and privilege of being in the gospel. However, I hope someday I can welcome some of the Saints, who have shown such love, into my home with the same spirit. I know the Lord surely does provide in abundance, for as He said "forsake Mother, Father, Brother and Sister for me and I will provide Mothers, Fathers, Brothers and Sisters; forsake the worldly joys and I will provide you with eternal joy, bliss unmarred by the vanities of this life." All this He has done in His abundant mercy for one such as I.

We both send our love to all the Brothers and Sisters, and our prayers are for the gospel on the air, and in Italy, or wherever brothers are at work. We look forward to the spread of the gospel with the rest, especially to the Lamanites for it is dear to our hearts and surely is not far off.

Enclosed is \$1.50 to renew our subscription to the Gospel News. Please remember us to your family also. We enjoyed our brief visit with you so much. We recently went to Oklahoma over Memorial Day and visited the Otoe Indian tribe close to Ponca City, Oklahoma. The Lord prepared all things which we needed. They were having a celebration in memory of their sons lost in the recent war. The War mothers arranged the celebration. We ate dinner with them consisting of veal and fried bread kneaded in to form a summer squash, and drank tea. My husband was invited to speak to them over the public address system. About three hundred men, women, and children were present. The opportunity to speak came as a surprise. It is sure that the Lord was with us on the entire trip. Many visiting tribes were also

present. On returning home we picked up a young Indian boy hitch hiking to school. He seemed so interested in the history of his people and my husband gave him a Book of Mormon which he started reading in the car, remarking that his Daddy would be interested in it too. We gave him the book with pleasure. We hope to return on the fourth of July week end, the Lord willing; pray for us and all the Saints here in Saint John. We trust someday the Church will be blessed and growing.

Your Sister in Christ,
Louise Robinson

TESTIMONY FROM OKLAHOMA CITY

Thomas Ring and his wife Ruby of Oklahoma City, visited his parents in St. John, Kansas recently and both were baptized while there. The following is a paragraph taken from a letter they wrote to his mother, Sister Martha Ring, of St. John after they returned to their home. It is as follows: Dear Mother, "I can't find words to express the happiness that fills my heart. People may ask how does one know that baptism does any one any good, but I know it does, for I can't hide the happiness that has come into my heart, nor do I want to hide it. As I said, I can't find words to tell about it, but God knows of the change and of the happiness that flows through my heart; and I am sure He will show me a way to make others know the wonderful thing that has filled my life."

Letter from Ahsahka, Idaho

The Editor has received a letter from Sister Converse, renewing her subscription to The Gospel News, and in the letter she is very grateful to you all for the kind deeds and affection which you have shown unto her. She asks you all to remember her in your prayers. Sister Converse and her husband live up on the mountain side in Idaho. I feel that I would like to visit their home again. Brother Cadman.

Sermon Delivered Over CHOK
June 19, 1949 by Bro. M. Miller

Good morning Radio Friends:—

I am happy indeed to be able to bring you a short message over the air with the hopes that all who are listening to this

broadcast, our Heavenly Father will so abundantly bless you, that if you have not yet made Jesus your choice, the grace and glory of a few words seasoned with the spirit of God will impell you to do so this morning. The passage I have selected to speak from is found in the 23rd Psalm, 4th verse, which reads as follows:—

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me. David, who in his youth was just a little shepherd boy could rightly be characterized in later life as a man after God's own heart, because throughout his life, he manifested the steadfastness, faith, and reliance on his creator which is unquestionable. What boy, when attacked by a lion and a bear, could have held his ground? No one, unless God was with him. When through the wrong choice of the children of Israel and the sins of King Saul, all their great warriors were terrified by the champion Goliath. What boy could have had the courage to withstand such threatenings? No one, unless the true God was with him. He declared to the champion, "thou comest to me with a sword, a spear and a shield, but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of Hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied. This day will the Lord deliver thee into mine hand and I will smite thee and take thine head from thee, and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. This was done. Like us, David made many mistakes, but he declared, "even though I fall, yet shall I rise". He repented much and was forgiven by our Heavenly Father, becoming a pattern of Saints. In these latter days we have also had a similitude of David, or as we may say the faith of our Fathers by the ushering in of the Book of Mormon better than a hundred years ago. The whole book is wonderfully inspired and if read with faith in the Infinite, and compliance with its teachings, will make us heirs of Salvation, and if we remain humble and steadfast to the end, inheritors of the Kingdom of Heaven, I want to refer you in

this book to the 1st Four Chapters of the Book of Mosiah, which brings to the people of God, the teachings of King Benjamin, making mention, particularly of the 3rd Chapter and the 19th verse which reads as follows:— For the natural man is an enemy to God, and has been from the fall of Adam, and will be forever and ever, unless he yields to the enticings of the holy spirit and putteth off the natural man, and becometh a saint, through the atonement of Christ, the Lord, and becometh as a child, submissive, meek, humble, patient, full of love, willing to submit to all things which the Lord seeth fit to inflict upon him, even as a child doth submit to his father. This to me, agrees implicitly with our topic. When Jesus was here on earth, the people said to him in Matthew 12:47. Behold thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee, 48th, 49th and 50th verses, but he answered and said unto him that told him. Who is my mother and who are my brethren. And He stretched forth His hand toward His disciples and said, Behold my mother and my brethren. For whosoever shall do the will of My Father which is in Heaven, the same is my brother and sister and mother. From my youth I had a disposition to follow the Master, thank God on October 28th, 1923, I made Him my choice, could always say, Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil and by God's help, I hope I shall be able to say it to the end of my life. For on the last day not only me, but whosoever is found with this persuasion, it shall be well with their souls. We shall surely hear our Master saying unto us, "inasmuch as thou has been faithful over a few things I will make thee ruler over many things, enter thou into the joys of thy Lord." So my dear friends can't you see the advisability of making Him your choice, and following him by day and by night, complying with all his lowly commandments, such as faith, repentance and baptism in the waters as He was baptized, having hands laid upon you for the reception of the Holy Ghost which shall lead and guide you into all truth and show you things to come, so that the signs could follow us as we read in

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EDITORIAL

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St. Mark, 16th Chapter, 16, 17, 18 verses. "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned." "And 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." Thank God, I have experienced the manifestation of these signs in the Church of Jesus Christ and do humbly wish to do so unto the end of my life, as we sing in one of our hymns, "In ancient days men feared the Lord, and by their faith received His word, and God bestowed upon the meek, the priesthood of Melchizedek. By help of this faith increased, till they with God spoke face to face, and Enoch, he would walk with God, a Noah, ride safe over the flood. Abram obtained great

promises, and Isaac, he was also blest; a Jacob could prevail with God, the sea divide at Moses' rod. The lion's mouth a Daniel close. The fire ne'er scorched his brethren's clothes. But time would fail to mention all, a John, a Peter, or a Paul. Such blessings to the human race, once more are tendered by God's grace. The priesthood is again restored. For this let God be long adored.

We thank thee, Oh God, our dear Heavenly Father, for the privilege of being here in Sarnia this morning broadcasting a message of Love, of goodwill and cheer to our radio audience, with the hopes that our words will be seasoned with grace, and the Holy Spirit, that they may bring conviction to the hearts of the children of men. To the bereaved, we would say this morning, put your trust in God for His Omnipotent care; to those who are weary and heavy laden, the Saviour is saying "Come unto Me and I will give you rest", to those who desire to feast on His love, "Blessed are they which hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled." We may also "knock" and an omnipotent door will be opened unto us, "seek" and we shall find of His blessings and that peace which the world cannot give.

AMEN

Comments on the 12th Chap. of Revelation by W. H. Cadman

VERSE 1. The woman as I understand, represents the Church, clothed with the sun, or the righteousness of Jesus Christ. The moon, (a lesser light) under her feet, symbolic of the Mosaic law, being put down, or having an end in Christ. The twelve stars in her crown representing the twelve Apostles of the Church.

VERSE 2. Shows that she, the woman, (or the Church) was travelling in birth and pained to be delivered. The spiritual birth taking place on the day of Pentecost, Acts 2nd Chap.

VERSE 3. Exhibits the evil power, working in and through the Roman Empire, a red dragon being its national emblem, with its ten kingdoms, and the city of Rome (its seat of Authority) setting on seven hills.

VERSE 4. Shows that the Dragon drew the third part of the stars (Angels) of Heaven and

cast them to the earth. Then the Dragon (the Devil, working in and through the Roman Empire) stands before the woman (the Church) to destroy her child, which I understand represents the power and authority to govern and rule in the Church and Kingdom of Jesus Christ on earth.

VERSE 5. The child is born a male, which was to rule all nations with a rod of iron, (representing the power and the word of God). The persecution of the Dragon became so fierce against the woman (Church) that that which was born to rule, was caught back up unto God, in other words, the Authority to administer in the Church and Kingdom of Christ was taken from the earth.

VERSE 6. The woman (church) disappears into a place of obscurity, to be cared for, for a period of time generally acknowledged to be 1260 years.

VERSE 7. Shows that the Dragon (Devil) makes war in heaven. (He is ambitious to rule there.)

VERSE 8. Shows that he did not prevail, in other words the Devil was defeated. (Please bear in mind that the Devil is a fallen angel himself.)

VERSE 9. Shows him cast out of Heaven, and his abode is now on the earth, he deceives the whole world, therefore the world is his kingdom. And his Angels (stars of Heaven) were cast down with him. Jude 1-6 speaks of the Angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation. (In other words they fell.)

VERSE 10 Shows there was rejoicing in Heaven, because the accuser of their brethren was cast down.

VERSE 11. Shows they (the brethren or the Saints) overcame him (the evil one) by the blood of the Lamb, (or by the power of Christ and their testimony) and they preferred death to life rather than deny their testimony, or give way to the temptations of their day.

VERSE 12. The Heavens and those that dwell in them can and will rejoice, but woe to the inhabitants of the earth and sea, because he that made so much trouble in Heaven is cast down, and in his wrath he is going to get revenge on the inhabitants of the earth, deceive them if possible, that they might not enter Heaven of which he himself was

thrust out.

VERSE 13. Shows that when he awakened up to the fact that he was thrust out of Heaven, he persecutes the woman (Church). The Roman Empire is actuated by his power and makes havoc of the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

VERSE 14. Shows the woman (Church) figuratively is presented with the means for a flight into the wilderness, (obscurity) for a period of time, times, and a half time, generally understood as the period of time mentioned in verse 6.

VERSE 15. No doubt the flood spoken of was the flood of persecution and trouble that was thrust upon the fleeing woman, (Church).

VERSE 16. Shows the earth helped the woman, figuratively the earth opens up and swallows the flood, while the Church makes its flight into the wilderness to be cared for as in verse 6 until the time should come when she should emerge from the wilderness, for it is obvious that she is being fed for the purpose of coming forth at the end of the time that is stipulated in verse 6.

VERSE 17. Shows the Dragon was wroth with the woman, (Church) by this time the evil power had succeeded in destroying the heads of the Church, Paul and Peter with many others suffered death in Rome. The strong Pillars were broken down. We might liken it to burglars entering a home and subduing the Parents (the ones who are the protectors of the home) and then the little children are at the mercy of the pirates. The Dragon then makes war with the remnant of her seed, or the struggling Saints who are left without the care of a Mother (the Church) and their fathers in Christ. The remnant could have no hope of escape with their lives when struggling against such great odds, as that of the Roman Empire actuated by the Devil. Consequently the early Christians suffered terribly under that power until the Church that was established by our Saviour and clothed with the Sun, and a crown of twelve Stars in her crown, with all its blessings was no longer found upon the earth.

AN EXPERIENCE STELTON, N. J.

Brother Editor: It will be

twenty one years in September since I obeyed the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I have much to thank God for, for He has been very good to me and my family which is large.

Just a year ago I was very much afflicted, and was growing worse and worse day by day. The doctor told me that the ligaments of my heart were stretched. I would get so discouraged, having a large family and so much work to be done, and I was unable to do it. On Sunday I was unable to speak. The Sunday before I asked to be anointed, the evil one was fighting within me: you got anointed last Sunday, why ask to be anointed again today? I was very much afflicted. Before I realized it, the Spirit of God raised me on my feet, and I asked to be anointed.

Brother Elder Ensano asked the brothers and sisters to turn their hearts to God in prayer. While Brother Ensano was praying I felt my body getting lighter and lighter, and the affliction being taken away. The next day my daughter Geneva Renda gave birth to a baby girl. I did all my house work and also took care of my daughters home. I marvelled, for before I could not do any work. Then a voice spoke unto me and said: "Am I not the same God who watched over you when the cow stepped upon you, and also the time when your husband called your children at two o'clock in the morning to your bedside in prayer? (At that time I was passing away from this life.) The same voice said: "I am the same God yesterday, to-day and forever." Yea, how merciful God is, and I thank Him from the depths of my heart. Sister Rose Rogolino.

AN EXPERIENCE

June 30/49

My health had been poorly for some time, and I had to go to a Doctor. He found that my blood was very low, and that I had sugar. I was put on a strict diet and was taking liver and iron both by mouth and in shots. My diet was not reducing the sugar and the Dr. said that on my next visit he would use insulin if I was no better. Well I did not want to use insulin, so I didn't go back.

The last Sunday Bro. Loyalvo was here, I became ill in the afternoon meeting. My inside felt like a furnace and I had those awful sensations in my head. I asked to

be anointed and Bro. Loyalvo called for prayer before anointing me. He and Bro. Louis Biscotti as they were about to lay their hands on my head, it seemed as though some one poured a cooling solution over my body and the fever left me. I felt surely the Lord had touched me. On Monday I noticed a marked change in myself, and when the next test was made, the sugar was gone—no trace of it at all. Thank God. And, the liver and iron, if I missed one day taking the capsules, I was all in. Now it is over a week since I had any and I am housecleaning, working very hard and enjoying it. I am praising God for His wonderful work towards the children of men, and the healing of my body.

I am asking you to pray for our Branch in Los Angeles, Calif. We need the help of our brothers and sisters in the east. I do hope Brothers Loyalvo and Joseph Molantoni come back to us. They are needed here much more than they are there. Sister Margaret Heaps.

TEACHINGS OF JESUS CHRIST By Elder Maxwell

Taken from the Gospel Reflector
Oct. 1905)

"What must we do to obtain eternal life?" The above question is a reasonable one, and should receive a satisfactory answer. Jesus came not to speak His own words, but the words of the Father that sent Him. And He called and ordained men, and instructed them to teach and preach whatsoever He had commanded them. And by searching the scriptures, (as we are supposed to do) we find what was taught, and obeyed, and by obedience, what was experienced. Ask yourselves the question—is Jesus Christ not the same today; are not the same things to be taught, and obeyed, and experienced as well today, certainly; since there is but one Lord Jesus Christ, one faith, which was once delivered to the saints, which faith we are required to earnestly contend for. According to Jude the servant of Jesus Christ, it was needful then, and how much more so now, when the world is full of faith that's dead.

The New Testament accords fully with the old, as to the birth, life, and sufferings of Jesus, also His death, resurrection and ascension into heaven.

Our duty then as reasonable men and women, who profess to believe in the Son of God is to search the sacred records to find out what

He has commanded mankind to do, to obtain eternal life. Matthew, last chapter, 1920. "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things, whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo I am with you always even to the end of the world." Amen.

Mark 16 chapter, 14-20. Go ye, into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature, he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, and these signs shall follow them that believe, and are plainly and positively mentioned. So, after He had spoken these words, He was received up into heaven. And they went forth, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

We must take Luke's testimony to fill out what Matthew and Mark have omitted (for they were present). Luke 24th chapter 46 to 49 inclusive: That repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things. And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you, but tarry ye, at the city of Jerusalem until ye be endowed with power from on high.

Acts second shows us clearly that the above promise was surely fulfilled on those that tarried for the promise. Now the multitude was confounded, they were all amazed and they marveled at what they had seen and heard. Others mocked, some doubted, some said they were full of new wine; they did not know what it meant.

But Peter being filled with the Holy Ghost calls their attention to the fact, that they are not drunken, as they supposed. But this is that which was spoken of by the prophet Joel: And it shall come to pass in the last days saith God, I will pour out My spirit upon all flesh, your sons and daughters shall prophesie, etc., reminding them of the miracles, and signs, and wonders which God did by him, as ye yourselves also know, Him ye have taken and slain.

Peter fully assured them that God had made that same Jesus whom they had crucified, both Lord and Christ.

Now when they heard this they were pricked in their hearts, and said unto Peter and the rest of the apostles, men and brethren, what shall we do? Now Peter did

not take advantage of the Saviour's teaching, and say to them, believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you shalt be saved, oh, no. He knew by their expression that they already believed, but what does he answer them, repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, for the promise is unto you and to your children and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

I have just referred to Matt., Mark and Luke not being forgetful of St. John 3rd chapter the necessity of being born again, of water, and of the Spirit. otherwise he, Nicodemus could not enter the kingdom, and many other things we might refer to. Then come to Jesus as He has given to all mankind the invitation, and the spirit and the bride (church) says come, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely. Repent and be washed clean from sin that you a crown of life may win.

Essex County Sanatorium Windsor, Ontario.

The following is a letter from a young Indian girl who is a patient in the above institution. She hails from away up north in Canada and has had very little chance of an education. I will print her letter just as she writes it.

"Dear Friend: I am writing to you and let you know that I am one of the Indians that Mrs. Ford's friend, and thinking all the time that she is wonderful woman to me. She's always came and see me also bring them gifts. I'm sure do love her as she is so nice to us.

I have been here 8 months in San. I am getting better again I believe God is helping me to get well gain I should thank him for his kindness.

Another thing I would like to tell you. I have a such nice letters from these girls of church. and I am very glad to hear from them. I really enjoy reading their letters they always send me such nice letters. these girls they names One first wrote to me her name is Barbara Mountain Pa. and she writes nice long letters. Also Rebecca Griffith Pa. And others Ethel Crosier and Mrs. John C. Bickerton Pa. Miss Rose Cuomo from Sudbury. I am very thankful of them for writing me wonderfufl letters.

I hope I can meet them some-

day and have a talk with them. I haven't got mother now, she left me in this earth quite awhile ago, she said God is calling her and she had to go and left us with a broken hearts. I'm missing her so much She was a wonderful mother of mine she taught me every thing a good things, she read it to me the bible, before I could read it my self, and I have to do all my own to learn more these wonderful things from the Bible. I like reading the Bible so much. Well I guess that's the way I suppose to do, to work for our Lord.

I believe is beautiful heaven must be, I'm hoping I can go up there someday as I try so hard to be good trying to do every thing right But I believe it I have been made a mistaken in myself, but I do ask for giveness of sin, I should do more hard work to keep my life as I suppose to be Well I guess I close it for now.

Best of Luck to you all of youse there, and God bless all of you there from Dorothy Frogg." Editors Note: Dorothy is one of a number of young Indian people afflicted with T. B. who are patients in this Sanatorium. While she is not able to write as many of us are, yet she does convey the thought of her heart with the pen in her letter. Dorothy, may the good Lord bless you and your people, for while you (the Indian people) have been cast aside into the back-ground of the present day, the good Lord is looking down upon your people, and will not forget the promises He made to your fore-fathers as are recorded both in the Book of Mormon and our Bible. I am confident that Sister Ford and those of her brothers and sisters who are visiting you will do you good. Sometime when I come to Windsor, I want to come and see you. May God bless you. Brother Cadman.

Tradition of the Seminole Indians in Florida

The Seminole's tradition of Christ's coming to live with the Indians is interesting. It seems that the Son of God stopped at the most southern point of Florida, at which place He was met by three Indians who carried him around the Southern Peninsula on their shoulders, while He sowed the seeds of the 'koonti' root, which was God's gift to the

red men. According to the legend, the Indians were in a starving condition. The ground was parched no corn grew and the game had all left. During the long time in which the Indians waited for the koonti to grow, God rained down bread which the Indians gathered and ate. The Mosaic account of the manna from heaven is evident in this legend, Exodus 15. The Editor: The Book of Mormon gives an account of Jesus Christ appearing to the forefathers of the Indians on this land after He arose from the dead. The words of John 10-16 were verified. "Other sheep I have which are not of this fold, etc."

A VISIT TO FLORIDA

By Ruth Mountain

Early in June, our family and my mother left for our vacation trip to Florida. On our way down, we stopped in Washington, D. C., where we called on our Church Members living there, but they were not home. Upon arriving in Florida, we stopped first at Boynton Beach at the home of Brother and Sister Faragasso. They made us very welcome and we stayed over-night with them. They have a very lovely home which they are completing themselves. In the morning, after a hymn and prayer, we started south again. At Delray Beach we stopped to see Bro. Ernie Schultz at the garage where he works. From there we went on to Miami. After some difficulty, we located the home of Brother and Sister John Majoros, Sr. They were very pleased and surprised to see Mother, as they had not expected her to come. Although we had not intended to stay long at their home, they insisted that we spend our entire time with them, which we did. They are in fair health and very much pleased with their Florida home. Their daughter, Nanetta, is with them and attending Miami University. Norma, who is married, lives in Miami also.

On Sunday, we had meeting in Majoros' home. Brother and Sister Sirangelo, their two daughters and son-in-law, Brother and Sister Schultz and her mother came and with some visitors, we had quite a nice crowd. The Saints there are very energetic in trying, to spread the Gospel and are succeeding in creating some outside interest. They are

handicapped in being separated, but there are prospects of increasing their numbers.

During our stay in Miami, we visited a Seminole Indian reservation near Dania, Florida. These people live in a very primitive manner, they are very religious and have built a nice church building on the reserve. When we talked to their young minister, Rev. Stanley Smith, he very cordially invited us in and told us of his work among his people and his hopes for them. In some literature he gave us, we were interested in reading of a legend they have which tells of Christ visiting them on this land. I also was pleased to meet and talk with Mrs. Stewart, a very fine young Seminole woman who takes care of selling the handcraft of the tribe. The women make beautifully designed skirts, skillfully sewed, and small dolls. We hope that these contacts may develop into something greater, that perhaps another opportunity may be given us to help these neglected people.

We left for home sooner than we otherwise would have done, but wished to be home for Conference. Leaving there on Friday, we drove to other points of interest in Florida and Virginia, arriving home very late Monday night.

It was an interesting trip, made more enjoyable by the generous hospitality of our Brother and Sister Majoros and family. May the Lord bless them and our other Saints in Florida.

Sister Tucker Celebrates 87th Birthday.

On July 12th, I have for a number of years past, attended the birthday gatherings at Brother and Sister Teman Cherry's home, which are held in honor of Sister Cherry's mother, Sister Tucker who has just passed another milestone in her long life, being now 87 years old. She is still very well preserved for one of her age. She was born in England in 1862, and along with her husband and family migrated to this country. Seven boys, and seven girls were born in the family and all grew to man, and womanhood. One son died over seas in world-war one, while the oldest daughter, Sister Bessie Tucker Smith died some years ago. It is remarkable, that out of a family of fourteen, there is still six sons

and six daughters surviving. Eleven of them had their pictures taken along with her on the 87th anniversary of her birth.

Both her and her husband were baptized into the Church about fifty years ago. Brother Tucker became one of the Apostles of the Church, but passed on in the year of 1911. May the Lord care for our aged Sister the remainder of her days upon the earth. Sincerely, Brother W. H. Caldman.

John Sprague Has Passed On London, Ontario

"London's oldest resident," John Sprague died on May 29, 1949. The funeral services were attended to by Bro. Domenic Cotellesse of Detroit who was assisted by Bro. Joseph Dulisse.

Brother Sprague was baptized into the Church about ten years ago, and has been a faithful old man. His niece, Sister Charlotte Best says: she saw the old Bible in which was the record of his birth. He was born in Belfast, Ireland on January 10, 1840. A very old man indeed. He came to Canada when about twelve years old, married an Indian woman. It is said that he had no children of his own, but that he and his wife had raised 14 Indian children. He has been a very robust man. He was hospitalized seven times since 1941, being a victim of traffic and other accidents, but each time he amazed the doctors with his ability to recover. After a long pilgrimage on the earth, Brother Sprague has now passed on, and our hope is, that his soul will find a resting place in the paradise of God, to await the resurrection of the just.

ETHEL MAY EAKINS

Ethel May Eakins, born Dec. 8, 1902 was the oldest daughter of a family of four children. She has resided most of her life in Fayette County, Pa., until one year and seven months ago when she went to Panama to join her husband who works for the U. S. Government.

Mrs. Eakin was an active member of the Ladies Auxiliary of "V: T. Wars," Post 3822 Ancona, Canal Zone. She was also a member of the Hopewell Presbyterian Church. Ethel was a ready and willing worker in performing good deeds. She was at the bedside of many who suffered, never con-

sidering her own ill health, but sought to relieve in the afflictions of others.

Beside her husband J. J. Eakins, and one daughter, Mrs. Eileen Scribner of Farmingham, Mass. One Sister, Mrs. Irene Markle of Pittsburgh, Pa., one Brother Charles R. McKean of Uniontown, Pa., and her Mother, Mrs. Minnie Ashton of Coal Valley, Pa. all survive her. She passed from this life June 22nd, death resulting from an injury on the previous day. The family wishes to thank Bros. Joseph Lovalvo and Oren Thomas who officiated at the funeral service. Also we thank our Sister, Sarah Neil, Irene Griffith, and Ruth Mountain for their fine singing and music. The Gospel News extends its sympathy to the bereaved family.

G.M.B.A. MEETING YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

The semi-annual meeting of the G. M. B. A. took place on Saturday, May 21, 1949 at the Youngstown, Ohio church building. There was a large attendance and delegates were present from California, Michigan, Ohio Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey and Canada. Among the various items of business was a report presented by the committee for revising the by-laws. The proposed revised by-laws as drafted by the committee were read by President Bro. Dominic Thomas. A copy of these will be sent to each local for their acceptance. Bro Thomas reported that the changes made include those already made and accepted by the locals since the present by-law books were printed and changes in wording of the present by-laws for clarification.

A very fine lunch was served cafeteria style between the afternoon and evening meetings and was enjoyed by all. The Youngstown young folks presented a very interesting program during the evening meeting. The program during the evening meeting. The program was based on the letters M, B. and A standing for the words, Members, Baptism and Assurance. The various locals also presented hymnal selections as well as solos, duets and other groups of singing. For those who had the privilege to attend, it was a day well spent.

HOLD FAST THE TRUTH

By Elder J. L. Armbrust
(Reprint from the Gospel Reflector of Oct. 1905)

Editor Reflector: — As I promised you, I will endeavor to write a few lines for the paper. If you will allow space for same, I herewith send you a clipping from the Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph of Feb. 1, 1901; This evidences what I have believed to be the truth of the existence of the Aborigines of North America, or what we call the Nephites, who inhabited this land, and God's dealings with them, which, we believe, is one of the lost tribes of the children of Israel. The apostle in Second Thessalonians says: "Prove all things and hold fast that which is good." I have proved these things some thirteen years, and know of a surety that these things are good and true. David in the 85th Psalm, says: "Truth shall spring out of the earth and righteousness shall look down from heaven." I also know with the apostle that God is no respecter of persons, and He will bless those of every age and nation who walk in His light and laws, and keep His commandments, and will observe all things whatsoever He commands us. Oh, how often we are liable to let that man-fearing spirit overcome us and let it predominate in our hearts, when we should be God-fearing and God-loving, inasmuch that we will be counted worthy for the Master's use. Blessed be the name of the Lord, we feel like exclaiming as David of old, "The Lord is my Shepherd: I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me, Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me." We praise the Lord for the restoration of the Gospel, which is the power of God made manifest in our souls and bodies, and which power will raise our bodies in the morning of the first resurrection. Blessed are they who have part in the first resurrection, for on them the second death hath no power. Oh, how often we look around us, and see, as it were, the fulfillment of the prophecy of Isaiah, 29th chapter: Thou shalt be visited by the Lord of Hosts with thunder

and with earthquake, and great noise, with storm and tempest, and the flame of devouring fire. And the multitude of the nations that fight against Ariel, even all that fight against her and her munitions, and that distress her, shall be as a dream of a night vision. It shall even be as when an hungry man dreameth, and behold he eateth; but he awaketh, and his soul is empty; or as when a thirsty man dreameth, and behold he drinketh, but he awaketh; and behold he is faint, and his soul hath appetite. So shall the multitude of all nations be that fight against Mount Zion." So we can feel to praise the Lord for the marvelous light, gifts and blessings restored in the latter days. The prophet also says: "Darkness shall cover the earth and gross darkness the people." Amos says, 8-11: Behold the days come saith the Lord God that I will send a famine in the land—not a famine of bread nor a thirst for water but of the hearing of the words of the Lord." How thankful we should be that we live in the day of restoration as John in Revelations, 14th chapter, said he saw in the future "an angel would fly through the midst of heaven having the everlasting gospel to preach to them that dwell on the earth, saying, fear God and give glory unto Him who made heaven and earth and the sea and fountains of water, etc., for the hour of His judgment has come. We rejoice in this same God to-day who made heaven and earth, and look forward to that kingdom which he, our God, shall set up in the last days upon the earth, which shall be an everlasting kingdom. Daniel says, 2nd chapter 44,45, verses: "And shall cover the whole earth."

Ladies Uplift Circle Meeting

The general meeting of the Ladies Uplift Circle was held in the Church at West Aliquippa, Pa., Saturday June 18th. In the absence of Sister Sadie Cadman, who was in Florida, Sister Elizabeth Davidson presided over the business session. Other officers present were Sister Mary Wilson Clara Stevens and Hannah Skillen. The afternoon was spent in studying and discussing a portion of the New Testament.

The next General Meeting will be held in September at Hopelawn, N. J.

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The Gospel According To You

There's a sweet old story translated for man,
But writ in the long, long ago.
The gospel according to Mark,
Luke and John—
Of Christ and his mission below.
Men read and admire the gospel of Christ,
With its love so unfailing and true;
But what do they say, and what do they think,
Of the gospel according to you?
'Tis a wonderful story, that gospel of love,
As it shines in the Christlife divine;
And oh' that its truth might be told again
In the story of your life and mine.
Unselfishness mirrors in every scene;
Love blossoms on every sod;
And back from its vision the heart comes to tell
The wonderful goodness of God.
You are writing each day a letter to men,
Take care that the writing is true.
It is the only gospel that some men will read—
That gospel according to you.
— Author unknown.

Letter From New Jersey And Italy. By Carmela Mazzeo

Dear Brother Editor: We have received a few letters from our brothers and sisters in Italy. I am enclosing one which I feel should be printed in our Wonderful Paper "The Gospel News" so that all our brothers and sisters here may read of the testimony given by one among many that we receive, and also know how they feel to receive the true Word of God. Though many are meeting up with many obstacles and are far from having religious freedom as we here enjoy in our Blessed Land of America, but they try in their feeble efforts to defend this Glorious Gospel and attend services as much as they can. His letter is as follows: "Dear Brother Gabriel in Christ, the blessings of our Lord may be upon you from heaven for what you do for the servants of the Lord in the Holy Ministry of our Heavenly Father, Amen. I am one of your brothers in Christ. My name is Natale Bruno, you can imagine how happy and joyful I am since I made my covenant with the King

of Kings. At the age of 57 years I came to the understanding of the teachings of our Lord. When we are in the services to hear those Beautiful Words read by our Bro. Natale Sammarro and also our Bro. Guiseppi Azzennari. My heart is moved with a real joy to hear words I've never heard before. I thank God for this understanding.

My wife and I are baptized and we are completely happy. My dear brother in Christ, it is now three Sundays that Br. Azzennari is in charge of the services. Br. Sammarro is gone now about 15 days from us here as there are other brothers and sisters in other towns. Now we are waiting for him that he may be in our company.

We are happy that the Lord has called brother G. Azzennari an Elder in the Church. He does all things how the Lord Directs him to. Dear Brother in the Lord I send my salutation to all the Brothers and Sisters in America. All the brothers in Italy embrace you in the Love of the Lord together with my wife salute you all in the Love of the Lord. I am your brother in Christ Jesus."
Natale Bruno.

A Trip To St. John, Kansas

Brothers Isaac Smith and W. H. Cadman being delegated by our recent Conference to make a visit to St. John, departed from Pittsburg the night of July 21st, arriving at St. John on the morning of the 23rd. We found our folks all very well and enjoyed ourselves and their hospitality for more than a week. We held meetings all day on the two Sunday's we were there, also had meetings almost every night. We enjoyed ourselves worshipping with them and visiting at their homes, and we trust our visit will give them courage and determination to still press on in the cause of the Master. Some of our folks there are getting old, among them is Sister Rixon, who has pasted her ninetieth birthday, but is still going. While there, we visited, Br. and Sister Robinson of Larned, about 30 miles north and west of St. John, we also visited a lady at Hoisington, a town about 45 miles north of St. John. She is an afflicted woman and had previously been anointed by our brethren and seemed to be on the way to recovery. Brother Cadman previous-

ly had lived in St. John for eleven years, consequently has lots of friends and relatives in the community. Among some that we visited were Charles and Robert Cadman, two prosperous young farmers north of town. It was a sight to walk out in the orchard and see the peach, and pear trees almost breaking down with fruit.

The last night we spent in St. John, we all gathered at the home of Bro. Sanders and spent a very nice evening, singing and conversing with one another.

Early the next day, Sister Martha Ring took us in her car to Wichita, Kans. arriving at Brother Jones home about noon. We spent the rest of the day with them. held a meeting in their home that evening and left at about mid-night for the bus station, where we boarded a bus at 1:00 a.m. homeward bound. We will add, that Kansas is a wonderful country, it has the appearance of being one big plowed field, farmers all getting ready to sow wheat. And what a wonderful land this land of America is; undoubtedly it is the land referred too in Deuteronomy 33, 13, the land that was given to Joseph. While in St. John, we met our young Sister Ruby Ring of Oklahoma City, Okla. She is about one fourth part descendant of that noble race of people, known as the American Indian, who are descendants of the Joseph referred too in Deuteronomy 33, 13.

Everything went very well on this trip, with the exception that before we boarded the bus in Pittsburg for Kansas, some one got their hand in Bro. Cadman's pocket and relieved him of his wallet and its contents. Some one is smarter than Brother Cadman; but with it all let us all give God praise for this wonderful and bountiful land of America.

News From Vanderbilt, Pa. By Sister Goodwin

Dear Editor: We are happy to report the progress we are making in Vanderbilt Branch. We reorganized our Branch on Saturday evening July 9th. That same evening we also organized the M. B. A. Brother Harry Marshall was elected our president. The duties of members were read to 17 new members, and along with the old members we hope to do a lot of

good for the Church of Jesus Christ. We want to be a fruitful Branch, not only in name but in deed and in truth. We want the love of God to shine forth from the smallest to the greatest among us.

Sunday evening July 10th, we had our first meeting this quarter. Bro. Shazer gave us a talk on the Book of Mormon. He spoke of how the angel flew and brought back the gospel, also of how we must be born again.

Thursday evening July 14th we had our second meeting, and right in the middle of it, a man rushed in and asked for baptism. Some weeks ago we had several good meetings in his home. Then about a month ago we had a funeral service for his young daughter Betty Murtland. The father's name is Edward Murtland. That same Sunday we had services for Bro. and Sister Ober's infant daughter, and then later in the afternoon had the baptism of Nora Lee Ober.

Thursday evening July 21st, we had another M. B. A. meeting. The topic for discussion was on "Love." Everyone took part by reading a Bible verse or talking or by singing a hymn. Sister Verdine Kovich recited a poem called "Creation." It told about the wonderful Love of God. She was inspired to write it some time ago. It was very impressive.

Here also is a bit of news from the Church. Sunday morning July 10th we had a wedding. Mr. Peter Seedmont and Sarah Federer were united in marriage by Bro. Oran Thomas at the Vanderbilt Church of Jesus Christ. The bride is a grand daughter of the late Nephi Federer who was once First Counsellor in the Church. Please remember us in your prayers, for we know that the prayers of a righteous man availeth much.

NEWS FROM STELTON Mission N.J.

Dear Brother Editor: We are enjoying ourselves here feasting on the good Word of God. Last Sunday we had a very good meeting. Bro. Ensano opening the service and speaking upon the fifty third chapter of Isaiah. Bro. Rogolino following him.

A very good lesson was given, our brethren speaking upon the sufferings of Jesus for the sins of the World. Also, how many of us would give up our lives for our enemies? What a wonderful friend we have in Jesus. The desire of my heart is to follow in His footsteps. I am

weak, and am depending upon the help and strength of God. Speaking for myself, with all the wonderful teachings I receive from my Elder Brethren, I should be a perfect being. God certainly inspires our brethren with wonderful words of Life, which is nourishing to our souls and bodies. Sister Iva Fisher.

News From Washington, D.C. BY Sister Allen

Dear Brother Editor: Just a few lines to say we are still holding meetings in Washington D.C. Last Sunday we had a most glorious meeting. Bro. Oran Thomas and Bro. Alvin Swanson was visiting us, and tongue cannot tell how much we enjoyed our meeting. Mr. Carr, a neighbor of Bro. Swanson's was present with us.

Our Ladies Circle is also doing nicely. We have been more than blest in our meetings. We hold meetings at my sisters home 2910 Olive Ave. N. W., Washington 7, D. C. We went sight-seeing Saturday afternoon. It was so hot we could hardly stand up under the heat of the sun. Bro. Thomas was ill from the heat, but was well again by night-fall. I ask all who may read this to pray for our meetings in Washington, that we may soon have a Mission here.

Nephi's Vision 600 years B. C. AS RECORDED IN THE Book of Mormon. First Nephi 13th Chapter.

Verse 1 — And it came to pass that the angel spake unto me, saying: Look! And I looked and beheld many nations and kingdoms. (2) And the angel said unto me: What beholdest thou? And I said: I behold many nations and kingdoms. (3) And he said unto me: these are the nations and kingdoms of the Gentiles. (4) And it came to pass that I saw among the nations of the Gentiles the foundation of a great Church. (5) And the angel said unto me: Behold the foundation of a church which is most abominable above all other churches, which slayeth the saints of God, yea, and tortureth them and bindeth them down, and yoketh them with a yoke of iron, and bringeth them down into captivity. (6) And it came to pass that I beheld this great and abominable church; and I saw the devil that he was the foundation of it. (7) And I saw gold, and silver, and silks, and scarlets, and fine-twined linen, and all manner of precious clothing; and I saw many harlots. (8)

And the angel spake unto me, saying: Behold the gold, and the silver, and the silks, and the scarlets, and the fine-twined linen, and the precious clothing, and the harlots, are the desires of this great and abominable church. (9) And also for the praise of the world do they destroy the saints of God, and bring them down into captivity. (10) And it came to pass that I looked and beheld many waters; and they divided the Gentiles from the seed of my brethren. (The seas divided the Europeans from the fore-fathers of the American Indians which were upon the land we now call America). (11) And it came to pass that the angel said unto me: Behold the wrath of God is upon the seed of thy brethren, (fore-fathers of American Indians.) (12) And I looked and beheld a man among the Gentiles. (Columbus was separated by the sea from the Indians) and I beheld the Spirit of God, that it came down and wrought upon the man; (Columbus) and he went forth upon the many waters, even unto the seed of my brethren, (Indians) who were in the promised land. (America) (13) And it came to pass that I beheld the Spirit of God, that it wrought upon other Gentiles; (Europeans) and they went forth out of captivity upon the many waters. (People came from the old world that they might find liberty in the land of America) (14) And it came to pass that I beheld many multitudes of the Gentiles upon the land of promise. (People from foreign lands in the land of America) and I beheld the wrath of God, that it was upon the seed of my brethren; (the Indian people) and they were scattered before the Gentiles and were smitten. (The Indians have been smitten by the white man.) (15) And I beheld the Spirit of the Lord, that it was upon the Gentiles, and they did prosper and obtain the land (America) for their inheritance; and I beheld that they (Gentiles) were white and exceeding fair and beautiful, like unto my people (Indians) before they were slain. (16) And it came to pass that I, Nephi, beheld that the Gentiles who had gone forth out of captivity did humble themselves before the Lord; (they came to this land that they might worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience) and the power of the Lord was with them, (the

Gentiles). (17) And I beheld that their mother Gentiles were gathered together upon the waters, and upon the land also, to battle against them (the revolutionary war in which we wrested from Great Britain our independence). (18) And I beheld that the power of God was with them, (the Gentiles in America). And also the wrath of God was upon all those that were gathered against them to battle. (Great Britain and all others that raised arms against the birth of this great Republic). (19) And I Nephi, beheld that the Gentiles that had gone out of captivity (Europeans that came to America) were delivered by the power of God out of the hands of all other nations. (20) And it came to pass that I Nephi, beheld that they (Europeans) did prosper in the land; (yea, we are the wealthiest nation under the sun today) and I beheld a book and it was carried forth among them. (21) And the angel said unto me: Knowest thou the meaning of the book? (22) And I said unto him; I know not. (23) And he said: Behold it proceedeth out of the mouth of a Jew. And I, Nephi, beheld it; and he said unto me: The book that thou beholdest is a record of the Jews, (the Bible) which contains the covenants of the Lord, which he has made unto the house of Israel; and it also containeth many of the prophecies of the holy prophets; and it is a record like unto the engravings which are upon the plates of brass, (plates or records the Nephite people brought with them from Jerusalem) save they are not so many; nevertheless, they contain the covenants of the Lord, which he hath made unto the house of Israel; wherefore, they are of great worth unto the Gentiles. To be continued. I ask every-body that reads this paper, to watch this wonderful vision of Nephi, the son of Lehi who was a descendant of Joseph who was sold into Egypt. The forefathers of the American Indian people.

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Hiroshima
Declaration of Peace
Read at the foot of
Memorial Tower of Peace at
Hiroshima by Shinzo Hamai
Mayor of Hiroshima City, On
August 6th, 1948

Three years ago to-day — this very morning — the inhabitants of Hiroshima and its neighborhood had a most terrible experience. No

sooner had they seen an enormous flash like lightning come down trailing mysteriously from a corner of the sky than they were startled by the tremendous sound of terrific explosions. In the twinkling of an eye, this historic town of nearly four hundred thousand souls was blasted and shattered to pieces. The terrible atom bomb had done its work! The whole town was razed to the ground. There was nothing left but ruin and disaster all around the city. No one can give a full account of the awful sufferings and grievous miseries this single bomb brought to the living as well as the dying, and more than one hundred thousand innocent people lost their lives on that occasion. The fear and trembling we experienced are, indeed, quite beyond description.

Today however, suppressing deep sighs and mournful sobs, we, the survivors, have come together to meet on this spot to hold a Commemoration Service of this memorable event in order to renew our solemn vows to contribute our bit to the peace of the world. We are already determined to do our best for this purpose by faithfully discharging our own duties at our posts wherever we may be. We are convinced that such is the most appropriate way of consoling the dead and their bereaved families.

With regard to war, we must say that a war of any kind is, at its best, inhuman and destructive by nature, disgracing humanity with the ostentatious name of patriotism. Needless to say, nothing so wastes human life and precious materials as war, and it destroys the moral life of the people whether they are belligerent or not. And very often one war begets another which is still more dangerous and far more destructive.

Such being the case, we solemnly declare that the peace of the world will never come out of the bellicose spirit of people, and that the development of armaments, however, perfect, will never bring peace to the world. Anything effective for the peace of the world will come only out of a national awakening against principles of retaliation on the one hand, and a nation-wide movement in favor of laying down arms at any cost on the other. It is, therefore, our bounden duty to do our very best to permeate the world with these fundamental thoughts and principles of peace.

The New Japan, to which we now belong, declares in its Constitution

the renunciation of war in these words: "Aspiring sincerely to an international peace based on justice and order, the Japanese people forever renounce war as a sovereign right of the nation and the threat of use of force as a means of settling international disputes." And, "We, the Japanese people, pledge our national honour to accomplish these high ideals and purposes with all of our resources."

There may be some, however, who entertain apprehensions concerning the possible existence of a country without a single soldier or airplane or man-of-war to defend itself. To those who quote that "the weak go to the wall" or "the strong will prey on the weak," we reply that this is not the destined end in History. History, as we understand it, is nothing but the manifestation of the Divine Will. Contrary to popular views, it teaches us very solemn lessons regarding both the development of humanity and the progress of freedom. It also teaches us that against God's will no country or principality can exist. And to our great sorrow, we have learned the object lesson too well this time by our complete defeat in the War.

Unlike Mercy which is said to bless "him that gives and him that takes," the unmercifulness of war consists in the fact that suffering and misery are brought not only to the belligerents but to all mankind. Even the victorious suffer almost as much as the vanquished. Learning these serious lessons from History, we have now come to aspire to international peace and to declare at home and abroad that "We have determined to preserve our security and existence, trusting in the justice and faith of peace-loving people of the world." May God Almighty forbid that any country should wage war for war's sake on such a peace-loving nation. God in History will not suffer such an outrageous act to be done with impunity!

Various wonderful inventions and improvements recently made on the weapons of war — such as poison gas and the atomic bomb — clearly show that all humanity might possibly be exterminated, if the belligerents should make a free use of these deadly weapons. On the other hand, we are sure that if the same effort as is made for war-like preparations were applied to the promotion and preservation of peace, the realization of the dream of world-wide peace

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EDITORIAL

Since the last issue of The Gospel News, there has been some controversy between Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and Cardinal Spellman, in which she was reproached for exercising her rights as an American Citizen.

Mrs. Roosevelt's reply to the Cardinal was "Spiritual leadership should remain spiritual leadership and the temporal power should not become too important in any Church."

Her letter continued: "I have no intention of attacking you personally, nor of attacking the Roman Catholic church, but I shall, of course, continue to stand for the things in our government which I think are right." "I assure you that I have no sense of being an 'unworthy American Mother.' The final judgment, my dear Cardinal Spellman, of the unworthiness of all human beings is in the hands of God."

Mrs. Roosevelt declared that "domination of education or of government by any one religious faith is never a happy arrangement for the people." And she said control "by the Roman Catholic church of great areas of land" in Europe has not always "led to happiness for the people of those countries."

To the Editor of The Gospel News: It seems to be getting very bad when an American citizen cannot exercise the rights of citizenship without being assailed by "one" of Mr. Spellman's standing in the Catholic Church, and I think that the Cardinal stooped in referring to her as an "unworthy American mother." Undoubtedly the Cardinal will bow before the same God, as will Mrs. Roosevelt and all other human beings. And God will be the Judge.

would not be impossible at all.

Such being the case, it is not wrong to say that the essentially good elements of the atomic age could be harnessed to the benefit of mankind in working for lasting peace. And if so, it is not too much for us to say that those lives which

were sacrificed on the 6th August 1945, may not have been in vain! On those and other grounds we, the people of Hiroshima, are determined to observe most faithfully the provisions made in the New Constitution regarding international peace by keeping our hands free from any kind of armaments. And so we declare to the world:

We will firmly believe in the Divine Will manifested in History and will trust in the justice and faith of the peace-loving people of the world. We will establish the noble ideals of true peace on the Earth on the one hand, and we will do our best to root out all sources of war and rumours thereof, renouncing war itself and all the terrors and evils thereof, on the other. Hereby, with awe and reverence, we read this Declaration of Peace at the foot of the Memorial Tower of Peace at Hiroshima, on the 6th of August, 1948, the Third Anniversary of the First Advent of the Atomic Bomb.

Sister Muskelonge Passes On.

Our aged Sister Muskelonge of Muncey, Ont. Canada died on June 24, at her humble home on the Indian reservation where she had lived so long. She had outlived her children, and her grand children who attended her funeral were all old too. Her exact age is not known, but two or three years ago it was reported that a record of her birth was discovered in the Government School at Muncey, which if correct would make her to be about 109 years old. However, be that as it may, she was a very old lady. Her funeral services were attended too by Brother Cotellesse, and assisted by Brother Burgess. The services were held in our Church at Muncey, and was attended to by many people. Some years ago, Brothers Burgess and Ford attended a meeting on the Reservation in an Indian home. Her testimony had a wonderful effect on these two brethren, and a short time afterwards they obeyed the Gospel themselves. I, brother Cadman have visited her home many times, sang and prayed with her, have heard her bear her testimony, and heard of her praising God as she came out of the waters of baptism, because her sight was restored to her again. No doubt in her long life she suffered many hardships, living as the poor Indian people have

to live. Her old weary body has now been laid away to rest. May her soul also find rest in the Paradise of God.

Sermon by
George Whitefield (1714-1770)

My brethren, if we will live godly we must suffer persecution. We must no more expect to go to Heaven without being persecuted, than to be happy with out being holy. If you lead godly lives, all the sons of Belial, all the scribes and Pharisees, will hate you and have you in reproach. They will point to you and cry "See yonder comes another troop of his followers! There are more of his gang..." You are counted as a parcel of ignorant people poor rabble, who are deceived by a vain young upstart babbler, by a madman, one who is running into enthusiastic notions, and endeavors to lead all his followers into his mad way of thinking. The Pharisees may wonder what I mean by talking of persecution in a Christian country but if they had their will, they would as willingly put our feet in the stocks, shut us up in prison and take away our lives, as they have thrust us out of their synagogues. But let not that discourage you from hearing the word of God; for Jesus can meet us as well in a field as between church walls.

If you were of the world; if you would conform to the ways, manners and customs of the world; if you would go to a play, or ball, or masquerade; the world would then love you, because you would be its own. But because you despise their polite entertainments, and go to hear a sermon in a field, and will not run into the same excess of riot as others, they esteem you as methodically mad, as fit only for Bedlam. If you would frequent horse-racing, assembles, and cock-fighting then you would be caressed and admired by our gay gentlemen; but your despising these innocent diversions (as the world calls them) makes them esteem you as a parcel of rabble, of no taste, who are going to destroy yourselves by being over-righteous. If you would join them in singing the song of the drunkard they would think you a good companion; but because you are for singing hymns, and parising the Lord Jesus Christ, they think you enthusiasts. Indeed, our polite gentry would like religion very well if it did but countenance as assembly, or allow them to read novels, plays and romances; if they might

go a-visiting on Sundays, or to a play ball whenever they pleased. In short, they would like to live a fashionable, polite life, to take their full swing of pleasures, and go to Heaven when they die. But, if they were to be admitted to Heaven without a purification of heart and life, they would be unhappy there.

Is it becoming a minister of the Church of England to frequent those places of public entertainment which are condemned by all serious and good men? Is it not inconsistent with all goodness for ministers to frequent play-houses, balls, masquerades? Would it not better become them to visit the poor of their flock, to pray with them, and to examine how it stands, with God and their souls? Would it not be more agreeable to the temper of the blessed Jesus to be going about doing good than going about setting evil examples? How frequent is it for the poor and illiterate people to be drawn away more by example than precept? How frequent is it for them to say, "Sure there can be no crime in going to a play, or to an ale-house, — no crime in gambling or drinking when a minister of our own Church does this." This is the common talk of poor, ignorant people, who are too willing to follow the examples of their teachers. The examples of the generality of the clergy occasion many persons, committed to their charge, to run to devil's entertainments. Good God! are these the men who are charging others with making too great a noise about religion?

Innocent Diversions

They talk of innocent diversions and recreations. For my part, I know of no diversion but that of doing good. If you can find any diversion which is not contrary to your baptismal vow, of renouncing the pomps and vanities of this wicked world; if you can find any diversion which tends to the glory of God! if you can find any diversion which you would be willing to be found at by the Lord Jesus Christ, I give you my free license to go to them. But, if, on the contrary, they are found to keep sinners from coming to the Lord Jesus Christ; if they are a means to harden the heart, and such as you would not willingly be found in when you come to die, then, my dear brethren, keep from them. Many of you may think I have gone too far, but I shall go a great deal farther yet. I will attack the devil

in his strongest holds, and bear my testimony against our fashionable and polite entertainments. What pleasure is there in spending several hours at cards? Is it not mispending your precious time, which should be spent in working out your salvation with fear and trembling? Do play-houses, horse racing, balls, and assemblies tend to promote the glory of God?

Would you be willing to have your souls demanded of you while you were at one of these plays? What good can come from a horse race, from abusing God Almighty's creatures, and putting them to a use He never designed them for? The play-house are nurseries of debauchery, and the supporters of them are encouragers and promoters of all the evil that is done there. They are the bane of the age, and will be the destruction of the frequenters of them. Is it not high time for the true ministers of Jesus Christ to lift up their voices as a trumpet, and cry aloud against the diversions of the age? If you have tasted of the love of God, and have felt His power up on your souls, you would no more go to a play than you would run your head into a furnace. And what occasions these place to be so much frequented is the clergy's making no scruple to be at these polite entertainments themselves. They frequent play-houses; they go to horse-races; they go to balls and assemblies; they frequent taverns, and follow all the entertainments that the age affords; and yet, these are the persons who should advise their hearers to refrain from them. They always go disguised, for they are afraid of being seen in their gowns and cassocks; for their consciences inform them that it is not an example fit for the ministers of the gospel to set.

A Letter From Brantford, Ont.

Dear Bro. Cadman:-

It seems but fair that I share with you some of the rich blessing that is being showered on us just now by the One who said "I will pour you out a blessing that you can not hold." Truly our joys these days is an almost frightening thing — blessing so rich, so gracious, and so bountiful, that it is really beyond ones comprehension. But we take the good things that God sees fit, in His great love, to shower upon us and are truly grateful for them all.

On Sunday, August 7th our son

Jack aged 21 and our daughter, Ruth aged 20 years obeyed the Lord's command by following Him in the waters of baptism.

Bro. Bobbie Watson of Windsor officiated when another two of our family were baptized into Jesus Christ in the River at the Reservation, it was a beautiful service, with a nice company of our Indian friends and Brothers and sisters present. The weather was nice and Gods presence was without a doubt felt by those present, many comments were heard from not only the saints but by others of our company that they felt a holy touch that was something they would long remember.

And believe me Bro. Cadman when I say that our souls, Mrs. Laird's and my own rejoicing in the knowledge that He is faithful that has promised, for He did promise that He would do a work in our family that would bring rich blessings. And He has. That is four of our children who without any urging or compulsion have of their free will ask for baptism. Can a man ask for any greater blessing then to see his family accepting the rich promises of God to them who will obey Him?

A few weeks ago we were granted our request that we be permitted to hold Sunday School each week instead of each two weeks when the Brothers came from Detroit, and we feel that God is honoring the effort made in His name, and that the young folks who seem to be attentive will get some teaching that may stand them in good stead as they come into mature years. Then too we meet twice a week on the reserve, Tuesday, evening in Bro. Hill's home for bible and Book of Mormon study, again on Thursday with a nice company of people at the home of Bro. Beaver (a brother that we have learned to deeply regard and love for his deep spiritual love. We feel that God is blessing these gatherings and without a doubt our deliberations are bringing to our own heart and soul deeper understanding of His word and Will for His Children.

Brother Cadman we here at Grand River (for we here at Brantford feel that we are identified with the reserve) need the prayers of the saints so much, we need so to learn that the spirit of God is the spirit of love. Please pray for us. Please don't be misled by my poor choice of words, we are not nor have we any wish to usurp the work of the brothers here, but

our desire is to assist anyway that God may direct our efforts. Pray for the Laird family that they may be faithful to any trust placed upon us by Him. Our one desire and aim is to point the way to those who will listen.

This coming Saturday there will be a Sunday school picnic on the reserve and we are hoping for a happy day for the kiddies and a blessing for all.

Are we to have the joy of a visit from you and sister Cadman this summer? I hope so and also hope to renew our fellowship with our Brother and Sister Bittinger. Please feel that our home is to be your headquarters while in this district. We have not forgotten the blessed time for all too short awhile last summer that was ours when you were here. So please Brother Cadman can you in your busy and tiring life manage to see us this year?

A week ago we had the pleasure of visiting for a short time Bro. Marco at the Church in Pt. Huron. It is always a joy to be with Bro. Marco. Then too about a month ago my wife and our four sons went with me to the Windsor Church where a blessed time was ours. Oh it is so hard to tell of all the blessings that are ours — a new blessing daily, we don't have to depend on the blessing of yesterday as there seems to be a fresh one waiting us with each new day. Certainly our God is a wonderful Father.

And now Bro. Cadman I close praying Gods richest blessing to be with you and yours always. we salute the saints of God wherever they are and ascribe ourselves. Your brother in His love,
Bro. Laird

An Experience From Meadville, Pa.

Brother Editor: The Gospel News is a very inspiring paper and of much blessing to me. I enjoyed the many fine letters in the August issue, testifying to the goodness of God and also of divine healing. God is the same yesterday, today and forever.

I wish to relate an experience as told to me by a woman here in Meadville. She had been ill with a nervous breakdown for two years. She had been under a severe strain during the illness of her aged mother and had overworked taking care of her. She walked two and one-half miles to her mothers home, bathing, dressing and feeding her, then walking

back to her own home and doing her own work. At the end of six weeks the mother died, but she (the daughter) could not shed a tear and became very ill.

During the time of July Conference, I called at her home and inquired after her health. This is how she answered me: "I am better now since the man we both know came and prayed for me." Being surprised and curious to learn who the man was, I asked her to tell me about it. She said: An old man came to her door one day. He carried something under his arm, a book she thought. He seemed to perceive her condition. "You seem depressed, you are griefstricken, you have lost someone." Yes, she replied, "I have lost my mother." "Then that is what has done this to you," he stated. "Let us pray about it."

He knelt down inside her door and prayed for her. A cloud seemed to lift away as he prayed. She inquired of him of his Church. He asked her, "Do you know Mr. and Mrs. Terrill on Grove Street near North?" She replied that she did. "I belong to their Church," he asserted, though I believe it is Mrs. Terrill who belongs to the Church." He told her that he traveled great distances on foot. When she offered to get him something to eat, he refused it saying he had a sandwich in his pocket. She told him she was able to cook for her husband, although she could not eat and her Doctor was about ready to send her to a hospital to be fed through her veins.

After his visit, her depression and melancholy left her and she started to recover. She became reconciled to losing her mother and she told me that she now believes that death is as natural as birth. We both were greatly blessed as she spoke of the old man's visit and of God's faithfulness in answering prayer.

I greatly appreciated the prayers of the saints when I had my operation in May, and I thank all for their prayers. May He keep us all faithful. Sister Edith Terrill

Editors Note: We may all wonder as to who the old man was, for we know not of any old man of this Church that is, or has been traveling in that neighborhood. To all the members of this Church: I want to say that it is a wonderful thing if God has sent a messenger to the town of Meadville,

Pa., to a sick woman, where we have only one member in the town, Sister Terrill, and the old man represents himself as belonging to the same Church. All believers in the Book of Mormon are acquainted with the fact, that three of the Nephite brethren are to tarry until Jesus comes in His glory. They will be among the Gentiles and they shall know them not. May God help us all to be more faithful.

From California

Dear Bro. Editor:

A few lines to the Gospel news and to all my dear brothers and sisters in the Gospel. Greetings from California. I regret that my last visit to the East was so short and I did not get a chance to visit so many that I would have liked to visit but maybe the next time I will have a little more time. I wish to thank you all for the hospitality that was given to me by so many of the Saints. May God bless you and keep you.

We are enjoying good health and the good sunshine of California. The fruit is looking good and in a month the figs will be ripe, but it is nothing to the time when every man shall sit under his vine and fig tree and the mountain of the House of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountain and it shall be exalted above the hills and people shall flow unto it. The Church has been established to bring this condition on the earth. Thy Kingdom cometh will be done on earth as it is done in heaven. I believe we are living around 11:30 PM according to God's time clock. When ye see the fig tree putting forth her bud, know that summer is nigh. The Jew has gotten his home land back again. They have been recognized by the United Nations and the U.S.A. was the first to recognize her as a nation. The Immigration laws of Israel have thrown her shores open for all to come, especially the Jew. It is a natural gathering. The Jew in this country has no desire to go because he is not persecuted as yet but he is backing up the movement with his money. Therefore, thus saith the Lord God. "I will even gather from the people and assemble you out of the countries where ye have been scattered and I will give you the land of Israel. Ezekiel 11-17 and I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you and I will take the stoney heart out of your flesh

and will give them a heart of flesh. Ezekiel 11-19; that they may walk in my statutes and keep my ordinances and do them and they shall be my people and I will be their God (20th verse.)

The promised land was described as a land of vines and figs. It lives to a great age; its thick leaves form a dense shade and bear great heat without flagging. It puts forth its fruiting stems before its leaf bud expands. It is the symbol of Israel in her glory, but Jesus cursed the fig tree because he found no fruit on it as a nation. Jesus says, "I come to my own and my own received me not." Ho, Israel, Ho Israel, how oft would I have gathered you as a hen gathereth her chicks under her wings but ye would not. Your house is left unto you desolate. A terrible condition has existed these many years in Palestine, a land that once flowed with milk and honey and figs. The blessing that God said should follow them in Deut. 28 Chap. read it my dear brothers and sisters, if they would worship God with all of their heart, mind and strength, BUT, if ye will not worship me with all your might, mind and strength, I will let all these diseases come upon you, so let us put all our strength into our worship.

The hymn we sing says "the rays that shine from Zion's Hill shall lighten every land; the King shall reign a thousand years and all the world command." Then the poet says, "where is heaven, who can tell it, answer ye who only know where abides the Holy Spirit, where its fruits and graces show."

So, my dear brothers and sisters, we can have a taste of Heaven here, where Jesus is tis Heaven there.

We had two baptisms last Sunday, a young sailor boy who came to our meeting with Sister Rings' son, of St. John, Kansas and another old lady who belonged to the Assembly of God Church.

The Gospel is still the same to convict people of their sins. Jesus said when the Holy Ghost is come, it will convict men of sin and of judgement and of righteousness. Paul says "How shall they hear without a preacher and how shall he preach unless he be sent, and how shall a man be convicted to sin unless it is by the power of the Holy Spirit and how can a man preach under the influence of the Holy Spirit unless he please God and keeps his commandments."

I will bring this to a close asking you to pray for us here in California that we may uphold righteousness and enjoy the goodness of God.

May God Bless all the Saints and keep us all faithful to the end.

Your brother in Christ,
James Heaps.

Seighman-Hemmings Nuptials

In the Church of Jesus Christ, Sixth and Lincoln streets, Monongahela, on July 7, at 7:15 p.m. Shirley Ann Seighman, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert B. Seighman of Dry Run Road became the bride of Herbert Hoover Hemmings, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hemmings of Park Avenue extension. Brother William Tucker officiating. Singing by John Majors, accompanied at the piano by his wife, Freda. The bride was given away by her father. Matron of Honor was Shirley's sister, Jane. Thomas Whittaker, cousin of the bridegroom served as best man. Herbert Seighman, Jr., and Harold Hemmings as ushers. After the ceremony a reception was held at the bride's home.

Shirley was graduated with the Class of 1949 from Monongahela High school. The groom is employed by the Combustion Engineering Superheater Co., Inc. at East Monongahela plant. After a short trip, Mr. and Mrs. Hemmings are residing with the bride's sister at Ginger Hill. The Gospel News extends best wishes to Shirley and Herbert.

The Burning Bush Continued by Oliver Lloyd

Moses recalls Israel's Rebellion: Ye have been rebellious against the Lord from the day that I knew you. Thus I fell down before the Lord forty days and forty nights, and I fell down at the first because the Lord had said He would destroy you. Deuteronomy 9-24, 25. Moses went on to say: remember thy servants Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, look not unto the stubbornness of this people nor to their wickedness nor to their sin. Behold I set before you this day a blessing and a curse. A blessing if ye obey the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you this day, and a curse if ye will not obey the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day to go after other God's which ye have not known. Deuteronomy 11-26, 27, 28. Moses

knew that after his death, the Israelites would grow deeper into sin and still provoke the Lord to anger. Before his death he, Moses told Joshua to be strong and of good courage. The Lord had chosen Joshua to be Moses successor to lead the children of Israel into the land of Canaan. After coming into the land, Israel became very wicked. The Israelites were oppressed very much by the Midianites, but Gideon and his 300 men saved the land for the Israelites. God was good to the Israelites. He even told Israel to return unto Him and "I will return unto you." O Jerusalem wash thine heart from wickedness that thou mayest be saved. How long shall thy vain thoughts lodge within thee? For the House of Israel and the House of Judah have dealt very treacherously against Me saith the Lord. God was merciful to the Israelites. When the Publisher in Luke 18 said "God be merciful to me a sinner," God was merciful, and he was more justified than the other. Hear now this O foolish people and without understanding, which have eyes and see not, which have ears and hear not. Your sins have witholden good things from you. Obey My voice and I will be your God and you shall be My people, and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you; yet they hearkened not unto Me, nor inclined their ear but hardened their neck and did worse than their fathers.

The Lord said that He would bring evil upon them which they shall not be able to escape. I won't hear your cries unto Me. Is it not a fact that Moses had to plead with the Lord to spare the Israelites? Moses also reminded the Lord of the promise that He had made to bring the Israelites out of Egypt to a land flowing with milk and honey, but they had broken the covenant which they made with their fathers. Therefore, I won't hear your prayers. They shall ask the way to Zion with their faces thitherward, saying: Come and let us join ourselves to the Lord in a perpetual covenant that shall not be forgotten. My people hath been lost sheep, their shepherds have caused them to go astray, they have forgotten their resting place, but the Lord said that He will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, and write it in their hearts, and He the Lord will be

their God and they shall be His people.

In closing, may God bless all the saints everywhere, and all the honest in heart. His goodness and mercy will follow me still, even on to the end of the way. — I have His sure promise and that cannot fail — that His mercy endureth for ever. 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 life shall endure. From Cleveland, Ohio

A Recent Trip By Bro. R. Ensana

Leaving here (Stelton, N.J.) on Friday Eve, to attend Conference in Monongahela, we arrived in Uniontown, Pa., the next morning where we visited with my brother and family. Then on to Monongahela where we visited with Brother James Ferrara. He is a very afflicted man, so we gave him some words of encouragement. We attended Conference Saturday and Sunday which we enjoyed very much. Our next visit was at Washington Pa., visiting a cousin of mine, and then came on to Brother Thomas's home at Vanderbilt, where we sat down to a wonderful meal prepared by Sister Thomas. We relished it very much and we thank them very much for their hospitality. We called again at the home of my brother in Uniontown, and then left for Rossiter, Pa., the town in which I was brought up in when a boy. At this place I met some people who are interested in the Gospel.

We had a nice talk about the restored gospel and had prayer with our friends. The lady whom I talked to, tears were rolling down her eyes, the words I spoke were all new to her. She said she was willing to accept any one from the Church, to visit her, their door is open.

I have written to Brother Di-Battista of Elizabeth, Pa., to visit her. I hope he has already gone. We arrived home about mid-night on Monday. Brother John Bufa was one of our company on the trip.

THE PREACHER'S WIFE:

There is one person in your church
Who knows your preachers life;
She's wept and smiled and prayed
with him,
And that's your preacher's wife.
She knows your prophet's weakest
point,

And knows his greatest power;
She's heard him speak in trumpet
tone,

In his great triumph hour.
She's heard him groaning in his
soul,

When bitter raged the strife,
As, hand in his, she knelt with
him—

For she's the preacher's wife!
The crowd has seen him in his
strength,

When glistened his drawn sword
As underneath God's banner folds
He faced the devil's horde.

But she knows deep within her
heart

That scarce an hour before
She helped him pray, the glory
down

Behind a closed door.
You tell your tales of prophets
brave

Who walked across the world
And changed the course of history
By burning words they hurled.

And I will tell how back of them
Some women lived their lives;
Who wept with them, and smiled
with them—

They were the preacher's wives!
—Unknown.

Nephi Has Charity For His People

Second Nephi 33, beginning with verse 7: I have charity for my people, and great faith in Christ that I shall meet many souls spotless at His judgement seat. (8) I have charity for the Jew — I say Jew, because I mean them from whence I came. (9) I also have charity for the Gentiles. But behold, for none of these can I hope except they shall be reconciled unto Christ, and enter into the narrow gate, and walk in the straight path which leads to life, and continue in the path until the end of the day of probation. (10) And now, my beloved brethren, and also Jew, and all ye ends of the earth, hearken unto these words and believe in Christ; and if ye believe not in these words believe in Christ. And if ye shall believe in Christ ye will believe in these words, for they are the words of Christ, and he hath given them unto me; and they teach all men that they should do good. (11) And if they are not the words of Christ, judge ye — for Christ will show unto you, with power and great glory, that they are his words, at the last day; and you and I shall stand face to face before his bar; and ye shall know that I have been commanded of Him to write these things, not withstanding my weakness. (12) And I pray the Father in the name

of Christ that many of us, if not all, may be saved at that great and last day. (13) And now, my beloved brethren, all those who are of the house of Israel, and all ye ends of the earth, I speak unto you as the voice of one crying from the dust; Farewell until that great day shall come. (14) And you that will not partake of the goodness of God, and respect the words of the Jews, and also my words, and the words which shall proceed forth out of the mouth of the Lamb of God, behold, I bid you an everlasting farewell, for these words shall condemn you at the last day. (15) For what I seal on earth shall be brought against you at the judgement bar; for thus hath the Lord commanded me, and I must obey, Amen.

FROM MUNCEY, ONT.

Dear Brother Editor,

In the past few months, we can truly say that a wonderful spirit has been in our gatherings. We sure have been blessed abundantly. His presence has been felt in our midst. I do hope and trust in God that He will always be our company and guide through life. For the greatest desire within us is to tell others about this true Gospel. We want to see this Gospel prosper, so all the many that are in darkness may come to the knowledge of the truth.

There are quite a few visitors attending our services lately and that is very encouraging to all.

Just a few weeks ago, we had a young man ask to be baptized, and that Sunday we really can say the Lord blessed us immensely. A very good spirit prevailed in our meeting. Also a good spirit in testimony and singing was enjoyed that afternoon.

There have been quite a few of our brothers and sisters of the different branches coming up and indeed it is very encouraging to our Indian brothers and sisters. Also some of our elders of the different branches have come out and visited with us and have brought forth some very interesting subjects which were enjoyed by all that were present.

We do hope the effort we put out in taking these trips each Sunday will be of some benefit to someone.

We hope to see you come out when you can and spend a little time in Muncey. Regards from us all.

Your Brother and Sister Romano

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THE TONGUE

By Harry Lorber

Of all the many members
Which make the body whole,
The tongue's the most unruly,
And hardest to control;
From thence come lyings, cursings,
And blessings from the same;
Both hate and love it kindles
The tongue, no man can tame.

The wild beasts of the forest
In cages men have caught,
And many mighty rivers
Beneath their sway have brought;
The land and air are servants,
The water and the flame;
Despite his vast dominion,
The tongue, no man can tame.

God knows that it is sharper
Than any two-edged sword;
With care it should be wielded
By servants of the Lord;
For, one word has the power
To shake the stoutest frame;
Be careful how you use it,
The tongue, no man can tame.

If you are hurting others
By thoughtless words you speak,
And if the blessed freedom
From wounding friends you seek,
Don't give up in your weakness,
But call you Maker's name,
And He will help you harness
The tongue, no man can tame.

A-BOMB OUTMODED SEVEN OUNCES OF BACTERIA TO KILL WORLD

St. Cergue, Switzerland, Sept. 9
—Deadly bacteriological weapons
have made the atomic bomb ob-
solete, Dr. Brock Chisholm, direc-
tor general of the World Health
Organization, said today.

"The time has now come when
men's ability to kill man has be-
come so terrific that he threatens
his own survival," Dr. Chisholm
told the World Union of Peace
Organizations.

The health chief declared sci-
entists have discovered one sub-
stance so deadly that seven ounces
of it is sufficient to kill all the
people in the world if sufficient-
ly distributed. He didn't name the
substance.

Appealing for a "new maturity"
to prevent future wars, Dr. Chis-
holm added; "Any country which
has a few good bacteriologists
and a few fanatic distributors is
as potent militarily as any other
country in the world. Manpower

is irrelevant. Heavy industry has
nothing to do with this type of
warfare. Large armies, navies and
airforces — things which were re-
garded as a symbol of power—are
obsolete. The atom bomb is obso-
lete."

NEWS FROM BRONX, N. Y.

By Bro. N. A. Zinzi.

Brother Editor:

I am pleased to inform you that
we have opened the door in Phil-
adelphia, Pa., one of the largest
cities in the country; by the bap-
tism of Bro Sabatino DiBattista.
Bro. Frank Braiotta has been
preaching the Gospel there for
some time past, and has finally
started a work there. Brother Cop-
pa of New Brunswick, N. J. has
been assisting Bro. Braiotta, and
he officiated at the baptism. We
hope there will be many more.
The New Brunswick saints have
also assisted in the singing and
bearing their testimonies to the
gospel.

We have had visitors of late
from Detroit. Namely Brother and
Sister Straccia, Brother Albert
and his wife, and Sister Carlini. I
can surely say that when we
meet brothers and sisters from
afar, the Spirit of God seems to
prevail more than usual. The Mon-
day Evening meeting at Brooklyn
lasted two and one half hours,
with such a great manifestation of
God's spirit being present.

"HIGHER CULTURE AND UNBELIEF"

Greetings from Calif.

My Dear Bros. and Sisters I
have no fault to find with culture,
as long as it develops a deeper
walk with God. I am sure we all
need a little more education but
when our learning brings us in-
to a place where we deny God
and the miracles of God, then our
learning is detrimental to us, and
those whom we associate with.
Many of our learned men, before
entering college believed in the
teachings of their Mothers' but
after two or three years of col-
lege, have come out agnostics,
and not only that, but have writ-
ten many books on the subject of
Evolution and denying the su-
preme God.

The Bible teaches us that in
the beginning God was, and He

was the Creator of every living
thing. He made the Heaven and
the earth for it was without form
and void and darkness was upon
the face of the deep, and the
Spirit of God moved upon the
face of the waters and after he
had made the light and divided
the light from the darkness, the
evening and morning were the
first day. And God saw every
thing that he had made and be-
hold it was very good. And God
said, "Let us make man in our
Image, proving that man is in the
Image of God.

Now our Scientists will teach
us Evolution. Evolution is not
truth, it is merely a million of
guesses strung together to de-
ceive those who do not want to
believe there is a God. God made
man in his own likeness. The
Saints welcome truth from what-
ever source it comes and are not
afraid that any real truth from
any source can interfere with
the divine truth that comes by
inspiration from God Himself. It
is not scientific truth to which
the Saints of God object, for true
science is knowledge, and nothing
can be scientific unless it is true.
God is a revelation and reveals
Himself to man. He does not have
to have a million guesses and
then find that he has guessed
wrong. It has been proven that no
one can trace any species to any
other species. Evolutionists try to
prove that man came from a lit-
tle germ of one cell organism,
formed in the sea, and this kept
evolving and from this came man.
We must take this matter seri-
ously because it is still being
taught in our high schools and
colleges. And some children after
sending them to college deny the
existence of a God.

My Dear Bros. and Sisters these
are facts. Religion and true Sci-
ence do not conflict. Religion is
not hostile to learning, but Evolu-
tion is not a truth. It is merely a
hypothesis of guesses. They can-
not prove where one species de-
veloped into another, and what
value is it if they cannot explain
the Origin. Thank God, John says,
'In the beginning was the word
and the word was God.' Paul said,
'We know in whom we have be-
lieved,' Not GUESS. . . There is

no more reason to believe that man descended from some inferior animal than to believe that some stately mansion has descended from a small cottage. Resemblances are not proof and no man can establish man's blood relations with the 'BRUTES'. Man rises not by power that is in him, but by a higher power. There is a power that draws men toward heaven. Jesus said, 'When I be lifted up I will draw all men unto me'. Thank God, for the drawing power that is in Jesus. Some have used the word 'evolution' to describe the growth of a plant from a seed, the growth of a chicken from an egg. All these give us a circle, not a change from one species to another. Can God perform a miracle? Yes. The God who created the universe can do anything He wants to with it. We have so many who claim to believe the Bible, yet deny the miracles of God which is written in the Bible.

Do Evolutionists stop to think of the crime they commit when they take faith out of the hearts of men and lead them into a starless night? When Jesus said, 'I go to prepare a place for you,' The soul is immortal and Christ deals with the soul, and what shall a man give in exchange for his soul. The change from belief to unbelief come most from people of 'Higher Culture'. The law does not require the labeling of Poison on Poisonous Doctrines. The law does require the labeling of Poisonous Drugs. Scientists have studied the age of the Rock, but the Saints of God studies the Rock of Ages. Scientists have studied the distance between the stars, but the Saints of God have studied Him that holds the stars in His hand. Oh, that some of our young men would return from college with their hearts aflame with the love of God and love for these their fellow-men, the world is looking for consecrated Talents, for Ability plus passion for a world that is lost. Men are scoffing at a "born-again" experience, but it is REAL and will be REAL as long as the world stands. If God can save one soul, he can save two. If He can save two souls, He can save a million. Oh, for a great revival of souls that would turn to God our Creator.

Tho deep in mire, wring not your hands and weep—

I lend my arm to all who say I can

No shame-faced outcast ever sank so deep,

But he might rise and be again a man.

Paul said, 'I was brought up at the feet of Gamaliel, taught according to the manner of the law, excelled above many mine equal, persecuted the Church of God, held the clothes of those that stoned Steven to death. But King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly messenger.' Thank God for Obedience. King Agrippa said, 'Paul, thou almost persuaded me to be a Christian.' Paul said, 'I would to God thou were altogether like me, except these bonds.' So if King Agrippa could be persuaded, all men can be persuaded, but they must yield to the One that is doing the persuading and that is God. May God bless you all is my prayer.

Your Brother in Christ,
James Heaps.

AN INTERESTING TRIP

On August 18th. Bros. A. B. Cadman, John Olexa, W. H. Cadman, and our Jewish friend Mr. Huttner of Charleroi, Pa., left Monongahela in the latter's car for a trip, heading for Canada. Our first stop which was only about a half hour, was at the home of Bros. Mancini and Behanna at Wesleyville, Erie, Pa. We found them very well. Continuing on our journey, our next stop was at the Tonawanda Indian Reservation near Akron, N. Y. Your correspondent has visited at this Reservation many times, and has made friends among the Indian people. Among them which we visited were Mr. and Mrs. Clark Printup and family. We had possibly an hour's visit at their home. After leaving there, we headed for Lockport, N. Y. where we arrived in the evening at the home of Bro. Simone and stayed all night with them. This same evening, Bro. Paul D'Amico took us in his car to Pekin, N. Y., to visit an aged couple Mr. and Mrs. C. Spillsbury, members of the Reorganized Church of L. D. S. We spent a very pleasant evening with them, and enjoyed their hospitality and they subscribed for The Gospel News while we were there.

The next morning, Friday, we drove to the Tuscarora Reservation and visited with several families of Indian people. I have also been at this Reservation many times, and have preached the Gos-

pel in their homes, and baptized some converts there in the years that have passed by. Bro. and Sister Hill of the Six Nations Reserve in Canada formerly lived here, and along with some of their family, obeyed the Gospel. While at this place, we had a nice visit with Chief Clinton Rickard and his wife, also with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Reid, and others including Sister Wilson and May Bell Green. Chief Rickard and his wife wanted us to eat supper with them, but we had promised to be back in Lockport for supper. This Reservation is located about eight miles from Niagara Falls. We visited the Falls and then returned to Lockport and attended their meeting that evening.

Next morning being Saturday, we met in the Lockport Church at 10:00 a. m. with our brothers and sisters in fasting and prayer in behalf of our afflicted ones. We had a very nice service of prayer. Most all present offered up a humble prayer to our Heavenly Father in behalf of Bro. D'Amico and others who are afflicted.

We then went to the home of Bro. Simone where we had dinner, breaking our fast; and soon after we started on our way to the Six Nations Reserve in Canada. We crossed the border at Niagara and journeyed on the Queen Elizabeth Highway towards Hamilton, Ont. This highway is similar to the Turn Pike Highway in Pennsylvania, except it has grade crossings. On our way to Hamilton, we crossed the Welland Canal on a massive draw Bridge. Lake boats were passing through as we arrived there. From thereon, we passed through as fine a fruit country as I have ever seen. Delicious fruits of various kinds, peaches, apples, plums, pears, grapes, big black and red cherries. Surely the Lord has blessed the land north of us. After a short stop in Hamilton, a large and busy city, we left there for Caledonia, and then crossing the Grand River, headed for the Six Nations Reserve. We called first at the home of Bro. and Sister Beaver who's home is always open to us. Then on to Ohsweken to the home of Bro. and Sister Hill where we had supper and stayed all night. Ohsweken is an Indian village in about the center of the Reserve. The Indian Council Hall is there, a Hospital, Post Office and several stores.

The next morning, Sunday, we met in the Christian Aid Hall where our folks hold Sabbath School and a preaching service. Sometime during the night a carload of folks arrived from Detroit, and Windsor, Canada. . . There was a nice class of Indian Children and a nice class of adults present. Sister Laird from Brantford, retired with the children to another room, while Bro. A. B. Cadman taught the adult class. At the close of the S. School we continued with a preaching service, which was conducted by Bro. A. B. Cadman. Brother Alexandra of Detroit had charge of the Sunday School.

We had a very nice morning in the service of the Lord. During the noon recess, we gathered on the shore of the Grand River and Bro. Burgess baptized a young lady from Brantford.

The after-noon meeting was held in the home of our aged Sister Lewis, where I have often met before. Our young Sister was confirmed and we had a very nice meeting in hearing the testimonies of the various ones present.

After having supper at the Hill home, we drove out to the farm of Bro. and Sister Richard Isaacs; prosperous Indian farmers. They have a nice farm, a herd of nice cattle. Their home is old but very comfortable. Bro. Richard farms with both tractor and horses. They have a nice yard with lots of flowers blooming. We had a very nice visit with them. The sun was getting low, we drove back to Ohsweken, left Bro. Hill off at his home, and we speeded on to Brantford, twelve or fourteen miles away on very dusty roads. It was getting real dark when we arrived at the home of Bro. Laird. We were welcomed to his home and were set down to a late supper at about 9:30 and it was about 1:00 a. m. when we got up from the table and retired for the night. Bro. and Sister Laird has a large family, and I believe there is six of them already been baptized into the Church.

The next morning, Monday, at about ten o'clock, we started for Muncey, Ont., nearly a 100-miles away. While going through London, we called to see Sister Gadd, who was lately baptized, and had a visit with her. It was the first time we had met. She is left a widow and is a very fine lady. We

then continued on to Muncey, arriving at our farm home where Brother and Sister Clifford Best is living. We were welcomed to their home, given supper, and then we went to Church in the evening. We had a nice gathering of Indian and white people, there may of been more present, but from the fact that the Indian people were away working in the tobacco fields. Bro. Alma Cadman lead the meeting, and Bro. Olexa and myself took part in speaking. I enjoyed myself again in the Muncey Church preaching the Gospel of Christ. We had with us that evening an interesting family who very recently came from Holland. A father and mother and six children present, and three of their children not present. They sang several pieces for us in their native tongue, also did the best they could in English. They had the appearance of being a happy family. Mr. Huttner our Jewish friend was the only person present that could talk to them in their native tongue. I might add too, that Sister Nicholas sang for us in her native Indian language. We slept at the farm home that night, and the next day, Tuesday, we started for Windsor, Ont., about 110 miles away. Before leaving the Reservation, we had a short visit with Bro. and Sister Nicholas.

On arriving at Windsor we stopped at Sister Fords home; there we met our aged Sister Padden who was very recently baptized. She is an aunt to Sister Ford. After being served a dinner, Mr. Huttner and myself accompanied Sister Ford to the Essex County Sanitorium, a very large Institution, and where there are many ill people confined therein. Among them are a number of young Indian people whom Sister Ford visits weekly and administers to their wants. She has endeared herself to them, through the interest she has shown towards them. While there, I met Robert Pasquach and Dorothy Frogg, two young Indians whose letters have appeared in these columns. They are very nice young people. Returning from the Sanitorium, we ate supper at the home of Bro. and Sister Burgess, and then attended meeting in the Windsor Church that evening. Bro. Olexa led the meeting. Not a very large crowd present, but among them were Bro. and Sister

Romano and Bro. Tony Lombardo of Detroit. We had a very nice meeting. One cause for not many being at the meeting, was that Sister Allen Henderson was taken ill that day and was removed to the hospital. We were of course sorry to learn of this. Soon after the close of the meeting, we, with the exception of Bro. A. B. Cadman who remained in Windsor, started on our long drive home, arriving at about 10:00 a. m. the next day. We were away from home a week, covered a great deal of ground and had a very nice trip. Bro. W. H. Cadman.

"THE REPORTER"

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At the National Congress of American Indians, which recently met in Phoenix, Arizona, a letter to President Truman was read by Chief Dan Katchongva. The letter was signed by a number of others including Chief Talahaf-tewa of Shungopovy, and Chief James Pongayawma of Hotevilla. These chiefs are all Hopi and the places from which they come are Hopi pueblos.

The letter touched upon a number of subjects including Hopi land claims. Among the significant passages are the following: It was given to the Hopi people the task to guard this land not by force of arms, not by killing, but by humble prayers, by obedience to our traditional and religious instructions and by being faithful to our Great Spirit Masau'u . . . Our tradition and religious training forbid us to harm, kill and molest any one. We, therefore, objected to our boys being forced to be trained for war to become murderers and destroyers. It is you who should protect us. What nation who has taken up arms ever brought peace and happiness to his people?"

The words "you who should protect us" probably refer to the paradox of the white man, who is supposed to be the guardian of the Indian, asking the Indian to protect his national State. These words, penned by a number of Hopi chief, clearly indicate the official place of the peace principle in the Hopi religion.

NEPHI'S VISION CONTINUED

First Nepht. 13:24 And the angel of the Lord said unto me: Thou hast beheld that the book

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proceeded forth from the mouth of a Jew; and when it proceeded forth from the mouth of a Jew it contained the plainness of the gospel of the Lord, of whom the twelve apostles bear record; and they bear record according to the truth which is in the Lamb of God. (25) Wherefore, these things go forth from the Jews in purity unto the Gentiles, according to truth which is in God. (26) And after they go forth by the hand of the twelve apostles of the Lamb, from the Jews unto the Gentiles, thou seest the foundation of a great and abominable church, which is most abominable above all other churches; for behold, they have taken away from the gospel of the Lamb many parts which are plain and most precious; and also many covenants of the Lord have they taken away. (The book referred to is the Bible) (27) And all this have they done that they might pervert the right ways of the Lord, that they might blind the eyes and harden the hearts of the children of men. (28) Wherefore, thou seest that after the book hath gone forth through the hands of the great and abominable church, that they

are many plain and precious things taken away from the book, (the Bible) which is the book of the Lamb of God. (29) And after these plain and precious things were taken away it goeth forth unto all the nations of the Gentiles, yea even across the many waters which thou hast seen with the Gentiles which have gone forth out of captivity, (Gentiles on this land of America) thou seest—because of the many plain and precious things which have been taken out of the book, (Bible) which were plain unto the understanding of the children of men, according to the plainness which is in the Lamb of God—because of these things which are taken away out of the gospel of the Lamb, an exceeding great many do stumble, yea, insomuch that Satan hath great power over them. (30) Nevertheless, thou beholdest that the Gentiles who have gone forth out of captivity, (Gentiles on this land) and have been lifted up by the power of God above all other nations, upon the face of the land (America) which is choice above all other lands, which is the land that the Lord God hath covenanted with thy father (Lehi) that his seed should have for the land of their inheritance; wherefore, thou seest that the Lord God will not suffer that the Gentiles will utterly destroy the mixture of thy seed (Nephi's seed) which are among thy brethren. (the Lamanites, now known as American Indians) (31) Neither will He suffer that the Gentiles shall destroy the seed of thy brethren. (Thy brethren, is now known as Indians of America. They have been shot at and hated. But I will add: "They, the Indians shall survive the mistreatment they have received at the hands of the white man.") (32) Neither will the Lord God suffer that the Gentiles shall forever remain in that awful state of blindness, (spiritual blindness of which the Christian world is in to day.) which thou beholdest they are in because of the plain and most precious parts, of the gospel of the Lamb which have been kept back by that abominable church, whose formation thou hast seen. (33) Wherefore saith the Lamb of God: I will be merciful unto the Gentiles, unto the visiting of the remnant of the house of Israel in great judgment. (Because of transgression, the judgments of God

hath fallen on all Israel including the seed of Joseph (Indians) upon this land of America.) (34) And it came to pass that the angel of the Lord spake unto me, saying: Behold, saith the Lamb of God, after I have visited the remnant of the house of Israel—and this remnant of whom I speak is the seed of thy father—(Lehi) wherefore, after I have visited them (Lamanites, Indians) in judgment, and smitten them by the hand of the Gentiles, and after the Gentiles do stumble exceedingly, because of the most plain and precious parts of the gospel of the Lamb which have been kept back by that abominable church, which is the mother of harlots, saith the Lamb—I will be merciful unto the Gentiles in that day, insomuch that I will bring forth unto them, in mine own power, much of my gospel, which shall be plain and precious, saith the Lamb. (34) For, behold, saith the Lamb: I will manifest myself unto thy seed, (the seed of Joseph on this land) that they shall write many things which I shall minister unto them, (the fore-fathers of the Indian people) which shall be plain and precious; and after thy seed shall be destroyed, and dwindle in unbelief, and also the seed of thy brethren, (Nephi's brethren) behold, these things shall be hid up, (Moroni hid up their records) to come forth unto the Gentiles, by the gift and power of the Lamb. (36) And in them shall be written my gospel, saith the Lamb, and my rock and my salvation. (Read carefully the 29th chapter of Isaiah of a people to speak out of the ground. Take note of verses 11 and 12, a book that is delivered to one that is not learned. Joseph Smith by name, who translated it by the gift and power of God, now known to us as the Book of Mormon. It seems that God has always worked in ways least expected by man. Israel's Messiah came in the form of a Babe. The Jews rejected Him and have suffered sorely for their blindness. The Book of Mormon has come forth in fulfillment of prophecy. The angel of God has flown (as in Rev. 14, 6) and visited Joseph Smith) The Book of Mormon has a great part to play in these last days, not only in enlightening us Gentiles, but for the gathering of the House of Israel as prophets have foretold. The Christian world

is divided asunder on the simple plan of redemption, they are blinded by their transgressions, they are lovers of pleasure more than the lovers of God. And as the Jews have, and are paying the penalty of their blindness, so will this great nation of Christian people pay the penalty of their transgression in rejecting the Book of Mormon as a thing of naught. Sincerely WHC.

RADIO BROADCAST

By Bro. Geo. Neill

Good Morning, Radio Friends, I would like to read for my text this morning a few verses from the 51st. Psalm, 10 to 12 verses inclusive. Friends, these are the words of David, and as I read them this morning I am impressed with the last verse I have just read, "Restore unto me the joy of thy Salvation."

You know David was a great man in his day. If we were to go into his life extensively this morning we could say many good things about him. However, time will not permit this. Nevertheless we will say David was called of God to be King over God's people. He was anointed by Samuel and the Scriptures say "The Spirit of God came upon David from that day forward." But as time went by things happened in David's life which caused him to speak as I have read to you this morning. It is true that David made many mistakes in his life, but being a man after God's own heart he sought forgiveness and repented whenever he learned that he was wrong. He knew what it was to experience the joy of serving God; he knew the joy of salvation and so he cries aloud to God to restore unto him the Joy of Salvation.

I'm sure if David could speak to us this morning he would acquaint us more fully than I can with the joy of serving God or the Joy of Salvation. We may ask, "what is joy?" Joy as interpreted by the world is nothing more than a momentary bit of fun; it may be compared to a ripple on the surface of some pool of water. It is not permanent, but of brief duration. Joy as defined by the worldly crowd is just a means whereby one can forget momentarily the cares and aches of a stricken conscience. The people of God do not have fun in serving God; they have joy, and not a momentary

joy. This joy does not end when life comes to a close; it goes beyond this life and reaches all the way to heaven from whence it came. The Son of God brought joy into the world; he brought salvation. The Hymn says "Joy to the world the Lord is come, let earth receive her King.

Friends, when we individually receive Jesus Christ as our King it brings joy into our hearts, unspeakable joy and full of Glory, as Peter said on one occasion. It is joy to know our sins forgiven.

The Saviour, when here upon the earth, spoke to his humble followers words like this, "I would that my joy remain in you that your joy might be full. What did He mean? Did He have a joy to give to men and women? Did this man of whom Isaiah speaks as a Man of Sorrows and acquainted with grief, rejected and despised, oppressed and afflicted, wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities, have any joy to transmit to men and women? Why it was more than a pleasure to be in His company. You remember the two Disciples who were walking to Emmaus when Jesus appeared and walked with them; after He had gone they remarked how their hearts burned within them as He walked with them by the way. Friends, to walk with God in this life means "eternal joy." We may never walk with Jesus Christ as these two did, but in the light we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin.

Paul says in Heb. 12-2, "Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross despising the shame." What was the joy that was set before Jesus Christ that He was so willing to endure the cruel cross? Don't we know there is joy in giving? To give a friend help, to give someone something he needs, does this not bring joy? It is more blessed to give than to receive. Jesus Christ, going by the way of the cross, gave to us salvation or eternal life. The word 'Saviour' means life giver. The right to live had been lost; all were dying; the Life-giver came to provide life everlasting for the dying race. We thank God for a 'Life-giver', a great one, able to save unto the uttermost; "yes, there is joy in the Cross of Calvary." This joy as

we said a few minutes ago does not end when life comes to a close here but accompanies us to heaven. Heaven, Friends, must be a wonderful place; our weak minds are not able to fathom the joys that await us in "yon blissful regions". Yet we can sing with the poet, "When by His Grace we shall look on His face, that will be glory, glory for me."

There is another joy that we anticipate that seems to touch and vibrate our hearts when we think about it and that is the reuniting of loved ones who have gone. The clasping of their hands, this face to face meeting is bound to bring joy. And, may I ask, is this all? No. for it is written that "eye hath not seen, ear hath not heard, neither has it entered into the heart of man the wonderful things that are laid up for those that love and serve God."

These things are only to be experienced by those who take upon them the name of Christ and walk not after the flesh but after the spirit. I would like to close with the beautiful words of the hymn, "Adoration" by Haldor Lillenas.

O Christ my Lord, my heart shall sing

The wonders of Thy grace,
My longing eyes would fain behold

The glory of Thy face;

I pour the offerings of my love
Unmeasured at Thy shrine,
And pray that Thou wilt live and move

Within this heart of mine.

Thy mercy like a river flows
Throughout the passing years;
It's power has healed my deepest woes

And banished all my fears;
Thy love is broader than the sea,
And higher than the stars,
That love has stopped to rescue me

And broken sin's strong bars.
O Christ my Lord, in Thee is found

A wealth beyond compare,
Thy tender mercies still abound,
Thy glory everywhere.

O wilt Thou deign to dwell in me,
And claim me for Thine own?
My Guide, Companion, Sov'reign be

To reign upon my throne.

THE SERMON OF THE PLOW

By Hugh Latimer 1472-1555

Preaching of the Gospel is one of God's plow-works, and the preacher is one of God's plow-

men. Ye may not be offended with my similitude, in that I compare preaching to labor and work of plowing, and the preacher to a plowman. Ye may not be offended with this my similitude, for I have been slandered of some persons for such things. But as preachers must be wary and circumspect, that they give not any just occasion to be slandered and ill-spoken of by the hearers, so must not the auditors be offended without cause. For Heaven is in the Gospel likened to a mustard seed; it is compared also to a piece of leaven; and Christ saith that at the last day He will come like a thief. And what dishonor is this to God? Or what derogation is this to heaven? Ye may not, then, I say, be offended with my similitude for because I liken preaching to a plowman's labor, and a prelate to a plowman.

But now you will ask me whom I call a prelate. A prelate is that man, whatever he be that hath a flock to be taught of him; whosoever hath any spiritual charge in the faithful congregation, and whosoever he be that hath cure of souls. And well may the preacher and the plowman be likened together; First, for they labor at all seasons of the year; for there is no time of the year in which the plowman hath not some special work to do—as in my country, in Leicestershire, the plowman hath a time to set forth, and to assay his plow, and other times for other necessary works to be done. And then they also may be likened together for the diversity of works and variety of offices that they have to do. For as the plowman first setteth forth his plow, and then tilleth his land, and breaketh it in furrows, and sometimes ridgeth it up again! and at another time harroweth it and clotteth it, and sometime dungeth it and hedgeth it, diggeth it and weedeth it, purgeth it and maketh it clean; so the prelate, the preacher, hath many diverse offices to do. He hath first a busy work to bring his parishioners to a right faith, as Paul calleth it; and not a swerving faith, but to a faith that embraceth Christ, and trusteth to His merits; a lively faith; a justifying faith; a faith that maketh a man righteous without respect of works; as ye have it very well declared and set forth in the homily. He hath then

a busy work, I say, to bring his flock to a right faith, and then to confirm them in the same faith—now casting them down with the law, and with threatenings of God for sin; now ridging them up again with the Gospel, and with the promises of God's favor; now weeding them by telling them their faults, and making them forsake sin; now clotting them, by breaking their stony hearts, and by making them supple-hearted, and making them to have hearts of flesh—that is, soft hearts, and apt for doctrine to enter in; now teaching to know God rightly, and to know their duty to God and their neighbors; now exhorting them when they know their duty that they do it, and be diligent in it; so that they have a continual work to do.

Great is their business, and, therefore, great should be their hire. They have great labors, and, therefore, they ought to have good livings, that they may commodiously feed their flock—for the preaching of the Word of God unto the people is called meat. Scripture calleth it meat, not strawberries, that come but once a year, and tarry not long, but are soon gone—but it is meat; it is no dainties. The people must have meat that must be familiar and continual, and daily given unto them to feed upon. Many make a strawberry of it, ministering it but once a year; but do not the office of good prelates. For Christ saith: "Who think you is a wise and faithful servant? He that giveth meat in due time." So that he must at all times convenient preach diligently; therefore, saith he: "Who trow ye is a faithful servant?" He speaketh it as though it were a rare thing to find such a one, and as though he should say there be but few of them to find in the world. And how few of them there be throughout this world that give meat to their flock as they should do, the visitors can best tell. Too few, too few, the more is the pity, and never so few as now.

By this, then, it appeareth that a prelate, or any that hath cure of souls, must diligently and substantially work and labor. Therefore saith Paul to Timothy: "He that desireth to have the office of a bishop, or a prelate, that man desireth a good work." Then, if it be a good work, it is work; ye can but make a work of it. It is

God's plow, and that plow God would have still going. Such, then, as loiter and live idly are not good prelates or ministers. And of such as do not preach and teach and do their duties, God saith by his propheet, Jeremy: "Cursed be the man that doeth the work of God fraudulently, guilefully, or deceitfully," some books have it negligenter, "negligently," or "slackly."

How many such prelates, how many such bishops, Lord, for thy mercy, are there now in England! And what shall we in this case do? Shall we company with them? O Lord, for thy mercy! Shall we not company with them? O Lord, whither shall we flee from them? But "cursed be he that doeth the work of God negligently or guilefully." A sore word for them that are negligent in discharging their office or have done it fraudulently! for there is the thing that maketh the people ill . . .

And now I would ask a strange question: Who is the most diligent bishop and prelate in all England that passeth all the rest in doing his office? I can tell, for I know him who he is; I know him well. But now I think I see you listening and hearkening that I should name him. There is one that passeth all the others, and is the most diligent prelate and preacher in all England. And will ye know who it is? I will tell you; it is the devil. He is the most diligent preacher of all others; he is never out of his diocese; he is never from his cure; ye shall never find him unoccupied; he is ever in his parish; he keepeth residence at all time; ye shall never find him out of the way; call for him when you will; he is ever at home; the diligentest preacher in all the realm; he is ever at his plow; no lording nor loitering can hinder him; he is ever applying his business; ye shall never find him idle. I warrant you! (When Hugh Latimer was bound to the stake, side by side with Bishop Ridley, to be burned to death for conscience sake, he said: "Be of good cheer, Master Ridley, and play the man; for we shall this day kindle such a torch, by God's grace, in England, as I trust shall never be put out." In less than a century his word was made good in the Puritan Revolution. Hugh Latimer was throughout his life distinguished

for courage, zeal and piety, and early gained distinction as an eloquent preacher of the Reformed faith.)

AMERICA'S WITNESS FOR CHRIST

Recently several of us from Monongahela Branch visited Hill Cumorah near Palmyra, N. Y. where we witnessed the Sacred Pageant, "America's Witness For Christ" as presented by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. The Pageant is adapted from the Book of Mormon, depicting several events as recorded in this book.

The opening scene of the Pageant place the spotlight upon Joseph Smith, and one can well imagine it is the boy himself as he climbs the Hill to meet the Angel Moroni who tells him the story written upon the plates which he is about to receive.

During Christ's Ministry in Jerusalem He told of His other sheep whom He must visit; "Other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold and one shepherd." John 10:16.

In the first scene the Prophet Ezekiel is portrayed telling how the stick of Judah (our Bible) and the stick of Ephraim (the Book of Mormon) shall come together. As the story is unfolded to Joseph by the Angel Moroni, Lehi and his band of people appear and Nephi tells of his vision in which the following scenes are depicted: 1. The Virgin Mary; 2. Mary and the Christ Child; 3. Christ ministering to the people; 4. The arrest of Christ; and 5. The Crucifixion of Christ.

In the next scene the Prophet Abinadi prophesies concerning the coming of Christ to earth. He is condemned to death by the wicked King Noah and burned at the stake. As the story continues to unfold the Angel reveals to Joseph the conversion of Alma, the son of Alma, which is very similar to that of Paul the apostle. Alma is converted and with the four sons of Mosiah works among the Lamanite people converting them and teaching them for many years. The scene showing this part of the story is very impressive portraying these Lamanites as we know the Indians today in dress and action.

In the next scene Samuel the

Lamanite appears up on the wall of the City, telling the coming of Christ and of the signs of His Birth; he also warned them that because of their wickedness there would be a destruction that would cover the whole land. The following scene depicts the terrible storm, earthquakes and destruction that took place on this land at the time of Christ's crucifixion. Then out of the sufferings of the people comes the voice of Christ and His appearance to them.

In the closing scene Moroni turns over to Joseph Smith the plates from which he is to translate the Book of Mormon. The Pageant then closes on a note of hope through the sacrifice of Jesus, the Christ.

To those of us who know the story of the Book of Mormon it was very real and touching. To those who were not familiar with this story it would surely arouse their curiosity, if nothing more; if they would adhere to the words of Moroni when he says; "And when ye, O people of the earth shall receive these things, I, Moroni, would exhort you that ye would ask God, the Eternal Father, in the name of Christ, if these things are true; and if ye shall ask with a sincere heart, with real intent, having faith in Christ, He will manifest the truth of it unto you by the power of the Holy Ghost," (Moroni, 10-4, Book of Mormon), what a wonderful revelation is in store for them.

Before the Pageant began (they cannot begin until it is completely dark) several young elders gathered themselves together and sang Latter Day hymns. Many of these were familiar to us, both the words and melody. This created a sacred feeling which prevailed throughout the entire time we were there. Everything was in keeping with this feeling of sacredness; there was nothing bought or sold there, no smoking among that group of almost two hundred young people who took part in the Pageant, no collection taken. It was evident they had no thought of making money.

After witnessing the Pageant we had the opportunity of sleeping at Joseph Smith's home; some of our party occupied the room in which some claim Joseph was visited by the Angel Moroni. During the day we spent some time at the sacred grove where Joseph had his miraculous ex-

perience in which he saw and conversed with the Father and the Son. We also visited Martin Harris' home a beautiful old cobblestone home, the same that was mortgaged for 3,000.00 to pay for the publishing of the Book of Mormon in 1830.

We enjoyed ourselves very much too on the Hill Cumorah, visiting with some of the young elders and also members of the Mormon church. We find them to be a very congenial people, reasonable even though very firm in what they believe. I cannot help but admire them, especially in their great effort to bring the Book of Mormon to the people of America.

By Sarah Neill

STITES, IDAHO

By Bro. Robert Newby

My dear beloved brothers and sisters in Christ: I just received The Gospel News, (Sept. 16, 1949) and truly it is getting to be a wonderful little spiritual paper, and I am sure if the saints will pass it on to others, it will be the means of leading the honest in heart to the Restored Gospel. I can see this Branch of the L. D. S. is making more progress among the Indians than any other. I was very much interested in the letter of the Sister at Meadville, Pa., for I had an experience which is a twin brother to that one in the year of 1917.

I was living in Spokane, Wash. at the time, and I received a letter from a Sister in Sawyer, Idaho asking me the first time I went to British Columbia, Canada, to call at their place as she had been sick all summer. So in a few days I was going to B. C. and I called at their place and stayed all night, and I administered to her that evening, but she received very little benefit, and the next morning when I was leaving to take the train, she asked me to administer to her again, and while praying for her, the spirit of prophesy rested on me, and I told her: God's messenger would administer to her in the very near future. About a half-hour after I left, a rap came on the kitchen door and she opened the door and a man ask if he could get something to eat. She told him that breakfast was over, but she would fry him some eggs and make him some hot-cakes. He came in and she got his meal

ready and he sat down at the end of the table to eat. She noticed that each time he raised his hand up to take food, she said his fingers looked like icicles, they were transparent. Then when he got up to go, he ask how much he owed her. She told him nothing, and he thanked her and left. She watched him go around the house and out to the rail road, and down to the bridge which went across a big Canyon. It was 100 feet high, and he had to cross it to go to the Depot. She said he walked on the bridge until he got to about the center of the bridge, and then disappeared all at once, and she was sure he had fallen down through the ties which were about two feet apart. She ran down to the bridge, but could see no one on the ground below. Then she said it came to her mind that he was the messenger that I spoke of in my prayer and she walked back to the house pondering over the wonderful experience, and when she got back in her home, she noticed that every ache and pain had left her body. I had always supposed that the messenger was an angel, but since reading the experience in The Gospel News, at Meadville, Pa., I am convinced that it was one of the Nephites. I sure praise God's High and Holy Name that He inspired me to write to our beloved Paul Costa, who has now gone to his reward. I have been giving out The Gospel News, and many think it is a very spiritual paper.

My health is very poor and I have to walk on crutches, but praise God I have very little pain. I will be glad when God gives me a body that will be free from pain and death. Sister Converse was here to see us a few days ago. Her health is not very good, but praise God's High and Holy Name. He has healed her limb which had been bothering her for years, and the Doctors could not do her any good. She knows it was through the prayers of the dear saints that she was healed. She sure is thankful to you dear saints for remembering her in your prayers.

Well I believe this is all the news I have. May God bless and protect you all. As ever your Brother in Christ. (P. S. when Brothers Paul Costa and W. H. Cadman was at Brother Newby's home in 1940, he was then about

73 years old if I am not mistaken, so he must now be about 82 years old. He baptized Sister Converse since that time. May God Bless You Brother Newby.)

TUCKER-TOTH NUPTIALS

At a beautiful service performed in the living room at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tucker, their daughter Jean Marie became the bride of Andrew J. Toth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Toth of this city, an officer of World War II. Both young people were graduated in September of 1948 from the University of Pittsburgh in Pittsburgh, Pa.

The wedding was solemnized Saturday morning, August 27th at 10:30 o'clock. The double ring ceremony used by Elder B. Teaman Cherry of The Church of Jesus Christ, him being an uncle of the bride. The bride's father gave her away in marriage, while a Pitt classmate Dorothy Grob of Etna was maid of honor. Miss Lois Neidermeyer, a cousin of the bride was bridesmaid. Best man was Alexander Borsani also a cousin of the bride. Fran Haugh of Millvale, a classmate of the couple was usher. The young couple were also graduates of the Monongahela High School. Their honeymoon was spent at Niagara Falls, and New York. The bride is a granddaughter of Sister Mary Tucker. Congratulations to the young couple.

CAVALLERO-GENARO NUPTIALS

Miss Lillian Genaro, youngest daughter of brother and sister Peter Genaro of Warren, Ohio and Alexander Cavallero, Jr., the only son of brother and sister Alexander Cavallero, Sr., of Glassport, Pa., were united in marriage on Saturday August 27, 1949 in The Church of Jesus Christ at Niles, Ohio.

Brother Frank Genaro, brother of the bride performed the double-ring ceremony, assisted by Elder Philip Dreer. Sister Esther Corrado presented a prelude of music previous to the ceremony, accompanied by Sister Phyllis Corrado who sang "Always," "Because" and the "Lords Prayer."

The bride was given away by her father. Jean Genaro, sister of the bride was her only attendant, while Mr. Gregory Gorris of Glassport, Pa., was best man. A reception was held at the home

of the brides parents with guests present from Detroit, Lorain, Champion, Warren, Youngstown, Niles, Glassport and West Elizabeth, Pa.

After a short wedding trip, the young couple will reside with the grooms parents at Glassport. The Gospel News extends best wishes to Lillian and Alexander.

GEORGE LESLIE RODGERS PASSES ON

Brother Leslie Rodgers was born on July 21, 1882 at Dravosburg, Pa. and died in McKeesport on August 23, 1949 in his 68th year. He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife, two sons, two daughters, two brothers and two sisters. He was baptized into the Church better than forty years ago, and was a member of the Glassport Branch of the Church.

The services were in charge of brother W. H. Cadman, assisted by Bro. Vincent Clement, and his remains were laid away to rest from the Willig Funeral Home in McKeesport. Interment took place in the Round Hill Cemetery. The Gospel News extends sympathy to the bereaved family.

PAUL BENYOLA PASSES ON

Hopelawn, N. J. Brother Paul Benyola age 79, of 389 Florida Grove Road, died at his home on September 9, 1949 after a short illness. He had been a resident for 34 years in Hopelawn. He was caretaker of Beth Mordecai Cemetery for 30 years. He was also a deacon of The Church of Jesus Christ. Surviving are his wife, Mary, two daughters, Mrs. Jennie Purkall, Mrs. Catherine Calabro. Five sons, Louis, John R., Anthony, Joseph and Samuel; 28 grand-children and one great-grand-child. He was buried from The Church of Jesus Christ in Hopelawn, in the Church Cemetery.

Brother Benyola was baptised into the Church 18 years ago, and has faithfully attended to his duties all those years. Always seemed to be very friendly.

His journey is now ended on the earth. May his soul find a resting place in the paradise of God. The Gospel News extends its sympathy to the bereaved family, and especially to his aged and faithful wife.

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THANK THEE AGAIN

By Katherine Kennon Rucker
We thank Thee, O Lord,
For the sunshine and rain,
For the seedtime that brings us
The harvest of grain.
We thank Thee, O Lord,
For the freedom to sin,
For the promise of heaven,
Where Jesus is King.
We thank Thee, O Lord,
For the privilege of prayer,
For the Saviour who helps us
Each burden to bear.

THANKSGIVING

By Bro. Patsy Marinetti
Rochester, N. Y.

To begin with, we must confess that the present day observance of Thanksgiving Day — by the majority of people — is not fully understood, nor is the real meaning of this day appreciated in its true significance. It is a rooted thought in the minds of most people, that Thanksgiving Day began with the Pilgrims.

It has been recorded that the Feast of Tabernacles or feast of ingathering, completed the round of annual festivals. It was a thanksgiving for the harvest and a memorial of the time when the Israelites dwelt in tents in the wilderness. It fell in the autumn, when the chief fruits of the earth; the corn, the wine, and the oil were gathered in. Its duration was strictly only seven days; but it was followed by a day of holy convocation or gathering. Although Thanksgiving Day is wholly an American institution harvest festivals have been known since time immemorial.

President Washington issued a proclamation recommending that Nov. 26, 1789 be kept as a day of "national thanksgiving" for the establishment of a form of government that made for safety and happiness. The day gradually became a custom in the Western and some of the Southern states, each appointing its own day. In 1864 President Lincoln issued a proclamation in which he "appointed and set aside" the last Thursday in November as a day of national thanksgiving "for the defense against unfriendly designs without, and signal victories over the enemy who is of our own household." The Presidents proclamation makes the day a legal holi-

day. The religious significance of the occasion is now largely overshadowed by the "feasting and making merry" which began with the old Pilgrims.

Most of us who are living in large cities are losing the sensitive relationship with earth's mysteries or familiarity with nature. This loss makes it difficult at times to realize God's immediate and visible blessings. The factories, machines, multiple stores and the various mediums of exchange have blurred man's interpretation of the true values in relationship to our CREATOR. The materialistic inclinations of our present day, the struggles for so-called security in this life, the keen competition for recognition and distinction, the unbalanced scales of 95 per cent for me and 5 per cent for God; has calloused men's lives to such a degree that they are not aware of His many blessings which surround them daily nor are they thankful.

In contrast to this one side of life, we have a minority who are thankful for much, although they may have little; who give unselfishly of themselves and of their goods for the happiness of others. Of this group are the many farmers of the earth, who sow with faith and complete dependence on their Creator. For He alone can bless and increase their labors for the welfare of all. In seasons of drouth, the medium of prayer and divine help become their only avenue of survival. It is understandable then why at harvest time these men — and men of like mind — who live "off the earth" so to speak; lift their eyes and hearts to heaven in humble gratitude — sometimes with tears on their cheeks — as visible express their humble thanks for the earth's abundant increase; which fruits God caused to spring out of the earth. What is thanksgiving after all but a true acknowledgment and sincere appreciation of the Creator's abundant blessings. May the prophetic condition and life among men implied by the following well known hymn, one day become a visible reality.

O beautiful spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain;
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed His

grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!
O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife
Who more than self their country loved
And mercy more than life.
America! America! May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness
And every gain divine.

ISRAEL IS GROWING

The population of the State of Israel is growing at the phenomenal rate of 1,000 a day. Tremendous changes are rapidly taking place in Palestine, among which is a new openness to the gospel. A recent letter says, "We Jews, believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, are not discriminated against, but enjoy equal rights with all other Jews. We are at liberty to live, work, and move around where and how we like. We are not hindered or limited in any way whatsoever. Groups of Christian Jews meet regularly for worship and Bible study." — The Hebrew Christian.

Conference at Hopelawn, N. J.

Our late Conference assembled in our Church on Florida Grove Rd., in Hopelawn, N. J. (a suburb of Perth Amboy) on October 1st at 10:00 a.m., with quite a large gathering from various, and far-distant places. Everybody seemed glad to see one another again. And it was a delight to meet in the beautiful Church building at Hopelawn — a building that has been consecrated and dedicated to the service of God. Of course the building does not profit, if the Lord God dwells not therein. On the other hand, The Church of Jesus Christ is the temple of God upon the earth, and we are told in Malachi 3-1 that the Lord will suddenly come to His temple, not necessarily a building of wood and stone, but to His Church — His people. Hence, while we delight in a comfortable and beautiful place to worship, we must all remember that some day these material structures will crumble, but the Temple of God abides forever.

The Conference was presided over by President W. H. Cadman, First Counsellor, Charles Ashton, and owing to the absence of Sec-

ond Counsellor Joseph Dulisse, Brother Isaac Smith was elected to act in his stead. The business of the Conference passed off about as usual, really nothing of importance for to refer to here with the exception, there was two pieces of literature published since last Conference of which it may be well to draw out attention to. One of these is a Lesson Book composed from the Book of Mormon by Bros. John and Thomas Ross of Aliquippa, Pa. These will be useful in Sabbath School study, as well as in the M. B. A. studies. They are very nicely gotten up and at least a copy of them will be much in place in all our homes. They sell for 35 cents or three for one dollar. The other is an arrangement of some of the important parts of our pamphlets, assembled together in one by Bro. Paul D'Amico of Lockport, N. Y., and printed in the Italian language. They were translated into Italian by Bro. Paul along with some assistance from other scholars. It is a very nice piece of work and undoubtedly will be much appreciated by our Italian saints in Italy. They sell for 15 cents per copy or seven for \$1.00. Your orders will be supplied by addressing The Church of Jesus Christ, Box 72, Monongahela, Pa.

We managed in this Conference to conclude with the business thereof, at the close of the afternoon session on Saturday. So in the night session we had seven of our brethren to occupy the rostrum and give us their experiences in Missionary Work, allowing each speaker ten minutes time. Some may wonder why missionary work? Well, I believe we are all interested in seeing the Restored Gospel spread. And we selected seven brethren who were doing more or less in the way of spreading the Gospel. For instance, A. A. Corrado of Youngstown, Ohio as one of the seven, Travis Perry of Sharon, Pa., Oron Thomas, and Joseph Shazer of Vanderbilt, Pa., Joseph Bittinger of near Uniontown, Pa., Samuel Kirschner of Monongahela, Pa., and Gabriel Mazzeo of New Brunswick, N. J.

The object in allowing them, ten minutes each, was that each brother might have an opportunity to express themselves, and not have the time monopolized by any one person. They did not confine themselves exactly to ten minutes, some went a little longer, but there was no quarrel over this, in all, they consumed about 1 hour and 40 min-

utes, which of course included singing several songs. The meeting closed about 9:30. Well, I believe everybody enjoyed hearing our brethren in speaking of their missionary labors, as well as telling us how they were brought into the Church.

The Sunday morning meeting was in charge of the First, and Second Counsellors. Brother Ashton opening the meeting and followed by Bros. Kirschner and Smith. The theme of their talks was "The Living Water" and I believe was enjoyed by all. The auditorium of the Church was filled to the limit, and many were in the basement where they were served by a Loud Speaker. The meeting closed at about 12:30 or a little later. No meeting in the afternoon.

The Missionary Benevolent Association had charge of the night meeting on Sunday, and this writer was well pleased with the wonderful talent displayed by the many young folks that took part in the service, which included the young folks from the Mission in Bronx, N. Y. About all I can say is, they acquitted themselves most wonderful. Many of the visiting folks rendered beautiful selections of songs. May the Lord continue to bless you all. In conclusion, I will add that we missed our Bro. Ishmael D'Amico. Since last Conference he suffered a stroke of paralysis, and has been, and still is in a critical condition. Myself, along with others visited at his home in Brooklyn before returning home. His condition is pitiful, his right side is helpless, he cannot talk. Poor Brother D'Amico, it would seem as though his days are about spent. He has been very energetic for about thirty years in the vineyard of the Lord. We had prayer and anointed him, leaving him in the hands of Him who doeth all things well. We were all made to shed tears because of the affliction of Bro. Ishmael, and while we will all be remembering him in our prayers, let us not forget his faithful companion, P. S. I must not conclude without conveying the appreciation of all the visiting saints, to our Brethren and Sisters in New Jersey for their hospitality extended towards us. I am sure it would be very ungrateful on my part not to let my pen to some extent convey the deep appreciation of our hearts. May the God who has thus far blessed you, continue to do so until the end. Bro. Cadman. I will add: that according to the

reports, our Brethren in Italy are accomplishing much in the way of baptizing converts into the family and fold of Christ Jesus.

M. B. A. Gathering IN SOUTH GREENSBURG, Pa.

On the night of August 13, 1949, the M. B. A. of South Greensburg, played host by having a program for the benefit of the M. B. A.'s of the nearby branches.

It was the second in a series of programs, the first being at Glassport, which proved to be very interesting.

Our program was concerning the "Seventh Day of Rest." A pamphlet, written by Bro. Alma B. Cadman. Bro. Cadman brings forth to us, through this interesting and very educational piece of literature, the different dispensations of time, from the time of Adam and Eve, to our present date, and also into the future. He explains very thoroughly each period.

A dispensation, according to Bro. Cadman, is a certain length of time in which Our Lord has made his will known to mankind.

A choir composed of the Sunday School class entertained very beautifully, by singing in unison as well as duets.

Each one of our guest branches were called upon to take part by singing a hymn. They all did exceptionally well.

The branches who attended were as follows: Glassport, Monongahela, Vanderbilt, and Aliquippa. Upon hearing the remarks of these persons who were present, numbering approximately 150, we were well pleased to hear that they enjoyed our program.

Our only desire in presenting these entertainments, is to attempt to draw closer together the Brotherhood of our church, and also that we may be able to get better acquainted; especially the younger ones. For the young people of today will be the church of tomorrow.

It was requested by the president of the Aliquippa branch that the next program be at Aliquippa. We will be notified as to the date and time. I know the people of Aliquippa will appreciate my extending an invitation to all who can come.

Bro. James Grazan.

Is God Really The Same?

Mormon 2-13 — "But behold this my joy was vain, for their sorrowing was not unto repentance, because of the goodness of

God; but it was the sorrowing of the damned, because the Lord would not always suffer them to take happiness in sin."

The foregoing is scripture which often arises in my mind. It is evident that the carnal mind of man finds pleasure in carnal things; carnality is opposite to that which is spiritual. Mans nature is carnal and consequently he finds happiness therein. God's nature, if I may use the term, is Divine. The results are, carnality rejoices in carnality, while the Divine rejoiceth only in that which is Divine, or that which is good.

A question may arise in the minds of the reader as to where to draw a line between carnality and divinity. If we really believe God to be an unchangeable being, and that in His word we find His character revealed to the children of men in past ages, we must then look to His word in order to come to a definite understanding of where to draw the line between the carnal mind of man, and the Divine mind of God.

The much quoted prophet, Isaiah, says in chapter 8-20, "To the law and to the testimony if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." — I might add that the foregoing is a very strong indictment towards him or her who argues contrary to the plain word of God and His Son Jesus Christ. The same prophet in 1-16,29 inclusive says, and I quote, "Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil — Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow — Come now, let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool, — If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land; — But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." It is very evident is it not? In the words of the prophet, that obedience brings God's favor, while to disobey brings His displeasure.

But, do we really believe that God is the same today? — A thousand years ago, fire would burn, it still burns today. It has not lost its power. And how often we use those words of the scripture today — "God is the same yesterday,

today and forever," and in Hebrews 13-8, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and forever." Yea, and how often we hear the words of Jesus today, "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." — And further, how the words of Jesus are emphasized as found in Mark 16, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned," etc. Hence we must conclude that the same cause will produce the same effect today. The fruits of disobedience are inevitable, — Gods displeasure, Likewise will obedience bring His favor. The same cause shall produce the same effects.

This being a scriptural fact, May I ask: Can a people disregard the law of God today and still enjoy His blessings? If God would not suffer the Nephite people to always have happiness in sin, shall He continue to suffer the people of today to have what is called 'good time' in their transgressions? Shall He always suffer the Gentiles idleness in not carrying the Gospel to the seed of Joseph, and at the same time allow them to enjoy the luxuries and blessings which by a God-given right belong to Joseph's seed? Is it not a transgression of God's will to be idle and not be preaching the Gospel to the Lamanite people? (Why the glorious things we talk so much about, are brought to pass by carrying the Gospel to the Lamanite people. So saith our deceased brother President William Cadman.) Is it not a violation of God's will to transgress the law of the Sabbath, when he hath said: "Thou shalt keep that day Holy? Is not contention and strife a transgression of Divine law, when according to the teaching of God's Son, that it is not sufficient to love thy brother only, but also thine enemies? Was Jesus Christ right or was He wrong when He answered the Pharisees in Matthew 19-8 "but from the beginning it was not so?" Does the words of Jesus Christ not mean what He taught in that case, as well as what He taught in John 3. wherein He says: "Except a man is born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God?"

Is it not as serious to be untruthful today as it was in the days of Ananias and Sapphira? — Was the Saviour serious when He taught in Matthew 12-36, "But I

say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give an account thereof in the day of judgment? He says in the same chapter, verse 35, "A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things." And in another place, "If ye love Me keep my commandments." May I ask: How can a man love the Master and at the same time deliberately violate His will? Violation of God's will is the results of yielding to our carnal nature, and God will not always suffer this generation to have happiness in doing so, whether one professes to be a follower of the Christ, or whether the person happens not to be His follower. Sin is the transgression of the law of God and the results are inevitable. Righteousness comes from obedience to the laws of God, which are Divine. We of today must not think that God will be any more lenient today, than He has been in other days, I read that He cannot look upon sin with the least degree of allowance, and I repeat again that sin is the transgression of His law. The negligence of obedience to the laws of God in past ages, has brought nations and peoples down — even unto destruction. It has filled the world with strife and hatred. Disregard for the marriage covenant, disregard towards keeping the Sabbath holy, disregards for the truth, disregards towards having love for enemies as well as having love for brethren, disregards for the House that has been dedicated to the honor and glory of God, in the way of habits and customs which are all the fruits of the carnal mind, and just as sure as God lives this generation shall pay the penalty of yielding to the carnal nature of the flesh. Let all readers of these columns remember, that God is the same uncompromising Being as He has always been. He is still a merciful, but a just God as well.

VACATION TRIP

By Anna Carlini

Brother Editor: Brother Fred Straccia, his wife, also Bro. Albert Pulgino and his wife, and myself decided to spend our vacation together. On Friday Sept. 9, 1949, we gathered at the home of Bro. Straccia with a number of others and spent a very enjoyable evening together before leaving on our trip. We then separated from each other and were soon on our way to New York. We visited at the Hill

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EDITORIAL

Note: The Lesson Books as arranged by the Ross Brothers of Aliquippa, on the Book of Mormon, have now been published and are for sale at 35 cts. or three for one dollar. These are suitable for Sabbath School, and M.B.A. study. They are very nicely gotten up.

An arrangement of various subjects which are already printed in our various pamphlets have been translated into the Italian language by Bro. Paul D'Amico, are now in print and are ready for distribution at 15 cts. per copy or seven for one dollar. These are very nicely arranged and should be much appreciated by our Italian folks who cannot read English, especially our new converts in Italy. For literature, address Melvin Mountain, Hodgson St. Monongahela, Pa.

Cumorah near Palmyra. It was the first time I had visited at the Hill, and it impressed me very much. I could almost visualize the angel Moroni when he appeared to Joseph Smith. We also visited the latter's home and the sacred grove. May God bless each and every one who comes to the knowledge of the truth. We were soon on our way again, concentrating on the wonders of God. After a joyous ride, on Sunday morning we arrived at the little Church in Bronx, N. Y. Tongue cannot express the joy in our hearts when we greeted each other. Bro. V. Lupo who is Presiding Elder at Bronx invited Bro. Straccia to open the meeting. Words cannot express the happiness of us all for the wonderful testimony given by our brother; the spirit of God flowed as from vessel to vessel. Bro. Lupo then expressed himself of the joy in his heart for the wonderful blessings of God. The afternoon was spent in fellowship meeting. That day at Bronx will long be remembered. At the close of the meeting, Bro. Zinzi and his wife accompanied us to the Brooklyn Mission. We were warmly greeted by the

D'Amico family and by all the brothers and sisters who were waiting for us. A lovely supper was served by Sister D'Amico to us all. We then went to visit Brother D'Amico in the hospital. Brothers and Sisters; when we saw the condition our brother was in, our hearts surely turned to the Lord that He might restore our brother to health again. No doubt Bro. D'Amico was glad to see us, but he could not talk to us. All his expressions were, but two flowing fountains of tears. May God bless and heal Bro. D'Amico for all is possible with Him.

The following evening (Monday) there was a meeting in Brooklyn. I cannot express in words, the joy in each others hearts in meeting one another. Bro. Straccia gave us a wonderful talk and the evening was enjoyed by us all. We remained in New York until Wednesday morning. I also spent one evening with sister Nancy Azzinzro, and one evening with brother and sister D. Todaro and family. On Wednesday morning, Bro. Todaro accompanied us to New Brunswick, N. J., We first called at the home of brother and sister Morone, but felt bad because we found her sick in bed. May God bless Sister Morone for all her efforts in The Church of Jesus Christ, and also give her courage to press forward to the mark of eternal perfection. I was glad to see Brother Anthony Mazzeo and his wife who is a daughter of Brother and Sister Morone's. We then visited at the home of Brother and Sister Mario Coppa; a delightful supper was served to us. Wednesday evening was spent in the New Brunswick Church. Bro. Gabriel Mazzeo invited Bro. Straccia to open the meeting. After an interesting talk by our brother, the spirit of testimony fell upon us all and the blessing of God was such that it was hard for us to separate from one another. After the meeting was over, we spent a few hours with Brother and Sister Louis Mazzeo. They live next door to the Church. Brother Mazzeo related some of his experiences which brought joy to our hearts, and Bro. Straccia related to us how he was converted in the Church of Jesus Christ, we then separated with prayer. We then returned to the home of Bro. Coppa's for the night.

The next day (Thursday) we visited Sister Ida Lupo. Brothers and Sisters there was no measure to measure our happiness. How hap-

py we were to see each other and converse about the wonders of God. In the afternoon Brother M. Coppa accompanied us to the home of Bro. and Sister Gabriel Mazzeo. A lovely supper was served us by Sister Mazzeo, and then the evening was spent at the home of Sister Sgro in Stelton. There was quite a number of brothers and sisters there that evening. We do thank Bro. and Sister Sgro and Bro. and Sister John Buffa for their hospitality towards us. Later in the evening we bowed in prayer, and then returned to Brother Mazzeo's home. On Friday afternoon we visited in Hopelawn, N. J., at the home of Brother Joseph Benyola. I was happy to see our brother and sister once more. We attended meeting that evening in the Hopelawn Church. That meeting will never be forgotten. It seemed like a little Conference of the many from the various Branches and Missions. Bro. Joseph Benyola, the Presiding Elder of the Hopelawn Branch invited Bro. Straccia to open the meeting. The spirit of God fell upon Bro. Straccia, and after an interesting talk of how he met the Gospel, the oil of gladness seemed to flow from vessel to vessel. The Lord surely blessed us. Bro. Alex, who is a crippled brother was then anointed by Bro. Straccia. The gift of tongues was spoken. May God bless Bro. Alex with the gift of healing. Being that the next day (Saturday) was set aside to fast and pray for Bro. D'Amico, Brother and Sister Straccia attended the fasting and prayer service at the Stelton Church, while I remained in Hopelawn.

The following Sunday, Bro. and Sister Straccia along with their cousin attended a meeting in Philadelphia at the request of Bro. M. Coppa, while I attended morning meeting in our Church at Metuchen, N. J., and the afternoon in the Stelton Church. I enjoyed the fellowship with the saints in the various Branches. Bro. Straccia related to us that God's presence was in that meeting. (I presume the meeting in Philadelphia). The lot fell upon him to open the meeting and he chose his text from the Book of Mormon concerning the restored Gospel. They were all blessed in the meeting.

The M. B. A. meeting was held in Hopelawn. I want to say to the members thereof: May God bless you all for your humble efforts as faithful members and many

thanks to the Junior and Senior Choruses for the wonderful hymns they sang. An interesting talk was given by Bro. Straccia, and the evening was enjoyed by all present. Monday morning we returned to Brooklyn and visited Bro. D'Amico, and was pleased to find him some better. On Tuesday evening we attended meeting in Brooklyn. We were honored with the presence of Bro. and Sister Rocco Benyola, and Bro. and Sister Sam Benyola from Hopelawn, N. J. The evening will never be forgotten, for God's presence was felt. The meeting was opened by Brother Straccia, and the time was taken up by various brethren who were present. Sister D'Amico ask to have a handkerchief anointed in behalf of her husband. The gift of tongues was made manifest while doing so.

Sister Carmela D'Amico told of a vision she had while the Kerchief was being anointed, in which she saw two angels at Brother D'Amico's bedside. Brother Straccia also arose to his feet singing in the gift of tongues. It cannot be explained; the melody of the song was such, that it sounded as though a host of angels was singing with him. We thank God for these wonderful gifts in the Church of Jesus Christ — gifts that money cannot buy. Surely we can say that the evening was a glorious one.

On Wednesday we left for Rochester, N. Y. We soon arrived at the home of Brother Marinetti. And Oh, what a joy in our hearts. Indeed we can say that where ever we go, we find a brother and a friend. We attended meeting in Rochester and to our surprise we met several members from our Church in Detroit. The following day we spent in Lockport at the home of Brother Simone. We also attended meeting there and enjoyed the testimonies of our brothers and sisters. We thank our brothers and sisters there for their hospitality shown towards us. May God bless them all. The following day we returned home, completing our journey, and we did not hesitate to thank God for all His blessings He bestowed upon us. May God bless us all in my prayer.

God Blesses Sister Ring
Route 8, Box 134
Oklahoma City, Okla.

A few lines from her letter: —
Dear Brother Cadman — I want to write and say how wonderful it is to serve the Lord, and to be

a brother and sister in The Church of Jesus Christ. We have had many wonderful blessings since we have been serving the Lord. But the blessing He sent down to me when He healed my body is one I can't praise Him enough for. Before I came to the Lord, the Dr. told me that I would not be any better until I went through an operation, but an operation was impossible at that time. So I went on suffering from day to day, until I found God. On October 25th of last year, we went to St. John, Kansas to the home of Sister Ring (my husband's mother) arriving there at 1 a.m. I was not able to be out of bed that morning. They had prayer for me that afternoon. I got up and felt much better and went to services on Sunday morning. I felt relieved until a few months ago, then a terrible pain came in my right side and it lasted all afternoon.

I prayed to God to take away my pain, but no relief. But the blessed oil reached me, and as you know Brother Cadman we have no Elder here but I went that minute and got the oil and rubbed it on my side, and then when I asked God to take away the pain, it was gone. You can see why I cannot praise God enough for picking me up out of a world of sin and giving me health and happiness that every one could have. We are sending you five dollars, send me a Book of Mormon, and use the balance to help along in the service of the Lord. Brother and Sister Thomas Ring. (Might there not be a good opportunity for an Elder that would locate in Oklahoma City? WHC.)

Seek Ye First The Kingdom Of God

Dear Brother Editor: I have experienced something lately that I would like the whole world to hear, and that is: the seeking of the Kingdom of God first everything else that is needful is supplied.

The home I live in has been just handed to us, though it is not entirely paid for, yet I feel that God will continue to supply until it is paid for, and if not then all is well and good for the promise is we shall never want.

My husband had not worked for three months and we were unable to get any relief in any way. One Sunday morning when I left for Church, there was nothing in the house to eat, not even flour to bake something if I remember correctly. I had sufficient bread for

our lunch. Before the day was over food came from far away, and a brother laid ten dollars into my hand without one word. The blessing was so great. It is written: it is more blessed to give than to receive. This I find to be true, having been in a position to experience both. Many more like experiences have come my way, insomuch, that we have never had a need for anything.

I know the whole Church has had like experiences, but I felt to write to you Brother Cadman in case you would like to publish these things in the Church paper. May the Lord ever bless His people. I praise His name this day and only hope to be able to do so forever and ever. Your Sister in Christ Jesus.

Martha Laird, Coraopolis, Pa.

Letter From Sister Heaps

Brother Cadman: Here is a letter we received from a young sailor, Brother Ring brought to our service, and he was baptized the following Sunday. He is so happy about it and expresses himself so in this letter. I thought you may like to print it in the Gospel News, and also ask the prayers of the brethren and sisters for these two young men who have such a great desire to give their testimony to their fellowmen. They are out in the Pacific some where, "Mission not known." Pray that God will protect them and give them great liberty in telling others of this Wonderful Gospel in these closing days of time. For surely we all feel the time is getting short, and every one of us should be at our place, telling out the old story that is ever new and glorious and wonderful. I thank God that some one told it to me and I love it today as I did when I first received it. Pray for us in California.

Sister Margaret Heaps.

Dear Brother Cadman: I should have written to you sometime ago, thanking you for those nice Church papers you have been sending me. I have gotten so many blessings out of reading them. I hope you are in the very best of health as this leaves me in very good health. I thank and praise the Lord every day for giving me strength to go on. He is my only guide, and I praise His holy name. I am sending you a payment on my Church papers, The Gospel News. I am hoping and praying to see you some day. I

ask the Lord to bless you, and if I never meet you on earth again, I hope to meet you in that beautiful land on high. Must close from your sister in Christ, Nannie Nolon, Palmyra, Tenn. (P. S. I publish Sister Nolon's letter so that any of you wishing to get acquainted with her can write her. She is the Mother of Bro. Parrott of Nortonville, Ky., and was baptized on our last trip down in that country. (W. H. C.)

(The sailor boy's letter is as follows)

U. S. S. Pasadena,
At Sea, Sept. 6, 1949

Dear Brother Heaps: How are you? Fine I hope. Last Sunday I told you I would write to you and let you know where I was and what was going to take place. So I will. But first, I want to tell you that our Captain has been trying to get us to return to Long Beach this coming week-end. I sure hope so. Before I came into the family of Jesus, I didn't care much where I went or where I spent my time. But now I have found the Lord, and I don't know any place where I would rather be than with you all where I know He presides. Out here it is very quiet and lonely and I can think. So I usually get off alone and think of God. It is very comforting and some day I know as my faith grows, He will answer me. Brother Jim, it is hard for me to put into words my thoughts. I have never felt like this a few months ago. I mean, the wonderful contentment and the peace I get by spending my time alone with God, and the overwhelming joy, the fullness of heart I get by being with you Brothers and Sisters on Sundays. A couple of times I have felt a force trying to get me to miss going over to Church, but I have resisted, and when I resist, it is wonderful, the feeling I get. I probably don't show it but some day I will.

Military life has sort of checked my show of feeling, but down in my heart, I just want to sing out and spread the word all over. It feels like I am filling up almost to bursting, and then I am checked. But afterward all is peaceful and nice. Some times I talk with other men about God, and they just listen and then they leave. It hurts, but today I talked with a young man who listened intently and discussed the Lord with me and all of a sudden I caught myself quoting words from the Bible and telling him

about Lehi and Nephi, I thought I would never be able to say. Oh let me tell you Dear Brother: I felt so good and so happy. I can't explain the joy. The man said he would be glad to come to Church with me on Sunday if we are in Long Beach, and can get off Brother Heaps, you once said that you would like to see the Gospel spread like wild fire. I want to tell you that I hope God grants your wish. I hope that I can spread it as fast as with wildfire and I do believe that right here in the Service is the place. These boys don't realize how much they really need God. They don't realize how much influence He has over their lives; but some day they will.

Well Brother Jim, the good Ship Pasadena is going out of commission. She has served faithfully and like most old girls, she needs a rest. So we will go to Bremerton, Washington and put her in "Moth Balls" for future use. We will all be scattered through the world. It makes me feel kind of bad. I will miss this fine ship and her fine crew. I will always write to you and pray for you all and I ask you all to remember me in your prayers. I need our dear Lord every minute, and every hour of the day. I thank God for His mercy He has shown me by letting me live the years I lived in sin, to finally come out and repent and be baptized. What a wonderful God He is.

Well my dear Brother, I will close now and may God Bless you and be with you all, always.

Sincerely, Ed Wagner.

P. S. If I do get over on Sunday it will be late in the morning.

A GOOD LETTER FROM ST. JOHN, KANSAS

Dear Brother Editor:

It has been sometime since I have written anything for the gospel news and when I received my copy today I felt I should write and tell you of our meeting Sunday. It was a day to be remembered by all. There were brothers and sisters from Wichita and Larned present.

The meeting began in the form of a testimony meeting and then the sacrament was served after which we had the feet washing service. We really felt the spirit of God was with us. After the feet washing Brother Ed Wergin was ordained to be a Teacher in the church. Then Sister Lydia Robinson and Sister Phyllis Wer-

gin were ordained to be deaconesses in the church that they might be able to help and relieve the older deaconesses whenever possible. As you know both Sister Fry and Sister Jones are getting older and sometimes are not so well as when they were younger. We were all happy in these ordinances and trust that God will bless and direct them each in their calling. The best part of the meeting was after the services had closed and Brother and Sister Wergin's daughter, Amelia, asked for baptism. We went to the old Campbell home where many of the people of the church have been baptized in the river that runs by their home where Amelia was baptized and then returned to the church where she was confirmed a member of the church. I know that Brother and Sister Wergin as well as Brother and Sister Jones were very happy as this makes their whole family in unity in the Church of Jesus Christ. It was certainly a day of rejoicing for them.

Sister Amy Lassiter was also with us from Hutchinson. She seemed so happy to get to meet with us once more. It isn't very often that she can meet with us and when she can I know she enjoys every minute of it.

I have told you of our rejoicings and now I must tell you a little sad news. Sister Fry and her sister from Pennsylvania have been visiting in California with Sister Fry's daughter and while there she had the misfortune of breaking a bone in her heel and is on crutches and probably will be for sometime. We are hoping that she may be home again soon. In reading the gospel news today I wanted to tell you how much I enjoyed the relating of your trip to Canada along with the other brothers mentioned. I have been writing to Dorothy Frogg and enjoy her letters so much and I long for the day when we can meet and really know each other. I am sure she must be very nice. It is no nice that Sister Ford has such a love for these people. I hope and pray that God will bless her for her efforts.

I also enjoyed Sister Neill's letter about their trip to Palmyra, New York and I do hope that in the near future that their will be a reconciliation among the latter day churches and that there will

be a great work commenced. I cannot but believe that God is blessing them that believe in this gospel as it was restored to Joseph Smith for he has promised His blessings to those who believe in His gospel and fight not against Zion or unite themselves to the great and abominable church. There are many things hard to understand today but we know that it can all be changed in a moment with Gods help if we but let Him have His way.

I am going to close these few lines with a verse of scripture that has appealed to me and I know that it will to all that love and serve God;

"Thus saith the Lord, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches; but let him that glorieth in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise loving kindness, judgement, and righteousness, in the earth; for in these things I delight, saith the Lord." Jere. 9-23,24.

May God bless all my brothers and sisters in the gospel and may he give us each an understanding heart.

Sister Eva Sanders

THE LADIES UPLIFT CIRCLE MEETS IN NEW JERSEY

Our first General Circle Meeting to be held in Stelton Mission, N. J. Having a very good attendance of Sisters from Detroit, Youngstown, Ohio and from Pennsylvania, also Sister Frances Gerace of Windsor, Ont. Canada.

We had a wonderful day and a wonderful meeting. The company of our Sisters were enjoyed, and we want to thank them for their efforts and interest which they put forth to make the trip. Hoping we may have another General Circle here in New Jersey. You have given us more encouragement and may God bless you all, Sister Ivy Fisher. P. S. We had a baptism here in Stelton on Oct. 16th., the son-in-law of Bro. Ensano, George Funkhouser. He is a fine young man. It is wonderful, the young people who are coming into the Church. We know God can use them, for there is much work to be done. Make your-self at home brother George.

PORTER-VABICH NUPTIALS

Mr. Lawrence Porter, the only son of Brother and Sister Nathan Porter of Clairton, Pa. and Miss Katherine I. Vabich also of Clairton, were quietly married in the Church here in Monongahela at 6:30 p. m. Saturday October 15th. in the presence of a few friends. It was a double ring ceremony, and neither the bride nor groom had any attendants. Brother W. H. Cadman officiating. The groom is a grandson of Sister Ruth Griffith of West Elizabeth, Pa. The young couple left on a honeymoon trip for Buffalo, and Niagara Falls, New York. We extend our best wishes to Lawrence and Katherine.

FRED B. BREWER PASSES ON.

Fred B. Brewer, Sr., age 77 years, of Fayette City, R. D. 1, died at Frye's Rest Home in Manor, Thursday, September 22, 1949 at 5:15 p. m.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Martha Brewer, one son, Fred, Jr., of Fayette City, R. D. 1, one brother, Harry of Grindstone, two sisters, Adeline of Grindstone and Rachel of Beaver Falls, six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Brother Brewer obeyed the Gospel a number of years ago, and has held on to the end. He was also ordained an Elder in the Church. Services were conducted by Elders Clyde Gibson and Edward King. Singing by Sister Irene Griffith and Bro. John Majoros. We extend our sympathy to our bereaved sister Brewer and family.

Dominick Dintino Passes On.

Dominick Dintino died at his home in Glassport, Pa., on Sept. 19, 1949 and was laid away to rest from the Church there on the 22nd., with Brother Charles Ashton officiating at the service. Music and singing by Sister Sarah Neill and Irene Griffith of Monongahela. Brother Dintino was born in Italy in 1867 making him past 82 years old. With his family he had resided in Glassport many years, and during this time embraced the Gospel of Jesus Christ about thirty years ago. Brother Dintino was ordained an Elder in the Church and has been very faithful until the end. He leaves his wife and several children to

mourn his departure. He will be missed by his brethren and sisters of the Glassport Church especially, and by all who knew him. We extend to his wife and family our sympathy in the time of their bereavement.

NEPHI'S VISION CONTINUED FROM THE OCTOBER ISSUE

First Nephi 13, 37. "And blessed are they who shall seek to bring forth my Zion at that day, for they shall have the gift and the power of the Holy Ghost; and if they endure unto the end they shall be lifted up at the last day, and shall be saved in the everlasting kingdom of the Lamb; and whoso shall publish peace, yea, tidings of great joy, how beautiful upon the mountains shall they be.—And it came to pass that I beheld the remnant of the seed of my brethren, and also the book (Bible) of the Lamb of God, which had proceeded forth from the mouth of the Jew, that it came forth from the Gentiles unto the remnant (American Indians) of the seed of my brethren.—And after it had come forth unto them I beheld other books, (records which include the Book of Mormon) which came forth by the power of the Lamb, from the Gentiles unto them, unto the convincing of the Gentiles and the remnant of the seed of my brethren, (Indians) and also the Jews who were scattered upon all the face of the earth, that the records of the prophets and of the twelve apostles of the Lamb are true.—And the angel spake unto me, saying: These last records, which thou hast seen among the Gentiles, shall establish the truth of the first, (Bible) which are of the twelve apostles of the Lamb, and shall make known the plain and precious things which have been taken away from them; and shall make known to all kindreds, tongues, and people, that the Lamb of God is the Son of the Eternal Father, and the Saviour of the world; and that all men must come unto Him, or they cannot be saved.—And they must come according to the words which shall be established by the mouth of the Lamb; and the words of the Lamb shall be made known in the records of the apostles as well as in the records of the twelve apostles of the Lamb; wherefore they both shall be established in one; for there is one

God and one Shepherded over all the earth.—And the time cometh that He shall manifest Himself unto all nations, both unto the Jews and also unto the Gentiles then He shall manifest unto the Gentiles and also, unto the Jews and the last shall be first, and the first last.

Chapter 14. And it shall come to pass, that if the Gentiles shall hearken unto the lamb of God in that day that He shall manifest Himself unto them in word, and also in power, in very deed, unto the taking away of their stumbling blocks—And harden not their hearts against the Lamb of God, they shall be numbered among the seed of my father; (Lehi) yea, they shall be numbered among the house of Israel; and they shall be a blessed people upon the promised land forever; (land of America) they shall be no more brought down in captivity; (meaning the Gentiles) and the house of Israel shall no more be confounded. — And that great pit which hath been digged for them by that great and abominable church, which was founded by the devil and his children, that he might lead away the souls of men down to hell—yea, that great pit which hath been digged for the destruction of men shall be filled by those who digged it, unto their utter destruction, saith the Lamb of God; not the destruction of the soul, save it be the casting of it into that hell which hath no end.—For behold, this is according to the captivity of the devil, and also according to the justice of God, upon those who will work wickedness and abomination before Him.—And it came to pass that the angel spake unto me, Nephi, saying: Thou hast been held that if the Gentiles repent it shall be well with them; and thou also knowest concerning the covenants of the Lord unto the house of Israel; and thou also hast heard that whoso repenteth not must perish.—Therefore, woe be unto the Gentiles if it so be that they harden their hearts against the Lamb of God.—For the time cometh, saith the Lamb of God, that I will work a great and marvelous work among the children of men: a work which shall be everlasting, either on the one hand or on the other—either to the convincing of them unto peace and life eternal, or unto the deliverance of them

to the hardness of their hearts and the blindness of their minds unto their being brought down into captivity, and also into destruction, according to the captivity of the devil, of which I have spoken." (This language speaking of a people been brought down in captivity, has a direct bearing upon this American Nation of people.)
To be continued.

IN GRATITUDE

Let us set aside our work and cares just for today,
While we render thanks and glory to our God, to our God.
Let us bow our heads and thank Him for He's been our Stay,
Been our sole Support and Comfort, Staff and Rod.—
When the cares of Life o'er took us and the hot tears came,
And we couldn't even lift our eyes in prayer, eyes in prayer,
Didn't then the gates of heaven open, just the same,
And He lifted us from sorrow and despair?—
When we knelt beside a sick-bed and our heart was lead,
And we couldn't think of anything to say, thing to say,
Didn't Jesus steal into our room and while He said
"Peace and courage", then we knew just how to pray?—
When we needed great assistance in the plans of Life. . .
And we knew that only God could make it so, make it so,
And we knelt and supplicated "Father make it right" . . .
Did He smile and answer, "Else—where you must go"?—
That's the great and simple reason we must pause, today,
While we offer love and homage to the Lord, to the Lord;
For we've each and every one of us a debt to pay. . .
"God, accept my loving heart as Thy reward."—

Catherine Poma

LEWIS WALTERS PASSES ON

Lewis Walters, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Walter of Roscoe, Pa., died at his home after a long siege of illness on August 25, 1949. Funeral services were conducted at his home on August 28th. with Brother W. H. Cadman and Rev. Wm. Roulson of the Roscoe Presbyterian Church in charge. Burial at Howe cemetery. Lewis was just a young man of

18 years. He had been a sorely afflicted boy for eight or nine years, suffered much, though very patiently. His suffering is now past, and some day we may better understand. May the Lord comfort those that are near and dear to him. He was the grand son of Brother Isaac Smith of Elizabeth, Pa., and a great grand son of our aged sister Mary Tucker of Monongahela, Pa.

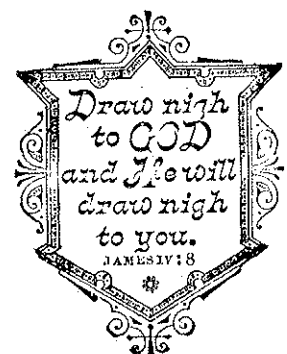
Mrs. Anna Morgan Briggs Passes On

On the morning of October 13, 1949 Sister Briggs in some way suffered a fall on a basement stairway in the home of one of her neighbors and was removed to the hospital in St. John, Kansas, where she died the next day. She had just passed her 77th birthday.

Sister Anna was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ along about 1890. She was as a young woman, a very faithful member of the Church at or near West Elizabeth, Pa., where her youthful days were spent. Her parents, Brother and Sister John A. Morgan at that time resided in East Elizabeth, Pa. At the time of her death she was a member of the Christian Church in St. John, Kansas. She leaves two sisters to mourn her departure, Mrs. Nina Hammitt, and Mrs. Martha Ring, both of St. John; one brother, David A. Morgan of Leavenworth, Kansas. Anna was known to many of us here in Pennsylvania, and we regret to hear of her sudden demise. We extend our sympathy to her loved ones.

YOU WILL NEVER BE SORRY—

For doing your best.
For hearing before judging.
For thinking before speaking.
For standing by your principles.
For being generous to an enemy.
For promptness in keeping your promises.
—Unknown



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A CHRISTMAS SCENE

From "A Pocketfull of Cheer"
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I was seated at my table
On a stormy winter night;
Vagrant snowflakes drifted earth-ward
As I vainly strove to write;
Round the corners of my dwelling
Howled the wind so mournfully,
That a state of concentration
Was impossible for me.

In addition, little sister,
Growing weary of her play,
Struggled to attract attention,
But I bade her go away;
Seeing that the task was fruitless
That she would not let me be,
I desired to end her fretting,
So I took her on my knee.

"Tell me just a little story,"
In her childish way she said,
As against my throbbing bosom
She reclined her sleepy head;
After moments of reflection,
I the narrative began
Of the birth of Christ, our Saviour,
Son of God and Son of man.

First, I told of Joseph, Mary
And the babe who blessed their
days

Then the shepherds and the angels
Who were made the Lord to praise;
In conclusion, I recounted
How, directed by a star,
Wise men brought their gifts of
riches

To the King from countries far.

—By Harry L. Lorber.

"THE CHRIST CHILD IS BORN."

By Travis Perry

From the beginning of the world
God has spoken by the mouth of
his holy prophets; that he would
redeem his people from death,
destruction and that fallen state
of man which came about because
of transgression. He affirmed these
things when he covenanted with
Abraham saying that in his seed
all the earth would be blessed.
David also spoke of these things
many times and glorified God be-
cause of this promise.

David as a boy was a shepherd
and watched his fathers flocks
upon the hills of Bethlehem and
from this humble beginning be-
came the greatest king to rule over
Israel. David also rejoiced over
the promise of God concerning
this little town where he was born.

For the Lord had said, and thou
Bethlehem in the land of Judea,
are not the least among the prin-
ces of Judea, for out of thee shall
come a Governor that shall rule
my people Israel.

In the days of Herod the king
it came to pass according to all
that had been spoken. Jesus was
born in the "City of David," Beth-
lehem of Judea. Born of Mary
the wife of Joseph who were both
of the lineage of David and of the
tribe of Juda

Then came wise men out of the
East into the city of Jerusalem
and inquired saying "Where is he
that is born King of the Jews, for
we have seen his star in the east."
They knew that this new star in
heaven was a sign that a great
king had been born in that land
over which the star appeared.
There was no doubt in their minds
concerning the sign which God
had given for as they said, we
have come to worship him. And
when Herod had demanded of the
chief priests where Christ should
be born he sent them to Bethlehem
and the star, which they saw in the
east, went before them, until it
came and stood over the place
where the child was.

On the same night that the star
appeared there were shepherds in
the fields round about Bethlehem
keeping watch over their flocks by
night. And, lo, the angel of the
Lord came upon them, and the
glory of the Lord shone round
about them and they were sore
afraid. And the angel said unto
them, Fear not; for behold, I bring
you good tidings of great joy,
which shall be to all people. For
unto you is born this day in the
city of David a Savior which is
Christ the Lord. And this be a
sign unto you; ye shall find the
babe wrapped in swaddling clothes,
lying in a manger. Suddenly there
was with the angel a heavenly host
praising God and saying, Glory to
God in the highest, and on earth
peace, good will towards men. The
angels were rejoicing because
God had been faithful unto the
keeping of His promise to redeem
His people. What a joy this should
bring into our hearts as well when
we reflect upon these events, for
all men are included in sin and
all are redeemed in Him.

Then the shepherds said, Let us
go into Bethlehem and see this
thing which has come to pass,

which the Lord has made known
unto us. And they came in haste
and found Mary and Joseph and
the babe lying in a manger. They
too, believed the sign which the
Lord had given unto them and ac-
cepted the babe in the manger as
their Saviour.

And there is no doubt they saw
those men of renown, the wise
men out of the East, bowing down
as it is written and worshipping
the child. And opening their trea-
sures and giving unto Him gifts
of gold, frankincense and myrrh.
According to their oriental custom
these were kingly gifts, given in
homage only to one born a king,
or to rule. What a scene for these
poor shepherds to behold; praises
and prayers and treasures such as
their eyes had never before be-
held. Then the shepherds returned
to their flocks, glorifying and
praising God for all the things
which they had seen and heard
and they made known abroad the
saying which was told them con-
cerning this child.

The babe of Bethlehem was a
God's gift to man by which He has
shown His love for the whole that
none should perish; as it is writ-
ten—For God so loved the world
that He gave His only begotten
son, that whosoever believeth on
Him should not perish, but have
everlasting life. Here we can see
the truth of the angels' words un-
to those shepherds saying I bring
unto you good tidings of great
joy, which shall be to all people.
How wonderfully God has shown
His good will towards sinful men.

Although this child was laid in
a manger, yet He was king over
all of the Lord's people, and over
a greater kingdom than David's.
David reigned forty years over Is-
rael, but as the angel said to Mary,
He shall be great and shall be
called the Son of the Highest; and
the Lord shall give unto Him the
throne of His father David; and
He shall reign over the house of
Jacob forever; and of His kingdom
there shall be no end. Indeed He
is the King of Kings, and the Lord
of all.

As we celebrate the birth of
Jesus we should thank God that
His Kingdom is upon the earth to-
day and that we have the privilege
to abide in it. Let us give Him our
gifts of obedience, and worship
Him. Let Him reign supreme in
our hearts and our lives, and we

shall come at last into His eternal kingdom where eye hath not seen nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him.

GOOD DEEDS

By Bro. Gabriel Mazzeo

In the parable of the Good Samaritan, the Savior gives us a wonderful lesson on how to be a neighbor to someone. In answering a certain lawyer which tempted Christ saying, "Master what shall I do to inherit eternal life," the Lord answered him saying, "what is written in the law? What readest thou?" And he answering said: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy strength and with all thy mind and thy neighbor as thyself." Then Jesus answered him saying, "Thou hast answered right this do and thou shalt live." But he wanting to justify himself said unto Jesus, and who is my neighbor?"

Then Jesus expounded unto him this wonderful parable. A man went from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell among thieves which stripped him of his raiment and beat him leaving him half dead. Along came a priest but when he saw the poor man lying there he crossed the road and kept on going and also a Levite came by and did the same thing. Along came a Samaritan which when he saw the poor man he bathed his wounds with oil and took him to the nearest inn where he had the man of the inn take good care of him and if the money was not enough he would pay him what he owed him on his return to the inn. Then Jesus asked this lawyer, "Who was a neighbor unto the poor man." His answer was, the one that showed mercy on him. Jesus said, "go and do likewise." What a wonderful lesson that is for those who are willing to be the followers of Jesus Christ. We see that an opportunity presented itself to three men to perform a good deed, a Godly act, two did not take this opportunity while the third, a Samaritan did and he became a neighbor unto the unfortunate man.

Does this opportunity present itself before us as the followers of Christ? And do we cross on the other side of the road as did the priest and the Levite, or do we as the Samaritan, grasp the opportunity to do a Godly act when the occasion arises? We have many

wonderful acts of mercy recorded in both the Bible and the Book of Mormon; thus we see the wonderful reward given by God unto those that became a neighbor unto some poor soul that met up with some misfortunate.

We have a good lesson on the kind acts of mercy by a certain young woman by the name of Tabitha. This woman was full of good works and alms. The opportunity that was before her was to make garments for the poor, which she as the good Samaritan that helped that poor man on the road, she helped the poor and the widows in the Church. How many hearts did she make glad through her good works, the name of our Heavenly Father being glorified by the good works of a young saint. A wonderful example for our young women in the Church today as well as our young men. She was admired and loved by all the Church, so great was their love and affection for her, that their prayers ascended before the throne of God in the hour of her death, she was resurrected by the power of God to continue in helping her sisters in the Church. She was truly a good neighbor.

We read in the Old Testament 2nd Kings a little story of how a Shumanite woman was blessed because of the good she did towards a man of God named Elisha. She constrained him to eat bread every time he visited the city, and also had her husband build him a chamber, placing there a bed a table, a stool and candlestick for the man of God as a reward for her charity towards him, she was blessed with a child. This child then took sick and died, but by the power of God and the prayers of Elisha, this child was again brought to life.

We read in the Book of Mormon 8th chapter of Alma; After much discouragement Alma met in the city of Amonihah, the angel told him to return to that city to preach and as he entered the city he met a man whose name was Amulek, Alma being hungry, asked of Amulek: Will you give a humble servant of God something to eat? Amulek took Alma into his house and gave him of his food. Here was the grand opportunity for Amulek to do a good deed which he did with all his heart. We read that after Alma ate he blessed Amulek and his house and he gave thanks unto God. Alma abode many days with Amulek before he began to preach unto the people. The Lord

also called Amulek to be His servant and to preach unto the people.

I will now come to an end with this thought, and as I close, a couple lines of a hymn comes to my mind.—"By acts of mercy let us show—We have not heard in vain—But kindly feel another's woe—And long to ease his pain.

DEDICATION SERVICE OF BRANCH 3 BUILDING

Detroit, Michigan

Brother Editor: I thought it would be an excellent idea to write my version and my thoughts on the dedication of our new building, located at 13420 E. Seven Mile R., especially because I know that there are many people who were particularly interested in this building project.

The church building is a well-built structure and is simple in taste. It seats about two-hundred people. On the morning of the dedication there were more than four-hundred people present; the church was filled to capacity and to overflowing. Many had to stand.

It was with a great feeling of exaltation that many of us walked up the steps of the building. This structure represented hours of toil, and anxiety for many of us, but at last the much awaited moment was here. The flag in front of the building spoke volumes as it waved in the morning breeze. Yes, with the help of God we had built a church. Our hearts were filled to an overflowing that pen and ink can never explain.

Before the service, Brother Alfred D'Amico led the congregation in singing the following hymns Make me a Blessing, Our Church Jubilee, Sister Darlene Ring of St. John, Kansas sang a solo called: Open My Eyes That I may see. Sister Helen Ashley who is her sister accompanied her on the piano. She sang beautifully. To commence the service Brother Peter Capone called for the singing of "Whispering Hope" for the opening hymn. Bro. James Lovall led in prayer. It was a lovely dedication prayer. We then sang Hymn: "The Mercies of God." Bro. Peter Capone gave an introductory talk in which he mentioned the struggle in our efforts for the church building — about the various stumbling blocks which presented themselves during this project. He spoke of our expectation for the future: to see other surrendering to the Lord. He then turned the service over to Broth-

er W. H. Cadman, who had honored us with his presence. We sang "How Sweet to Reflect on the Joys that Await Us." Bro. Cadman said, "I praise God for making this structure possible, and we give all due reverence to the House of God, but we must remember that it, too, will crumble away to dust. Only true service to the Holy Spirit will endure permanently. Serving God will bring the pleasure and care of God; but transgressing His Laws will bring retribution and sorrow to the transgressor." Brother Cadman also warned us not permit any ugliness to creep into our midst. His sermon was a true inspiration. We then sang Hymn: The Prince of Salvation is Coming.

Brother James Lovalvo followed with a very interesting sermon. He mentioned what he considered the essence of Brother Cadman's sermon—that the building structure is worthless without God's blessings. Brother James spoke about the dedication of Solomon's temple and also read Solomon's prayer in part. He spoke of how the glory of God filled the temple because God dwelled therein. "No sin is as terrible as wilful sin," he said.

He implored us, who are a part of this branch of the Church, to not only dedicate the building to the service of God, but to also dedicate our hearts—develop in faith, humility, and love that we may serve as an inspiration to others. He also said that the kingdom of God starts within us and the glow of the divine spreads to others as we live in the faith. He included the Ministry in his exhortation.

We then sang "When Mothers in Salem" and then two children were blessed. Brother Peter Capone then arose to dismiss the service. He invited us all to attend the afternoon meeting. We sang Blest Be the Tie that Binds, and Bro. Joseph Lovalvo dismissed us with prayer. In his prayer, he invoked the blessing of the Spirit upon the leaders of this Branch. He said: Lord bless Bro. Capone with the spirit of the true shepherd. May these people be as a city upon a hill that all who see may be attracted by the light." We felt the manifestation of the Spirit in this wonderful prayer.

The Afternoon Service

Bro. Alfred D'Amico had us sing the Hymn: "On Higher Ground." We also sang the following Hymns: "He Is Mine", "I Ought to do something for Jesus,"

"Wonderful Peace," and "Oh It Is Wonderful." Bro. Joseph Altamare of Lorain, Ohio led the service with prayer. We then sang: "Willing to Take the Cross." Brother Altamare compared our building efforts with theirs, and he also said that the Restored Gospel needs more faithful members. He invited the visitors to partake of this wonderful Gospel movement. We then sang Hymn: "His Wonderful Love."

Brother Joseph Dulisse of Detroit spoke as follows: He expressed joy at being able to be present—especially as he had not felt well and did not know if he could be with us. He, too, compared our building experiences with theirs. He used the example of an afflicted sister who had called on him for prayer, because she had gone through the same affliction herself. She knew that he would understand and sympathize. He said that he shared the same sentiment as Brother James Lovalvo had expressed earlier. We then sang Hymn "Divine Compassion."

Bro. Alfred D'Amico followed by talking about the wonderful spirit in our midst. Upon looking at Bro. Peter Capone during the morning service, he had felt a special blessing. He remembered the dedication services of Branch No. 1 building when he was a child of nine or ten years. Bro. Alfred was particularly impressed with two words that Bro. Dulisse used in his talk—freedom and liberty. He said: Adam had freedom and lost it. Israel had and lost it. Freedom and liberty were restored with the Gospel. Freedom and liberty were given to the earlier inhabitants of this land inasmuch as they obeyed the laws of God. He also mentioned the names of Washington and Lincoln as men raised up by God to preserve the freedom and liberty of this country. In concluding his remarks he said: "It is so sweet to trust in Jesus." "Jesus Set My Heart to Singing," was then sung. At this point, Sister Rose Amornino, daughter of brother Tom Amornino of our Branch, arose and asked for baptism. We felt very happy about this.

Brother Thurman S. Furnier spoke and commented on the appropriate remarks of all the brothers of the Ministry. He spoke of the American Indians and how, through their downfall we have inherited the precious heritage which was once theirs. He also spoke words of warning on the hypocrisy of this modern day and

age, and how Satan is working overtime to bring this country to destruction temporally and spiritually. He mentioned the derelicts of our city "Skid Row" who dabbled in sin. We then sang: "If Jesus goes With Me." Brother Joseph Lovalvo had quite a bit of Missionary work to do, but he could not resist the dictates of his heart to come to the dedication services. Before he became a member of our church, he had occasion to visit one of our churches. He considered the building was cheap and tawdry. However, the sermon he heard struck such a deep chord within his heart, that all these sordid thoughts vanished away. He never realized how wonderful service to God is, until he had joined the Gospel of Jesus Christ. His only thought is: "Is Jesus satisfied with me?" He urged all to fast and pray. And our young folks were urged to join in the fight against sin and evil. We then sang: In the Service of the King. Brother Joseph Bologna pronounced the blessing upon the various vessels which had been donated for the use of the Church. One of our brothers was then anointed for an affliction.

Brother Capone in making his closing remarks, cautioned all not to procrastinate the day of their salvation. A card was also read from some of the saints in California who had sent money for the purchasing of flowers for the dedication services. Floral pieces also were donated by others from Detroit. Brother Capone extended thanks to all who had in any way helped them in the construction of their Church. The beautiful grand piano that was on the rostrum was purchased mainly through the efforts of Sister Oliva Ausilio. The pianists for the day were Sisters Lena Pontillo and Margaret Henderson — by Sister Frances I. Capone. P. S. I was present at these services and will add that Branch No. 3 of Detroit has a lovely building. And may the blessing of God abide there in. Brother W. H. Cadman.

THE GOD OF THE SCRIPTURE

First Cor. 5, 11 "Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord we, persuade men." In Hebrews 10, 31 I read that "it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God." Let us all consider this one thing, that the scripture reveals unto us very much, the character of God. We are taught that He is

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EDITORIAL

Bishops See Family Life In Danger.

Catholic Hierarchy Warns U. S. of Peril Worse Than A-Bomb.

Washington, Nov. 20—(AP)—Roman Catholic bishops of the United States joined today in an appeal for restoration of "the virtues and practices guaranteeing family stability and peace." They said the family faces "a present danger, more fearsome than the atom bomb."

The bishops issued the statement at the close of their annual meeting here which was attended by more than 150 bishops, archbishops and the four United States cardinals.

With all the protestation there is against the Catholic Church, we must admit that as a Church they are far more strict on the marriage and divorce question, than Protestants who have protested so much against her.

The Editors venerable father, who served as president of The Church of Jesus Christ from 1880 until his death in 1905, once declared, "that the cause of the fall of most all nations, was adultery, and that adultery would be the downfall of this United States of America." He further said: "that polygamy was one form of adultery, and that loose divorce laws was simply another form."

Paul the great Apostle to the Gentiles is emphatic as to the duration of the marriage covenant. He teaches that it endures as long as life shall last. He further declares in Gal. 1, 8, "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." I read that God is not a respecter of PERSONS.

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a lovable God, also that He is a jealous God, an angry God, a God of mercy; yet we are also taught that He is a God of justice, even that all His passions cannot rob

His justice. He cannot be swayed to the right nor to the left, only in as much wherein a fervent, faithful prayer moves Him towards us. In that way His anger or wrath may be turned from His creatures because of their penitence. Self-justification on the part of the creature will not win His compassion.

In First Samuel 15, 22 I read, "Behold to obey is better than sacrifice, and to harken than the fat of rams." I gather from this scripture, that to harken and obey the Lord is strictly required on our part in order to be in His favor. King Saul failed to obey the command of God, though at a first glance, he performed what many may term an economical act—sparing the best of the flocks for sacrificial purposes. But he disobeyed the command that was given. God was just, and Saul lost his throne. Sympathy nor mercy could not set aside God's justice.

There is an instance recorded in First Kings 13, 9 I wish to refer too. The man of God was charged to, "Eat no bread, nor drink water, nor turn again by the same way that thou comest." In this case the man of God was commanded not to eat nor drink in that place, and indeed he was not to return home the same way that he went. It is not becoming the creature to question as to why God gave such a commandment, it is the creatures duty to obey the Creators commands. In verse 11 it gives us an account of an old prophet in Bethel. And while the "Man of God" was on his way back home, an old prophet meets him and persuades him to return to his, the old prophets home, and in verse 19 the "Man of God" eats and drinks in the old prophets home—in doing so, he violated the command of the Lord.

After all it was only a matter of eating and drinking, or not doing so at a certain place. But let us all remember, it was the command of God that was transgressed by the "Man of God" and for his disobedience he was slain by a Lion on his way home. Had he hearkened to the Lord's word in this case, he undoubtedly would of returned home safe. Is it not very plain to us all, that while God is a God of love and tender compassion, that He also meets out justice without mercy to him who will transgress His will? May I ask, Do you believe in this same God? If not, why not? If so, then let all not only hear but obey as well. There is so many instances in God's word, both in Bible and

Book of Mormon wherein God's mercy was withheld and His justice falls heavy.

There is another matter I wish to draw attention too, and that is in the Garden of Eden. In Genesis 2, 8 I read that "God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there He put the man whom He had formed." God was very gracious indeed, for all of what He planted. He only reserved one tree of which they should not eat—the tree of the knowledge of good and evil; for in the day thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." Yet they could eat freely of all the other trees. Therefore it was the duty of our first parents to have listened to their benefactor—their God who had blessed them with such a place of grandeur to live in, rather than to listen to God's enemy. You know God had an enemy, the devil, and he is always on the job. In this case he speaks through the serpent. He is the arch enemy of God. We read of him later, making war in heaven. It appears that he was not satisfied to dominate the earth, but he wanted to rule heaven too, so the Lord God was obliged to throw him out in order to have peace.

To reach ones hand up and pluck a piece of fruit off a tree and eat it, does not look like a very serious matter, does it? Yet God had said: "Thou shalt not." We are not told what kind of fruit it was, but it must of been a very dangerous fruit to eat, or the Lord would not have forbidden it. In fact it proved to be a very serious matter—they ate, and immediately they lost their pure and holy state. They became ashamed and afraid to meet the God who had been so generous to them—only asking them to keep their hands off the one tree, but they listened to the enemy of Him whom planted the garden in Eden, which was for holy ones to dwell in—even forever, if they would have kept their hands off the forbidden tree. Apparently there was nothing left for the All Merciful God to do, but to drive our first parents out of their comfortable home, into a cold cruel world, where thorns and thistles pricked their bodies, and they were obliged to till the soil for a livelihood—Yea, in the sweat of thy face thou shalt eat bread, til thou return unto the ground. No longer a beautiful and plentiful garden to call their home. Their disobedience not only brought sorrow and remorse, but it brought sickness, pain and death.

To the natural mind of man, it would seem unmerciful on the part of God, our Heavenly Father to drive father Adam and mother Eve out of this comfortable home just because they ate some fruit of which they had been forbidden to eat. We must not question the ways and doings of the Lord, for we are but the clay in His hands; it was an all-wise-act on His part, lest they would again reach and eat of the Tree of Life in their lost and fallen state and live forever therein. Though He was a sympathetic God, yet He meted out justice, and then extended to them a helping hand that they might recover or redeem themselves by looking forward to Him, the seed of the woman who would bruise the serpents head, even Jesus Christ.

In Genesis 6, 7 I read, "And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth Me that I have made them." To me, this implies that the Lord God was going to destroy all life from the earth. But I read in verse 8 that the man Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord, and I read that he was a just man and perfect in his generations and that he walked with God. While the world was about to realize the terror of a terrible God because of disobedience, yet Noah because of obedience, finds in God, a God of mercy and compassion, because he Noah was just etc.

We are told that Noah moved with fear, prepared an Ark to the saving of his house. Heb. 11, 7. It says he moved with fear, Yea, Noah knew that God would not spare him unless he did God's will. Therefore the Terrible God was a kindly God to Noah because of righteousness and obedience. Do we of today really believe that God is the same? If so, He will only be a merciful God unto us in as much as we strive to keep His commandments, other wise He will be a God of terror unto us today. For His Word is yea and amen.

God has always been good and kind to His people, as for the devil, I cannot recall of ever reading of him ever doing one good thing for man. The Saviour has this to say of him, "Ye are of your father the devil and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him, When he

speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it." If the Saviours words are yea and amen, there certainly is no good thing in the devil. The Lord was so good to His loved ones, yea, those who were styled as the "Apple of His eye," that he warms them of what is good to eat and what is not good to eat. Among the many things He forbade them to eat was, Deuteronomy 14, 8. "And the swine because it divided the hoof, yet cheweth not the cud, it is unclean unto you: ye shall not eat their flesh, nor touch their dead carcase." What not touch their dead carcase? Yet today this generation loves to eat the swines carcase. Undoubtedly the Gentiles of today in eating the things that God forbid His chosen people to eat is the cause of so much disease in their bodies. The promise of God was that He would keep them free from the diseases then rampant in Egypt if they kept His commands, otherwise they would suffer the same things that the Egyptians suffered. May I ask again, is God the same? The apostle Paul says: "unto the pure all things are pure." but may I ask: will the pure in heart willfully transgress the law of God, and sin against their bodies? If the people of God live as do the world, they shall suffer with the world. Let every body remember that God is a lovable being on the one hand, and a terrible God on the other. It is recorded that the wages of sin is death, and there is an old adage that the "way of the transgressor is hard." Jesus says come unto me all ye that are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. He did not only die to heal the soul, but the body as well, but we must walk in obedience to the laws of our God and Creator. Amen(WHC)

SARNIA, ONT.

By Bro. M. Miller

Good Morning Radio Friends:

Thank God I am privileged to be here in Sarnia, broadcasting a goodwill message to the hearts of the children of men, with the hopes that all who avail themselves of the opportunity to hear it will be abundantly blessed and be fully inspired to continue investigating the way of salvation, until in due time you shall receive the full persuasion that you are the children of God and may continue steadfastly to the end, so that on the last day you may be able to proclaim aloud with the

faithful, "It is well, It is well, with my soul."

I shall endeavor to speak from a passage found in the Acts of the Apostles, 16th Chapter and part of the 30th verse, which reads as follows: "What must I do to be saved?" In my estimation this is one of the most important questions that anyone could ask, both for time and eternity. For time, because everyone living likes to know that he possesses a certain amount of security, and for eternity, because when we depart from this life we all hope the hereafter will be a time of bliss, spent eternally where all is peace and love, joy and happiness, where there shall be no more partings or heartaches, but a day with the Lord is as a thousand years, and a thousand years, as a day.

The incident that occasioned this question of my text, is a rather unique one. Paul and Silas, two humble followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, were greatly tried, when for the word of God, they were placed in jail, but were trail blazers and pioneers of God, and their wonderful example shall stand through all eternity, because when they were weighed in the balances, they were not found wanting but portrayed traits which moved the arm of Jehovah in their favor, and were worthy of the name of saints of the Most High God. We read that while these men were on a successful tour in bringing the people to God wherein they heard the voice of God often, they rebuked a damsel possessed with a spirit of divination which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying. The same followed Paul and Silas, and cried saying, "These men are the servants of the most high God, which show unto us the way of salvation." This she did many days, but Paul being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, "I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And he came out the same hour. When her masters saw the hope of their gains was gone, they caught Paul and Silas and drew them into the market place unto the rulers, and brought them to the magistrates, saying these men being Jews do exceedingly trouble our city and teach customs which are not lawful for us to receive, neither to observe being Romans. And the multitude rose up together against them and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat them. And when they had

laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison charging the jailer to keep them safely. While all others in the jail, I believe, were perturbed and dismayed, we are told that at midnight Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises unto God. And the prisoners heard them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's bands were loosed. The keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword and would have killed himself, supposing the prisoners had fled. But Paul cried with a loud voice saying, "Do thyself no harm for we are all here." Then he called for a light and sprang in and came trembling and fell down before Paul and Silas, and brought them out with the inquiry of our text, "What must I do to be saved?" And they spoke unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house, and he took them the same hour of the night, washed their stripes, and was baptized, he and his household straightly. What a wonderful victory for God. Paul the persecutor is now being persecuted, along with his companion Silas, but how well they realized that the battle of the Christian is not his but God's, and if we could just take Him at His word, that He will never forsake or leave us, but will guard us to the end and help us to overcome the foe, and with His help even bring them to Him to be sheep of the Good Shepherd's.

James says in the 1st chapter, 2nd, 3rd and 4th verses, "My brethren count it all joy, when ye fall into divers temptations, knowing this that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that we may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." I am persuaded that only those who have stood the test thus far, in the kingdom of God, have gained the prize; and as futurity becomes apparent we may well realize and school ourselves to the fact, that we cannot go to Heaven on flowery beds of ease; but must stand the test, as the patriarchs stood it, as the prophets did, as Christ and his disciples did not depend upon their own ingenuity, but were always submissive to the will of God, so must we in these latter days, strive to have our ears and our hearts open, that when the Master speaks to us, to take

up our cross and follow Him, we may heed the invitation, get in that excellent spirit all those who have found favor with God possessed, seek not to be hearers of the word only but doers of it too, so that all who come in contact with us may affirm that we have the qualities of those Isaiah was speaking of, when he said in the 64th chapter, the 4th verse, "For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, Oh God beside thee, what He hath prepared for him that waiteth for Him."

We also read in the Book of Mormon Alma, the 12th Chapter, the 10th verse, "and therefore he that will harden his heart, the same receiveth the lesser portion of the word, and he that will not harden his heart, to him is given the greater portions of the word, until it is given unto him to know the mysteries of God until he knows them in full." Help us to do this, O Dear God.

In conclusion, I wish to refer you to the remarks of one of the leaders of our church in these latter days, known as William Bickerton. He became connected with the church in 1845, and said, "I was convinced of the doctrine of Christ, viz. Faith repentance and baptism, by immersion for the remission of sins, and the laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost, and its effects is according to St. Paul's writings." There is but one Holy spirit, and whether Jews or Gentiles bond or free, we have been all made to drink of the same spirit, for to one is given the word of wisdom, to another the word of knowledge, by the same spirit and so forth. and Jesus says, "Signs shall follow them that believe in my name, they shall 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." and I was never taught such a doctrine. This brother, when he heard the Gospel also wanted to know, "What must I do to be saved?" And as he obeyed the voice of the master and became a great leader in days gone by, so may all today who are asking the same question, obtain faith, repentance and belief in God, and be baptized into the gospel of Jesus Christ, realizing that Jesus is still standing in our midst with outstretched arms calling to one and all to come and be saved, for the harvest truly is

plenteous, but the labourers are few.

Come to Jesus come away,
Now is the accepted day,
Come and feel His blood applied,
Come and live for Christ has died.

Nephi's Vision Continued

First Nephi chapter 14 and beginning with verse 8, And it came to pass when the angel had spoken these words, he said unto me: Rememberest thou the covenants of the Father unto the house of Israel? I said unto him, Yea.—And it came to pass that he said unto me; Look, and behold that great and abominable church, which is the mother of abominations, whose founder is the devil.—And he said unto me: Behold there are save two churches only; the one is the church of the Lamb of God, and the other is the church of the devil; wherefore whoso belongeth not to the church of the Lamb of God belongeth to that great church which is the mother of abominations; and she is the whore of all the earth.—And it came to pass that I looked and beheld the whore of all the earth, and she sat upon many waters; and she had dominion over all the earth, among all nations, kindreds, tongues, and people.—And it came to pass that I beheld the Church of the Lamb of God, and its numbers were few, because of the wickedness and abominations of the whore who sat upon many waters, nevertheless, I beheld that the church of the Lamb, who were the saints of God, were also upon all the face of the earth; and their dominions upon the face of the earth were small because of the wickedness of the great whore whom I saw.—And it came to pass that I beheld that the great mother of abominations did gather together multitudes upon the face of all the earth, among all the nations of the Gentiles to fight against the Lamb of God. (This is referring to the dispensation of the restored Gospel, when the Gentiles shall array themselves against the people of God, which is yet to come to pass)—And it came to pass that I Nephi, beheld the power of the Lamb of God, that it descended upon the saints of the church of the Lamb, (the church under the restoration) and upon the covenant people of the Lord, (meaning in particular the seed of Joseph American Indians) who were scattered upon all the face of the earth; and they were armed with righteousness and with the power

of God in great glory. — And it came to pass that I beheld that the wrath of God was poured out upon the great and abominable church, inasmuch that there were wars and rumors of wars among all the nations and kindreds of the earth.—And as there began to be wars and rumors of wars among all the nations which belonged to the mother of abominations, the angel spake unto me, saying: Behold the wrath of God is upon the mother of harlots; and behold, thou seest all these things—and when the day cometh that the wrath of God is poured out upon the mother of harlots, which is the great and abominable church of all the earth, whose foundation is the devil, (there is no good in the devil) then, at that day, the work of the Father shall commence, in preparing the way for the fulfilling of His covenants, which he hath made to his people who are of the house of Israel. (in other words in the dispensation of the restored Gospel, God will gather scattered Israel back to the lands of their inheritance, and they shall become one on the mountains of Israel. The Kingdom of Jesus Christ will flourish, when the little child shall play on the hole of the Asp etc. Man shall live to the age of a tree, and they shall sit under their own vine and fig tree. And then in the course of time, Christ will come to His ready Bride. He will not come until His Bride, the Church of Jesus Christ is made ready.) Verse 18, And it came to pass that the angel spake unto me, (Nephi) saying: Look!—And I looked and beheld a man, and he was dressed in a white robe.—And the angel said unto me; Behold one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. (meaning the apostle John who was to tarry until Christ shall come. Read St. John chapter 21, 22, 23. The results are: Nephi does not write any more of what he sees, but he evidently sees all things, even as John did on the Isle of Patmos.) I might add that the vision of Nephi is one of the most wonderful experiences on record. It is recorded in the book which the prophet Isaiah saw coming out of the ground, Isaiah 29. Yea, even the book now known as the Book of Mormon. (WHC)

THE NEW YEAR By Bro Thomas Ross

Another year has swiftly rolled away, yielding to the constant flow of time, and a new year is

soon to be ushered in.

In a letter dated Sabbath Evening, September 7, 1834, Oliver Cowdery, who served as scribe to Joseph Smith in the translation of The Book of Mormon, paused to pen the following, which I am sure you will find most appropriate for this occasion: "Another day has passed into that, to us, boundless ocean, eternity, where nearly six thousand years have gone before; and what flits across the mind like an electric shock is, that it will never return! Whether it has been well improved or not; whether the principles emanating from Him who "hallowed" it, have been observed; or whether, like the common mass of time, it has been heedlessly spent, is not for me to say. One thing I can say—it can never be recalled, it has rolled in to assist in filling up the grand space decreed in the mind of its Author, till nature have ceased her work; and time its accustomed revolutions—when its Lord shall have completed the gathering of the elect, and with them enjoy that Sabbath which shall never end."

In looking backward over the past year, can we truthfully say that we have earnestly striven to observe the principles of our Heavenly Father? Have we endeavored, as the Apostle Paul instructs us, in Ephesians 5:16, to "Redeem(ing) the time, because the days are evil," or in other words, have we made the best use of our time? Have we made it a point, as the Apostle Paul further bids us in Galatians 6:10, that "As we have therefore opportunity; let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith?"

Surely there is room here for a verse from the able pen of W. D. Longstaff—

Take time to be holy,
The world rushes on;
Spend much time in secret
With Jesus alone;
By looking to Jesus,
Like him thou shalt be;
Thy friends in thy conduct
His likeness shall see.

The past year has taken millions to the tomb and its sorrows and joys too are fled. However, we take fresh courage as we face the New Year and in the verse of Charles Wesley—

Come let us anew,
Our journey pursue,
Roll 'round with the year
And never stand still
'Til the Master appear.

The Good Work Goes On.

In a recent letter from Sister Bertha Sommersville of Port Huron, Mich., she informs me that they have broken ground for the erection of a Church in that city. Also that they expected to baptize three Indian converts from Sarnia Reservation at Sarnia, Ont. Canada, on Nov. 20th. The Editor of The Gospel News has visited on this Reservation several times.

I wish also to inform you that the Dunevy brethren are getting along fine with their new building. They are building it at Roscoe, Pa., where at one time a strong Branch of the Church existed. I visited at their building recently. They are constructing a very nice tile building, a building that will be very serviceable and is right near the Electric Car line.

A LETTER FROM ELSIE C. MILLER

Dear Brother Editor:

I thought you would be interested in hearing an account of a trip we took this past weekend to Rossiter, Pa., a small coal mining town about 90 miles northeast of Glassport and where Brother Rocco Ensano spent his boyhood. On two previous visits he had renewed some childhood acquaintances, among them a middle aged lady, Mrs. Lucia Costrini, who became very interested in hearing of the church. We arrived there on Saturday morning and found her full of zeal to be a follower of Christ. She took Brother Ensano around to different homes and gave him a wonderful introduction. They all knew of him from her previous talks to them about him. Some of them promised that if he holds a meeting when he comes back again they will try to be there. Mrs. Costrini had announced earlier that she desired to be baptized and after inquiring about a place to baptize her, our new sister directed us to a small creek. There is a shortage of water in that locality and it hardly seemed as though there was enough water there to baptize her. However, she insisted there was and after some investigation the deepest spot was picked out and the rocks were dug out of the bottom. It was Brother Ensano's intention to baptize her on Sunday morning but while we viewed the place she wanted to know why it couldn't be done immediately. So she was baptized that afternoon. A service was held in her home on Sunday morning

which included preaching, testimony, confirmation of our sister and the passing of the holy communion. We left there shortly afternoon since it was a 10 to 11 hour drive home. We were very happy to see our sister take this step and hope that there may be others who will also come from that place. We were thankful to the Lord for this trip and know He was in our company. We had a freak accident on Saturday after the baptism. A car coming the opposite direction as we were going along on the highway hit a large deer and threw him against Brother Tony Ensano's car. The glass in the side window was badly shattered and there was a hole where his horn went through. We were grateful to the Lord for no one was hurt. There was about \$50.00 damage to the car. After all that the deer got up and walked off in the woods by itself.

I thought you might wish to use the account of this trip for the gospel news. Also, I am sure our sister will be glad to see anyone that might be able to visit her. She is a very good conversationalist which together with her great desire to serve the Lord, anyone who visits her will find it very interesting to talk and visit with her.

I'll close now sending our love from all at Stelton, N. J. May God bless you all.

U. S. S. PASADENA BREMERTON, WASHINGTON

The following is a paragraph or two from a letter written by brother Wayne D. Ring of the U. S. Navy: Brother Cadman, I have had many wonderful experiences since I obeyed the Gospel but I believe the most enjoyable was being able to guide one of my shipmates into the Church of Jesus Christ. One person seems a very small percentage of the many that I have talked to, but I receive a small amount of consolation from believing that if, and when, the remainder came to that "fork in the highway" that my conversation may serve them as a "road map" and turn them upon the road that has no ending.

Being in the Navy, I have but few chances to meet in fellowship with the saints. It is certainly a glorious feeling when the opportunity does arrive. I ask an interest in your prayers that I may continue to uphold the Gospel and that nothing but the truth be allowed to pass from my lips concerning it. The crop here is so abundant that, at times, I feel like

a man with a "cradle" starting on a Kansas wheat field. Oh, so many are in ignorance concerning the purpose of their being placed on this earth.

Oh yes, let me forward to you the fruits of your labors on the "Church History." I believe that Brother Wagner was moved more by "the experiences" recorded in it than by any other single factor.

ALBERT DINTINO PASSES ON.

Albert Dintino, the only son of our late Brother Dominic Dintino, and Sister Dintino of Glassport, Pa., met with sudden death in an Automobile accident on October 24th at the cross roads of routes 51 and 31 not far from Monongahela. His father died just a month previous. He was buried from The Church of Jesus Christ in Glassport on October 28th, Brother Charles Ashton officiating at the service. Interment was in Versailles Cemetery.

He leaves to mourn his departure, his young wife and two daughters, his aged mother and three sisters, and many friends. The Gospel News extends its sympathy to the bereaved ones.

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What happens to the nation and to the world in the coming days does not depend so much on what the Communists do, or what any other so-called subversive group does, as on what happens in the homes of the people. If God is forgotten, if Christ and His truth are ignored, and the boys and girls are reared in an atmosphere that is indifferent to spiritual and moral ideas, sooner or later disaster is inevitable. The persecution of pastors and other religious leaders in many parts of Europe is distressing to us. It is, however, not an isolated incident. Back of it lies what has been taught and practiced in millions of Europeans' homes in the years past. And what will happen in America five years or twenty-five or fifty years hence is being fostered in the homes of today all over the land. The future lies, not in the hands of statesmen or courts or legislatures or secret tribunals, but in the hands of the fathers and mothers of world. If they work without Christ, who can predict the miseries that the future holds? If they work with Him, we need have no fear for what the tomorrows will bring—Wm. T. McElroy, in Christian Observer.

November 13, 1949.

Bronx, N. Y.

Dear Brother Editor:

The Bronx Branch had its first General Gathering at their Church Building and I can surely say it was like a miniature Conference. There was three B's loads of brothers and sisters and a number of cars all from New Jersey and we also had the pleasure of having the President of our Church William H. Cadman with us. It was a momentous day for all who were present at this gathering for the Spirit of God certainly prevailed and all felt joyously in singing and praising our Lord who made this all possible.

The morning service was opened by Brother W. H. Cadman who spoke upon the day of pentecost when the Holy Ghost cloved in tongues of fire came upon the one hundred and twenty assembled in the house where they were sitting. His talk was about when that same power shall descend upon us and we could go out and heal the sick and cast out devils. Brother Bill Mazzeo then followed by preaching in the Italian language. What a wonderful day it will be for us all who shall be present at that time, for it shall surely come to pass as the scriptures teach us.

The afternoon service was given in fellowship with a few brothers and sisters bearing their testimony.

The evening service was given by the joint M.B.A. of New Jersey, Brooklyn and the Bronx Locals who presented the congregation with some programs. The Bronx group opened the program with a playlet about Joseph Smith with their choral group singing a few Hymns. They were followed by the New Jersey Group who presented a few instances about attending the M.B.A. and other Church services and also some poems dedicated to fathers and mothers, with their wonderful choir singing Hymns in between the program. I can surely say that we enjoyed their presentations very much and I hope and trust that they will always keep that fellowship. The New Jersey program was presented and written by Sister Carmella Mazzeo.

Bro. Nicholas A. Zinz

**A Merry
Christmas
To All**