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A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYBODY

Fifty years ago, many who are living today witnessed the passing of a Century. They cannot expect to see or witness another. By the time this paper is in print, the year of 1950 will have been ushered in, and 1949 will have gone into oblivion, whether it was well spent or other-wise it will never return. It should remind us all that time, and our lives are swiftly passing away, and whether it was spent in good deeds or bad ones, we cannot recall it. It has gone into that vast space of the past never to return.

Many of our youth of today, undoubtedly will live for fifty years yet, ushering in the year 2000, making two thousand years since our Saviour was born, and what a plight the world is in today. Needless to say that another fifty years will bring us that much closer to the day when the Will of God shall be done on the earth as it is in heaven, Yea, when "The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock; and dust shall be the serpents meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the Lord." The Editor of The Gospel News wishes everybody a Happy and a Prosperous Year for 1950.

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Times Herald

In spite of a Thanksgiving Day blizzard, a group of loyal parishioners of the Church of Jesus Christ gathered for cornerstone laying ceremonies at the site of the new church, Fourteenth and Chestnut streets.

Evangelist Marco Randazzo, pastor of the church, conducted the ceremonies. Mr. Randazzo came to Port Huron in November, 1946, from Mt. Bridges, Ont., where he was an Evangelist for the Church of Jesus Christ.

HE BEGAN HOLDING services here in a building on River street, and as the congregation grew, it was decided to build a church to accommodate the followers.

Mr. Randazzo now lives in St. Clair Shores and drives to Port Huron each Sunday to conduct services.

A building fund for the new church was started in 1947 but much of the building cost will be furnished by other branches of the church which are scattered all through the eastern states and Canada.

THE FIRST CHURCH of Jesus Christ was organized at Green Oak, Pa., in 1862. The church's headquarters are at Monongahela, Pa. There are four large branches of the church in Detroit with a new church recently opened on Seven Mile road.

The Port Huron church is being built with the aid of members of the congregation who are carpenters, painters or contractors.

It is hoped that the basement of the Port Huron church will be finished by mid-December so that services may be held there until early spring when the project will be continued.

"Variation in Translations"

That should interest the reader.

King James Translation: St. Matthew 6-10 "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done IN earth, as it is in heaven.—Douay Translation: (Catholic): "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done ON earth as it is in heaven.—Revised Standard Version: "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, ON earth as it is in heaven."—James Moffatt's Translation: "Thy reign begin, thy will be done ON earth as in heaven."—Translation by George Campbell, James Machnight, and Philip Doddridge, Doctors of the Church of Scotland: "Thy reign come; thy will be done UPON the earth as it is in heaven."—Revised Version of 1881: Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so ON earth.—Book of Mormon: III Nephi, 13-10 "Thy will be done ON earth as it is in heaven.

You will notice that King James Version is the only one that says IN earth, the other six says ON earth. King James uses the term "in the earth" many times when the context of the subject shows plainly that it is not inside of the earth that is meant, BUT UPON THE EARTH. (Editor).

"FAITH AND VICTORY"

In the November 1949 issue of "Faith and Victory" published in

Guthrie, Oklahoma on page 12, there is an article titled, "The Real Story Behind the Origin of The Book of Mormon." Quotations are taken from the "Presbyterian Banner," and from "Time" 7-47. It is the old story of the Solomon Spaulding Manuscript Found.

In the article as printed in "Faith and Victory," the following statement is made, "There is an inescapable similarity between Smith's book of Mormon and Spaulding's Manuscript Found."

A person wonders sometimes at the statements that are put in print by the Editors of these various periodicals, whether it is deliberate maliciousness on their part, or is it down-right-ignorance, or is it both. The only thing that can be referred to as a "similarity" between the two books, is that both bear upon the life and ways of the people who are known as American Indians; other-wise there is absolutely no similarity, and if these Editors do not know any better, it is high-time they lay aside their prejudice and buy a copy of each, then read and print the facts and not lies. It reminds me of scripture found in II Thessalonians 2-11, 12 "And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie; That all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." They seem to want to give credit to the graduate of Dartmouth, a degraded Minister who kept a tavern at Amity, Pa., where he died in 1816, instead of listening and giving credit to honorable men who corroborated their testimony on their dying beds to the truthfulness of the Book of Mormon. Yea: Consistency, Consistency, Thou Art A Jewel!

My advice to all men who are interested in the Acts of The-All-Wise-God, is to search the scriptures, for in them ye think ye have Eternal life. As far as truth and virtue is concerned, the Book of Mormon is on a par with the Bible, and I will add without fear of contradiction, that with all the intelligence Editors may have, they cannot make such a statement in behalf of the Spaulding Manuscript Found.

I believe this is a good opportunity to quote from Alma 37, be-

gining at verse 33. "Preach unto them repentance, and faith on the Lord Jesus Christ; teach them to humble themselves and to be meek and lowly in heart; teach them to withstand every temptation of the devil, with their faith on the Lord Jesus Christ.—Teach them to never be weary of good works, but to be meek and lowly in heart; for such shall find rest to their souls.—O, remember, my son, and learn wisdom in thy youth; yea, learn in thy youth to keep the commandments of God.—Yea, and cry unto God for all thy support; yea, let all thy doings be unto the Lord, and whithersoever thou goest let it be in the Lord; yea, let thy thoughts be directed unto the Lord; year let the affections of thy heart be placed upon the Lord forever.—Counsel with the Lord in all thy doings, and He will direct thee for good; yea, when thou liest down at night lie down unto the Lord, that He may watch over you in your sleep; and when thou risest in the morning let thy heart be full of thanks unto God; and if ye do these things, ye shall be lifted up at the last day." These words are very precious words, and are indeed only a very small portion of the wonderful words found in the Book of Mormon. My counsel to all men is to seek for yourselves and not allow yourselves to be influenced by Editors who apparently do not seek for the truth, but like to publish a false story that has had an effect upon many poor souls. The Saviour has said: If the blind lead the blind they shall fall into the ditch together. I have a copy of the Manuscript Found in my house, and it does not contain good common sense, yet it's author is supposed to be a graduate of Dartmouth College. (Editor)

THE GREAT APOSTACY

By James E. Talmage

Commentary On The Passage From II Thes. 2, 3, 4.—It should be remembered that the application of Paul's declaration as to the apostacy made in the text, is the one generally made by theologians of Protestant denominations. It is in no way peculiar to the Church of Jesus Christ of L. D. S. Let us read the passage again: "Let no man deceive you by any means; for that day (meaning the day of Christ's promised advent) shall not come except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition, who opposeth and exalteth

himself above all that is called God, or that is worshiped, so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God."

In his Bible Commentary, Dr. Adam Clarke says of this scripture: "The general run of Protestant writers understand the whole as referring to the popes and Church of Rome, or the whole system of the papacy. ***Bishop Newton has examined the whole prophecy with his 'usual skill and judgment.** The princippal part of modern commentators follow his steps. He applies the whole of the Romish church: the apostacy, its defection from the pure, doctrines of Christianity; and the 'man of sin,' etc., the general succession of the popes of Rome." An abridgement of Bishop Newton's interpretation is then added; this, in part, is as follows: "For that day shall not come except, etc.—The day of Christ shall not come except there come the apostacy first. The apostacy here described is plainly not a civil, but of a religious nature; not a revolt from the government, but a defection from the true religion and worship.*** "So that he as God sitteth in the temple, etc.—By the temple of God the apostle could not well mean the temple of Jerusalem, because that, he knew, would be destroyed within a few years. After the death of Christ, the temple of Jerusalem is never called the temple of God; and if, at any time, they make mention of the house or temple of God, they mean the Church in general or every particular believer. Whoever will consult I Cor. 3:16, 17; II Cor. 6:16; I Tim. 3:15; Rev. 3:12, will want no example to prove that under the gospel dispensation, the temple of God is the Church of Christ; and the man of sin sitting implies his ruling and presiding there.***

"Upon this survey, there appears little room to doubt of the general sense and meaning of the passage. The Thessalonians (we've seen from some expressions in the former epistle), were alarmed as if the end of the world was at hand. The apostle, to correct their mistakes and dissapate their fears, assures them that a great apostacy or defection of the Christians from the true faith and worship must happen before the coming of Christ. This apostacy, all the concurrent marks and characters will justify us in charging upon the church of Rome. The true Christian worship is the worship of the

only true God, through the one only Mediator, the man Christ Jesus, and from this worship the Church of Rome has most notoriously departed, by substituting other mediators, and invoking and adoring saints and angels; nothing is apostacy if idolatry be not.*** If the apostacy be rightly charged upon the church of Rome, it follows, of consequence, that the 'man of sin' is the pope, not meaning any pope in particular, but the pope in general, as the chief head and supporter of this apostacy." (The Editor considers the foregoing, an able article on the aforementioned scripture.)

TO THE GOSPEL NEWS

by PAUL D'AMICO

On Sunday, November 6th, 1949, the saints of Lockport, N. Y. visited the Rochester, N. Y. Branch traveling in four cars.

The morning service was opened by Brother Rocco Biscotti who along with his wife had come to spend the day with the Rochester and Lockport saints, and at the same time to visit Bro. Ishmael D'Amico who recently was moved from Brooklyn to Rochester to be nearer to his family.

Bro. Biscotti read for his text a portion of Scripture found in the Gospel according to St. Matthew, 16th Chapter, beginning with the 13th verse and gave us a wonderful discourse on Christ and what He means to us. Bro. Biscotti also spoke a little of his entrance in the Gospel and how merciful God was toward him in his youth. Brother Paul Petrangelo of Lockport followed with a short address in the Italian tongue, after which Bro. Patsy Marinetti gave a few closing remarks.

The afternoon service was opened by Bro. Paul D'Amico who bore testimony to the Gospel and was followed by a number of testimonies of the saints as well as the Priesthood. A good time was had by all.

At the close of the afternoon service, Brother Rocco Biscotti accompanied by a number of others visited Bro. D'Amico at Bro. Ansel D'Amico's home and anointed him. It is hoped that God will in mercy hear the prayers that are offered in behalf of Bro. Ishmael's affliction.—Also my wife and I along with a few others drove to Detroit, Michigan for a short week end trip. It was the General M.B.A. gathering on Saturday at De-

troit but unfortunately we could not be there in time for the services during the day. We arrived at the Devine Church Building Saturday night just before the closing of their evening service and rejoiced in meeting up with many of the saints from Detroit, Windsor, and other places of the Church who came to the G. M.-B. A. gathering.

On Sunday Morning some of us along with my Brother Fred and family visited Branch No. 3 which recently dedicated their new Church Building. This was my first visit at this Branch since 1934, when just a child previous to our family moving to Rochester, N. Y. I enjoyed good liberty in speaking to the saints there with a large audience. Visitors had come from other branches of Detroit and some from distant places. Bro DiGiovanone of Warren, Ohio also took part in the meeting with a good feeling prevailing.

On Sunday afternoon we spent the remainder of the time at the Devine Branch of the Church where I was raised up in the Church of Jesus Christ and admonished in the ways of God. Bearing my testimony in English and Italian I felt to thank God for His mercies and the joy in beholding so many faces in the family of Christ.

IT IS REALLY GOOD TO VISIT THE SAINTS FROM TIME TO TIME. OUR SPIRITS ARE REVIVED AND A NEW DETERMINATION WITHIN US TO PRESS FORWARD.

SISTER SPATA OF SOUTH GATE, CALIF. WRITES.

Dear Brother Editor: I write these few words which have been given me, and after meditating and asking God to give me words of wisdom, surely something spoke inside of me to write and have it printed in The Gospel News that all might read what the Lord has done for me.

We here in California have been blessed much by the Holy Ghost. He proves it to us in many ways. It surely took the blessing of God which sought me out of this great City, and I have had peace and happiness ever since.

This City, Los Angeles, is large in area, and it takes time to travel to-and-fro. The process is slow in bringing forth the Gospel, but many have heard, and as I write, I think of the time before I was called into the Gospel when I prayed for God to send me some

sign. He did reveal unto me, that in His due time will come the day to open up the stream of everlasting-living-waters. We only need to be faithful, not only those who are working so hard here, but throughout His entire Church; and we need the prayers and the backing of the Church.

Truly we live in a beautiful part of the earth; but to me, it is the beauty which entered my soul since I made a covenant with God through my Saviour Jesus Christ. Say not, brothers and sisters, that the Spirit of God dwells not in the west. For what says He in the word — That He is everywhere wherever His children be. I thank God that He inspired His disciples to come out west, and sought me out and brought to me the great story of Jesus. This is a stubborn city, it is full of corruption and sin. But there are many hearts that are waiting to receive this Gospel. On April 7, 1946 was the day-of-all-days for me — my heart opened up to the Lord and He entered in. I was like the rest of sinners in this wide city—vanity being the worst of all. The city full of "make-believe." But as I said before, there are many hearts waiting for us to bring the Light and to show them the Restoration of the Gospel. The Lord gave me a dream: "Many were sitting in darkness in a beautiful Park that had many tables full of food, but they could not partake of it, for something was missing, "The Blood of the Lamb", so I got up and volunteered to go after that precious vital drink, not knowing how or where. My car seemed conveniently parked, but when I stepped into the car I found a driver was already at the wheel. I never asked any questions but went around to sit next to him. As we started off I noticed three men sitting in the back seat, one, was my father who has been dead for over 28 years, one was my husband, and the other was the Elder who had brought the Gospel to me. The driver kept going up narrow ridged mountains and going so fast at the most dangerous curves that the car was practically floating in mid-air, except for one or two wheels at the edge of the precipices. I got nervous and excited and asked him to please go slow at the turns, and when I would warn him that the next turn was dangerous, he would go faster. It seemed to me that we were traveling in the highest mountain that I ever did see. While I was plead-

ing to go slow, the driver never said a word, but my husband told me to keep quiet, and then my father spoke and said, "Though he is blind he knows where to take you." I was amazed—I looked at him and got the strangest feeling WHICH IS NOT ANY FEELING IN HUMAN LIFE. (Now that I am in the gospel, I know what that feeling of heaven in my soul of Eternal Life means.) I immediately knew that he was some holy person sent by God. I clasped my hands in prayer and silently thanked God for His goodness in sending me a guardian and a messenger. I said: surely he is sent by God. I was in a glorious presence, and I cried and felt so humble to think God was so good to me, and while I was thus praying, I found my mission had been complete, and once again we were where we had started from, and I still saw all those people sitting at tables, and when I got out of the car I found I had a long black cape on me that I did not have before, and also my father and my husband, but the Elder nor the driver had any on. The driver came to me and lifted my cap off and my father spoke and said. Now tell the world what you have seen. I looked around for the driver had taken my cape, but he was no-where to be seen, and while doing so, I noticed a boy-child was pulling on my dress like children do when they want attention. I looked and saw a beautiful boy, with golden curls and a pure white garment, saying "Mary I want a drink of water," I said sure: I will give you a drink. I took him by the hand to the closest table where a pitcher of water was sparkling like a light, and I poured out the water and gave him the full glass and he was drinking it when I awakened."

Brothers and Sisters, the feeling I awakened in stayed with me for many months, but it was not for a long time after did I obey the gospel. So many things came against me, but I knew God had called me, but each time I did not know how to come to Him, for I thought the Church had to be here, Finally when the Church was established here, I started to go regularly to the meetings but that old Satan put so many doubts in my mind about the Book of Mormon, I would always remember that dream and the heavenly taste the Lord had given me, and I tried hard to find what was missing. I would read the Book of Mormon to find the blessing God should

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EDITORIAL

On December 19, 1949 the Editor observed the 73rd anniversary of his birth. In the evening a number of brethren and sisters gathered at his home and a pleasant evening was spent in conversation, especially of the things in which we have all passed through in life. Brother John Cherry was the oldest one present, he will be 75 in March, while Bro. A. B. Cadman being present was 71 in the past November. Time is flying swiftly along.

Before our guests left for home, they sang a couple of hymns and had prayer, and all wished Brother Cadman many more years of life. We appreciated very much the visit of our brethren and sisters.

give me. Then one day it happened. I read it at other times before, but I could not see any truth, but that day the same feeling came upon me while reading the book of Alma where he asked all to be baptized to be saved. That day again I was before a Holy presence. I got up as if in a trance, and went to my husband and said "George I am going to be baptized." My husband saw the change but he didn't believe I would. I went Sunday after Sunday alone to Church. I longed for the company of the saints, but never could I get up to ask for baptism. I would go home crying, and say: "Oh another Sunday I had no nerve." So the next Sunday Brother James Heaps was here, and while he was speaking I went to get up and ask, but instead, the tears choked down my throat. But it was like a hand that lifted me and led me to the Elder crying, and they asked me "what is wrong Mary do you want to be baptized?" I said, in tears and nodding my head at the same time to make sure I was understood. So the appointment was made for the next Sunday. I need not tell you of tortures I went through, everything to discourage me, illness and a crippled arm on that great Sunday. I remembered the

words of Christ when He was tempted by Satan. I repeated them over: Get behind me Satan, today is my day and as long as my feet could walk I'm going to be baptized. What a triumphant feeling came over me! I immediately started to feel better. Yea, What a battle I had, but by the grace of God I am here to serve God with all the strength He gives me.

My testimonies are many and all for the glory of God. I hope and pray it will give all the saints a greater desire to pray for this Branch of the Church out west, for we need the prayers of all the Church to strengthen us to bring all those souls who are still waiting.

Brothers and Sisters I felt to write to The Gospel News of the wonderful thing God has done for me. I am unable to go about and take my testimony to different Branches, for as yet my husband has not obeyed the Gospel. He is slow, but I know that when he feels the fullness of it that the Lord is going to bless him. I thank God for those who wait with a clean heart, but the labourers are few. Therefore the purposes of God is taking longer to be accomplished. Sister Mary Spata.

Opportunities Are Plentiful Brother D. Giovannone

Dear Editor: On Saturday Oct. 15th I received a letter from Sister Frame of Richwood, W. Va. She desired that I come to see her, for she was very sick with cancer of the liver. I received her letter about one hour or two before my son and his wife were leaving for Boyer, W. Va., to spend a few days with her people. Boyer is about 90 miles South West of Richwood.

They asked me to go with them, and then I could return on a bus, that is if I did not spend the whole week there. I arrived in Richwood on Sunday, Oct., 16 at the home of Bro. Frame. They were much surprised to see me at their door. The blessing of God was so, that we could hardly speak a word. Immediately I anointed Sister Frame and she said she was blessed under my hands. In a little while, Bro. and Sister Frame and I went to the hospital. One of their neighbor women was on her deathbed, and wanted to be anointed. I did so, and I was told the next day that she felt much better, and a few days later they took her home. Her name is Mrs. Spark. Towards evening, a Mrs. Coppa (a friend) and I went to see one

of their neighbors. They have a beautiful girl about 17 years old, who unfortunately takes spells. She would fall down at any place and froth at the mouth. They had me anoint her. I cried unto the Lord to remove the infirmity or evil spirit. I thank God, for from that day to this time, she has not had another spell. I will add that in Mrs. Coppa's family, none of them belong to our church, but they do have relatives who are members of the church. They surely treated me the best with food and hospitality.

On Monday I spent all day visiting with Italian and other friends. On Tuesday morning, Sister Frame and two of her sons, a daughter-in-law, and myself went to see a Mr. George Peak, the owner of one of the churches in Richwood. We found him and his wife at home and they were very glad to see me again. He permitted me to use the Church four years ago when I was there. Mr. Peak has removed from Richwood and is now located about 23 miles to the east. After a short talk, I asked him if he would permit me to use his church that night. He said yes, but to see a Mr. O' Dell, who had the key of the building. We obtained the key from Mrs. O'Dell and invited them to come to the service and ask others.

That evening we had a large crowd at the service. In my talk I explained the falling-away of the Gospel, and also the restoration. In my talk, I felt that I was a little bold, thought some may have felt hurt. After the service, Mrs. Coppa, Mrs. Leome and the mother of the girl I had anointed, and myself were going to the home of Mrs. Coppa, I was telling them that I felt bad that I had not said good-bye to Brother Frame and family, because I had arranged to leave on a bus at 7 a. m. the next day for home. While I was speaking, Bro. Frame's car pulled along side of us, and he told me I could not go home yet. He said the people who attended the service, were greatly surprised and wanted to hear me speak again. So early on Wednesday Morning I phoned to my family that I may stay all week. So I held meetings every night of the week, and on Sunday Morning.

On Wednesday evening I was called upon to visit another sick lady, Mrs. Harris by name who lived near unto Sister Frame. After anointing her, she said she felt

better. On Thursday Sister Frame with three of her sons, and two daughters-in-law took me to pray for an old man was living about 11 miles east of Richwood. We knew not they were going to have a prayer meeting there that evening with a Methodist Minister. There were about 25 people gathered in that home, and the lot fell upon me to open the service, using for my text, Rev. 12 Ch. the first six verses, also the 14th Ch. 6 to 8 verses inclusive. I showed unto them the falling-away of the Church and the restoration. I also quoted a few verses from the Gospel of St. Matthew 10th Chapter, how the true Gospel should be preached with power from on high. After I made an end of my speaking, they all shook hands with me glorifying God for the words they had heard. I felt that they all rejoiced except the preacher. Most all of them bore their testimony, and I was asked to anoint the sick man.

Due to change in the weather and the much talking I had done, my voice was completely gone when I arrived at Mrs. Coppa's home at noon the next day. She ask me what I would do that evening. I said that God would provide. That evening God did permit to speak again.

A young couple invited me to have dinner at their home the next day. Their names are Mr. and Mrs. John Waselchalk, and at their home I enjoyed a wonderful dinner. After I had spent 3 or 4 hours with them, John told me he had learned more in that short time than he had learned in 32 years. On Friday night Bro. Frame came to the service ill, but after I anointed him he felt better. On Saturday a lady asked to be anointed after doing so she felt better. On Sunday Morning Mr. and Mrs. O'Dell took me to visit and pray for another sick Lady. She was just skin and bones. I petitioned God in her behalf and in a few days later she visited friends in Ohio feeling much better. After the Sunday Morning service, Mr. O'Dell told me that anytime I came to Richwood, I could use the Church building. He has one of our Books of Mormon and is much interested in it. John has one also and enjoys reading it.

On Sunday after dinner, my son, his wife and I began our journey home, arriving at 10 p. m.

Is The Kingdom Within You!

St. Luke 17-20, 21. "And when he (Christ) was demanded of the

Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation; Neither shall they say, Lo, here! or, lo there! for, behold the kingdom of God is within you."

Many have taken from this scripture that the kingdom of God is within a person, which, if given serious thought, the fallacy of such an application would be readily seen. The Saviour in this instance was speaking unto the Pharisees, of whom He repeatedly charged with hypocrisy and self-righteousness, in fact, He gives them very little credit, if any, of even the semblance of righteousness. In Luke 11-42, He pronounces a woe upon them, and tells them, "these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." In other words, the Pharisees seem to put stress on some things, and would avoid the more weightier matters of the law.

A kingdom is composed of territory, subjects, laws and officers to enforce them. Surely that cannot be in a person, the spirit of the kingdom may be and should be within a child of God, but how could even the Spirit of such dwell in the hearts of hypocrits and self-righteous people, when the scripture is so plain, and our reason so vivid as well, that even the Spirit of God dwelleth not in UN-HOLY TEMPLES.

Be it understood, that when Jesus said: "the kingdom is within you" He had reference to the kingdom being within them as a nation of people, and not in the wicked hearts of the Pharisees. Such has been the application of that scripture by The Church of Jesus Christ. Anyone who has a history of the Church and will turn to page 45 and read the lower paragraph of the words of our old brethren back in 1863, will observe Brother Bickerton taught as I have brought out in this article. How necessary it is for the people of God to be one in all things pertaining to the great plan of redemption by Jesus Christ who was with the Father before the foundation of the world. (WHC)

THE ROCK ON WHICH JESUS BUILT HIS CHURCH.

St. Matthew 16-13: Jesus asked His disciples: "Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? And in verse 14 they answered Him thus: "Some say that thou art John the Baptist; some, Elias; and others,

Jeremias, or one of the prophets. It is evident from this scripture that there was varied opinions as to who the man Jesus really was. No doubt He grew up very much as did other men, though we do not have any account of Him from the time He was twelve years old, until He appears on Jordans Banks asking of John to be baptized. He was then thirty years old. Eighteen years had passed by of which we have no account of His life. We naturally conclude that He grew up among neighbors and friends, even as others did. The fact that a noticeable incident occurred with Him at the age of twelve, creates a thought that many things may have happened in His life, during the eighteen years of which we read nothing about Him, which would cause people to take special notice of Him.

The instance at the age of twelve years, was a very remarkable one. He had become lost from His parents for three or four days, and they sought Him sorrowing. They found Him in the temple in company with the doctors, both hearing them and asking them questions. And all that heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. His parents were amazed; and His mother said unto Him, Son, why hast thou dealt with us? His reply was, "Wist ye not that I must be about My fathers business? But His parents understood not His saying. This affair is recorded in the closing verses of the second chapter of St. Luke. It is only reasonable to suppose that as He grew to manhood, there would be incidents in His life that would cause His acquaintances to wonder at. Hence He asked His disciples, "Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?" Their answer of course, conveys the fact that Jesus was looked upon as being more than of the ordinary man, being judged as one of the prophets. He next asked His disciples as recorded in Matthew 16-15, "But whom say ye that I am?" No longer a question as to what other men said of Him, but what do ye say. Immediately Peter answered and said: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Please take note of Peters answer, for he recognizes this man Jesus to be the Christ. "And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art, thou, Simon Barjonas (meaning Peter) for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but My Father which is in heaven." Let us examine these words of which

Jesus spake: "flesh and blood has not revealed it unto thee." Friends, this is very plain that not any one living in the flesh acquainted Peter with the fact that this man Jesus was the Christ, or the Messiah of which the Jews were looking for. It was God who dwelt in heaven which revealed that fact to him. Jesus declares so Himself. In verse 18 of Matthew 16 Chapter, Jesus says: "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build My Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Here the Saviour says that He will build His Church on "this rock." May I ask, what rock? Men will differ on this point, just as men differed as to who the man Jesus was. Some thinking He was John the Baptist come back again, others thought He was Jeremias or one of the other prophets. Those men were all dead, and evidently they thought one of them at least had made an appearance again in this man Jesus. But Peter said "Thou art the Christ, etc." And Jesus said that it was His Father in heaven who revealed it to Peter.

We read of wonderful men in our Bible, even from the beginning to the end thereof, and I would not dare to refer to their weakness in life, in the way of reproach, God forbid. But any one who reads their Bible, will observe the frailties of men therein. Peter, even though God revealed unto him that Jesus was His Son, yet he later curses and swears and says: I know not the man.

When Jesus said He would build His Church on the rock, He undoubtedly had reference to something that was more firm than mortal man. Have we ever stopped to think upon how God, the Creator of all things has revealed Himself and His will to man throughout the ages? Yes, that principle, the revelation of God might well be termed the "Rock of Ages", it has never ceased, only in as much as man has proved himself unworthy. All men are weak beings, even Peter was frail, but the principle by which the Father in heaven made known unto him, that Jesus was the Christ, when mortal man was unable to solve that problem as to who is this man Jesus, the revelation of God entered Peter's soul and unfolded the secret. And upon that principle, the revealed will of God, Yea, on the Rock that cannot be moved, Jesus Christ built His Church. The Apostle Paul says that no man

can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.

In Second Peter 1-21, "For prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." Hence, Prophets have spoken from the beginning of time, but not of their own will, but by the power of the Holy Ghost, which revealed unto them the purposes of God. In the Gospel dispensation it was through the power of the Holy Ghost that revealed to God's children that their sins were remitted. In Acts 2-38,39 "Then Peter said unto 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." In Acts 19-2, 3, 4, 5, 6, "He (Paul) said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, we have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on Him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus, And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues and prophesied." Yea, through the power of the Holy Ghost, God revealed unto them of things to come and they prophesied of it.

If you will turn to Second Thess. 2-1, 2, 3, 4 verses, Paul says "Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto Him, That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth, and exalteth himself above all that is called of God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God." Here is the Apostle Paul, who through obeying the Gospel and

receiving the Holy Ghost in his soul, prophesies of that which was revealed unto him, that the "day of Christ would not come until the man of sin be revealed, etc." Yea, it has been the revealed will of God in the souls of men and women in all ages that made them firm, even firm as a rock.

Without the revealed will of God in our souls, how can we know our sins are forgiven? How can we know that Christ really is? Flesh and blood did not reveal it unto Peter, but it was the Father in heaven, and Jesus says upon this Rock I will build My Church. Not upon any man, but upon this rock, the principle and means of which the Father revealed unto Peter; the Lord would build His Church. If we deny the revealed will of God to our souls, we deny the very means of knowing that Jesus is the Christ.

When Jesus died on the cross, I read in Matthew 27-51 that "the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom." The veil, which separated the priest from the congregation, while acting in his priestly office under the law of Moses was rent in twain, symbolic, was it not, of tearing asunder the principle of the Mosaic code, wherein the priest was obliged to make an offering for his own sins, and then for the people. Such a Priest did not become us. Therefore, the material veil was torn asunder, making it possible for the High Priest who did become us, Christ Jesus, who made intercession for us, that we might penetrate the un-seen veil, having the revealed will of God in our souls, yea, that which becomes an anchor to our souls. Yea: the Rock which Jesus says, "I will build My Church upon." Amen.

MEETING IN DETROIT

The general meeting of the Missionary Benevolent Association met in Detroit, Mich. Branch No 1 on Saturday, November 12th, 1949. A large crowd was in attendance. Delegates were present from Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Kansas, California, Canada, and various places in Michigan. The officers were all retained with the exception of Treasurer, and one Auditor.

The next general meeting will be held in Windsor, Ont. Canada the second Saturday in November, and the May meeting the third

Saturday of May in Greensburg, Pa.

After the business was disposed of, the young folks of this local gave an interesting program and a wonderful time was had by all.

Sis. Ruth E. Akerman

THE GENERAL CIRCLE MEETING

The General Circle Meeting

The General Circle Meeting was held Dec. 17, 1949 at the Cadman home on Finley St., Monongahela, Pa. Twenty one Circles were reported either by letter or delegates. Sisters were present from W. Elizabeth, Coal Valley, Glassport, Charleroi, Dunlevy, Elizabeth, Monongahela, and Sisters Ivy Fisher and Elsie Miller from New Jersey. Reports by letter were encouraging, stating the many blessings received in their meetings, also the help the Circle meetings have been to them and others. Also their help to the Branches wherein they meet.

We always enjoy the little letters they send in with their reports. As we always are interested in hearing of their special activities—the reports from the work among the Indian people are always welcome. After prayer in the opening of our afternoon meeting a phone call was made to Sister Cromlish of Donora, Pa., and while she held the receiver, the Sisters present sang two verses of "God will take care of you." Sister Cromlish is one of our oldest Sisters in the work of the Circle. She is now 80 years old and not able to attend meetings, but still very cheerful and faithful to the Gospel as she has always been. Nothing in particular was up in our meetings, only the 30th anniversary meeting will be in June 1950, the Lord willing. This will be further decided at the next General Circle Meeting in March. The General Circle continually sends in their help to finance the trips to the Grand River, and Muncey Reservations, which is \$125.00 every quarter.

We enjoyed our lesson on the birth of Christ after our business session, which was taught by Sister Davidson, then Bro. Cadman was called into our meeting, and gave a short talk of encouragement and appreciation for the help the Circle has been to the Church. After singing our wish to all for a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year, and all feeling it was good to be here, the meeting was closed with prayer by Sister Elsie Miller. By Sadie Cadman.

New From Port Huron, Mich

In a letter received from Brother Jesse Johnson of Port Huron, I learn that on Sunday Nov. 20th two converts from the Sarnia Indian Reserve across the river in Canada were baptized in the river at Port Huron, Bro. Joseph Lovalvo officiating. Other baptisms from the Reserve are expected soon.

Personally, the Editor is very glad to hear of this news, for he has been on this Reserve several times in recent years, and am glad to see the labours of our brethren bearing fruit. From what Bro. Johnson says: they had a wonderful day in Port Huron, a day that will not soon be forgotten.

He also informs us that they are busy working on their new buildings, and are in hopes of being able to meet in the basement before very long. May the Lord continue to bless your efforts in Port Huron, and on the Sarnia Indian Reservation. We speak so much of the great things of God in these last days. Let us all bear in mind, that the baptizing of Joseph's posterity into the Restored Gospel, is a part of the GREAT THINGS OF GOD in these last days. The building up of Zion CANNOT take place without Joseph's children having a part in it. The Gospel must be preached to the Lamanite people, as well as unto the Gentiles. May the Lord bless you all in your efforts. (Ed.)

Capone-Ausilo Nuptials

On Saturday Nov. 19th at eleven our new Church was the scene of the wedding of Sister Frances C. Ausilo, the daughter of brother and sister Vito Ausilio, and brother Peter H. Capone the son of brother and sister Joseph Capone both of Detroit, Mich. They were united in marriage by Bro. Peter Capone, uncle of the groom. The ceremony was beautiful in its simplicity and dignity.

Maid of honor was Sadie Emolo, and the bridesmaid Josephine D'Anna. Junior bridesmaid was Almerinda Ausilo. Tony Capone was his brothers best man. John and Anthony Ausilo were the ushers. Brother James Lovalvo sang "Because, and The Lord's Prayer," while Rosaline Molisani accompanied him at the piano. Dinner was served at Mardin Hall at E. Forest and Cadillac streets, and a reception was held in the same hall at 7 p. m. Both bride and groom are members of The

Church of Jesus Christ and are held in high esteem by those who know and love them. The Gospel News extends best wishes to the young couple. Incidentally, this was the first wedding in the new Church of Branch 3, located on Seven Mile Rd., not far from Gratiot Ave. Submitted by Sister Frances J. Capone.

LARNED, KANSAS

A letter from Brother and Sister Robinson recently, informs us of the arrival of another little daughter by the name of Alicia Ann, and all are doing well. Brother and Sister Robinson live in Larned, Kansas and are much devoted to the Church. May the Lord bless them and their little family.

A card from Sister Ring of St. John, Kansas informs us of our aged Sister Rixon having a fall. We are sorry to learn of this. She is now about 92 years old. We hope that her accident will not prove too serious.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. O. Miller of 477 Washington Rd. Sayresville, N. J., announce the engagement of their daughter, Sister Elsie to Brother Anthony Ensano the son of Brother and Sister Rocco Ensano of 38 S. Sixth St., Highland Park, N. J.

ANTHONY DAMORE PASSES ON

Brother Anthony Damore, a son of the late Brother and Sister Carl Damore of Youngstown, Ohio departed this life on November 15, 1949 at his home at 370 Elberon St. in Youngstown. Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Charles Ashton, who was assisted by Bros. R. Biscotti and G. Ciaravino. Bro. Damore was baptized in the Church on April 30, 1914, and was ordained an Elder in the Church a short time prior to his death. He was born on May 4, 1912 in Youngstown, and has been a faithful brother in the Church. He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife Philomena, one son and one daughter, besides several brothers and sisters. He was a brother to the late Sister Corrado of Youngstown. Anthony will be missed by the saints in the Youngstown Branch of the Church. We sympathize with the bereaved family.

Mrs. Eliza F. Lloyd Passes On.
Sister Eliza Lloyd passed away at the home of her daughter, Sister Maxwell in Coal Valley on

Dec. 14, 1949 at the age of 88 years. She had been confined in her home for a long time. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ at Glassport, Pa. Services were conducted from the Finney-Bekavac Funeral Home in Clairton by Bro. Charles Ashton. Brother and Sister Kirschner, and Sister Neill of Monongahela furnished the music and singing. Interment in Richland Cemetery, Dravosburg.

Sister Lloyd was a life-long resident of Coal Valley. She leaves to mourn her passing, two daughters. Mrs. Harry Maxwell of Coal Valley, Hazel Smith of Dunbar three sons, Henry Lloyd of McKeesport, Oliver of Cleveland, Joseph Ferre of Coal Valley and one Sister Mrs. Ollie Harger of Coal Valley. We extend our sympathy.

THE NEW YEAR

Today we pause to celebrate
The passing of another year.
And with it banish every hate,
Anxiety and fear.
The Lord has given us again,
Another opportunity
To reconstruct our life, and then
To ever keep it free.
To keep it free from every sin
From every jealousy and greed.
To listen to that voice within.
He knows our every need!
Although the world may loud proclaim
"This month we turn another
page,"
If you are laden down with shame
And fear God's scorn and rage . . .
You need not wait another day
To get the sweet relief you need,
God needs no calendar to say:
"Tis New Year's day, indeed."

Catherine Poma

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.

On Tuesday night November 15th we gathered at the New Brunswick Church to hear Bro. W. H. Cadman give us a wonderful teaching which was enjoyed by the many that were gathered there. The meeting was lead in prayer by Bro. Ensano, and Brother Cadman gave us a lesson from the 8th chapter of the Book of Mormon. The main subject was the "raised sword," even as the Lord has His arms out-stretched to save the people. The sword would surely find those who wilfully disobey His commands. Bro. Mazzeo dismissed the meeting with prayer.

On Wednesday evening we met in our Church at Hopelawn, N.

J., and Brother Cadman took charge of this meeting also; speaking wonderfully on the Light and Glory of the Cross, which is Jesus Christ our Saviour. Brother Cadman was at his best in this meeting. Every one enjoyed the service very much. We might all say as Bro. Mazzeo did in his closing prayer. "May the Lord give Bro Cadman many more days in this life to encourage and teach the Church as he did on that night. Sincerely Sister Margaret Benyola.

CAR STOLEN IN HOPELAWN

WOODBIDGE — Joseph Benyola of 80 New Brunswick avenue, Hopelawn, reported to police last night that his car was stolen from in front of the Church of Jesus Christ in Florida Grove road, Hopelawn. An alarm was sent out giving a description of the missing vehicle.

FIND STOLEN AUTOMOBILE DESTROYED BY FIRE

WOODBIDGE — A car reported missing Wednesday night from in front of a Hopelawn church was found yesterday morning completely destroyed by fire in a clay bank operated by the McHose Clay Company in Hopelawn.

The car was located by Robert Dickson of 153 Washingt n street, Perth Amboy, who is a superintendent in the clay bank. He reported to police that someone had broken into a company shack and stolen an unknown amount of gasoline which, it is believed, was used to set the car on fire.

Police said the car was owned by Joseph Benyola of 80 New Brunswick avenue, Hopelawn. Patrolmen Albert Martin and John Yuhacz investigated for Woodbridge police.

P.S. Joseph Benyola whose car was stolen as given in the foregoing articles, is the presiding Elder of The Church of Jesus Christ in Hopelawn, N. J., and has been for a number of years. He is a congenial and likeable man and why he would be thus treated, is hard to understand. It seems evident from the two accounts as printed in the public press on Dec. 28 and 29th in Woodbridge, N. J. that the motive was not merely to steal a car, but to destroy our brother's car. Very bad indeed. (Editor).

Port Huron, Mich.

Dec. 18, 1949

By Bro. Jesse Johnson

Brother Editor: Here at the plant where I work, on Thursday there

was an explosion in which one man was killed, and several others injured. Our Indian brother Maness from Sarnia Reservation across the river from here in Canada, works at this plant as a steel worker. It seems that just before the explosion a voice spoke to him, telling him to step back. Just as he stepped back, there was a great explosion took place in front of him. It knocked him from his feet, and a piece of metal struck him in the face. The man who moved to the place vacated by our Indian brother, was burnt so badly that 90% of his body was a mass of burnt flesh. The flash was so hot that it burnt three fingers off from one of his hands. He died four hours later.

Brother Maness was so upset over his experience that he was unable to work the next day. He came to our Book of Mormon class on Friday night and told of his experience. Oh! how he thanked God because of His goodness and mercy in sparing his life. He is rejoicing today because of the privilege of hearing the Restored Gospel. Editor: Brother Maness was baptised very recently at Port Huron.

Marne Avenue Couple Observe Golden Wedding Christmas Day

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cadman of Marne avenue celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Christmas Day.

The marriage of Miss Vina Secrist, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Secrist of Elizabeth to A. B. Cadman took place in the Secrist home in Elizabeth on December 25, 1899. The ceremony was performed by the Reverend Alexander Cherry, now deceased, pastor of the Church of Jesus Christ of East Monongahela. The bridesmaid (also deceased) was Miss Mayme Foster. Best man for his brother was W. H. Cadman of this city, now pastor of the Church of Jesus Christ of Monongahela.

Twenty-one of the couple's 45 descendants — which include nine children, 26 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren—were present for the buffet dinner which featured the golden wedding observance.

There has not been a death in the family in 50 years.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Cadman are enjoying excellent health.

The honored ones were the recipients of many beautiful gifts, cards and money.

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NEW YEARS POEM

By Bro. Robert Watson, Jr.

As I look forward to this coming Year
May I be used to spread some cheer
My earnest desire be, to seek out the sad
And forge an inroad that will make them glad
May I never forget as long as there is life
That Jesus came to end all strife.
May the vibrant chords that pull at my heart,
Keep my lips and tongue, that may not start.
Yes, some wandering soul's to turn away
And from God's presence never to stray.
As the moments pass and grow into days,
May I never tire of my God to praise,
I trust that the God I truly adore
May forever find me on my knees to implore,
For strength to carry the weight of my cross
That my life may not be filled with dross.
May I not look at this, as just another year,
But as I lift my head to heaven, and hear
The words of my father as He speaks to me,
Remember my child I came to set you free.
His voice at times may seem a long way off,
Because I may be inclined to scoff
At the little trials he gives me to try
When I forget for me He came to die,
May I not forget that today is mine, to build and create
Within me a heart that is free from hate;
To look at myself as others see me
Is to rid my garments of the blood I see
That has stained my life to such an extent
That to Jesus, I must continually repent.
And so if God spares my life another year,
My greatest joy will be to hear
The words of the Master as He looks with joy
And says my son, You have been in my employ.

FROM THE WRITINGS OF DAVID WHITMER

It is recorded in the American Cyclopaedia and the Encyclopaedia Britannica, that I David Whitmer, have denied my testimony as one of the three witnesses to the divinity of the Book of Mormon; and that the other two witnesses, Oliver Cowdery and Martin Harris, denied their testimony to that Book. I will say once more to all mankind, that I have never at any time denied that testimony or any part thereof. I also testify to the world, that neither Oliver Cowdery or Martin Harris ever at any time denied their testimony. They both died reaffirming the truth of the divine authenticity of the Book of Mormon. I was present at the death bed of Oliver Cowdery, and his last words were, "BROTHER DAVID BE TRUE TO YOUR TESTIMONY TO THE BOOK OF MORMON." He died here in Richmond, Mo., on March 3, 1850. Many witnesses yet live in Richmond, who will testify to the truth of these facts, as well as to the good character of Oliver Cowdery. The very powers of darkness have combined against the Book of Mormon, to prove that it is not the word of God, and this should go to prove to men of spiritual understanding, that the Book is true. To show the reader what I have had to contend with, I give you below a copy of a leaflet which I had printed and distributed in March, 1881.

P. S. Any one having one of our Church History and will turn to page 19 will find Mr. Whitmer's further proclamation of which he refers to.

DEDICATION SERVICES AT ROSCOE, PA.

On January 1, 1950, We the Dunlevy Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ met with our Brothers and Sisters and Friends to dedicate our new Church at Roscoe, Pa.

A new Year, A new Church, and the Old Gospel, Brothers, Sisters and Friends what more could one ask; a wonderful combination. The Church was beautiful with floral offerings, and to me the brothers and sisters were beautiful too because they all had the happy look, that can only

come from doing your best and finding it is good.

Some may wonder why we built at Roscoe. Dunlevy is a rural Branch. Bro. Penn is the only member living there. We have members as far up as Uniontown, Brownsville, Republic, and Grandville and down as far as Allentown, Fairhope, Belle Vernon, Felsburg and Sister Cromlish at Donora. We were sorry not to have her with us.

The morning meeting was opened with prayer by Bro. Alma B. Cadman. A very beautiful prayer. A short but a very nice discourse by Bro. Isaac Smith, followed by Bro. W. H. Cadman, who spoke a little on the 66 chapter of Isaiah, and on what the Church is. And where the Holy Spirit really abides. But precious memories of earlier days was the subject of everyone's talk the day through. Much was said of Troytown across the river from here. My grandparents were of that Branch, but I don't think Bro. Cadman remembers them. They were William and Mary Leonard. Bro. Cadman also spoke of attending Conferences at Roscoe when the place was known as Lucyville. It did our hearts good to hear our brothers and sisters who have gone before, honored in the memories of our brothers. For many of them are dear to our hearts.

I was made acquainted with the Gospel by Brothers from this Branch. My parents, husband, brothers and sisters all but one were baptized, most of them by Bro. Alexander Cherry. My oldest brother was converted through the Gift of Tongues, and the interpretation as follows: "This man will ask for baptism before he leaves this room." My brother not entirely convinced, and thinking they were trying to hurry him, said to himself, "We'll just see about that." When the meeting was over and all were ready to leave, he still sat in his chair, he just could not get up. Nothing was wrong, but he just could not get up. He was made to realize that if he ever expected to get up he would have to ask for baptism. When he made the decision, he was released and was a firm believer in all the gifts and was faithful as long as he lived.