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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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The Port Huron, Mich.
Times Herald

In spite of a Thanksgiving Day blizzard, a group of loyal parishoners 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 accomodate 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-

ginning 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 principal 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 dissipate 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 DiGiovannone 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 hypocrites 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 calender 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 an-
other 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.

Several of the Elders who were on the rostrum took part in the afternoon service, and Sister Golluck, and Sister Dintino of Glassport. Reminiscing was still the topic. Bro. Teman Cherry said as a boy he used to play ball on the lots our Church is built on, and his home was near. Sister Golluck now 88 years old gave a nice testimony, and we are thankful she has proved faithful all these years, and we felt sorry for Sister Dintino's loss, having buried her husband and her only son very recently. Bro. Ashton called attention to the fact that because the saints of Troytown were faithful, we are now enjoying the blessings of the Gospel after generations have passed.

Evening service were still much the same. Opened by Idris Martin with prayer and a short talk, followed by Br. Teman Cherry and Bro. Bittinger and all of us enjoyed every minute of the whole day. I often think one short lifetime is not long enough for God's mercies to us. Even if we spent it all in His service. Many of us get a little lazy without intending to. We are thankful that after we are gone and forgotten, people may still worship God in this building, and our work will go on. I like to think of that. We had just started to build when the strike come on, and while it was hard on our brethren, it was good for the building. The strike ended when the Church was almost finished. It reminds us that all things work together for good to them that love God.

We, the Dunlevy Branch thank you all for helping to make this such a happy day, and for your good-wishes. We know they are sincere. Sister Amy Martin.

Editors note: I will add that the Dunlevy saints have built a good substantial building. It is built of Red Tile, a good basement including a gas furnace, and as far as beauty is concerned, it is beautiful enough for all who wish to serve God therein. It has cost them less than \$8,000 dollars, they all are ordinary working people, and of course have gone into debt to build a House unto their God. May I ask you all of whom the Lord has blessed in baskets and store, to kindly remember the Dunlevy Branch. The building is an honor to The Church of Jesus Christ. May God add His blessing to you all. I might add too, that aside from the mason work on

the building, the Dunlevy brethren did about all the work themselves, and have done a good job.

RADIO BROADCAST

By Robert Watson, Jr.

C.H.O.K. Sarnia, Ont.

Today is the beginning of a new year. The year 1950. This statement is important to us, because it quickly flashes across our minds that our life is divided into yearly periods of which we are allotted a certain amount. Could we pick the number of our allotted years, I suppose greed would influence many to live indefinitely, while riches, pomp and glory would force many to say. I wish death would not disrobe me of these so-called self-acquired requisites. Yet, that common reaper death, which visited the Palace of Pharaoh as well as the tent of the shepherd heeds not the position we may hold or the magnificence of our dwelling. As members of the brotherhood of men, we are brought to a common equality as we pass through the same channels of death and are brought face to face with the same God.

The year that has just flown by is just another chapter in the book we are writing, and whether the book may have forty chapters or eighty chapters it matters not. For it is not judged from its size or thickness, but rather for its context. We often hear a common expression, I could write a book of my life. Well, that book is written, not with ink that will fade, or paper that will burn, but written in heaven upon everlasting material. The important theme in this book should be, Have we maintained faith in God. It is not the trials we pass through as how we bear them. It is not the persecutions, as much as how we receive them. When a blow is struck, one waits patiently to see wise, God is continually watching our reactions. An affliction to one what the reaction will be. Like becomes an instrument that draws them closer to God, while to another it is a pain that never finds relief. A temptation to one is a stepping stone, because in not yielding, a victory has been won. While to another the same temptation is a stumbling block. Why? Because a yielding has caused a defeat. We cannot and durst not excuse ourselves by saying God gave them the strength to overcome and has not given it to me. It is something that has to start

in us, then as we exercise in prayer, we become accustomed to the weight of self resistance.

The scripture says "to him that hath shall be given, and to him that hath not shall be taken away." As God is delighted to give more to him that is using the talents he has, likewise does He take away from him that is continually hiding and shirking his duty.

I suppose there are today, mixed emotional feelings. Many, will be upbraiding themselves for being so easy a target for the arrows of selfishness and pride, while others are basking themselves in the sunlight of their own egotism. When you stop to meditate and seriously reflect that another three hundred and sixty five days have been completed, finished to return no more, it is alarming to think how many moments, yes days, weeks, months, have been spent in idleness, not loving, and expecting to be loved, merciless, and expecting mercy, mercenary, and expecting to receive blessings.

It was not the things that we had hoped to do had never done, that brought us the joy of living, but the things whether great or small that we accomplished. There are so many to day that say "I hope to do it, or I will try to do it" instead of saying, By the grace of God I will do it; remember, determination is a very close friend of success and they often join hands. It is sad to see someone weeping over the mistakes they have made, and saying I am a failure, when they should dry up their tears and say, if others can do it so can I. At this juncture I would like to speak of a living example of these principles; an elderly lady who lives in London, Ontario who is in her eightieth year. Eighty chapters of eventful life. She has proven without any doubt that trials and afflictions if taken in the proper way can be overcome. While she had her husband and her sons taken from her; yet she still is a vessel of goodwill and cheer; her lips have not lost the touch of encouraging words to others. Her smile and laughter denote that God is capable of granting release to the captives, and relief to the suffering. Perhaps during this past year some have lost their loved ones, others have been confined to beds of sickness, while still others have spent sleepless nights of worry. My advice, and counsel is today

as it is the beginning of a new year, let us not look upon it with a feeling of uncertainty and unrest; but rather with earnest prayer let us build for ourselves a resistance against sin that will never be broken by weakness and unbelief.

The four seasons that have just passed which joined together form the complete year, perhaps have been very typical of our life and temperament. There were times when during this past year when we felt the freshness and ardour of spring in our souls, so much that it inspired us to look to heaven and acknowledge of the love of God, a love we felt we could have died to retain. We felt the Aprils showers of blessing warming our hearts with tenderness. We rejoiced many times to see our hopes like buds break through and blossom into flowers of joy. I know to many it was good to see the summertime or harvesting when perhaps a soul we had prayed for a number of times came into the fold of God. Or perhaps sad to see some, who underneath the heat of persecution melted into unhappiness and misery. There were times when we saw our burning desires fade and fall like the autumn leaves. The colorful petals of understanding and sympathy fall and drop upon the ground of intolerance and hatred. How many during this past year felt that the soft blanket of white snow was typical of the purity they tried to possess. Or perhaps some felt that the blinding sleet would cover the tracks they had left behind, while murmuring and backbiting. We must never forget that even the coldest of hearts can be melted underneath the rays of Divine Love.

Yes, today brings the beginning of a new year. We quickly begin to engineer plans that will improve the future, and underneath the feelings of this emotional uprising, we begin to make rational promises which oftener than not has its birth and death in our imaginations. One can almost feel himself drift unconsciously into the spirit of this seasonal period, which inspires many to great heights.

The utterances of many will be I resolve to do better this coming year than I have in the past. One would tire to listen to the expositions of many who underneath the pressure of conviction of their self indulgencies promise repeatedly to shed themselves of their

degraded habits, when they never stop to realize or consider God who is the one that makes the lasting changes.

Our lives seem to be very periodical, at times we feel like kings able to govern and reign over the passions and travails of life. Then quickly we fall back into the prison of unrestricted impulses, and we are once again slaves to habit and to form. I would like to say that change and reform does not come through the empty shell of promise, but through the fruits of repentance. For as John in speaking to the Saducees in seeing their hypocrisy as they came to witness his baptism said, "Oh generation of vipers who hath warned you to flee from the wrath which is to come. Bring therefore fruits meet for repentance." There is a change that may come to us as a means of convenience, one that may suit our plans to gain popularity and behind our words that may appear gentle and sincere lies a heart of violence, ahead forever raised to strike and pierce to wound and afflict others we deem unworthy and unclean. But I stress let us promise God to change not from lips that quiver at the thought of sacrifice but from the heart of one who is willing to denounce sin in all its forms regardless of the consequences. Let us make this year a year of great spiritual revival. I say the days of revival are not passed. It can start in you, it can stop in you.

ESSEX COUNTY SANITORIUM
Windsor, Ont. Canada
Jan. 2, 1950

Dear Editor: We are all Indians want to thank you for the very nice Christmas Gifts we received from The Church of Jesus Christ, which Sister Ford brought them to us. Yours truly, Dorothy Frogg. P.S. It is pleasing to know that our people are thoughtful of the Indian boys and girls in this Sanatorium, and who are so far away—from their homes. May the fruits of your labors be enjoyed in the days yet to come.

WATCH MEETING AT
VANDERBILT, PA.

Brother Editor: On Saturday night Dec. 31st 1949 a watch meeting was held at the home of Brother and Sister Oron Thomas on R. D. 1, Vanderbilt. There were 110 brothers and sisters and friends present. A short meeting was held beginning at 11:30 p.m. and lasting

through the ending of the year into the new.

Bro. Thomas gave us a very good talk on the scriptures found in Lev. 25th Chapt. pertaining to the seventh year Sabbath. On Sunday we had two baptisms and two very good meetings. The Lord surely met with us. I will add that my wife, Sister Barnhart is about the same. She does not show much improvement as yet.

Bro. M. H. Barnhart.

STITES, IDAHO

By Bro. R. Newby

To the Saints of the Most High God scattered abroad: Greetings in His Blessed Name.—I am taking this means of answering the many letters and cards and presents which I have received from my beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ our Lord, and I praise God's High and Holy Name for the day I was baptised in His Beloved Name. I have belonged to several different factions of the Restored Gospel, but I found no such fellowship in any of the others as I have found in this Branch; and now as my journey here on this wicked and sinful earth is drawing to a close, I praise God's High and Holy Name I will be leaving behind a great multitude of brothers and sisters that I will have the joy of meeting on this earth when the Lamb will lie down with the lion and we will never—part anymore. Although I have never had the pleasure of meeting you face to face, I feel as though I had known you all my life.

I will be 83 years old next July the fourth, and I have had some wonderful experiences since the Lord found me a drunken infidel 42 years ago last July. My health is very poor, am on crutches with arthritis, but I praise God I do not have to suffer like many others that are afflicted as I am, and they tell me there is not one moment out of 24 hrs. that they are not in pain. The peculiar thing about it is, if any one comes in to see me and I begin to tell them the Gospel Story, every ache and pain leaves me and I remain that way for two or three hours after.

Well we sure are having real winter weather here this winter.

EXCERPTS FROM
"THE GREAT APOSTASY"

By James E. Talmage

The Diocletian oppression was the last of the great persecutions brought by pagan Rome against Christianity as a whole. A stu-

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EDITORIAL

We have learned recently by letter, that Brothers Ansel D'Amico of Rochester, N.Y., and A. L. Laird of Brantford, Ont., both have been removed from their homes to the hospital for ailments of some kind. We hope that their afflictions will not prove very serious, and if they have not yet returned home, that they will soon do so.

The last we heard of Sister Milton Barnhart, she had been removed to the Sanitorium at Hamburg, Pa. In a short letter from Bro. Barnhart recently, her condition was not very good and he requests the saints to remember her in their prayers.

We have also learned that our aged Sister Gadd of London, Ont., was having quite a vacation among the saints in Windsor, Ont., and in Detroit. Possibly a year ago Sister Gadd while in her home happened to turn on her radio and heard the "broadcast" of our folks from Sarnia, Ont. The results were, she became interested in the gospel as preached by our brethren, she embraced it and now has a testimony for the gospel as taught by The Church of Jesus Christ. Sister Gadd, write us a letter of your experiences for The Gospel News. (Ed.)

Since the recent stir in New Mexico in which 140 nuns and brothers of the Roman Catholic church were barred from teaching in public schools, Nebraska legislators have revised the school law in that state. One provision now stipulates that no teacher in a public school shall wear a garb which indicates that he or she is a member of any religious denomination. The penalty is a fine of any sum up to \$100, or up to thirty days in jail, or both. (Herald of Holiness)

CAN IT BE?

There are today 100 Buddhist temples in the United States. The largest, in San Francisco, was recently the scene of the fortieth annual Buddhist convention in the United States. The Japanese Buddhists claim 50,000 Japanese and 2,000 white American members of whom fifty are priests.—The Flaming Sword.

pendous change amounting to a revolution, now appears in the affairs of the Church. Constantine, known in history as Constantine the Great, became emperor of Rome A.D. 306, and reigned 31 years. Early in his reign he espoused the hitherto unpopular cause of the Christians, and took the Church under official protection. A legend gained currency that the emperor's conversion was due to a supernatural manifestation, whereby he saw a luminous cross appear in the heavens with the inscription, "By this sign conquer." The genuineness of this alleged manifestation is doubtful, and the evidence of history is against it. The incident is here mentioned to shew the means devised to make Christianity popular at the time.

It is held by many judicious historians that Constantine's so-called conversion was rather a matter of policy than a sincere acceptance of the truth of Christianity. The emperor himself remained a catechumen, that is, an unbaptized believer, until shortly before his death, when he became a member by baptism. But, whatever his motives may have been, he made Christianity the religion of the state issuing an official decree to this effect in 313. "He made the cross the royal standard; and the Roman legions now for the first time marched beneath the emblem of Christianity." (Myres).

Immediately following the change there was great competition for church preferment. The office of a bishop came to be more highly esteemed than the rank of a general. The emperor himself was the real head of the Church. It became unpopular and decidedly disadvantageous in a material sense to be known as a non-Christian. Pagan temples were transformed into churches, and heathen idols were demolished. We read that twelve thousand men and a proportionate number of women and children were baptized into the Church at Rome alone within a single year. Constantine removed the capital of the empire from Rome to Byzantium, which city he re-named after himself, Constantinople. This, the present capital of Turkey, became headquarters of the state Church.

How empty and vain appears the Diocletian boast that Christianity was forever extinguished! Yet how different was the Church under the patronage of Constantine from the Church as estab-

lished by Christ and as built up by His apostles! The Church had already become apostate as judged by the standard of its original constitution.

WARREN, OHIO

By D. Giovannone

Dear Editor:

Since there is a drawing power in Richwood, W. Va., for us to preach there, we make every effort to go there. My son Frank and I left our home Saturday morning, Dec. 17, for Richwood. Came back on Tuesday evening. It seems as though every trip we make we learn something new, on how God blesses someone there.

I had forgotten that John Waselchak had been anointed by us on one of our trips. He testified that he could not straighten up when he would bend; he works in a coal mine as a foreman. He said since we laid our hands upon him he has never felt anymore pain.

We were told by Carl O'Dale that since his father was anointed by us he feels like a young man.

We also paid a visit to the home of the woman that was dying in the hospital. She was surely glad to see us.

We went to John's home Saturday night to make arrangement for service. John was working on afternoon turn and his wife was at George Peak's church as they were having revival meetings.

Frank and I decided to go to their meeting to get in touch with John's wife.

As we went into the church many of them knew us and were glad to see us again. Both of us were called to the rostrum. After hesitating a while they persuaded us to go up. The rostrum was occupied by three other preachers. We were asked to bear our testimony, and I enjoyed speaking for a half hour with the blessing of God being felt by all.

We held our first service Sunday morning at Bro. and Sister Frames house. I am sorry to say that Sister Frame is sick again.

In this service two young Frame children were blessed and Sister Frame was anointed. John bore testimony that he had been baptised, but he feels as though he has to be baptised again by our people and he hopes that it may be soon.

We gathered together at his house in the afternoon and also in the evening.

Mr. Carl O'Dale was with us Sunday evening, while his wife

remained at Peak's church, they are having revival meetings for two weeks. While the service was in progress, the telephone rang, saying they had brought a crippled man from 28 miles distance that had been hurt in the mine and has both legs and part of his stomach paralyzed.

They brought him to Peak's church thinking we would be there. We shortened our service and we all went to Peaks church.

Again we were called to the rostrum, but we were greatly disappointed that the other preachers went ahead with the oil and invited us to join them. Due to the confusion there, neither of us felt to move. At the end of the service we shook hands with the crippled man and he told me that he heard that we were there and possessed the power of God to heal. We told him we would not leave W. Va. until we had anointed him.

We had two more services Monday. In the morning at Bro. Frame's and the evening at John's place.

While we were at John's house about 4 o'clock a young Nazarene Preachers wife came. She told me her husband enjoyed hearing me speak, and he was one of the preacher's seated on the rostrum. We asked her to tell him to come that evening, which he did.

I opened the service quoting from Psalms 85, 10 & 11, V. and also Ezekial 37, 15 to 17 Verse. There was good liberty to introduce the Book of Mormon along with many other latter day blessings.

This preacher and his wife are both part Indian.

After the service was closed he remained to talk to us. We talked till about 1:30 a. m. Frank took him home and he told Frank that we have something, but he can't fully understand.

He resided a few years in Coraopolis, Pa. and he knows some of our members.

On Monday night about 5 o'clock we went to the house of Mr. Balzano an Italian man. He is married to an American woman and she wanted us to meet him. We arrived at his home a little before he came home from work. He was glad to meet us and is a friendly man, but he said he was a Catholic and he wanted to die a catholic. He felt that the Catholic was the only church that leads people to heaven. After Frank and I spoke to him for about an hour

or better he invited us to have supper with them. We had a word of prayer at his table and before we left his home he said that his home is open for us to sleep and eat. He also said the next time we return for us not to pass his place, because he wants to come to our services.

We left Richwood early Tuesday morning and John came along with us to the crippled man's house.

We found a few people there, and I called the house to prayer. We felt the blessing of God and everyone was shedding tears. Then we anointed the sick man and a blessing was felt. He after declared that he felt the power of God working within him. He also said that when they anointed him at the Church, he felt an evil spirit working. We then began our journey home. We expected to make another trip on Jan. 7th to the 9th. I thank the Church for the contribution to help us along with expenses.

A Letter From Muncey, Ont.

The following is a personal letter to Bro. Cadman, but I will print it, that you all might learn of Sister Seth, a faithful Indian Sister of Muncey, Ont. Apparently she has regained her health very much.

Muncey, Ont.

Dec. 17, 1949

Dear Brother Cadman: To night I thought I had better write to you as I want to pay for The Gospel News, the subscription will soon end. I am really sorry to be so far behind. I will try and not let it go that way again. Now I am free and thank God for that. I am not so strong yet and am still under the doctors care. I am able to go around quite good now and do all my own work. I love The Gospel News. I love reading it very much. My Bible and Book of Mormon is my real comfort when alone. I find a lot of things so interesting in both the books. I spend many hours in studying about my people, (Indians) and where they came from and how wonderful they were taken care of while traveling to get here. The more I see and try to understand the more I find.

Since I came to the Lord I feel so happy to know that He is all that I need. I miss going to services most of the time, for I dare not be out in the cold or damp weather for I am troubled with

Asthma and other ailments. I hope this will find you and Sister Cadman in the very best of health. Give her my love and best regards please. Do you see Mrs. John M. Olexa around your way. She lives in Charleroi, Pa. I would love to see her, she was so good to me when I visited her home once. I hope some day I will be able to visit that part of the country again. I will have to bring my letter to a close wishing you and Sister Cadman the merriest Christmas and all the saints there. Your Sister in Christ. Mrs Alice Seth.—P. S. Sister Seth is not young any more. Her husband passed on two or three years ago a faithful member of the Church.

FROM MEADVILLE, PA.

By Sister Edith Terrill

Brother Editor: I was blessed in tuning in on the Gospel Hour broadcast from Sarnia, Ont., last Sunday Jan. 8th. The hymns sung by the Choir were very nice. Bro D. Moracco of Detroit brought forth the message of the morning. He spoke very well and brought out many good thoughts, stressing the most important thing in the world. was the salvation of the soul. He said that baptism is necessary for the cleansing of the soul: saying that God does not dwell in unholy temples. Bro Moracco elaborated upon the preparation necessary before baptism and spoke of the covenant we make at the water's edge. He exhorted listeners to pray regarding the salvation of their souls. Another point he brought out was, how our desires are changed after being baptized. We then find pleasure in the things we once hated, and hate the things we once delighted in. These few lines are only a summary and fall far short of doing justice to such a good message.

"In the Garden" was sung by the choir for a seriously injured brother at Cleveland, Ohio. Bro. James Lovalvo addressed this brother over the air, wishing him a speedy recovery and expressed the very beautiful thought, that the latter might always walk "In the Garden" with Jesus. Finally the beautiful hymn "Alone" was sung by two girls as a duet.

The following is a Poem that appeals to me, which is taken from a religious publication. The author is Pearl Pierson. Taking her text from Hebrews 13-8, she says: We can never reach tomorrow—

Yesterday is dead and gone—
 Yet the now of happy living
 Marches on-and on-and on—
 So I do not see tomorrow
 And its worries, when I pray:
 But instead, I pray that Jesus
 Will stay close to me today.
 It will keep me very busy;
 It will keep me happy, too.
 If I work along with Jesus
 At the task He helps me do;
 So I do not see tomorrow—
 For its needs I do not pray—
 Each tomorrow always brings me
 Just another glad today!

Though we are few in number
 we have good meetings at me
 brother Russell's home in Fredonia.
 Sister Emma Perry here in
 Meadville usually goes when we
 have an opportunity to attend.

A MIGHTY GENTILE NATION

I Nephi Chapt. 22

And now it came to pass that after I, Nephi, had read these things which were engraven upon the plates of brass, my brethren came unto me: and said unto me: What meaneth these things which ye have read? Behold, are they to be understood according to things which are spiritual, which shall come to pass according to the spirit and not the flesh?—And, I, Nephi, said unto them: Behold they were manifest unto the prophet by the voice of the Spirit; for by the Spirit are all things made known unto the prophets, which shall come upon the children of men according to the flesh.—Wherefore, the things of which I have read are things pertaining to things both temporal and spiritual; for it appears that the house of Israel, sooner or later, will be scattered upon all the face of the earth, and also among all nations.—And behold, there are many who are already lost from the knowledge of those who are at Jerusalem. Yea, the more part of all the tribes have been led away; and they are scattered to and fro upon the isles of the sea; and whither they are none of us knoweth, save that we know that they have been led away.—And since they have been led away, these things have been prophesied concerning them, and also concerning all those who shall hereafter be scattered and be confounded, because of the Holy One of Israel; for against him will they (Israel) harden their hearts; wherefore, they shall be scattered among all na-

tions and shall be hated of all men. — Nevertheless, after they shall be nursed by the Gentiles, and the Lord has lifted up his hand upon the Gentiles and set them up for a standard, and their children have been carried in their arms, and their daughters have been carried upon their shoulders, behold these things of which are spoken are temporal; for thus are the covenants of the Lord with our fathers; and it meaneth us in the days to come, (Israel and the seed of Joseph in particular) and also all our brethren who are of the house of Israel. (The gathering of the House of Israel begins with the Lamanite people on this land of America, and eventually all Israel are gathered back to the lands of their inheritance.)—

And it meaneth that the time cometh that after all the house of Israel have been scattered and confounded, that the Lord God will raise up a mighty nation among the Gentiles, yea even upon the face of this land; (America) and by them shall our seed be scattered. (The treatment afforded the American Indians by this great nation)— And after our seed is scattered (the Lamanite people, now known as American Indians) the Lord God will proceed to do a marvelous work among the Gentiles, (which has reference to the work of the restored gospel, coming forth of the Book of Mormon etc. to this Nation of people.) which shall be of great worth unto our seed; (American Indians) wherefore, it is likened unto their being nourished by the Gentiles and being carried in their arms and upon their shoulders. (through Gentiles obeying the restored gospel they shall have love and compassion for the poor down-trodden Indian people.) — And it (meaning the marvelous work) shall also be of worth unto the Gentiles; and not only unto the Gentiles but unto all the house of Israel, unto making known of the covenants of the Father of heaven unto Abraham, saying; In thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.—And I would, my brethren, that ye should know that all the kindreds of the earth cannot be blessed unless he (God) shall make bare His arm in the eyes of the nations.

It might be well to take notice right here, that after the preach-

ing of Christ now for near 2000 years, by Protestant and Catholic; the world is in as great a dilemma as it ever was, hardly excepting the days in which Noah lived. In the restoration of the gospel in these last days, by the Lord God sending an Angel to Joseph Smith, it was the beginning of God making bare His arm in these the last days. The Book of Mormon reveals unto us of the decrees of God concerning this land of America, yea, it is the land of which He has said: "is a land choice above all other lands," yea, the land of restored Israel, the land on which the Kingdom of Christ shall yet flourish, wherein His will shall be done on earth as in heaven. As a Gentile nation of people, we should praise God that He has thus far made His arms bare in bringing forth the Stick of Joseph, (Book of Mormon) making us acquainted with His everlasting decrees, of which means the destruction of this great nation of people, unless they mend their ways.

When a person thinks of how Christ is preached from the many, many pulpits in this fair land of ours by preachers who are divided asunder with each other as to the great, and simple plan of salvation as taught by the Saviour and His immediate followers, Yea one may well ask, how long will the God of heaven suffer the wickedness there is, to abound upon this fair land of promise to His covenant people. It reminds me of Isaiah 24:1-2 "Behold, the Lord maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof. And it shall be, as with the people, so with the priest; as with the servant, so with his master; as with the maid, so with her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the lender, so with the borrower; as with the taker of usury, so with the giver of usury unto him." To me this scripture portrays a thought as though priest, preacher, master, and servants are most all in the same boat. (WHC)
 (To Be Continued)

COCHRAN I. LYNCH
 PASSES ON

Brother Cochran Lynch of 520 Taylor St., Greensburg, Pa., died on Dec. 5, 1949 after an illness of

several years of complications. He was born in West Elizabeth, Pa., in 1867 making him a little short of being 83 years old at time of death. He was the son of the late Wm. and Frances Rupert Lynch who were well known in the Monongahela valley in the years that have gone by. Bro. Cochran was baptized into the Church in 1887 by the late Bro. Wm. Skillen, another Brother who was well known in the Valley in the years that have gone no more to return. The death of Cochran naturally takes my mind away back yonder, for I remember him about as far back as I can remember any one. I believe I am safe in saying that he led a life which was above reproach in the many years he lived upon the earth.

In 1893 he was united in marriage to Sister Elsie B. Maxwell, a daughter of the late Brother and Sister Wm. T. Maxwell, other old timers in the Church. He later located in Greensburg, where from his late home he was laid away to rest in Hillview cemetery on December 8th. He is survived by his beloved wife, Elsie; two daughters, Mabel and Hazel, and one grandchild. One brother Samuel S. Lynch of Coshocton, Ohio and one sister Sadie B. Doran of Norvelt, Pa. The services were in charge of Rev. Lawrence C. Dias of Erie, Pa., and assisted by Rev. J. Arnold Bergman, of the Church of God at Kecksburg, Pa. In the way of extending sympathy: I am sure that all the old acquaintances of the Maxwell and Lynch families will have sympathy for Bro. Cochran's loved ones. May the Lord bless and comfort you all, Bro. Cadman.

BROTHER PERLIONI IS SERIOUSLY INJURED

We are in receipt of a letter from Bro. Biscotti of Cleveland, Ohio informing us of the serious accident happening to Bro. August Perlioni at his work on Dec. 29, '49 while grinding a piece of metal on an emery wheel. The wheel broke and struck him in the abdomen. He was rushed to the hospital and was operated upon and the Drs. had little or no hope for him. His intestines were ruptured in two places and peritonitis had already set in. The Drs. said they had done all they could, but could promise them nothing.

Bro. Biscotti said: the saints turned their hearts to God in prayer in his behalf, and our folks broadcasting from Sarnia, Ont.,

sang "In The Garden" for Bro. August. The letter we received was dated Jan. 18, '50 and our brother was apparently on the way to recovery. May the Lord comfort him, his wife and little family. Bro. Cadman.

McGuire-Azzinaro Nuptials

Sister Marie Azzinaro, the daughter of the late Brother Vincent Azzinaro, and Sister Nancy Azzinaro of Bronx, N. Y., and Harry Albert McGuire of Cape Girardeau, Mo., were united in marriage in The Church of Jesus Christ, 751 East 217 St., Bronx, N. Y., on New Years Day, Brother V. Lupo officiating.

John Azzinaro, brother of the bride acted as best man, while his wife Elizabeth was maid of honor. The young couple went on a short honeymoon trip. The groom is in the U. S. Navy Service, but expects to be discharged soon, and they then will make their home in Cape Girardeau, Mo. We extend best wishes to the young couple.

Catone-Intrieri Nuptials (July 1949)

Mr. Joseph Catone, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Catone of 1415 Brinton Ave., North Braddock, Pa., and Miss Viola M. Intrieri, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Intrieri of 37 Monongahela Ave., Glassport, Pa., were united in marriage in The Church of Jesus Christ in Glassport, Bro. Wm. Tucker officiating. The pianist was James Nero.

Attending the bride as maid of honor was her sister, Miss Frances Intrieri; bridesmaids were Miss Minnie Pella, cousin of the bridegroom; Miss Virginia DiSciulla, Miss Louise Stipa and Miss Anna Marie Catone, sister of the bridegroom. Junior bridesmaid was a sister of the bride, Rosemarie Intrieri, and the flower girl was Nancy Preler. Best man was Peter Pella, cousin of the bridegroom, and the ushers were Anthony Catone, his brother, and John Pascuzzi, Martin Welsh and Thomas Welsh. Ring bearer was Patrick James Toomey.

An open reception took place in the home of the bride's parents during the afternoon; dinner was served in the Mazur Hotel in Glassport and there was a reception in the Pilsudski Hall. The couple left on a week's trip to Atlantic City and on their return will reside at 435 Price Ave. North Braddock.

The bride is a graduate of the the Glassport High School, also of

the Maison-Frederick School of Beauty Culture. The groom is a graduate of Scott High School, and served in the U. S. Navy for two years and is now employed by the Edgar Thompson Works in Braddock. This announcement is a little late, but we extend Joseph and Viola our best wishes for a long and happy life together.

Wedding Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Watts announce the marriage of their daughter Hazel Eleanor to Mr. Harry George Hendler on Saturday, the thirty-first of December Nineteen hundred and forty-nine at Huntington, West Virginia. The young couple are now at home after January fourth, at 2676 Fourth Ave. Huntington, W. Va. The Gospel News extends best wishes to George and Eleanor.

Bro. Clayton Henhawk of Six Nations Reserve Writes

Brother Editor: Before I joined the Church I heard the Gospel but it never meant anything to me. But there was a day I got down in bed and the Doctors did not know what was wrong with me. I just kept getting worse. The brothers came to visit me and anointed me. I could feel the pain gradually going. Up until that time I didn't realize what prayer meant. From that time on, my wife and I began to think about our future, and ask the Lord in prayer to show us in some way which was the true Church. One night after reading the Book of Mormon, my wife had a vision of Christ on the cross and we felt this was an answer to our prayer that The Church of Jesus Christ was the right one so we requested baptism.

Since being healed by the Lord, I have been able to work. I even worked on a tobacco farm last summer and it never bothered me, which I was never able to do before. Since then the Lord has blessed me and my family in many ways. May God bless you.

STELTON MISSION, N. J.

By Ivy Fisher

On Jan. 9th, we here in Stelton spent a wonderful day in the service of God. Presiding Elder Ensano called the young brethren up front and had them bear their testimonies. They each gave a very nice talk on what the Lord had done for them. In the afternoon we attended to the ordinance of Washing-Feet, and had many visiting brothers and sisters from New

Brunswick. We enjoyed hearing their testimonies.

The M.B.A. was held in Stelton in the evening. Our lesson was taken from the Book of Mormon. Bro. Anthony Ensano was the teacher. Questions were asked, also a discussion on scripture between Bros. R. Ensano and Joseph Benyola.

We are very thankful to God for the privilege of gathering ourselves together and rejoice in hearing the word of God and receive His blessing.

SECURITY

In this complex age we are confronted with many issues and problems both temporal and spiritual. Never in the history of the world has such a condition existed. Though many have escaped the ill effects of present times, there are also many who have become weighed down heavily by them. It is our lot having been called out of this sinful world, to be shining lights and an example to the world. We being disciples of the Lord Jesus in these latter days are called upon to live godly principles regardless of what conditions are in the world. To many it may appear to live a consecrated life these days is next to impossible. To this we say that God has never required or asked any one to do anything that was impossible. Contrarily the things that seem so hard to us, by God's help become very easy, fulfilling the promises of the Lord Jesus when he said, "Take my yoke upon you for my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

The subject which I have selected for consideration is one that deals somewhat with temporal matters. It is not my desire to arouse an interest in any one of us to begin to delve or to become entangled in affairs of this life, but rather that we may have a more perfect attitude toward those that rule over us, and that we might keep our affections and hopes set rightly.

In days past we have seen many promises made to the public by political figures as well as by organizations. These promises have sometimes been fulfilled and many times not. We were promised two cars in every garage and a chicken in every pot. Shortly after the promise was made, in the same decade, we experienced instead, hunger and thirst in the midst of plenty with soup and bread lines dotting the nation in most every city. Soldiers were promised many

things during the course of the war, but now that it comes time to fulfill we see a great letdown in these promises. Today we are promised security in old age, along with many other things, will they be fulfilled? There seems to be an alarming increase in the number of men who are so ready and willing to make promises, one promising this and another that. Shall the outcome be any different in the future than it has been in the past? The scriptures teach us clearly to cease from man whose breath is in his nostrils, and again it says not to put our trust in man, but rather in the living God. In the war that passed we soldiers, as I said previously were promised many things by ever ready promise makers. Today many have voiced an objection to a payment of a bonus, as we saw in the last election in this state, with even a greater objection in other states. I do not wish to discuss the merits or the demerits of this issue except only to state that the time of promising and of fulfilling surely brings different attitudes.

There seems to be much said pro and con to the security issue now. One well known man has made the statement that if we wish full security, we can find it by entering the portals of a jail. There its inmates are guaranteed food, shelter and clothing for the remainder of their lives. There is much truth in this statement, but who is it that would ask for a life behind bars, to be ever deprived of untold blessings that this life has to offer. The writer's words brought a verse of scripture to my mind which has a timely lesson for us on this matter. If we but make a correct application. The verse by many may be interpreted as a natural condition in which Paul was in, but upon close examination we must conclude that it was a spiritual one. He declared to the Ephesians (Chapter 4) that he was a prisoner of the Lord Jesus. (Not for the Lord Jesus as you will note, but of the Lord Jesus.) These words are meaningless if we should think that Paul referred to his natural imprisonment. We must realize and accept the fact that he referred to his spiritual status, and not the natural, for we know that he became a prisoner of the Lord Jesus on the road to Damascus, when the Lord stopped (arrested) him. Paul at this moment realized that he had been an enemy of Jesus. His immediate query was what he must do. We all know the story well of what

was required of him, and of how greatly he was blessed because of his immediate compliance.

Paul's life and work stand as a great memorial to all believers, for in this "captivity" he yielded fully to the Lord. He yielded fully to that perfect way of life, to the Gospel of truth that his Redeemer had made known unto him. He then presented himself as a living sacrifice unto God, and called it but a reasonable service. Why? Because he knew that he had once been held captive by the other master even Satan himself. Then upon liberation and redemption by the King of Kings, he felt that he owed all to his new master. Under this new master he began a new life, declaring that old things are passed away and all things become new. A new outlook, a new attitude toward his fellow man, and above all toward him whom he had rejected, beamed within him. He felt a deep gratitude for this great experience, especially so because of the fact that he had been a very religious man. Paul not only rejoiced in these things but also in the promises that his new master gave him, of food and of shelter, and of raiment, along with security. He knew that his new master's promises were sure, for his new master is the the Everlasting Father, a God of truth in whom is no changeableness or shadow of turning. Can we also have the assurance of these things? Definitely. All we have to do is to become a Paul, a prisoner of the Lord Jesus, by giving our all to the Master, which is manifested by living an unselfish life. This is what the Lord has likewise stopped us for, on our individual roads.

Let us therefore endeavor to do His will with all our might and soul, and the Lord is faithful and just and not slack in fulfilling his promises. And in so doing we will not be affected by unfulfilled promises of man. Let us do with our might what our hands find to do especially our individual spiritual duties, that we might not only receive these blessings, but also that we might be instrumental in ushering in that period of peace, when many others will enjoy these great blessings. The poet spoke of that time as an age of golden days, while the prophet declared that you would meet a brother and a friend in every place. God bless each of you brothers and sisters, is my hope and prayer.

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AWAY WITH HIM

By Harry I. Lorber

"Away with Him! Away with Him!"
The Jews in wrath to Pilate cried;
"We have no king but Caesar
here,"

And so, in shame the Saviour died.

"Away with Him! Away with Him!"

The skeptics cry in this, our day;
"We wish to have no part of Him,
His precepts we will not obey."

What will you do with Jesus,
friend,

Will you reject His nail pierced
hand,

With those who cry, "Away with Him!"

Will you in folly take your stand?

God grant that you may choose
the Christ,

And willingly take up your cross;

For, if you do, a crown is yours,

Though on the earth you suffer
loss.

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ITALY PROTESTANT PLEA

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Free Religion.

ROME, Jan. 16 (AP)—Protestants in Naples today called upon the American people to enforce the religious freedom clause of the Italian peace treaty. In a resolution, they protested a recent Italian Interior Ministry statement that "Protestant activities in Italy often aid Communism."

The resolution said the statement was intended "to justify ill treatment and discriminatory laws against evangelical ministers, missionaries and protestant churches in Italy."

The resolution was adopted by members of the Waldensian, Baptist, Methodist, Free Church of the Brethren, Seventh Day Adventist and Presbyterian churches. Copies were sent to the United States Embassy in Rome and the State Dept. in Washington.

It called upon "all Americans to compel the Italian government to abide by, respect, and execute" the religious freedom clause of the treaty.

It also called upon the Italian people "to see the rights and duties of citizens as provided by the constitution of the Italian republic be enforced. Article 19 of

the constitution provides for freedom of religion.

The resolution is an outgrowth of the argument involving Catholics and Texas evangelists of the Church of Christ, who claim they were stoned by Catholics in the Alban Hills near Castel Gandolfo, the Pope's summer home.

The Vatican's newspaper, L'Osservatore Romano, claims the evangelists unwittingly have been aiding Communism through their activities. The evangelists denied any connection whatever with Communism.

Editors Note: The Church of Jesus Christ is naturally interested in this matter, for the Church has several Elders in that country on missionary work, and they have been interfered with by Catholic priest's according to the word we have received from them. At present we are negotiating with the American Ambassador in Rome in their behalf. The Church of Jesus Christ believes in religious freedom for all mankind.

THE SUFFERINGS AND DEATH OF CHRIST.

By Brother Fred D'Amico, Detroit

An infinite atonement was necessary that man might be redeemed from the fall and restored once more to immortality. Our loss of Eden will be retrieved by the sufferings and death of Christ.

The prophet Isaiah said, "He is despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrow and acquainted with grief. Surely, he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. He was oppressed; and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth, he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth."

The scene of our Saviour's first sufferings was in the garden of Gethsemane, when he prayed to his Father saying, "If thou be willing remove this cup from me; nevertheless, not my will but thine be done," then there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him. Being in agony, he prayed more earnestly, his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling to the ground, how terrible must have been the struggle, and how exhaustive on his physical frame.

Betrayed by Judas Iscariot, he was taken prisoner in the garden

of Gethsemane. Peter, sought to defend the Master with his sword, but Jesus, knowing that his time had come, commanded Peter to put up his sword in its place, and said, "Even at this very moment if I prayed to my Father, he shall give me more than twelve legions of angels that I might escape, but how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be?" Then turning to those who came for him he said, "Are ye come out as against a thief with sword and staves for to take me? I sat daily with you teaching in the temple, and ye laid no hold on me." All this was done that the scriptures of the prophets would be fulfilled.

The Saviour was first taken to Annas, the father-in-law to Caiaphas, who was the high priest that year. Annas in turn sent him to Caiaphas, and Caiaphas then sent him to the hall of judgment to face Pilate. Pilate asked Jesus concerning his doctrine and disciples, his reply was, "I spoke openly to the world; and in secret have I said nothing," because of this reply he was struck by one of the officers with the palm of his hand. Asked if he was the King of the Jews, Jesus said, "My Kingdom is not of this world; if it were my servants would fight that I should not be delivered to the Jews." Art thou a King? Pilate then asked, "To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world."

Pilate found no fault with Jesus, being, a custom to release one at the passover, Pilate asked the Jews if they would agree to the release of Jesus, they said, "not this man, but Barabbas." Barabbas was a robber.

Jesus was taken, and scourged, a crown of thorns put on his head, a purple robe was put on him, then the cry, "Hail, King of the Jews, they also smote him with their hands.

Pilate still finding no fault with Jesus, made a last plea that the Jews would release him. They said, "Crucify him, Crucify him," Pilate still finding no fault with him told the Jews, "Ye crucify him." Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross, which read, JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS. He is nailed to the cross, his garments divided in four parts, his coat being without seam, they did cast lots, for it fulfilling the scriptures which said,

"They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots."

While the Saviour was upon the cross, he said, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do." It was a cry of forgiveness not only for those in his day, but for all generations that was to come. Then a cry for thirst, they gave him vinegar mixed with gaul, which he refused, for his thirst was, that he would draw all mankind unto him. The time came when his suffering became unbearable, and caused him to cry, "My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?" he then yielded up the ghost. Thus, sin was crucified.

The vail of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom, and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent. His body was taken by Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemous prepared for burial after the manner of the Jews, then laid in the sepulchre wherein was never man yet laid.

The sufferings of Jesus meant salvation to humanity, it was the way of the cross that leads home, the way of the cross is the road back to God.

P. S. According to our calendar (whether the calendar be correct or not, matters not to me), we are approaching the season of the crucial hour of the suffering of the Saviour of the world. Some may not look on these occasions as I do. That is their own affair. But while the world is in their way commemorating the season known as "lent," let not the members of His Church forget the time when all forsook Him. Brother D'Amico has written the foregoing at my request. I have also requested one of our young sisters to have an article prepared for that Great Day, the DAY of ALL DAYS, Yea the day when Jesus triumphed over the powers of hell and earth and led captivity captive. Yea His glorious RESURRECTION. Bro. Cadman.

A MIGHTY GENTILE NATION I NEPHI Chapter 22

Beginning with verse 11, "Wherefore, the Lord God will proceed to make bare His arm in the eyes of all the nations, in bringing about His covenants and His gospel unto those who are of the house of Israel. (which includes the American Indians)—Wherefore, He will bring them again out of captivity, and they shall be gathered together to the lands of their inheritance; (the

land of America is the inheritance of the Indians) and they shall be brought out of obscurity and out of darkness; and they shall know that the Lord is their Saviour and Redeemer, the Mighty One of Israel.—And the blood of that great and abominable church, which is the whore of all the earth, shall turn upon their own heads; for they shall war among themselves, and the sword of their own hands shall fall upon their own heads, and they shall be drunken with their own blood.—And every nation which shall war against thee, O house of Israel, (of which the American Indians are a part of) shall be turned one against another, and they shall fall into the pit which they digged to ensnare the people of the Lord. And all that fight against Zion shall be destroyed, and that great whore, who hath perverted the right ways of the Lord, yea, that great and abominable church, shall tumble to the dust and great shall be the fall of it."

The prophet Daniel declares that the "little stone that was cut out of the mountain without hands, smote the Image on the feet." The Church of Jesus Christ has always proclaimed that this nation occupies the position of the feet of that great Image. The nations tumble and the little stone becomes a great mountain and fills the whole earth. No doubt representing the Kingdom Of Jesus Christ, and Daniel declares that the Kingdom is given to the saints of the Most High whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him. The Book of Mormon prophets through the inspiration of God's Holy Spirit, sees the time coming when all the nations that war against the house of Israel, and the people of God and that fight against Zion shall be destroyed.

In the Book of Mormon this land of America is referred to as the land of Zion. It is the land where the gospel was restored through the instrumentality of Joseph Smith, who was murdered by a mob in Carthage jail in Illinois in 1844. Yea, the man who was the choice of God in bringing forth the Record of Joseph, a record of enlightenment to all who will receive it, concerning God's great purposes, which was to be revealed in these last days. Yea, are we not approaching the time: when "he the man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself

above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God" I ask, are we not approaching the time when his power shall cease? I read in Rev. 17-13, 14 "These (horns or kingdoms) have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for He is Lord of lords, and King of kings; and they that are with Him are called, and chosen, and faithful."

To me, it is very evident that in the last great struggle with the powers that be, the Kingdom of Jesus Christ shall triumph, the nations shall tumble and become as the chaff of the summer thrashing floor, and that wonderful prayer, known as the Lord's prayer, wherein Jesus taught His disciples shall be a reality, yea the will of God be done in earth even as it is in heaven. FOR SUCH IS THE HERITAGE OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD. (WHC.)

FROM DETROIT

By Sister Carlini

My Dear Gospel Readers: At this hour I want to thank God for this wonderful privilege that was granted unto me in these latter days, which is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I also want to thank God for the Gospel News, which is the best printed paper I have ever enjoyed. It gives us an opportunity to know of each other, and how God works with His people, which is really good for our souls.

As you all know, or rather most of you already have heard what happened to my little granddaughter, Jo Ann. Unfortunately a terrible tumor developed on the left side of her face, which caused her second set of teeth to be pushed out on the other side of her cheek, which was considered a very serious case, one in a million. But let me praise the name of the Lord Jesus Christ today, for it was only the faithful prayers of the saints, that caused the great Arm of the Great Jehovah to move in behalf of the child. A fast and prayer-meeting was appointed for the day before the operation in all the Branches, and surely we can say it pleases God when we gather in His name with a broken heart and a contrite spirit. I also wrote several letters to different Branches, making an appeal to set the case before the Lord in behalf of this child. Today brothers and sisters my

heart rejoices for the wonderful Grace that was granted through the prayers of the faithful.

When the doctors started to operate on Jo Ann, they were already confounded, for it was not according to the report of the X-ray. The X-ray still indicated a terrible tumor, but the doctors only found two little sistic tumors with one of her front teeth in it, which was considered a minor operation. After they completed the operation, it caused them to marvel at the change. Today I thank God for His mercies on this child, for it is a miracle that Jo Ann escaped a terrible operation.

My dear brothers and sisters, there is no gold nor silver upon the face of the earth that could pay you all for your humble prayers in behalf of Jo Ann; but all I say is, May God bless you all and cause you to be more fervent unto this beautiful Gospel and gain the crown of everlasting life, which money cannot buy. May I remember this experience when I come across the storms of life, for God is the giver of all we enjoy; the same yesterday today and forever more. May God bless you all is my prayer.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

February 5, 1950

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I have been wanting to write to our Gospel News for a long time and have been putting it off from day to day until I feel today that I must do it now.

Greetings and best wishes are sent to all of you from all here. Tho we are at the extreme end of the vine we are truly partaking of the same ripe food we partook of when we were closer to the main branches.

Our God is wonderful and powerful, and most merciful and truly He has been blessing us here beyond measure.

There have been a lot of experiences lately and in spite of afflictions and disappointments, we are all rejoicing in the God of our Salvation and this Glorious Gospel.

At one time in my life I was very close to God. I was in that place where my mind was upon Him and his work constantly. Doing my housework traveling on street cars or regardless where I was I had a prayer or a song on my lips. Not long ago I was thinking upon those days and wishing I could again get into that place. That was 24 or 25 years, ago. But

I let this blessing slip from me and I never could figure out why or how I lost it until lately.

While I was in possession of this blessing I went about with Sister Sarver visiting the sick etc. One day a matter was repeated to me by one we had gone to visit. It was one of those things that happen so often; too often no doubt. Well what I heard went thru me like a sword; for I looked upon all of my brothers and sisters as being nearly perfection itself and I couldn't think wrong of anyone; and I tried to overcome this disappointment in myself but I couldn't do it, and in trying to overcome within myself I lost all the blessing I had. But I could never feel sure just why I lost the blessing when as I tho't I had done no wrong in myself. But the Lord showed me just lately when I was desiring the return of that closeness to God and His blessing, just where I lost it and how I could find it.

I lost the blessing of being so near to God when I began to doubt my brothers and sisters. Because two sisters had failed me, as I thought they had, I began to watch and began to see many imperfections and that was when I lost the wonderful blessing I had enjoyed for only a few years. And when it all came out it was a word spoken with no evil intent but one which had grown in magnitude thru repetition until, when it reached my ears it all but ruined my spiritual life. You ask why tell this now? Well I have only lately discovered where I had sinned before God and I want to tell this experience that it may help another not to make the same mistake I did.

God has never forsaken me, but once you have known the nearness of God you know also when you are following afar off. I am striving to get back into that place that when I pray I will know He hears, and when I call upon Him I know He will answer. It will not be easy for me but by the Grace of God I shall try to put everything that would hinder His Perfect work in my life as far behind me as possible.

The one that hears, the one that repeats, and the one that believes evil reports or any word that would destroy or tear down, or cause doubt are all as guilty as the one who spoke them, in the sight of God. It took me 25 years to learn this lesson and I pray

that others may profit. May God deliver His people from this evil.

Sister Perdue is sorely afflicted with her back bone out of place. She was anointed some time ago and was getting along fine and all at once she was down again. We hold prayer service at her home every Wednesday morning at 10 a. m. that is 1 p. m. your time E.S.T. would you join with us all who can that hour. We are praying for all the afflicted thru out the church and for the spread of this Gospel and God is blessing us. We feel here, it is time to pray and then continue to pray in our hearts as the Book of Mormon and the Bible teach us we should. Not only for those of our members but for the world at large our neighbors and especially for the children of the saints and those who once knew the way and have fallen by the wayside. May the cry of every heart be, Lord send a Revival and let it begin in me. May God bless you all thru out the church and remember us in California when you pray.

Your sister in Christ,
Margaret Heaps

SERPENT MOUND IN OHIO.

(A Reprint from the Gospel Reflector of September 1908.)

"The Great Serpent Mound in Adams County, Ohio, has ever since its discovery been regarded by archaeologists with wonder. It is located in the northern part of Adams county in a valley as fair and beautiful as any famed in story. Three streams converge at the base of a high cliff, whereon reposes the stupendous serpent, its head directed towards the North, and its crooked folds stretched toward the South for more than a thousand feet.

The Great Serpent first became known to scientists about 1849, and was visited by some of the world's recognized authorities in archaeology. It was at once pronounced a remarkable and significant discovery, and the scholars of Europe and America united in studying its history. It was totally unlike any other ancient work, and all the knowledge acquired by studying other mounds and earth structures availed nothing in applying the lessons written here.

In vain scientists explored their books and excavated about the Serpent, hoping to find some clue that would explain the reason for its existence. Absolutely nothing

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EDITORIAL

I left home on Saturday, February 11 for Rochester, N. Y., for a short trip. I was inconvenienced in traveling due to trains being canceled on account of coal-shortage. It was four a. m. on Sunday when I arrived in Rochester. The trip was made by train and bus. I got in bed about 6 o'clock and slept until about 9:30 when I was awakened and then spent the morning and afternoon in Church, and had a very nice day in the service of God. During the day I visited Bro. Ishmael D'Amico who was stricken with a stroke some time ago. He is still very helpless, and cannot talk. Otherwise he looks very well and eats very good. His son Ansel who has been poorly is much improved. There was no meeting on Sunday night, so a number of us gathered at the home of Bro. Michael Marinetti. Sister Marinetti is sick in bed and is poorly. We spent the time in singing, and had prayer at her bedside. The next day, Monday, some of the brethren took me in their car to Lockport, N. Y., for special services in the evening. It was very stormy and rough driving for better than 60 miles. However we arrived at the Church safe and we had a very nice service with our folks at Lockport. Due to the stormy weather we all stayed at Lockport for the night. The next morning I left for Erie, Pa. via Buffalo. A big snow on the ground and raining hard. Bus traveling was dangerous, however, I arrived safe in Erie and made it to Bro. Mancini's home in time for supper. After supper we drove to the home of Bro. Dr. Chandra. He was lately brought home from the hospital, and is confined to his bed, but he looks very well and is very talkative, really does not seem like a sick man. He observed his 94th birthday just recently, and is still living in hopes of flying to his native land, India. His people wants him to come. He has not forgotten his blessing in obeying the Gospel and is anxious to tell his people of it.

After spending about one hour

with our old brother, we returned to the Mancini home and spent a very nice evening with Brother and Sister Behanna and Sister Esther DiBattista Dyer and her husband.

The next day I left for Cleveland on a bus, arrived at Bro. Biscitti's home late in the evening and attended services at our Church there. We had a very nice service. Brother Periloni who was seriously injured recently, was able to be at the service, and apparently is getting along very well. I did not get to see Bro. Chester on this trip, but I understand he is very poorly. I left Cleveland the next day arriving home late in the evening. Editor.

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rewarded their toil, and they gave it a place among the mysteries of the earth.

Many years after its discovery, Morris K. Jesup, of New York lately deceased, interested himself in studying the perplexing question. In his investigation he encountered Rev. Landon West, of Pleasant Hill, Ohio, who related a strange story. It appears that Rev. West was born near the Great Serpent Mound. From his earliest years he was associated with it, and absolved the mystery of its existence.

He studied for the ministry and suddenly received a great light from the Scriptures. He found that the Bible nowhere says that the Garden of Eden was in Asia, nor to the east of the Atlantic ocean. Devout and conscientious, the young minister sought advice from the scientists, always trying to reconcile his conclusions with their demonstrations. In this connection he eventually obtained an interview with Morris K. Jesup, banker, philanthropist and archaeologist.

Mr. Jesup was immediately attracted by the theory presented by Rev. West, and together they visited the Serpent and studied its dimensions at short range. In the end Mr. Jesup accepted the theory of the minister and boldly asserted that in his belief the Serpent was located near the Garden of Eden, and that the great mound was an object lesson, the first ever erected on earth.

It was one of Mr. Jesup's beliefs that the western hemisphere was the cradle of the human race, and for years he sought convincing proof to support this. But his researches resulted in finding

no indisputable evidence that the race sprang in America, an he hailed with great satisfaction the Biblical proof offered by Rev. West that Eden was located near the Serpent, and that for ages prior to the flood the race existed in America, and spread all over the northern and southern hemispheres.

In order that the matter might be presented to other archaeologists, Rev. West was invited to set his theories in writing, and to quote his Scriptural authorities for his startling claim. He did this with great care, setting out with some detail of statement his conclusions. These were adopted by Mr. Jesup and other archaeologists, among them being Prof. E. O. Randall, secretary of the Ohio Archaeological and History Society, and W. C. Mills state curator. The conclusion of these scientists is that geology and archaeology prove beyond question that the American continent is the oldest land formation known. Many centuries ago the Scioto valley, in Southern Ohio, was the seat of the highest civilization ever uncovered, and which took ages to develop.

That ancient civilization originated in the valley more than 400 mounds mutely testify. The people who build the mounds were skilled workers in mica and copper. Brinton, the eminent author of "The American Race," says the earliest tradition tells of a race known as "The People of the Serpent" in the Scioto valley. **The First Object Lesson On Earth.**

This people built the Great Serpent Mound in Adams county for use in religious observance. Undoubtedly, according to some scientists, they based their religion upon the Garden of Eden story of the serpent, and it was handed down the ages in folklore. Archaeologists claim the mound builders and "people of the serpent," were Dolicocephali, or "long heads," indicating advanced brain power.

The people of the Muskingum valley, in Ohio, were Brachycephali, or "short heads," of small intelligence. They became subject to certain banished leaders of the people of the Serpent, who had sought refuge and residence in the land to the east. The Biblical verse, Genesis 4.16, becomes significant: "And Cain went out from the presence of the Lord and dwelt in the land of Nod, east of Eden."

This valley in which the banished leaders of the people of the Serpent found their residence was to the east of the Great Serpent Mound.

These various conclusions of the archaeologists, which are indisputable, very naturally served to yet further convince Rev. West that his own studies of the Bible in connection with the Great Serpent had not led him astray, and that both science and Scripture testified to his conclusion that the Great Serpent marked the site of the Garden of Eden, and that the Serpent itself was the first object lesson created on earth.

A strange fact demonstrated by diggings carried on in the presence of Rev. West and Mr. Jesup, at their orders, is that the Great Serpent Mound certainly was erected before the flood. This significant fact goes far to establish the truth of their claims, for if the mound was made before the flood devastated the earth, then it certainly is the oldest of all created things formed by the hand of man.

While Rev. West contends that the Great Serpent was created by the power of the Almighty, yet he readily admits that it is impossible to prove his convictions beyond question.

He concludes that if the Serpent was created before the flood it was built by people who could have heard of the expulsion from Eden only through tradition, and then wrought the marvelous work to illustrate the story of the deception of the serpent, the temptation of man, the resulting pains of sin, and the struggle of painful death.

Rev. West wrote his theories at length. Among the portions of Scripture which he quotes as bearing on the Great Serpent are Revelations 20-2, John 8-14, II Corinthians 11-3, Timothy 11-14.

Rev. West named the Serpent "Earth's First Object Lesson," and says it is situated within the bounds of the Garden of Eden. He continues by saying: "America is in fact the land of Eden, and the Garden was situated to the eastward of Eden. This agrees perfectly with the location of this section. Genesis, 2-8, II Kings 19-12, Ezekiel 28-23; 17-13, 31-8. The figure is a complete object lesson, a mammoth one, representing life, persuasion, deception and death.

"We know that serpents do not

eat fruit, yet there is this figure with the image of a lemon or plum in its mouth. It shows pain by its writhings, as indicated by the tail which is coiled exactly as a dying serpent coils its tail. In the age when such images were shown on earth there was no one on earth but the Creator who was well enough acquainted with Eden's events or its location to have marked the spot, save the Creator, and the people of heaven. And inasmuch as it shows a figure so much connected with the history of Eden and its occupants, it is conclusive that the relation between the events it exemplifies and the history as contained in Genesis is very close.

The Bible does not say that Eden was in Asia. In fact the theory contained in the Bible concerning the location of Eden allows us to begin here. The ark could have been built here as well as in any other section of the earth. The ark, moving at the rate of two and a half miles an hour, would travel 60 miles a day. The ark was afloat 150 days, and in that time could have carried its load of living creatures 9000 miles east of the Jordan. Moses does not say anything in his account of the flood of the wasting and rotting of flesh, bodies of beasts and perhaps persons of men drowned in the flood. Had Noah and the creatures he saved, been put forth from the ark among the bodies that lived before the flood they must all have perished miserably. But God did a scientific work, and landed the ark in a region which had been unpopulated before the flood.

No Record Until Time of Moses

"And with all that is curious about the figure, a crook was made in the northern line of the county when the state was laid out, so that the figure lies entirely within the county of Adams, named after Adam, the first man, and the only man who ever lived within the Garden of Eden.

"But after the flood until Moses, A. M. 2500, the record of creation the fall of man and death by sin, the account of the flood, the sojourn in Egypt, and all other events of the world's history, and that of the people were taught and obtained only by tradition, yet all the while, and all down to the present day this perfect illustration of thought and history, written here in the soil of the earth, was, and is still, found to tell the one sad event, and to

mark the spot where God's word was first given to man on earth. What Job writes he also learned by tradition at least 2500 years after the event occurred.

"And nature shows that no other reptile, beast or bird has attempted to deceive mankind as here shown of the serpent, and this agrees fully with Moses (Genesis III, 1)

"In all the thousands of years that have followed after the expulsion from the Garden of Eden no artist or painter has succeeded in illustrating the one event in Eden's garden in so clear a light, and unmistakable form, as is here shown. With our books we are able to preserve records for but a comparatively short time. Noah had 100 years in which to build the ark. During that time he may have witnessed the building of the Serpent by the Almighty hand of God himself. Can anyone say that the ones who designed and fashioned the Serpent had in mind any other event than the one first sad event in Eden, as is recorded in the third chapter of Genesis and written by Moses at least 3500 years ago. If not designed, why does it compare so closely?"

Rev. West succeeded in convincing Mr. Jesup and other scientists that the Serpent marked the entrance to the Garden of Eden. Today it appears to guard the approach or entrance into a valley beautiful and fertile. It is easy to accept the belief of Rev. West since the scientists have searched in vain for the meaning of the structure. His theory seems to furnish the long-sought key to the mystery.

P. S. Notwithstanding the wonderful testimony given by honorable men concerning the divinity of the Book of Mormon, still it is looked upon with scorn by the masses of today. But need we be surprised? The masses in all ages have been unbelieving in the purposes of God in their day. According to what I read, Jesus was a man of sorrows. He wept over Jerusalem in verses 41, 42, in Luke 19, "Saying If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace; but now they are hid from thine eyes."

In the Book of Mormon it is recorded in Esther 13-2, "And that after the waters had receded from off the face of this land (America) it became a choice land above all

other lands, a chosen land of the Lord; wherefore the Lord would have that all men should serve him who dwell upon the face thereof." It causes a person to wonder: Will the American people wake up before it is too late? The angel of God has flown and brought back the everlasting Gospel as recorded in Rev. 14-6, and the Book of Mormon has spoken to us out of the ground, yea, has whispered to us out of the dust. Isaiah 29-4."

While on a trip to Kentucky about a year ago, Brother and Sister Bittinger and myself went about four miles out of our way in order to visit the Serpent Mound in Adams county, Ohio. It is a wonderful engineering feat, and built by a people prior to the history of our own nation. God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform. He plants His footsteps in the sea, And rides upon the storm. Yea, well has the man Mormon, a prophet of God cried unto this nation of Gentiles as follows, "Hearken, O ye Gentiles, and hear the words of Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, which He hath commanded me (Mormon) that I should speak concerning you, for, behold He commandeth me that I should write, saying: Turn all ye Gentiles from your wicked ways; and repent of your evil doings, of your lyings and deceivings, and your whoredoms, and of your secret abominations, and your idolatries, and of your murders, and your priest-crafts, and your envyings, and your strifes, and from all your wickedness and abominations, and come unto me, and be baptized in my name, that ye may receive a remission of your sins, and be filled with the Holy Ghost, that ye may be numbered with my people who are of the house of Israel." These are the words uttered by the prophet Mormon almost two thousand years ago upon this land of America to the Gentiles now thereon. Though he lived many centuries ago, can any man today, charge this nation of people with wickedness any more vividly than what he did? Are not the words of Christ applicable to this nation of people today? May not He be looking down upon us today as a nation with the same thought in mind? "If thou hadst known, even thou, (America) at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace; but now are they hid from thine eyes."

The prophet Moroni who lived on this land almost two thousand years ago, has this to say to us: "Behold, I speak unto you (this nation of people) as if you were present, and yet ye are not. But Jesus Christ hath shown you unto be, and I know your doing." Yea, may I add: that which he sees of this nation is far from being good. (Editor)

THE BOOK OF MORMON

By Paul Love.

Why do we believe in the Book of Mormon as a part of the written word of God? This subject has always been in the minds of many Christian people, or rather the thought of the world in general, and they look upon this people and their faith as out of place—a peculiar faith.

Let us give thought of the day when our Lord and Saviour was born into the world, nearly 2000 years ago. And when at the age of 33, as recorded in Matthew 3-16,17 "And Jesus, when He was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: And, lo, the heavens were opened unto Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon Him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

From the day of His baptism, He went forth healing the sick, making the blind to see, and the lame to walk, even raising Lazarus from the dead. Was He not bringing forth in His day a peculiar faith, a doctrine out of place, when many generations were taught in the way of the law Moses?

Yes—we find those people rejecting the Christ, and when at the age of about 33 years, He was crucified rejected cast aside as a thing of naught. But we have learned through His ministry, death, and resurrection that we have the promise of eternal life, if we prove faithful to the end. There shall be a resurrection for us to eternal life, where eternal happiness is in store for us, or eternal death where there is torment forever and ever. This day, almost 2000 years later, we find the Christian world believing in Christ and the resurrection.

One must admit, that the Holy Bible is a record of Christ's dealings with the Jews, by whom He was cast aside as a thing of naught. Too, we must admit that the father of Judah, (Jacob) also had eleven other son's. Would

Christ give such a great prize to one, and not to the other son's? Common thought, one must say no. Because we of The Church of Jesus Christ, and the Christian world believe in an impartial God, and a just God. Therefore, as He had ministered, and set up His church to one son, (Judah) so He has remembered the other sons. The whole house of Israel which consists of twelve tribes, or as one might say, the twelve son's of Jacob.

We have now the history, or writings of the dealings of Christ with the people of this land, (America) known as Indian people. The coming forth of the Book of Mormon, the record of Joseph, one of the son's of Jacob. Please refer to Ezekiel 37-15, 16, 17, 18, 19, verses, "The word of the Lord came unto me saying,—Moreover, thou son of man, take the one stick, and write upon it, For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions; then take another stick and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel his companions;—And join them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in thine hand.—And when the children of the people shall speak unto thee, saying, wilt thou not show us what thou meanest by these? Say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph which is in the hands of Ephraim, (Joseph's son) and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, even with the stick of Judah, (Bible) and make them one stick in mine hand. (20) And the sticks whereon thou writest shall be in thine hand before their eyes. (21) And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, (Gentiles) whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land. (22) And I will make them one nation in the land upon the Mountains of Israel: and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more."

I will add, that the balance of this chapter is very interesting, and other good references can be found in Isaiah 29-4. The Book of Mormon was preserved in the ground and fulfills this verse. The Book of Mormon was written on plates of gold in Egyptian language.

age. These plates were buried some 1400 years. Other references can be found in Psalms 85, "Truth shall spring out of the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven." etc. Rev. 14-6, The angel has flown, and the true gospel has been restored to earth with the early blessings, revelations, etc. That there is a place for all those who will do good, and come to the knowledge of the Lord.

We do not only believe in our Holy Bible and Book of Mormon, but the other ten tribes of Israel will write, and in due time they will bring forth their dealings with Christ and records of the Church, which He set up among them. And the teachings will be the same just as the Holy Bible and the Book of Mormon are the same. One being a witness of the other.

If interested in the prophecy and truth of these books, one can obtain the Book of Mormon for \$1.00 post paid from The Church of Jesus Christ.

Are you wondering about what our world will be like in the future? Think about these questions. (1) Will we have peace? (2) Has Christianity been successful? (3) Is the world better under Christianity, or is it getting worse? (4) Will, and can we live through Atomic Warfare? (5) What kind of a life should we live in this dangerous age? (6) Are we prepared? (7) Will God tolerate the wickedness of today, or will He separate the wheat from the chaff? References-Matthew 24-6,7,8, and the prophecies of Isaiah, relative to these questions can be answered. See Isaiah 49 to 66 chapters inclusive; also Isai 11.

We are not living in the end of time, when Christ will come in His glory—but we are now living in the days of separation, when the more righteous will be separated from the wicked, and a peaceful kingdom is in store for those who will do good. There must truly be a desolation before we will see a full restoration. This desolation is at our doors.

So, we too, in the eyes of the Christian world, are looked upon as a peculiar people with a peculiar faith; a faith they have cast aside as a thing of naught, and would crucify. The house of Israel will accept this faith. Therefore, we can, and do see the blessings being taken away from the Gentiles, and the Indian people accepting the restored Gospel and the Book of Mormon, and they

are satisfied that it is the writings of their fore-fathers. These blessings will be great, because of the covenant God made with His people, the 12 tribes of Israel, along with Abraham. We are beginning to see the son's of Judah, (Jews) gather back to their home land. Yes, one can truly say, the blessings are being taken away from the Gentiles, and are now beginning to return to the Son's of Jacob (the 12 tribes of Israel). The uppermost thing today in our minds, should be the salvation of our souls, for when we leave this world, there is nothing we can take with us. May the blessings be with our Apostles, Elders and all our people always, is my prayer.

HARVEY K. MAXWELL PASSES ON.

Brother Harvey K. Maxwell, the son of the late Brother and Sister W. T. Maxwell of West Moreland County, Pa., died at his home in Knoxville, Iowa on Feb. 2 and was laid away to rest on Feb. 5, 1950. He was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ when quite a young man. Along with his family he moved to St. John, Kansas about forty years ago, later to Missouri, and then to Iowa where he passed on to his reward. Harvey was well known here in the church in the years that have gone by, and there will be some that will remember him. If I am not mistaken, he served as the General Church Secretary when quite young in years. It is said of him: "As long as he was able, he wrote letters of encouragement and cheer to those who were depressed, aged and infirm, lonely or oppressed from any cause whatever, it was his delight to give a lift to the ones who were greatly in need of comfort. In his sorrows, he always looked for brighter days ahead.

To mourn his loss, he leaves his widow, one son and three daughters and two step-children. Also four sisters, Mrs. Elsie B. Lynch, Misses Mary, and Hannah Maxwell of Greensburg, Pa., Mrs. Sarah Crosby of Youngwood, Pa., and one brother William H. of Greensburg, Pa. Brother Harvey was born on March 27, 1869. After moving west he became associated with the Re-organized Church of Jesus Christ and was buried in Chariton Cemetery about 25 miles distant from Knoxville, Iowa. To all his loved ones, may the Lord

comfort you all. Sincerely Bro. Cadman.

CLEVELAND, OHIO February 13, 1950

Dear Brother Editor: Just a few lines to let you know that I am coming along fine after having an accident and an operation. I am grateful to God for His help, for I know I would not have come out of it alive without His help. I wish to use the Gospel News as a means of thanking all the brothers and sisters for their faithfulness in calling and sending cards, also for the dedication of the hymn on the radio broadcast; and last but not the least, for all the prayers that were offered in my behalf.

I also wish to let you know that the brothers and sisters of Cleveland have been very generous in their help, both spiritual and temporal. May God bless you and keep you. Sincerely Bro. August Perloni.

RADIO TALK GIVEN OVER CHOK, SARNIA, ONT. SUNDAY, FEB. 12, 1950 by BRO. M. MILLER

Good Morning Radio Friends:

I am very thankful to be on the air again this morning and to have the privilege of addressing you on the thing dearest to my heart, The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

I shall endeavor to speak on a topic found in Revelation, 21st Chapter and the 27th Verse, which reads as follows: "And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie; but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life." Readily when this topic is introduced it brings to our hearts, minds and souls a feeling of sacredness and a realization that we are in contemplation of a place whose splendour and grandeur far exceeds any place we have ever visited or may ever expect or hope to visit in this transitory life.

May we now turn prayerfully to our Dear Father in Heaven and commend our wills unto His holy and omnipotent will, so he could gloriously illuminate our hearts and souls with the Holy Spirit that we might be able to visualize the magnitude of the future dwelling place of those who love and serve God faithfully to the end, who will be in this new Heaven, new earth and new Jerusalem.

Always when I am in deep med-

itation and contemplation on this our future abode it makes my heart glad beyond expression and I can readily see what Paul meant in Romans 8 and the 18th verse, when he said that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

One of the inspired writers in deliberating on this subject declared* that Heaven is the peaceful resting place of the saints, where no sea of sorrow rolls its troubled waves. Close and endearing is the relation of the church to Christ, she is his bride, oh blessed union. It is as lasting as eternity.

I would now like to treat on what we may do to make sure that we have the necessary qualifications to make us fit citizens of the kingdom of Heaven, so that when the roll is called up yonder we may be there to answer, "Here I am dear Lord."

In Romans, Chapter 10, verses 13 through 16th, we read: "For who so ever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed and how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard, and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things." But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord who hath believed our report? The Apostle Paul said, well these beautiful words for he was persuaded that we cannot even understand the things of God unless we pursue the direct course mapped out by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

According to the prophecies of all the true prophets of God, He came our loss of Eden to retrieve. As a child he grew up immaculately. When He was getting to be thirty years old he went down and was baptized by John the Baptist in the river Jordan commending the will of the Father upon him. When the Holy Ghost came down as a dove and sat upon Him and the voice of God was heard, fully approving His procedure with the great words: "This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased." After this great deed, which has gone down into history as one of the greatest deeds of the Savior for the example of bringing the world back into the family and fold of God, He was taken into the wil-

derness where He fasted for forty days and forty nights. Another great act of self denial and crucial preparation for the temptations which were to follow. First, to make bread out of stone, second, on the pinnacle of the temple where He should cast himself down and, third, up into an exceeding high mountain where He was shown all He would receive if He would fall down and worship the devil. To all of these persecutions the Savior had overcoming answers to show that even as He trusted in His Heavenly Father to aid Him in overcoming the devil, even so if we would trust Him, He would give us grace to overcome all things and be complete victors over the evil one, both for time and eternity.

Jesus now after having overcome the evil one began to call His twelve Apostles, the first two of which were Peter and Andrew. He saith unto them, follow me and I will make you fishers of men, and they straight way left their nets and followed Him. Would to God the day may soon return when concourse of people will be as ready and willing to make Jesus their choice. I am reminded now of an adage I learned when I was quite a child, which goes like this: "Thou must be true thyself if thou the truth would'st teach, thy soul must overflow if thou another's soul would'st reach." This shows that to permeate light there must be more than wishful thinking, the children of God must be recipients of His nature, which is good, to demonstrate and exemplify the good. Christ's teaching Matthew 15th Chapter and 14th verse, "And if the blind lead the blind both shall fall into the ditch."

What we need in these days more than anything else are men of vision. We read in Proverbs 29th Chapter and 18th Verse, "That where there is no vision the people perish." Are we perishing today? Yes, verily we are, on every hand, and the only thing that will save us is a mass return to our God to put into effect His implicit will, and through His kind aid to function on earth in as orderly a manner as the angels do in Heaven. Then the kingdom of God will come, His will done on earth as it is in Heaven and the perplexities of life will cease, and we can become that peculiar people of God, the salt of the earth, the leaven, the light of the world. Have we faith in Jesus as the Lord our righteousness, we shall then enter

the Heavenly city and see its glory brighter than ten thousand suns. We shall admire it in its vast extent and boundless magnificence, but above all we shall see its glorious King and prostrate ourselves before His throne. Is Heaven a real material place where the glorified bodies of Enoch, Elijah and Jesus dwell? Then the material of which it consists unspeakably surpasses the purest gold and the costliest jewels that ever sparkled in the diadems of kings.

On earth we have many temples but Heaven is one temple containing countless millions of spotless adoring worshippers. Heaven is filled with the bright splendours of The Father, Son and Holy Ghost, as the God of Creation, providence and redemption. Oh, may we walk through all eternity in that light. Blessed state where there is no night of sin, of ignorance, of sorrow, or of death. Blessed city into which the redeemed of all nations shall enter and where the contaminating influence of sin shall be unknown forever.

Dear Radio Audience do pray that God will give you and the whole world the keen interest to make the necessary preparation for our everlasting dwelling place on high.

Before concluding I will give a few examples of people who turned to God and brought forth fruits meet for repentance and if they remained steadfast to the end I am sure their names are written in the Lamb's book of Life possessing the qualities of which God approved. They are as follows, the poor Zoramites who received the words of Alma and were told that they were blessed because they were made to be, humble, but would be much more blessed by receiving the word without being brought to be humble through much poverty. The Anti-Nephi-Lehies—who were converted to the Lord through the preaching of the sons of Mosiah who buried their swords deep in the ground that they might retain their brightness as a sign that they would never use them again for the shedding of Man's blood. Also the wonderful lesson found in the book of Jonah when he went and preached to the people of Nineveh that the city would be destroyed in forty days.

They fasted and repented in dust and ashes and God was merciful unto them and spared the city.

May God bless you.

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EASTER

Just what does Easter mean to you?
A dress, a blouse, a suit that's 'sweet'.
A bonnet, trimmed in pink or blue,
Or twinkling sandals for your feet?
A nylon shirt, a fancy tie . . .
Or Easter lilies? Tables spread
With food, the best that you can buy
So all your loved ones may be fed?
An Easter hunt upon the lawn
For all those brightly colored eggs;
Or, first to church, (the while we yawn),
And then parade on fancy legs?
Or does it mean much more to you?
That to receive Eternal Life,
We need to be forever true. . .
No matter what the pain and strife.
If Jesus should return again. . .
Nay, WHEN He does, will Easter be
The day He meant it to be, then?
Or, an expensive, shopping spree?
Catherine Poma

EASTER TIME

The Resurrection of Christ
By Sister Ilene Smith

Prophets foretold of His coming and the apostles witnessed His life and resurrection. We have their testimony that is living today in our hearts.

To quote the words that were spoken long ago, yes even of Mary Magdalene when she went to the sepulchre and found that Jesus had gone. She summoned Peter, and another apostle to witness it also. They went away not knowing at that time of the scripture, and that He should rise again. Mary didn't leave but stood outside the sepulchre weeping until two angels appeared and ask why she was weeping. When she told them she turned and saw Jesus although she knew Him not until He spoke her name. He told her not to touch him because He had not been to His Father as yet, but go tell the disciples that He was to ascend unto His father.

In John Ch. 20 verse 19, he relates how the disciples met together on that same day with the door shut, and Jesus appeared in

their midst and said, "Peace be unto you."

He appeared again in their midst, on account of Thomas doubting His resurrection, and the door was shut. He told Thomas to touch Him and even thrust his hand in His side, and Thomas had to exclaim, "My Lord and My God."

Jesus appeared again to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias. The disciples had fished all night and had caught nothing but when Jesus told them to cast their net on the right side of the ship they were not able to draw their nets for the multitude of fishes. Then a disciple said it is the Lord. When they reached shore Jesus said, come and dine, and they durst not ask him, "Who Art Thou?", knowing it was the Lord. Now this is the third time that Jesus showed himself after he had risen from the dead.

Now even as Christ died and was resurrected, so must we die to be resurrected. Even to go through the watery grave of baptism after the seed of repentance has come to us so that we might arise a new creature in Christ.

If we think of nature and know anything about the soil, we will find first we must have good ground. Each kind of seed requires certain kind of soil. Then the seed has to be buried. It finally dies and it resurrects in a new form, which when cultivated and cared for in due season brings forth fruit of its kind.

So may we be likened unto a seed when God moves upon our hearts and causes us to feel the burden of our sins and we fully repent. Then we are buried in the watery grave and resurrect a new creature in Christ. When hands are layed upon us, that which was promised to us after His resurrection even the Holy Ghost leads us into all truths and shows us things to come. We are then nourished and fed with that spiritual food and we grow in the likeness of Christ. We are able to show forth fruits even the fruits of the spirit of Christ, and to share it with others. That is how God plans to bring about His righteous kingdom by using us to His honor and glory, and all may be resurrected from their

fallen state even unto the resurrection of Christ.

What more could the world ask for when God sacrificed His only son that through His death and resurrection we might be resurrected from sin. Christ intercedes for us night and day and His hand of mercy reaches out all the day long.

When we picture Christ sitting on the right hand of our Father pleading for us we should not only think of His position on Easter, but every day of our lives. We should always live praising and thanking Him for bringing us back to find comfort and peace in the fold of God.

WORD STUDY

By MARTIN MICHALKA

The study of words, their origin, pronunciation and meanings is in itself a very interesting task. Though too big for any one of us to delve into extensively, yet very profitable for us and for anyone who is a lover of righteousness to observe the manner in which words are used, even to examine them carefully.

As we begin our schooling in childhood we learn that words and their correct usage are a benefit to us. We learn to convey thoughts and to describe objects and to relate incidents in a way that is appreciated by our hearers. We learn also that things can be correctly related or incorrectly. One being a truth the other an untruth. It is for this purpose that I have decided to discuss the meanings of several words as well as phrases in these columns, all of which incidentally are out of the Bible.

First of all we must remember that the words used in the scriptures are a translation from another language. Any one that has a knowledge of at least two languages can understand the difficulties that arise in translating. Most of the Old Testament was written in Hebrew, while the New was written in Greek. Both are considered rich languages by linguists of today, nevertheless the fact remains that they even like our own language have their imperfections, thus adding to our problems. We can remind ourselves at this point that sin and transgression are always the

cause of our problems, whether they be the sins of others or our own. In discussing languages we know that the Lord punished men at the building of the tower of Babel for their actions which caused the Lord great displeasure. Their predicament caused them to originate new languages, which continues on even to this present day. But this sentence need not remain upon the human family perpetually. Would it be wrong to hope for a oneness in speech in the days to come? We see that the curse was temporarily lifted on the day of Pentecost, when devout men heard the disciples speak by the Holy Ghost, each understood them in his "own" language. This was indeed a great blessing, for by the words that were spoken they no doubt were enlightened, even as the Lord had promised that they would be led and guided into all truth and righteousness, when the Holy Ghost was come. So then we readily see that we can be wonderfully taught by the Lord. We can though often learn much by accepting that which is sound and right and reasonable from one another. It is my aim to endeavor to bring out certain simple meanings of the words that will follow. Sad to say though that many theologians, reject these "simple" truths.

BAPTISM—This is my first selection, not because it may be an unimportant one, but rather because it is the most important one. If we study the scriptures carefully we learn that it is mentioned extensively and stressed greatly by John the Baptist, the forerunner of Jesus Christ. It was declared as an essential by Jesus, for salvation. It was practiced in one way only in those days, when the Word of God describes it, it says "they both went into the water." But as we look around today we see that baptism is not performed one way but various ways. The meaning of this word which was a commandment of the Lord Jesus has been debated many times and no doubt is still debated. I myself as a baby was taken to a church and sprinkled, as is the belief of the church my mother and father belonged to at that time. I grew up being admonished by them and then later joined the Presbyterian church after learning the catechism. I went on into life trying to live as others in that congregation lived, until I was close to thirty when I re-

ceived the revelation by the Holy Ghost to repent and be baptised (Acts 2:38). If sprinkling is acceptable to God, why would he reveal baptism to me? To me then baptism means only one thing, it means immersion. Let us proceed to check further whether it be so, with writings that we have today. If we go to the dictionary it will give us several meanings. But is this book authentic, for their authors purpose to report common usage. If in the beginning immersion only was practised and then a couple of hundred years later other methods sprung up, while still a little later another, then would not the dictionary authors report all methods under one word. If we though would check the meaning of the original word used in the Greek and it's application, we find that it meant immersion. Theologians will agree with this but why they continue to err willing is indeed perplexing. The meaning of this word can be further proven by substituting a synonym. Let us try it. Paul writes to the Romans (Chapter 6:4) "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism." Let us substitute immersion and sprinkling, the two commonly used methods of today. Therefore we are buried with him by immersion. vs. Therefore we are buried with him by sprinkling. We can readily see that the first sentence makes sense, while the next does not. Shall we say then that the Word of God is nonsense. God forbid. Yet it becomes just that when not rightly interpreted.

We know that the scriptures plainly state that obedience is a great virtue. By being obedient we please God more than by constant sacrifice, whether it be goods and stocks as the people of old did, or if it be our very lives. The Lord in our day and time continues to appeal to the people for obedience. Is a child considered obedient when it is brought involuntarily to be baptised, by it's parents, or would it not be more fitting and right to bring the child to the church to be presented to the Lord, and blessed even as Jesus himself was? Then in due time when the individual is capable of accepting or rejecting the faith of God, to repent and be baptised. Obedience then would be the initial step, and if followed by continual obedience, assurance of eternal life would be his daily lot. Baptism

is in a sense the first stone in a series of stepping stones. Now if we tried to cross a stream with stones a few feet apart, we would have to exercise caution, we would have to reach the first to get to the second, etc., to reach the other side. Likewise there is danger in our lives, we that have been baptised as we travel these stepping stones across the stream of time, lest we should become careless in the middle of the stream. It is no wonder that the Apostle Paul warned the followers of Christ in his time that baptism would not save them, but did he imply by these words that baptism is not necessary? Can we not compare this to the person crossing a stream, getting to the first stone and second, etc., will not save him unless he continues to go from one, to the next and to the very last. Jesus told his disciples to teach the people to observe "all" things, whatsoever I have commanded you. Paul emphatically declared that after a person received a good start in the gospel, they must continue in newness of life.

(To Be Continued)

RADIO TALK CHOK, SARNIA By Brother Fred D'Amico "HAS GOD CAST OFF ALL ISRAEL?"

Good Morning radio friends, and members of the restored gospel. My text will be taken from the 11th chapter of Romans verses, 1-5-11-12-15.

I say then, Hath god cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.

God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias (Elijah)? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel saying,

Lord they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine alters; and I am left alone, and they seek my life.

But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal.

Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.

I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come to the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy.

Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness?

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?

In the first part of my text, it is the apostle Paul's object to call to our attention that all Israel was not cast off from God's special favour, their rejection was not total; God has reserved a remnant or a portion of them even through the election of grace of which he himself was one. His conversion was an evidence that all Israel was not cast off, for he too was an Israelite of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.

In the latter part of my text the apostle Paul proceeds to show that the rejection of Israel was not final; only for a time they should be cast off from God's special favour, and the Gentiles would occupy the place which they so long held, but the time would come, when they would again be restored or received into the favour of God.

God in covenanting with Abraham, told him that he would be a father of many nations and in his seed the nations of all the earth would be blessed, and he would establish his covenant with him and his seed in their generations as an everlasting covenant as long as they would observe his laws and commandments.

God blessed Abraham in his old age with a son whom he called Isaac, and Isaac begat Jacob, and Jacob begat twelve sons which made up the house of Israel or known as the twelve tribes of Israel. Jacob, received the name or title of Israel from an angel of God as a blessing unto him.

Joseph, who was the eleventh born of Jacob, was used as an instrument in the hands of God, after he was sold into Egypt by his brethren, he preserved life not only of the Egyptians but of Israel as well. When Joseph made himself known unto his brethren, he said, "Be not grieved nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me thither; for God did send me before you to preserve life. For God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

The prophet Moses also played an important part in the deli-

verance of Israel from Egypt, but Israel soon forgot the goodness and mercies of God and became rebellious and disobedient not only toward Moses but toward God as well, eventually they were scattered into the North countries and upon the Isles of the sea.

It was wisdom in God that a remnant might be preserved. Did Israel not know: That God would call the Gentiles? I say yes, for did not Moses tell them that God would provoke them to jealousy by them that are no people, and by a foolish nation he would anger them? (Gentiles) Did not the prophet Isaiah say, "I was found of them that sought me not, I was made manifest unto them that asked not after me, but to Israel he said, "All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people, and even though Israel may be numbered as the sands of the sea, yet will I preserve unto me a remnant."

In the days of the prophet Elijah, when Idolatry and other wickedness so remarkably prevailed, he though scarcely a true worshipper of God but himself remained in Israel. The Lord, knowing all, saw no less than seven thousand that did not bow down to Baal; Thus, a remnant preserved according to the election of grace. God also has preserved a remnant even unto our own day and time. That remnant is the AMERICAN INDIAN.

Among the many perplexing problems which confront the human family today is, WHERE DID THE AMERICAN INDIAN ORIGINATE? Many theories have been offered that this mystery might be solved. I shall dwell upon this subject and perhaps throw a ray of light, although it may seem preposterous and incredible, but it is true and infallible.

To be very brief, in the year of 1827, a young man, named, Joseph Smith, after receiving many experiences and heavenly visitations, was directed and permitted by the power of God, to remove from the hill called Cumorah (near Palmyra, N. Y.) a number of plates, the inscription, being hieroglyphics, was not legible, only by the power of God was he able to translate them, as much as he was permitted to translate, we now have in book form, titled, "THE BOOK OF MORMON."

The Book of Mormon is a his-

tory of the American Indian, who are decedents of that Joseph who was sold into Egypt. As the Bible is a history of the Jews, telling of God's dealings with them, so does the BOOK OF MORMON tell of God's dealings with the Decedents of Joseph on the land of America.

Now back to the question, "Where did the American Indian originate? . . . Upon reading the Book of Mormon we find that a certain man named Lehi, who lived in Jerusalem six hundred years before Christ; was warned of God of the calamity that was to fall upon Jerusalem, being commanded by God, he fled into the wilderness, upon journeying in the wilderness, two of his sons Laman and Lemuel became disobedient and rebelled against him. Nevertheless, Lehi and his family continued travelling until God permitted them to embark for the promised land (land of America), with Gods guidance they finally reached the land of America safely.

Nephi, who also was a son of Lehi, was favored by the Lord very much. He, like his father, received many heavenly experiences. The followers of Nephi were called Nephites, and the followers of Laman were call Lamanites. The Nephites were a righteous people, the Lamanites unrighteous. God told the Nephites, as long as they would worship Him, they would prosper upon the promised land (America).

After many years, the Nephites began to lift themselves up in pride and became so proud in heart from which they would not repent, God eventually caused the Lamanites to destroy them.

After the coming of the Gentiles upon the land of America, the Lamanites or American Indians were driven to and fro by them until they were killed by the hundreds, today we have only a few or a remnant preserved by the hand of God, of the Millions who once roamed the hills of America. This remnant is of the seed of that Joseph which was sold into Egypt. Speaking to the Jews in Jerusalem Jesus said, "other Sheep I have that are not of this fold they too I must visit and they shall hear my voice. After his death and resurrection this was fulfilled when he made his appearance upon the land of America, and spoke to them that they were the decedents of Joseph. Speaking of

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EDITORIAL

Everybody take NOTICE: Our folks at Port Huron, Mich., have started to build a Church. They need a building very badly, and they not only need one, they deserve one. The quarters they have thus far is not a very nice place to meet. They have to vacate if they have not already vacated the building. They will be very well pleased if they can only complete the basement for the present for a place to worship. Since Bro. Randazzo started the work there, they have done well, not only in Port Huron, but on the Indian Reserve on the Canadian side, they have started a good work. As president of the Church, I am asking every MEMBER of the Church, and all readers of this little paper, to send them at least ONE DOLLAR to help them build their Church. Do it right away. Mail your offering to Sister Bertha Sommerville, 1317 17th St., Port Huron, Mich. Don't forget. Do it now.

Further: I ask all the Sisters in this Church to get behind the Ladies Uplift Circle movement and help them in financing the Missionary work among the Indian people. They have done well thus far, but they need your help. Will you all get busy? The old slogan during the war was, "Give until it hurts, and then give more." Let us all think of the many things we buy, that we could get along without. Everybody spare a dollar for an Easter gift towards a Church Building at Port Huron. Sincerely, Bro. W. H. Cadman.

a sign that would be given unto this remnant in this our day, Jesus said, too them, "I shall gather in from their long dispersion, my people, O House of Israel, and shall establish again among them my Zion, When these things shall be made known of the Father unto the Gentiles, that this people or the American Indian are a remnant of the house of Israel also concerning this my people who shall be scattered by them. When these things shall be made known unto the Gentiles, then it shall come from them unto you. For it is wisdom in God that the Gen-

tiles shall be established and set up as a free people upon the land of America. If the Gentiles will not harden their hearts, but will repent and be baptized in my name, they shall know the true points of my doctrine. For I will establish my church among them, The Church of Jesus Christ—Radio friends, the Church of Jesus Christ was established or restored among the Gentiles in the year of 1830. Joseph Smith a Gentile was used as an instrument by God in the restoration of His Church.

Jesus also said, "After that the Gentiles receive the Gospel they in turn shall bring it unto that remnant that has been preserved, that they (Gentiles) may be numbered among my people O House of Israel. The Gentiles shall also assist my people or this remnant along with the choice seer who is of the seed of Joseph to gather in all Israel who are scattered upon the face of the earth, then shall the powers of heaven come down among them, and I also will be in their midst, and the work of the Father will commence at that day, when this gospel shall be preached among the remnant of this people.

If the Gentiles do not repent and come unto me, they shall be cut off from my presence. My people who are a remnant of Jacob shall go through the Gentiles as a lion among a flock of sheep, they shall be trodden down and torn in pieces which none shall be able to deliver them.

Then, God has not cast off all Israel; because he did not permit them to stumble that they should fall into everlasting destruction, but rather has overruled their obstinate unbelief, to send his Gospel to the Gentiles, by the Gentiles accepting it, it may provoke them to emulation in accepting the Gospel of Jesus Christ. If the fall of Israel meant the reconciling of the world or the enriching of the Gentiles with the Gospel and all its inestimable blessings, then how much more shall the faith of the Gentiles be confirmed, their blessings increased when Israel returns? How much more glorious shall the Gospel of Jesus Christ be to the Gentiles in sharing God's blessings along with His covenant people, it shall be life from the dead.

Then, the mountain of the Lord's house or the Gospel of Jesus Christ shall be established on the

top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow into it. The Gentiles shall walk together with Judah and Israel. Thus; the covenant of God with Abraham being fulfilled. In thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed. In that day the knowledge of God shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. May God bless every heart that is true is my prayer.

NEWS FROM
RICHWOOD, W. VA.

Dear Editor:

After a few months of hard labor in Richwood, W. Va., God has blessed us with one new brother. His name is Bro. John Waselchalk.

Again we left our home on January 27. Frank and I arrived in Richwood at 9 p. m. We stopped at three places visiting our friends whom we spoke to of the Gospel. We took with us Bro. John's mother-in-law.

On Saturday the 28th, we held three services and one service on Sunday morning.

In the Saturday evening service we were told that a preacher by the name of Mr. Rose had been sick since Christmas, and wanted us to anoint him. We went right after the service. Mr. Rose has heard us preach several times. With this sickness the only food he was permitted to have was milk and raw eggs. Even that would not stay down. After being anointed by us he declared he felt better with no more pain. He asked several questions that night which caused us to talk for 3 or 4 hours.

We also anointed a few on the trip before, and they were benefitted by it.

All in all God has blessed us wonderfully with preaching and healing. So far no one had made a move toward being baptised.

We made plans to return again in February from the 16th to the 19th.

On Wednesday the 15th as I lay in bed meditating over all the trips we had made, and the money we spent from the G. church, our own, and help from the Branch, for it takes money to travel; I was a bit discouraged that no one had obeyed the Gospel. While lying there God revealed to me that we would be blessed with a baptisms or two. I found myself entering Bro. John's house and as

he saw me he said he wanted to do something which was in his mind for some time. When I heard that, I was covered with the spirit of God. I told him that he and I should go some place and have a word of prayer, thanking God for it. The spirit had revealed to me he wanted to be baptised.

After this experience I saw Mr. Rose recovered from his sickness and at his daily work again. He was very glad to see me. This was all in a dream.

Frank and I left our home the next morning and I had a feeling that God would bless us with a baptism.

Due to bad weather we had some trouble when we got about 25 miles from Richwood. There we spent two hours or better in one spot. I got out of the car and tried to push it, giving up soon from exhaustion, because I had worked that night from 12 to 8, and travelled all day without rest.

I lifted my heart to God, if it was His will to take us to Richwood, for we had done all we could.

There was a filling station near by, so we went in to have the car filled with gas, while Frank and I phoned John letting him know we were on our way but uncertain of our arrival. I also bought a loaf of bread, having some lunch meat in the car in case we would have to spend the night there.

After we returned to the car, we tried again and blessed be the name of the Lord we had no more trouble, arrived in Richwood at 9:30 p. m.

We held two services on Friday and two on Saturday.

No one had made any move in these services. During the Saturday evening service Frank thought it would be better to close the service since it was late, but I had those experiences on my mind and I made a few more closing remarks. I stated the cherries on the trees don't get ripe all at once and neither did God touch everyone's heart at once. Then I said, if there was anyone that was really touched not to wait. While I was still speaking John asked to be baptised. We then made arrangements for Sunday morning at 9 a. m. I had told them if anyone was interested in coming to the baptism, to be at Bro. John's house, at 9 A. M. or sooner.

That morning was very cold and snowing very hard, but that

didn't stop us.

Bro and Sister Frame, one of their son's and one of their daughters-in-law with a small baby, John's wife and two or three more was present.

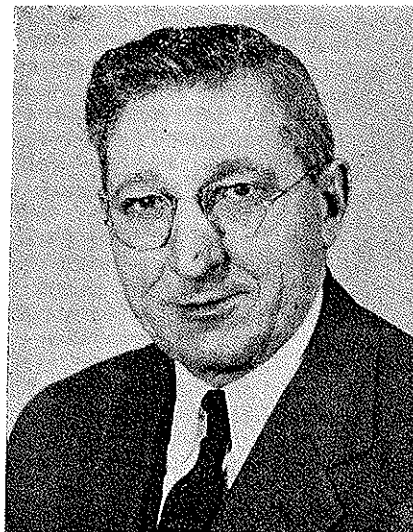
We gathered at the river and I have never witnessed a baptism with such blessing.

We all returned to Bro. John's home, and held a short service, confirming Bro. Waseichalk, a member of the church. Then we had a bite to eat and began our journey home arriving a little before 7 p. m.

We thank God for His goodness and mercy toward us. My experiences were fulfilled; John was baptised and Mr. Rose had already worked for two weeks.

Mr. Rose is a very good living man. I feel that many more will obey the Gospel in Richwood.

Dominick Giovannone



Joseph Dulisse

SECOND COUNSELLOR OF THE CHURCH PASSES ON

Brother Dulisse died at his home, 2736 S. Electric St., Detroit, Mich., about 5 p.m. on Feb. 17th and was laid away to rest on Feb. 21st 1950 from the Church where he had so long worshipped. He was born in Italy.

The death of Bro. Dulisse came as a shock to most of us, even though we all knew that he had not been in good health for the last few years, being afflicted with Asthma. He had been at Church on Wednesday evening apparently in his usual health, but took sick the next day, and the end came very suddenly the following day. He had just recently with his wife, celebrated their fiftieth wedding

anniversary, and he had just passed his 71st birthday. He leaves to mourn his loss, his beloved wife, and three sons: John of LaMesa, Calif., Nickolas of Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich., and Dominick and six grandchildren.

Bro. Dulisse was baptized into the Church at Glassport, Pa., in 1918 and later was ordained into the Ministry, was also ordained an Apostle, and in later years became Second Counsellor in the General Church. In the 31 years in the Church, he was very energetic in spreading the Gospel, and bore a good testimony to the same, and will long be remembered among his brethren and sisters whom he had laboured with so long. Bro. T. S. Fournier was in charge of the service, while Bros. A. B. and W. H. Cadman assisted. Bro. Isaac Smith led in prayer. The young folks of the West Side Detroit Church whom Bro. Dulisse had long worshipped with, rendered some very beautiful songs which were very appropriate and also sang a song at the grave as the last farewell to our departed brother, while Bro. Joseph Lovalvo offered up a closing prayer over the mortal remains of Bro. Joseph Dulisse. May the Lord comfort his aged wife and his children. Amen.

BARTOLO PACINI PASSES ON

Brother Pacini died on the morning of March 5th in the Charleroi-Monessen Hospital, where he had been confined for about ten days. Death was due to a third stroke of paralysis. He was laid away to rest from The Church of Jesus Christ in Monongahela on March 8th. Brother W. H. Cadman was in charge of the service, while Bro. Charles Ashton led in prayer.

Brother Pacini was born in Italy, and had he lived until April 19, 1950 he would have been 78 years old. He along with his wife came to this country in 1909 and had spent all their days in the Monongahela valley. He leaves his faithful wife, one daughter and several grandchildren to mourn his departure. He was baptized into the Church about 11 years ago, and has been faithful to the end. May his soul have found a resting place in the Paradise of God. We extend our sympathy to his loved ones.

A LETTER FROM Sister Marguerite Ober, Dawson, Pa.

Brother Editor: A few lines I would like to have published concerning our trip to Loraine,

Ohio. We left on Saturday Morning from Brother and Sister Thomas' place at Vanderbilt. My companion did the driving. We stopped to pick up Sister Minnie Ashton, and brother Alvie Swanson of Greensburg and went on from there to Loraine. We had a little trouble in leaving Aliquippa. We would get on the wrong road and come right back to Aliquippa again. There are many roads to travel on, but only one to take you where you are going, both natural and spiritual speaking. There are many roads that leads to destruction, but one straight road that leads to certainty. We arrived at Lorain about 7 p. m., there we met Bro. Charles Ashton who was on his return trip from Detroit. We all gathered at Brother and Sister Caldwell's home and had supper and had a meeting.

Bro. Thomas told them how we were delayed, and said the delay might of been for a purpose, for God knows all things, there may of been danger ahead of us. The brothers and sisters of Loraine gave us a very nice welcome. We thank God for calling us into the Gospel of Christ, and gave us of His love one for another. We stayed all night at Loraine. On Sunday Morning we went to Church. Brother Ashton led in prayer, and brother Oran Thomas spoke with good liberty. His subject was: "We will rest in the fair and happy land." He also told how we could enter into this rest by proving faithful and doing the will of God. We sang three good "calling" hymns, "Whosoever Will May Come," "Pull For the Shore," and "Near To The Heart of God." A young woman got up and asked for baptism. There was a good calling spirit present. Bros. Ashton and Swanson spoke with good liberty. I thank God that I could meet Brothers and Sisters whom I never saw before, to hear how good God has been to them. I also thank God for calling me into the Gospel of Christ, it is Heaven below my Redeemer to know. We started back from Loraine on Sunday afternoon. Brother Ashton accompanied us. We all arrived home safe. May God bless my brothers and sisters everywhere.

News From Port Huron, Mich.

A few notes from a letter written by Bro. J. V. Johnson to the Editor recently. He says, "I suppose you would like to hear of

the work that your brethren have made possible with the help of God over on the Sarnia Reservation (in Canada) among the Lamanite people. Surely the hand and power of God is moving among these people. Your brethren return from the different missions of the Church, and the report has been the best. The Spirit of God is moving among these people. There is a greater interest being shown, and God is meeting among them more today than He did in the past. This we can speak as being true, because we can see the hand of God being manifested in the work over among the Indian people. The Devil also knows this. Where ever the hand of God is moving, the old fellow is right there with his full forces to hinder the work of God. The Sarnia Reservation has been no exception. Your brethren were required to spend three days last week in trying to overcome the work the Devil tried to accomplish. There was another baptism two weeks ago on the Reservation. The last two Sundays Bro. Maness' home has been full of interested people, Gentiles from Sarnia, Ont., as well as Indian people. Each Sunday we see new faces. Brother Cadman, The Church of Jesus Christ should be proud of the work that has been done on the Sarnia Reservation. We will not be surprised to see more baptisms this coming Sunday. The brother that was baptized last, was an Elder in the United Church of Canada. His father was at our service last Sunday. I have had the privilege of attending the last three services on the Reservation. I truly say, that the power of God has certainly been among those people with great blessings, to the extent that there was hardly a dry eye during the service. Each one goes away happy, then comes back for more the next Sunday."—Brother Johnson, I feel sure that all will be glad to read of the success you brethren are having among the Lamanite people. May the Lord continue to bless your efforts. Brother Cadman.

EXPERIENCES

By Margaret Mellinger

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Gospel: I wish to take this opportunity to bear my testimony to my many brothers and sisters that I have never met, and those I have seldom seen, only at conference. I feel that I have been wonderfully blessed. Even before I was bap-

tized, as a young girl, I had a desire to obey the gospel—but being easily led, I did as many other young people and kept putting it off, not heeding the call.

I was married in the church, even though my husband does not attend, he is a very devoted companion. We have been blessed with two healthy children who thus far have been inclined to learn the things of God. We seem more well blessed with the temporal things of this life. I do praise God for giving me the opportunity of being baptized, being patient with me and calling me a second time. He has healed me in sickness and has given me a great desire to do good.

Before my baptism, I always felt timid about visiting any one who was sick, with a fear that perhaps my visit would be burdensome to them—but now what a blessing I feel in stopping, even for just a word. But I must confess my neglect of visiting oftener; for we know that many times we could save a brother or sister from discouragement if we would have just taken time to stop in, even for the smallest visit. I enjoy the Ladies Circle for it has surely brought me closer to God and a greater desire to do my duty. The pledge is so full of spiritual inspiration—"We pledge ourselves to read and search the scriptures, and ask God to direct and bless our Ladies Uplift Circle in all its way. We will do our duty in visiting the sick. We will not find fault nor offend in word or deed, but will be a help to each other, and help others to the best of our ability." We might say, as we repeat it from time to time, it's practically a renewal of our promise at the water's edge, as we pledged ourselves to God. There are many of our sisters unable to attend our meetings due to sickness, age, and various other reasons—But to our dear sisters who neglect to lay aside that little time, I must say they are missing a great spiritual uplifting which was meant for us. At one of our General Circle gatherings, we were having a testimony meeting. I responded along with the rest, but I felt my testimony being so empty, or should I say lacking. That night I asked God to give me something that would help me regain that closeness, and praise Him for all His goodness. He gave me a dream, in which I found myself continually instructing, and time after time going after my children who were being enticed by the lures of the opposing power, who, in my dream was a priest. I felt this was an

answer to my prayer, by the deep impression it had upon me, but I didn't realize until sometime afterward what it really meant. At that time Sister Barbara Mountain was teaching our group of little children, known as the Junior Church. (And I want to thank God for young sisters like her, who has taught those little minds and inspired them to do good.) But our Sister has been ill and I was asked to teach the youngsters, which I am endeavoring to do, as God enables me. I surely enjoy this work, and have been made to feel (due to my dream) that we, as teachers, must continually instruct our children for we know what a terrible, spiritual battle lies before them—and they must be strong, having on the whole armour of God—lest they fall.

The children are of a mixed age group, ranging from the age of about four to twelve. Last Sabbath I asked five of my older boys and girls to write a letter to some unknown friend, telling them about our Junior Church and what it means to them. They set about doing this while I worked with the younger group. Before we closed I read their letters, for I wanted the younger kiddies to do the same, having their mothers help them. I want to say I surely received a great blessing as I read those letters—they are wonderful and surely a credit to Sister Barbara's wonderful work, along with the teachers of our Sabbath School. Following is the copy of one of the letters written by a little twelve year old girl, which I feel to pass on to you: "Dear little Christian Friend: In one of the songs our Church sang this morning the thought was 'Tell It Again.' In the beginning of the song a gypsy boy lay dying without faith. The boy never knew of faith in God, after being told of faith in God, he asked for others to be told of this faith. That is what Junior Church stands for. We want to teach others of God.

"During Jr. Church we sing songs such as Count Your Blessings, Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam, Back of the Clouds, It's Easy to Smile, and others, all wonderful thoughts. After singing we color pictures of scripture readings or have a Sunday School lesson. If everyone could attend Jr. Church we would be much happier. But there are many friends who can't attend for various reasons. Our Church thinks as all races equal. Anyone is allowed to attend and join the Church. Every one is thought of as our brothers and sis-

ters because we are all God's children. We want you to know we think of you as our brother and we hope this brings you more happiness and faith in God. Your Christian Friend."

Isn't that wonderful- I am going to try to keep this thing going, sending these letters to some unfortunate little child who doesn't have the privilege of getting to Church as do our children. Perhaps some of you know a little boy or girl who would like one of these letters, if so, send their name and address to me at Monongahela, Pa., Gen. Del. The boys and girls would especially like to have addresses of some little Indian boys and girls. Pray for me that I may continue on in this great work, for I feel it is very important, and the best we can do just isn't enough in keeping the hearts and minds of our young children from being enticed by the cunning devices of Satan. May God help us all as parents and teachers to be examples before them. With prayer. Sister Margaret Mellinger.

"FROM ITALY"

This experience was had by Sister Chirico of Italy.

I had the following experience on September 18, 1949:

"My house appeared to be all illuminated and a large crowd of people were there. Upon the table the books layed (the Bible and the Book of Mormon).

In the meeting there appeared a crown of flowers which consisted of many colors. In the center of the flowers there was a baby-dressed in white leaning as if he was asleep.

I tried my best to talk to the crowd of people concerning the gospel because there was no elder present, but I started to cry and could not speak. An old man came near me and said, "Don't cry, but be of good heart for you are the elected daughter of the truth. Love the Lord only, because I am with you. In time there will be peace, and he said again, be of good heart for I am with you." He signaled with his right hand near my bedside then he disappeared."

P. S.—The sister doesn't request anyone but an elder or an evangelist to go to Italy and preach the Gospel to the people there, because it is her desire to see the banner of the gospel flourishing in Italy.

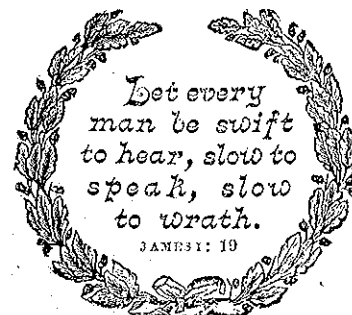
She prays day and night that God might grant her this wish.

CORUNNA, ONTARIO

The Gospel News

Dear brothers and sisters: This morning I feel led to write a few words of praise and Thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father for His many blessings since we obeyed the Gospel and went to the waters. I was brought up in the Church on the Reserve here, (Indian) both my parents being active workers in the Church, and I was in the Church choir for about twelve years or more. Not that I was ever a good singer, but I felt the desire to do something for God, but now I see it was just one of those short-cuts, for broad is the way to destruction. Nothing held me, so I drifted away. I was one of those who built their house on the sand. I was so "Ignorant," you will notice I spelt it with a capital I. Then I tried going to Church, I was hungry and I was not satisfied. This went on for a few years; I was starving and bewildered, then one day I met Brother Marco Randazzo through a Gentleman on our Reserve whom I greatly respected, and still respect. I am now praying for him, for he knew then that this was the true Gospel but he has not been able to obey it as yet. We went with him to the Conference in Detroit that same day, and that is where I saw the love the brethren had for each other, like one big family, only closer.

I saw that whatever you were or what color your skin was, it made no difference. Then I began to wish that I too could belong. I had great respect for The Church of Jesus Christ, and after that I heard 3 or 4 more sermons I was getting the food I was needing at last. And one Sunday we met some of the brothers and sisters at my own sisters place, and we asked them to our home as we were all in our car on our way home, so when they got here they started talking and praising God, and expressed their desire to preach to our people (Indians)



so I shyly told them they were welcome to our home, as I had nothing better to offer them. A few weeks later, Sister Somerville and another Sister with her came and asked if they could hold a service the following Sunday. We were overjoyed and as I was not able to go to the homes, I sent invitations to hear the Gospel. I remember two came besides my own family, that is my Mother, Sister and Brother-in-law. I might say, many persecutions came too, but those only made me want to join the Church, as I knew Christ too, did not have His road paved. As I am very backward it took time to get the courage to ask for baptism. I asked my husband first and he said he felt the need too, and was kind of waiting for me.

We were baptized on November 20th. I will never forget that day. I can say I was blind, now I see. My cup runneth over. I am just starting to live now. I get great blessings in helping others; true we have many persecutions but the blessings we receive in praying for those who persecute us more than make up. I feel sure there will be many more coming to join, as God is answering our prayers. So please continue praying for this little branch so it may grow, and that we may always be humble. Yours truly, Sister Elvira Maness.

Some Nazarenes Will Lose Their Souls Over Television

Some Nazarenes will lose their souls over television. They will buy a set when they cannot afford it. Thus they will use money which should have gone into God's work or more necessary articles for home and family. In this way they will bring condemnation upon themselves and cloud or destroy their relationship to God. In other words, there will be some Nazarenes who will backslide over the money they spend on television, and will finally lose their souls. At present, television is an extravagance for some of us, and it would be better for us to pass it by, lest we forfeit our salvation by getting it.

There are other Nazarenes who will be able to buy a television set and not backslide over the money involved. Still, they will soon find themselves losing out in their souls because they listen to and watch programs which are not what they ought to be. There are plenty of such broadcasts on the television sets—just as there are over the radio. More Nazarenes than we think

have lost out in their souls because they listened to a lot of rot over the radio. The situation is worse with television. It is more harmful to see and hear evil than it is just to hear it. There is more need for discrimination and care in connection with television than with radio; and surely there is plenty of necessity for it in connection with the latter. Those who do get television sets and fail to select as they should will damn themselves and their loved ones. Television will certainly provide an easy way for some Nazarenes to go to hell and take their families with them. Never before has there been a time when men were so beset by the possibilities of evil, and nowhere is this more evident than in connection with radio and television. If a Christian has a television set, one of the first things he needs to learn is when to turn it off. You can't watch stuff over television that you would not look at outside of the home.

There is a third group who will be ruined by television. They are careful in the selection of programs, but give more time to them than they should. They stay at home from a church service—Sunday school, prayer meeting, or morning or evening worship—and give their attention instead to television programs. A lot of people have done this very thing on the radio. They listened to a sermon at home when they ought to have been at church listening to one. Further, a person can spend time with the radio or television which ought to be given to visitation or some other type of evangelism. With the Mid-Century Crusade for Souls on, all of us—laymen as well as preachers—face a tremendous responsibility toward the needy souls which are all about us. Sometimes it will be a sin to spend our time even with the good which comes over the radio or television, because there is something far more important which we should give attention to.

Finally, the fact that someone else has bought a television set and seems to be getting along all right spiritually does not necessarily mean that you should go and do likewise. Before you buy one, make sure that you will not find yourself in one of the groups mentioned above. Always remember that, while television has great possibilities for good, it also has almost infinite potentialities for evil.—(Herald of Holiness)). P.S.—While the television is a wonderful invention, yet if we are going to bring the world into our homes, we shall justly reap what we sow. The Nazarene

Church deserves to be commended for this article, for television will not only cause Nazarenes to lose their souls, but others as well. W.H.C.

RESTORATION BEGINS ON 'LOST BOOK' OF BIBLE.

Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 13, 1950 —(UP)—A Harvard University art expert had the delicate job of attempting to restore a "lost book" of the Bible.

Rutherford J. Gettens, an archaeological chemist of Fogg Museum's conservation department, will try to unroll the 2000-year-old manuscript which may fill in gaps between the story of the creation and the flood.

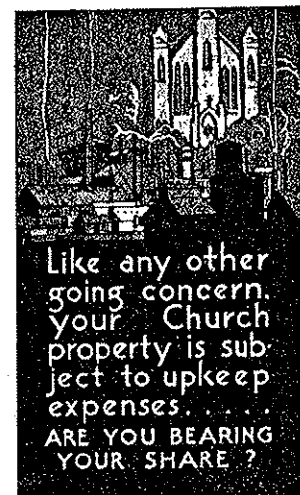
If the 18-inch, dried up scroll lives up to expectations it will be the most important biblical discovery in modern times.

ON CASTING STONES EDITOR, DEMOCRAT AND CHRONICLE

Rochester, N. Y.

I wonder if any of those letter writers who are defending the current antics of by so glibly quoting the Bible (most of them mis-quoting it, incidently) to the effect that "Let him who is without sin cast the first stone," have read another passage from the same book quoting the same speaker: "And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she committeth adultery."

Those words are found in Mark 10:12 and they were spoken by the One who is without sin. Therefore, it appears He had the right to cast the stone at Miss..... He apparently did it in the words quoted above, even if we do not. Orville Allen.



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FOR MOTHER AND DAD

Why must I wait until she's gone
To write a poem to my mom?
For then 'twould never reach her
ears,
As I recited through my tears.
I'd rather tell her while she's here,
So she can use that bit of cheer:
"For all the care you've given me,
I thank you, so devotedly."

And here's to him who toils, un-
sung,
Along Life's Ladder, rung by rung.
Upon those shoulders, bent with
care,
I once was carried, everywhere.
Many a hardship has he borne,
In sorrow, I have seen him mourn.
So when I see him smile, I'm glad;
Why do I love him? He's my Dad!
Catherine Poma
San Diego, Calif.

GENERAL CONFERENCE IN MONONGAHELA, PA.

Our annual Conference met in the General Church on Lincoln and Sixth Sts. at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 31st. Our regular time of meeting is on the first Saturday in the month, but we gathered the evening before in order to get our business under-way, and have a good start for the next morning.

The first three sessions were for the Elders only, and the fourth session (Saturday evening) was open to all our members who wished to attend. In the business sessions, there was a good representation of Elders from various places, New York, New Jersey, Ohio, Michigan, Ontario, Canada, and from many places in Pennsylvania. Brother Sammarow of New Jersey who had lately returned home from missionary work in Italy was also present.

The business of Conference was conducted as usual. The brethren who were out and laboring in the missionary field gave interesting accounts of their labors. Some of the brethren of Warren, Ohio who have been holding meetings at Richwood, W. Va., are meeting with some success. The Brethren from Detroit and Port Huron, Mich., are meeting with success on the Sarnia Reserve in Canada among the Indian people. The missionary efforts of our brethren are always interesting. Brother Sammarow reports that there has been much success in Italy, quite a number of converts have been baptized,

but owing to conditions in Italy wherein religious freedom is involved, it has made it difficult for our brethren who are there.

In the election of General Church Officers, there was very little change. Bros. W. H. Cadman and Charles Ashton were retained as president, and first counsellor of the Church, while Bro. T. S. Furnier was chosen to fill the vacancy of second counsellor, caused by the death of Brother Joseph Dulisse. Brother James F. Campbell, Jr., 231 Vine St., Monongahela, Pa., was elected to the office of General Church Librarian, and Bro. George Neill of New Eagle, Pa., was retained as assistant librarian. The election of presiding Elders was also attended to in this Conference.

One very important matter was handled in this Conference as follows: The Elders of The Church of Jesus Christ did unanimously sustain our faith on the matter of Father and Son being separate personages as recorded in the "Ensign" 1863, and also as recorded on the first page of Doctrine Pamphlet No. 1. This is a question that is troubling many people, but it should not, for the Bible and Book of Mormon are plain on that matter. It is made mention of in this account: that ALL people might know the position of The Church of Jesus Christ on this very important matter. Our financial business was attended to in the Saturday evening session and our business adjourned to meet again in October Conference in Youngstown, Ohio. The last Friday evening and all day on Saturday and Sunday of July 1950 has been set for all the saints to gather in Detroit. The time to be spent in the service and worship of God. No Church business to attend to, but every body come prepared to help take care of the financial obligations which will be incurred by such a gathering. We hope to have a good time. If possible we will give notice in June issue of The Gospel News as to where the meetings will be held.

On Sunday morning as is usual in Monongahela, a service of about one hour was held on the lower floor and sponsored by the Sabbath School. The speakers in this meeting were Bros. Miller of Detroit, Mich. and Bucci of Youngstown, Ohio. Very nice singing by the congregation, and including a

solo by Bro. Burgess of Windsor, Ont.

Our preaching service up stairs got on the way about 10:45. And the room was filled to capacity with quite a number seated on the lower floor who were served with a loud speaker, and which worked to perfection.

In our morning meeting, brother Furnier was our first speaker, who gave an interesting discourse from the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. The following speakers were Bro. Ashton, Bro. Miller, Bro. Joseph Lovaivo, Bro. A. A. Corrado. The closing address by Bro. W. H. Cadman. A very good spirit prevailed during the meeting. It was about 1:30 p. m. when the meeting was closed. A young woman was baptized after the close of the meeting Bro. Wm. Tucker officiating.

WORSHIP

By Martin Michalka
(A Continuation)

WORSHIP — Much could be written on this subject concerning various modes of worship by people throughout the world, and through the ages. Though this be so yet we should conclude that it ought not so to be, for if God's people are one, they should also be one in this. In Christ's teachings we find that stress was not placed upon modes and "forms" of worship, but rather upon what attitude man should have toward God and towards his fellow man. Christ went about teaching the people concerning God and his infinite love and goodness. Had they realized full they would not have had dull ears, nor would they have allowed their hearts to become hardened, but rather they would have allowed him to become the object of their affections. They would have worshipped him and him only would they have served. Instead of this happening we read that many "worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever." Many others worshipped the sun, moon and stars and even other gods, which things God abhorred. Is the world any better off today? We see and hear of exactly the same things occurring today outside of Christian professing people. But shall we stop here and say that all is

well in Christendom? Let us at this juncture examine the meaning of this word and then compare it with lives and deeds of those who profess to be followers of Christ today. The dictionary states that to worship (God), means the act of paying divine honors, religious reverence and homage; adoration, veneration, to idolize. If we truly worship God, if he has become the object of our affections, our deeds in servitude to him will manifest all of these virtues, not one or two but all.

In the Old Testament we read of many commendable deeds of Godly men. Many of them received divine approval for their deeds and actions, as well as for displaying implicit faith. One of these worthies was David who rose from shepherd boy to king of Israel. In his boyhood days he no doubt acquired many godly qualities, living in solitude most of the time, having his God as his companion there no doubt. When he was elevated to kingship, these qualities remained with him, especially those that revealed that God was the object of his affections. His writings display a great zeal to praise God for God's goodness and loving-kindness, and tender mercies. On one occasion he said (Ps 122:1) "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord." He writes of talking of God's ways "all the day long," and of meditating about the Lord's ways day and night. By these do we gather that David worshipped rightly, or not? Did he idolize his Creator, did he manifest all of the virtues of a true worshipper? Yes he surely did. Can we today acquire these qualities, are the bounties of the Lord diminished? The Lord continues to say "prove me now herewith if I will not open the windows of heaven." Yes, he can fill our vessels to overflowing even as he did David's if we will but humble ourselves before our Maker.

The deeds of Christian people today are indeed a great contrast in their tokens of worship. We ride along the thoroughfares of this nation and see on church bulletins "Hour of Worship." Why is God worthy of only one hour a week of veneration? Is he not to be praised as highly and as constantly today as he was in days of old? Or further yet can we say that people are today worshipping? Have many of them not missed the mark in realizing the

full meaning of this word? Today many are guilty of worshipping their mates or a new friend, or a movie star or other great people, or things made by human hand. This is truly a curse upon this modern world, the result of aggregated transgressions. If Paul were to return he surely would say that idolatry was being committed grossly, by worshipping the creature and the work of his hands, instead of the Creator. The words of the Lord Jesus are indeed fitting and timely for our day, as very needful, when he said that a true worshipper must worship the Father in spirit and in truth.

Recorded At Rome, Italy

The history of Jesus Christ's three year's ministry, trial, death, burial and resurrection. By Pontius Pilate. Copied April 7, 1893, from the original scroll in Greek, now on file in the ancient library at Rome.

"To Tiberius Caesar, Emperor of Rome."

"Noble Sovereign, Greeting: The events of the last few days in my province have been of such character that I will give the details in full as they occurred, as I should not be surprised if, in the course of time, they may change the destiny of our nations, for it seems of late that all the gods have ceased to be propitious. I am almost ready to say, Cursed be the day that I succeeded Vallerius Flaccus in the government of Judea; for since then my life has been one of continual uneasiness and distress.

"On my arrival at Jerusalem I took possession of the praetorium and ordered a splendid feast to be prepared, to which I invited the tetrarch of Galilee, with the high priest and his officers. At the appointed hour no guests appeared. This I considered an insult offered to my dignity, and to the whole government which I represent. A few days after the high priest deigned to pay me a visit. His deportment was grave and deceitful. He pretended that his religion forbade him and his attendants to sit at the table of the Romans, and eat and offer libations with them, but this was only a sanctimonious seeming, for his very countenance betrayed his hypocrisy. Although I thought it expedient to accept his excuse, from that moment I was convinced that the conquered had declared themselves the enemy of the con-

querors; and I would warn the Romans to beware of the high priests of the country. They would betray their own mother to gain office and a luxurious living. It seems to me that, of conquered cities, Jerusalem is the most difficult to govern. So turbulent are the people that I live in momentary dread of an insurrection. I have not soldiers sufficient to suppress it. I had only one centurion and a hundred men at my command. I requested a reinforcement from the prefect of Syria, who informed me that he had scarcely troops sufficient to defend his own province. An insatiate thirst for conquest to extend our empire beyond the means of defending it, I fear, will be the cause of the final overthrow of our whole government, I lived secluded from the masses, for I did not know what those priests might influence the rabble to do; yet I endeavored to ascertain, as far as I could, the mind and standing of the people.

"Among the various rumors that came to my ears there was one in particular that attracted my attention. A young man, it was said, had appeared in Galilee preaching with a noble unction a new law in the name of the God that had sent him. At first I was apprehensive that his design was to stir up the people against the Romans, but my fears soon dispelled. Jesus of Nazareth spoke rather as friend of the Romans than of the Jews. One day in passing by the place of Siloe, where there was a great concourse of people, I observed in the midst of the group a young man who was leaning against a tree, calmly addressing the multitude. I was told it was Jesus. This I could easily have suspected, so great was the difference between him and those listening to him. His golden-colored hair and beard gave to his appearance a celestial aspect. He appeared to be about thirty years of age. Never have I seen a sweeter or more serene countenance. What a contrast between him and his hearers, with their black beards and tawny complexions!

"Unwilling to interrupt him by my presence, I continued my walk, but signified to my secretary to join the group and listen. My secretary's name is Manlius. He is the grandson of the chief of the conspirators who encamped in Teuria waiting for Cataline. Manlius had been for a long time an inhabitant of Judea, and is

well acquainted with the Hebrew language. He was devoted to me, and worthy of my confidence. On entering the praetorium I found Manlius, who related to me the words Jesus had pronounced at Siloe. Never have I read in the works of the philosophers anything that can compare to the maxims of Jesus. One of the rebellious Jews, so numerous in Jerusalem, having asked Jesus if it was lawful to give tribute to Caesar, he replied: 'Render unto Caesar the things that belong to Caesar, and unto God the things that are God's.'

"It was on account of the wisdom of his sayings that I granted so much liberty to the Nazarene; for it was in my power to have him arrested and exiled to Pontus; but that would have been contrary to the justice which has always characterized the Roman government in all its dealings with men; this man was neither seditious nor rebellious; I extended to him my protection, unknown perhaps to himself. He was at liberty to act, to speak to assemble and address the people, and to choose disciples, unrestrained by any praetrian mandate. Should it ever happen (may the gods avert the omen!), should it ever happen, I say, that the religion of our forefathers will be supplanted by the religion of Jesus, it will be to this noble toleration that Rome shall owe her premature death, while I, miserable wretch, will have been the instrument of what the Jews call Providence, and we call destiny.

"This unlimited freedom granted to Jesus provoked the Jews—not the poor, but the rich and powerful. It is true Jesus severe on the latter, and this was a political reason, in my opinion, for not restraining the liberty of the Nazarene. 'Scribes and Pharisees,' he would say to them, 'you are a race of vipers! you resemble painted sepulchres; you appear well unto men, but you have death within you.' At other times he would sneer at the alms of the rich and proud, telling them that the mite of the poor was more precious in the sight of God. Complaints were daily made at the praetorium against the insolence of Jesus.

"I was even informed that some misfortune would befall him; that it would not be the first time that Jerusalem had stoned those who called themselves prophets; an appeal would be made to Caesar.

However, my conduct was approved by the Senate, and I was promised a reinforcement after the termination of the Parthian war.

(To be Continued)

P. S. This letter is lengthy, and will require about four issues of The Gospel News to present it to you.

EDITOR, THE GOSPEL NEWS:

By Emil Huttner

A lot of misunderstanding has been conceived by men of various faiths and particularly among Christians and Jews whose prayers are directed to God. Most people of all faiths who do not fully understand the interpretation of the writings in the Old and New Testament, that by offering prayers to God we do this in order to remind the Lord how great He is, how wonderful and what great things He can do for us. God need not be reminded of His ability and power of His greatness. If God should need to be reminded and told of His qualifications we would in our misconception of prayer belittle God. It is not God who need be reminded or told what to do or how great He is or what miracles God can perform;

We pray to God because we ourselves need be reminded that we fail in our mission to perform deeds allotted to mankind and in our daily obligations to our fellow men. It is through our daily prayer to our Maker that fills our hearts with compassion and makes us conscious of our needs and the needs of others. It is through meditation and prayers that instills in our hearts a desire to fulfill our obligation to those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Men who pray only with a desire to make themselves perfect by which they can attain a heavenly reward in the hereafter, such men may never mount on the heights of such glory, if their interest in their fellow men is not in their hearts. Your heart that is an instrument within you to function our organic system physically is also an instrument by which you are to apply your faculties to the welfare of your fellow men who may understand less than you do, or whose heart in his declining sense or age is weaker than your own.

Christians, Jews, Unitarians, Mormons or Moslems who pray to God or Allah are in the opinion of great theologians, the servants of God, Christians pray through

Jesus Christ or in the Name of Jesus Christ. Jews believe that every man individually no matter how humble has a place with God and needs no mediator, and therefore prays direct to God. The watchword of the Jews is as the watchword of Jesus was during His life; "Hear O Israel, the Lord is our God the Lord is One and His name One," an adherence to the First Command. While the Jews do not recognize the divinity of Jesus, they accept His virtues. His noble deeds and His principles which are incorporated in their daily prayer books.

From the Scripture, the Talmud and the Mishna we learn that Jesus followed the religion of the Prophets, discarding some of the rituals contained in the five books of Moses, rituals that were inconsistent and not applicable to the trend of civilization of the time, and are not applicable to-day nor will these rituals apply to future generations with the progress of civilization. The Prophetic religion of Jesus and His predecessors the prophets is now being followed closely by the Reform Jews and by the Unitarian Church. The Hebrew Theological Seminary in Cincinnati, Ohio, will be glad to answer and furnish reference to any question of the Scripture. If you are a gentile you may refer your question to some of the Christian students who study Hebrew at that institution and well versed on the Talmud or Mishna.

Although I am not a Christian or a believer in the revelations of Joseph Smith, nor in the Book of Mormon, nevertheless I affirm my belief in the virtues of Jesus, His teachings and noble deeds. These principles in Christ Jesus reflect the aspirations and goodwill in the hearts of the followers of Jesus Christ. My personal experience with the (Saints, members of the Church of Jesus Christ) has convinced me that the teachings and practices administered by this Church has had a profound influence upon its constituents and adherents.

The work these saints are doing and the respect and admiration these men and women hold for each other is rarely practiced among other denominations. I particularly want to refer to men and women whom I met personally men and women like the Miller family in Detroit; who extend their hospitality to an aged lady who is a sister in the Church.

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EDITORIAL

NOTE: The saints in New Jersey, Bronx and Brooklyn, N. Y., will all meet together in the New Brunswick Church on May 28th. An all-day get-together meeting. Every-body welcome.

PLEASE: every-body, do not forget my request for you all to send a dollar to our folks at Port Huron, Mich., to help them along with their new Church, they need your help, and I have no doubt but what it will be appreciated. Send your donation to Sister Bertha Sommerville, 1317, 17 St., Port Huron, Mich. **DO IT NOW.**

SORRY: As this paper is about to go to print, I learn that the five year old daughter of Bro. and Sister Robert Watson, Jr., of Windsor, Ont., was run down by a car and is in a serious condition. Robert and Sarah, we are sorry to learn of this, and our hopes are, that it will not prove too serious. May the Lord comfort you. The young son of Bro. and Sister Mountain has just gone through a serious operation. He is a very sick boy at present. (April 19th.)

BAPTISMS: I hear that there were four baptisms last Sunday one week ago, April 9th., at Grand River, Ont. The Editor is interested in the labors of our brethren, and he thinks it strange that none of you will take 15 or 20 minutes to write news of this kind for our little paper. Tomorrow is the deadline for receiving news for the May issue.

GRATEFUL: whoever you are that sent in such a nice offering for the General Church Treasury, I wish to inform you that it was duly received, and has been placed in our treasury. I do not know who you may be, but many thanks and may the Lord bless and prosper you. Brother Cadman.

The Henderson family, Mrs. Ford, the Burgess' in Windsor, the Lairds in Brantford, Ont. the Reed and Beavers families on the Indian Reserves and many others too numerous to mention for lack of space in the Gospel News in this issue.

I shall not speak of the friends

in Monongahela and Charleroi for they are too close to me, God bless them. These men and women really possess the virtues, the spirit, the humbleness that is being stored in the true House of God, the Church of Jesus Christ.

Charity my friends is the watchword of all men, gentiles or Jews alike. We do not believe men can be forgiven of their sins by merely pouring out their pitiful story to a Minister, a Priest or a Rabbi or any religious leader. No man or woman can buy his or her forgiveness for a few shekels or a basket of food from a priestly cloaked man; We believe in atonement to God for sins that which is committed against God; sins or offense committed against men must be made good firstly with the men you have offended or hurt, and then offer prayers to God thanking Him for giving you wisdom, understanding to correct your mistakes against your fellow men. The Prophet Micah sums religion in these words; "What doth the Lord require of thee. To do justly, to love mercy and walk humbly with thy God." These words my friends are the essence of all religions.

BLINDNESS

Invited Retribution: As I was walking home one day, I saw a man stepping along at a lively pace; I concluded that he was blind because he was tapping his cane on the side-walk. He crossed the street just as you or I would, then stopped suddenly, about four feet from the curb, and felt with his cane from side to side and then moved ahead slowly until the cane touched the curb. He then made a decided step up and went on at a fast clip whistling as he went. Whether the whistling was from a feeling of joy and happiness, or to warn other pedestrians of his approach, I do not know.

What I had in mind when I started out to write was, an article for publication that might be helpful to others in the day of worlds greatest blindness, and our apparent similarity to the blind man walking by faith, in this hour of God's Judgement that is falling on a disobedient and a gain saying world, when God and his plan of salvation is so utterly disregarded, (Acts 13:40,41).

Very few people see the instrumentality of Adolph Hitler in God's hands, any more than they

did when God raised up Pharaoh to chastise His rebellious people, Israel (Exo. 9:16; Rom. 9:17). We find the people of Canada and also of the United States not over willing to bend the back to the rod of affliction or stretch the neck to the axe of the executioner, though we know we have invited—May I say worked for—this just retribution.

When we as nations have rejected so great a plan of Salvation, having heeded blind guides who have led us into the ecclesiastical ditch in the name of the Lord, where He is called upon to assist them in their head-long flight into — oblivion — when I think, what might have been accomplished by us who were in the KNOW, as impeached by a certain prophet who wrote: "Saints awake I bid you forward. Save the world for Jesus sake."

Now if we are to awake in reality, we must put on the whole armour of God, so that our light might be more effective, we will have to drop every weight and the sin that does not glorify God, but which does now so easily effect us.

I listened to a supposedly great man from England, and another from the United States who spoke to the world by air which is under their control, asking God's approval and blessing on their actions of—Reprisals; that the people whom the gods—would destroy might be first made mad, as it is written.

There was considerable boasting of achievements in the arm of flesh, with greater sacrifices demanded of the poor, with further destructive accomplishments to be expected in the not too distant future by those at the appointed time, which brings to mind, the implication that God was told by them what the threshing Hand said to the Jack rabbit when the whistle sounded; "Out of the way you rabbit; and let some one run who wants to run."

Now that night has fallen when few can work, let the people awake in reality and seek God earnestly, in real humility that we may again take His extended Hand and walk where Jesus shed His light. Surely, the necessary revealed will of God can be had by HIS PEOPLE in this, OUR day, if we will only drop our traditions and ask for the old Paths and walk therein, for we tried them that say they are apostles of which John of revela-

tion fame also knew them; and Jesus condemned them. So in conclusion we find many churches of Christ, and many apostles who have been accredited with lying, deceit, and robbery. A. O. Armstrong, Priestly, B. C. Canada.

Good Morning Radio Audience

By. Bro. M. Miller, Detroit.

I deem it a great privilege to be able to address you this morning on the subject which in my estimation is the most vital of all subjects, being one that deals with the souls of the Human race. I shall endeavour to speak from a topic found in the 8th Chapter of St. Johns Gospel Verses 32, and 36, which reads as follows, And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. If the Son therefore shall make you free ye shall be free indeed. To derive the full benefit from this subject, this morning we need to be very prayerful, meditative and concentrative, so that our dear Heavenly Father may pour out His richest blessings upon us that by His kind aid the sound of the gospel may be truly heard in our land, and we, our friends and relations may follow the sound and go to the place, where redemption is found.

To deliberate on truth as the subject is presented we can readily see that it focuses our minds on two separate views. First if we receive the truth it shall set us free. Pilate asked the Saviour what is truth? Evidently although he was a great procurator of the people he did not know what was truth. We read in John 17th Chapter and 17th Verse, these words sanctify them through thy truth, thy word is truth. This might be considered a logical answer to pilates' question, by the greatest authority who ever walked upon the earth, Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. I have noticed that all the philosophers have endeavoured to fathom truth but failed to do so. I have read after many who ultimately declared that there was no such thing as truth, at least through their wisdom they could not find it. Webster declares that Truth is the quality or state of being true, comprising fidelity, constancy, steadfastness, faithfulness. If we are all agreed on the derivation of what is truth, we shall proceed to find out, how we shall know the truth, in what way it shall set us free, and also, from what it shall set us free. Going all the

way back to our First parents, Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, we see that as long as they cherished the Essence of truth, as we have previously tried to define it, and were obedient to the will of God, they had the grand experience of walking, talking and enjoying the Glorious fellowship of our dear Heavenly Father, but when they became disobedient and transgressed His precepts, they incurred upon them His greatest displeasure, were cursed, and told in Genesis 3 and 15, And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed, it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. This we see has surely happened, Adam fell that men might be and men are that they might have joy. Through the fall of those who the Lord had made in His own image the world became populated, because of the curse of sin we did not know what to do, but God so loved us that, He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Thank God, we shall know the truth only through the intervention of His beloved Son made more vividly in these the latter days through the restoration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, where-in who-so-ever will, may come and drink of the water of life. It shall set us free through faith, repentance and baptism in the water as Christ was baptized having hands laid upon us for the reception of the Holy Ghost which if we merit, shall lead and guide us into all truth and show us things to come, which will be beneficial to our souls in the Here-after. It shall set us free from all carnal desires, if we are in Christ as we should be, we will have a full realization that we are no more our own, but Christ's, being bought with His precious blood; no more to do what we want, but in all things, the will of God from the Heart.

Second, if the son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed. This places His seal of approval on the children of God, we shall now proceed to find out how the Son shall make us free, and the meaning of the affirmation that we shall be free indeed. We read in the 1st Epistle of John 3rd Chapter 1st and 2nd Verses, Behold what manner of Love the Father has bestowed upon us that we should be called the Sons of God and it doth not-

yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when He shall appear, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. The prophet Isaiah declares, O Lord thou art our Father, we are the clay and thou, art the potter and we all are the work of thy hand. I believe these two devout servants of God, along with the other myriads of His ransomed children who either have been here upon the earth or in process of time will be here, could be taken as a grand example of what true Christians ought to be, we sing in one of our Hymns, I love them that love me and they that seek me early, shall find me. We need not only to seek God early and find Him, but after we have found Him, we must retain Him in holiness and sacredness all our lives, knowing that the race is not for the swift, or the battle for the strong, but for them that remaineth humble and steadfast unto the end, as one of the writers has said, Think truly and thy thoughts shall the world's famine feed; Speak truly and each word of thine shall be a fruitful seed; Live truly, and thy life shall be a great and noble creed. Won't it be wonderful yea marvelous that when Jesus comes, whether at morning, noon, or night, like the wise Virgins He may find us with our lamps trimmed and burning. I tell you dear Radio friends, it shall be the most pleasant and bountifully blessed experience one could have. We are told in St. Lukes Gospel the 12th Chapter, Verses 37, 39, and 40, Blessed are those servants whom the Lord when He cometh shall find watching. Verily I say unto you that He shall gird himself, and make them sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them, and this know, that if the good man of the house, has known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through. Be ye therefore ready also, for the Son of Man cometh at an hour when ye think not. In conclusion may I say then, that blessed are those who will seek God while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near and see that they receive a full portion of truth which shall stand us in good stead while life shall last and when the battle is over, we shall reign with all the ransomed in the new Jerusalem and shall hear our Heavenly Father declare unto us, well done good

and faithful servants, ye have been faithful over a few things, I shall make you ruler over many things, enter thou into the joys of thy Lord. The words of this Hymn bears on our subject:

Truth reflects upon our senses, Gospel light reveals to some; If there still should be offenses, Woe to them by whom they come. Judge not that you be not judged, Was the Counsel Jesus gave Measure given, large or grudging, Just the same you must receive. Jesus says, be meek and holy, For 'tis high to be a judge; If I would be pure and holy, I must love without a grudge. It requires a constant labor, All his precepts to obey; If I truly love my neighbor, I am in the narrow way. Once I said unto another, In thine eye there is a mote; If thou art a friendly brother, Hold and let me pull it out. But I could not see it fairly, For my sight was very dim; When I came to search more clearly, In mine eye there was a beam. If I love my brother dearer, And His mote I would erase, Then the light should shine the clearer, For the eye's a tender place. Others I have oft reproved, For an object like a mote; Now I wish this beam removed, Oh! that tears would wash it out. Charity and love is healing, This will give the clearest sight When I saw my brother's failing, I was not exactly right. Now I will take no further trouble, Jesus' love is all my theme Little motes are but a bubble, When I think upon the beam.

I thank you.

Dreer-Jackson Nuptials

Sister Anna G. Dreer and Bro. Howard Jackson of Warren, Ohio were united in marriage on March 4, 1950. The double ring ceremony was performed by the Brides' father, Bro. Philip Dreer. Bro. Isaac Smith, grandfather of the bride, assisted in the ceremony.

Esther Corrado, pianist played several nuptial airs and also accompanied her sister, Phyllis Corrado soloist.

Attending the bride as maid of honor was Rose Corrado; and Alfred Jackson served his brother as best man. Linda Grimes, cousin of the bride, was the little flower girl, and another cousin, Richard Curry was the ring bearer. Ushers were Daniel Corrado, Jr. and Isaac Smith, Jr.

After a weeks wedding trip, the couple will reside in a newly furnished apartment at 1160 West Market Street, Warren Ohio.



Vernon Chester, An Apostle, In The Church, Passes On

Brother Vernon Chester, the oldest son of the late Brother and Sister Porter Chester of Monongahela, Pa., died in the hospital in Lorain, Ohio, on March 17, 1950, and was laid away to rest in the Monongahela Cemetery on April 22nd from The Church of Jesus Christ. He was born in April 1883. The services were in charge of Bro. W. H. Cadman who was assisted by Bro. A. B. Cadman. Singing was rendered by Bro. and Sister Samuel Kirschner and music by Sister Sarah Neill. Brother Chester obeyed the gospel about 45 years ago and moved away from Monongahela some years later. He was made an Elder in the Church early in his life and later was ordained as one of the Apostles of the Church. He had made his home in Lorain, Ohio for a number of years past. His wife preceeded him in death about one year ago. He leaves to mourn his loss one son Robert of Cleveland, Ohio. Two sisters, Mrs. Jessie Parrott of Nortonville, Ky., and his Sister Mary of Alva, Oklahoma, and several grand children.

Before removing his body from Lorain, a service was held there for him and we understand that quite a large crowd gathered together to pay their last respects to our deceased brother. Both brother and sister Chester had worshipped in that city for a number of years past. May the Lord comfort all the bereaved ones. Sincerely Brother W. H. Cadman.

"CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST"

By Brother Fred D'Amico, Detroit

Galatians 2 verse 20 reads as follows: 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.

What strange words, only when the true significance is observed, can one agree with the apostle Paul. First, it must be remembered it was not the Christ that was crucified but sin.

The full meaning of this remarkable passage may be stated as follows: I have been crucified with Christ, in other words my natural man which was born of the flesh and inherited the corruption and guilt of the flesh, was crucified; yet I am the same individual whose life has changed by doing away with the old man (or sinful nature) and putting on Christ.

One may ask, "How can one be crucified with Christ?" . . . When we by the power of Christ's death die unto sin, we are at the same time quickened into a newness of life by baptism. We are buried with Christ by baptism into death, in other words sin is crucified. Even as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too after being immersed in the waters of baptism are raised up into a newness of life.

If any man be crucified with Christ, he becomes a new creature, a new life created within him. Old things, such as the old self will, love of self and of the world; are passed away, all things become new. Thus, a spiritual life takes place in him, and a daily dying to the world and the old sinful nature. To die daily unto sin, is to mortify your members which are detrimental to the salvation of your soul. They that are the followers of Christ have crucified the flesh of affections and lusts. Even as the apostle Paul said, "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world. For me to live is Christ and to die is gain.

In the power of Christ's death, we too may die peacefully and triumphantly. His victory over death and the grave meant the gates of immortality opened up once more to humanity. Without Christ we should even dread the

temporal death; for the unsaved soul the first death is the gateway to the second death, or eternal death, or an eternal separation from God. But we who are crucified with Christ, have been reconciled to God, are saved from the second death or spiritual death and need not fear the first or temporal death. With the power of Christ's death and resurrection, we can calmly face death and say with the apostle Paul, "O death where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory!" As we close our eyes in death, we know ourselves secure in the wounds of Christ. There is only one life and soon it will be past, only what is done for Christ shall last.

SISTER ROUSE PASSES ON

Mrs. Caroline Applegate Rouse died here in Monongahela, at her late home on Monday, March 27, 1950, after an extended illness. She was the daughter of the late Walter and Mary Caroline Applegate and the widow of the late George F. Rouse. She was born here in this city in the year 1874 September 28, making her now past 75 years old and had spent all her life in this community and has been well known. To mourn her loss, she leaves two sons Hartman and George Rouse both of Monongahela, and one daughter, Mrs. James Curnow of R. D. 1 Belle Vernon, and several grand children, also one brother Linn Applegate of Manifold, Pa. Sister Rouse was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ in July of 1929 and has been very faithful during these many years. Owing to her failing health she had not been able to attend church for the past two or three years. She suffered much during her sickness but death has now relieved her from all pain, and we lay her away to rest with confidence in the promise of the Lord that her soul will find a resting place in the paradise of God. Services were conducted by Bro. W. H. Cadman, singing by Brother and Sister Kirschner, and Sister Irene Griffith. Music by Sister Sara Vancik.

ANDY SPISAK PASSES ON

Brother Spisak was born in Dec. of 1908, and died on April 13, 1950 at his late home in Stockdale, Pa. He was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ in January of 1948 and was faithful to the covenant he made at the waters-edge. He leaves his beloved

wife and three small children to mourn his passing, also one brother George of Stockdale, and two sisters Mrs. John Marek and Mrs. Stach both of Charleroi, Pa. Bro. Spisak's death was very sudden. He had been out doing some chores, and in returning to the house, sat down on a chair, removed one of his boots, and then fell to the floor dead. A very sudden blow for his wife who had been out with him, and who rushed in to the house at the screaming of their oldest child.

Services were held in our new church at Roscoe, with Bro. Samuel Kirschner in charge, and Bro. Vancik delivering an address in the Slovak language. Bros. Wm. Tucker, John Majoros, and Sister Irene Griffith did the singing, with Freda Majoros at the piano. A very nice service, and appreciation is extended to the Roscoe saints for opening their Church to us for the service of our brother. We also extend our sympathy to the bereaved family.— In the visions of the night about one month before Bro. Spisak died, he had the following experience: "He walked into the room (where he was later laid out) and saw a casket. He looked in the casket but did not recognize the deceased person, but upon the breast of the deceased, the following words were written, 'Peace, Peace unto you. Eternal Life.'"

David Patterson Passes On.

David Patterson died at the home of relatives at or near Vanderbilt, Pa., on March 27th after a brief illness in the 81st year of his life. He was laid away to rest on March 29th, 1950 in Paradise Cemetery not far from Mt. Pleasant, Pa., and right at the base of Chestnut Ridge Mountains. A very nice spot to rest until the morning of the resurrection.

Brother Patterson in his line of business traveled very much, and in doing so, he would call in the City of Monongahela, Pa., possibly at intervals of six weeks. In calling here, he in some way was directed to the Church of Jesus Christ and after a short while he asked to be baptized, which was attended to in the Monongahela River. This was probably 8 or 10 years ago. He had continually called in this town, and made it a point to spend Sunday, and sometimes Wednesday evening at Church here. He was faithful to the covenant he made at the wa-

ters edge to the end of his days. His funeral services were conducted at the Galley Funeral Home in Dawson, Pa. by Bro. W. H. Cadman.

He leaves a sister, Mrs. Eva Nichols of Mt. Pleasant, Pa., and a number of other close relatives to mourn his loss. The Gospel News extends sympathy to his loved ones.

"LIVING STONES"

YOU are living stones, built into a great city called the new Jerusalem, the finished church made up of prepared saints, prepared people — symbols of the house of worship and prayer, also symbolic of the spiritual house in which we believe in Jesus Christ as also a living stone.

No stone in a given structure is superfluous in His designs. The architect has placed each one with a purpose. Not all are equally important, but even the best of them cannot be removed without damage to the whole. In the spiritual house of which Christ is the chief cornerstone, all the living stones are tightly joined and grow into a Holy Temple of God. The source of this life and growth is the work of the Lord, the apostles and prophets of which Christ is the center and substance, where men and above all, children are taught the word of God. Where our Lord is exalted as Saviour, there will be found the word of God. This is not only the inner life given to meditation and prayer, it is the active life devoted to the strengthening and building of the spiritual house — the Holy Church of Jesus Christ.

By our late brother
David Patterson

JOHN WESLEY (1703-1791)

(On August 24, 1744, Wesley preached his last sermon before the University of Oxford, to a very large audience. This celebrated sermon, while deeply impressing many of his hearers, gave unpardonable offense to the authorities.)

"I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, if ye do account me a madman or a fool, yet as a fool bear with me. It is utterly needful that some one should use great plainness of speech towards you. It is more especially needful at this time; for who knoweth but it is the last? And who will use this plainness, if I do not? Therefore I, even I, will

speak. And I adjure you, by the living God, that ye steel not your hearts against receiving a blessing at my hands.

Let me ask you, then, in tender love, and in the spirit of meekness, Is this city a Christian city? Is Christianity, Scriptural Christianity, found here? Are we, considered as a community of men, so filled with the Holy Ghost as to enjoy in our hearts, and show forth in our lives, the genuine fruits of that Spirit? Are all the magistrates, all heads and governors of colleges and halls, and their respective societies, (not to speak of the inhabitants of the town) of one heart and soul? Is the love of God shed abroad in our hearts? Are our tempers the same that were in Christ, and are our lives agreeable thereto?

In the fear and in the presence of the great God, before whom both you and I shall shortly appear, I pray you that are in authority over us, whom I reverence for your office sake, to consider, Are you filled with the Holy Ghost? Are ye lively portraiture of Him whom ye are appointed to represent among men? Ye magistrates and rulers, are all the thoughts of your hearts all your tempers and desires, suitable to your high calling? Are all your words like unto those which come out of the mouth of God? Is there in all your actions dignity and love?

Ye venerable men, who are more especially called to form the tender minds of youth, are you filled with the Holy Ghost? With all those fruits of the Spirit, which your important office so indispensably requires? Do you continually remind those under your care that the one rational end of all your studies is to know, love and serve the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom He hath sent? Do you inculcate upon them, day by day, that without love all learning is but splendid ignorance, pompous folly, vexation of spirit? Has all you teach an actual tendency to the love of God, and all mankind for His sake? Do you put forth all your strength in the vast work you have undertaken; using every talent which God hath lent you, and that to the uttermost of your power?

What example is set them (the youth) by us who enjoy the beneficence of our forefathers; by fellows, students, scholars; more es-

pecially those who are of some rank and eminence? Do ye, brethren, abound in the fruits of the Spirit, in lowliness of mind, in self-denial and mortification, in seriousness and composure of spirit, in patience, meekness, sobriety, temperance, and in unwearied, restless endeavors to do good, in every kind, unto all men? Is this the general character of fellows of colleges? I fear it is not. Rather, have not pride and haughtiness of spirit, impatience and peevishness, sloth and indolence, gluttony and sensuality, and even a proverbial uselessness, been objected to us; perhaps not only by our enemies, nor wholly without ground? . . .

Once more, what shall we say concerning the youth of this place? Have you either the form or the power of Christian godliness? Are you humble, teachable, advisable, or stubborn, self-willed, heady, and high-minded? Are you obedient to your superiors as to parents? Or do you despise those to whom you owe the tenderest reverence? Are you diligent in pursuing your studies with all your strength, crowding as much work into every day as it can contain? Rather, do you not waste day after day, either in reading what has no tendency to Christianity, or in gaming, or in — you know not what? Do you, out of principle, take care to owe no man anything? Do you remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy? Do you know how to possess your bodies in sanctification and in honor? Are not drunkenness found among you? Yea, are there not of you who glory in their shame? Do not many of you take the name of God in vain, perhaps habitually, without either remorse or fear? Yea, are there not a multitude of you that are forsworn? Be not surprised, brethren, before God and this congregation, I owe myself to have been of that number; solemnly swearing to observe all those customs which I then knew nothing of; and those statutes, which I did not so much as read over, either then or for some years after. What is perjury, if this is not?

May it not be one of the consequences of this, that so many of you are a generation of triflers? Triflers with God, with one another, and with your own souls? How few of you spend, from one week to another, a single hour in

private prayer? How few of you have any thought of God in the general tenor of your conversation? Can you bear, unless now and then, in a church, any talk of the Holy Ghost? Would you not take it for granted, if one began a conversation, that it was either hypocrisy or enthusiasm? In the name of the Lord God Almighty, I ask, What religion are you of? Even the talk of Christianity ye cannot, will not, bear. O my brethren! What a Christian city is this? It is time for Thee, Lord, to lay to Thine hand."

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"Harry L. Lorber, Jr., Monongahela's blind poet, who holds a Bible degree from the Kentucky College, will preach his initial sermon Sunday (April 16th, 1950) at the River Hill Christian church, Elder John W. Richardson announces. The young man is a graduate of the College which is situated at Grayson, Ky. The service is announced for 9:45 o'clock Sunday morning. A cordial invitation to be present is extended to the public."

P. S. Brother Lorber has been blind from birth, and is an exceptionally bright young man. He was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ in Monongahela and was a member thereof until recent years. His brother Albert, also a fine young man, and formerly a member of The Church of Jesus Christ went through the same College, and now has a charge some where in Ohio.

MERCIES OF GOD Margaret Heaps

If it wasn't for His Goodness,
If it wasn't for His Love,
That sends the Rain and Sunshine
Down from Heaven above.
The fruit would never blossom,
The corn would never grow,
The meadows and the pastures
Would dry and barren go.
Until this earth in sorrow
In famine sore was bent
And all would learn the lesson
God calls us to repent.
This life we take for granted
Not giving it much heed
Not lifting hearts in gratitude
To Him, who supplies our needs.
Let us praise Him for the sunshine
Let us praise Him for the rain
Let us praise Him for His Mercies
And in His Love remain.

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A Tribute to The Gospel News From New Jersey.

"The Gospel News" so fair and so true, Is received in our homes by me and you; With its contents of joy and supreme great treasure, We receive it with anxiety and with pleasure. — The Poetry, the Editorials, the Weddings are in store, Best of all the Scriptures and Experiences and more. Are enjoyed by all who read this grand paper. As into our homes it enters with high favor.—And if our paper should happen to get lost, We search and look for it what may be the cost, Never do we want to miss any of the news, Which our tireless Editor for us will choose.—Little does the Postman know what he delivers, Over Mountains, Valleys, Plains and Rivers, Its this precious little paper "The Gospel News", The Church of Jesus Christ for us did choose. — So to our Dear "Gospel News" we extend our hand, Hoping some day it will be delivered in every land, May it still triumph with more glad tidings, Spreading joy and delight as it reaches our abidings. — Signed: "A Reader" who says this was given to her by inspiration. (The Editor feels that it is quite a tribute to our little paper.)

Warren, Ohio
April 20, 1950

Dear Brother Editor:

Here is \$1.50 for the renewal of The Gospel News. To say The Gospel News is wonderful, is putting it mildly. Its full of the Lord's teachings, many blessings I receive reading it.

I made a covenant with the Lord two years ago, March 21st. He has been wonderful to me. He has healed my body and soul. How wonderful it is to be able to utter these words, Blessed be the Lord. May He guide and keep me faithful until the end of my life. I pray to God to bless and protect our people everywhere.

May the Lord bless you and give you strength for your wonderful work. Remember our Branch in your prayers. Sister Mary Scott.

INDIAN GIVES UP HUNGER STRIKE

HURON VILLAGE, Que., May 5 (AP)—Jules Sioui, 43, Huron Indian leader, today gave up a 73-day hunger strike intended to win recognition for Indian rights.

Sioui was weak and growing confused after taking only sweetened water for more than two months. He plans to employ other means to awaken public opinion to the situation of the Indians under white rule.

P. S. In June of 1945 in response to an invitation from Mr. Sioui, myself, along with our late Bro. Frank Ford of Windsor, Ont. attended a convention of Indian people at Ottawa, Ont. Mr. Sioui was heading a movement among the Indians demanding big things from the Canadian Government. I considered his demands were fantastic indeed. Mr. James Fox of the Muncey, Ont. Reserve, acted as Secretary of the Convention. We met Indians from various places including British Columbia. I was given an opportunity of making two short addresses to the convention, and both Bro. Ford and I enjoyed the privilege of meeting many Indian people.

In conclusion I will add, that while I am very much in sympathy with the Indian race in being deprived of their possessions and rights on this Western Hemisphere, yet the restoration of what they have lost, will only be regained through them (descendants of Joseph who was sold into Egypt) yielding themselves to the will of God. The Book of Mormon has come forth to make you acquainted with the decrees of God concerning this land which was given to your fore-fathers by the Almighty God, and which was lost by them for transgressing the laws of God. Yea, your fore-fathers have whispered to you from the dust in the coming forth of the Book of Mormon. See Isaiah 29:4.—W. H. Cadman.

OUR LITERATURE

The Church of Jesus Christ has in the years past, and is still printing literature; not only for searchers of truth at large to learn of our faith, but for members of the Church to learn definitely what we believe and what we do not believe. This brings to

my mind the fact that our departed brethren deemed that such was necessary—that our people know "what we believe and what we do not believe." Further: this brings to my memory that, our long deceased brother, Wm. Skillen just shortly before his death in 1888, wrote a letter to the Church, specifying the necessity of having our faith in written form that all might know, "what we believe and what we do not." I will add too, that while we have not reached the peak in this matter, yet we have thus far published much, and I believe we have made our position sufficiently clear, that most pursuers of truth can readily understand our position, at least of that which is vital to the saving of the soul and the building up of the kingdom of God upon the earth, prior to the coming of the Lord. As for me, I familiarized myself with our various pamphlets, and learned our faith, at least as far as it was written, and conducted myself accordingly when I was quite young.

While visiting our folks in New Jersey a few years ago, I happened to attend the M.B.A. meeting in our Church in Hopelawn and was pleased to see our folks making a study of our literature. They were not arguing our faith, but were studying it, comparing it with the word of God that they might learn. You know it is necessary to learn before one can teach. — In attending a similar meeting of Elders in Branch No. 1 in Detroit sometime ago, one of the brethren made the following statement, "A person that cannot be taught, should not teach."—very good indeed. The Apostle Paul whose experiences were abundant as well as magnificent, says: "For now we see through a glass darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part," etc. He had learned much and had taught much, but still he could be taught.

In this last year I happened in Windsor, Ont. on a Saturday Evening—on learning of a meeting of some kind in our Church, I attended. Was glad that I did. I found young brethren from Detroit, and Windsor gathered together, and too, as far as years were concerned, they were not all just young men, all the Elders

were present from Windsor. Instead of these brethren spending their time somewhere foolishly, they had gathered together in our place of worship, studying our literature, not arguing over it, but endeavoring to learn of the faith, which through obedience too, had brought so much joy to their hearts and souls. A good way to spend their Saturday Evenings, was it not? You know in New Testament times the scripture speaks of the day of preparation—yea, the day before the Sabbath, when all men and especially the people of God should get prepared to keep the Sabbath Day holy, and in that day their Sabbath started at sunset, did it not? Do we today ever stop to think of how busy we are in these times? We are so busy in so many ways, that we do well if we can lay away our cares by the midnight hour on Saturday night.

I conclude that the instance I have referred to in New Jersey and the one in Windsor, that our brethren were making good use of their time. (WHC)

SARNIA INDIAN RESERVE

Sarnia, Ont.

Dear Brothers and Sisters of The Church of Jesus Christ:— It is with a very grateful heart to our loving Heavenly Father that I take up my pen to publicly acknowledge Jesus Christ as my Lord and master.

Having been born of goodly parents; my mother being a saintly character who loved to give thanks to God unostentatiously, whose chief delight was doing good to her neighbors and whose concern was to teach me tolerance to others' views as I came to my majority; she went to her rest when I was twenty. My father being a man of whom my earliest recollection is that of a very busy man concerning himself of the troubles and needs of the people of our community, yet finding time each morning to read God's holy word and praying to Him both morning and evening and I rejoice to say that he is still with us to give counsel when we, my sisters and brothers and I need it.

I learned to love the worship of God very early in life and it was my consolation at the age of ten, when, at the urgent advice of a doctor, my parents placed me in a hospital for consumption a hundred and seventy miles from home. I was not confined to bed very long, but like the other patients allowed freedom to attend public

school classes and service conducted by a Protestant clergyman. I recall that my nostalgic desire to come home was quieted as we sang the songs we knew. My stay at the institution was for four years and I have since learned that my parents prayed daily for my recovery. I learned much as I accompanied my father to the appointments he had to keep as a Methodist lay-preacher and at the age of fifteen, I suddenly found myself working in the church as the secretary of the Quarterly Official Board. Owning Christ as my Saviour at twenty, I experienced my first joy in Him and knew that forgiveness of sin comes to man when he acknowledges that he is a sinner. Losing the watchful guidance of mother, I wandered into the paths of sin yet outwardly pious and much favored of men who often made mention of my contribution to public religious services.

Consorting with convivial friends who made much of me because of my talent for music, I learned one night at the age of twenty-six or seven that the devil himself despises those whom he misleads, but whose outward appearance deceives the people of the world. Awakening from sleep, I heard a so-called friend speak disparagingly of my presence in their midst and then remarking "I suppose he will be looking very pious next Sunday morning in Church." It brought me up very short and I asked myself "Do I belong here?" The answer came about a year later when, assisting in music at a camp-meeting, I was suddenly asked to preach a sermon on the following day. I thank God that He gave me strength to decline to take advantage of the opportunity to enhance my own prestige.

My early training and instruction stood me in good stead and I replied that I believed that before a man can expound the word of God he must have a definite call from the Lord to preach. I have never yet had cause to regret my action and my firm belief is that God was pleased with the answer I gave on that day. A year after my marriage to my loving wife, we held our first baby in our arms but we continued our indulgence in the things that lead men to struction and one night, seeing our sorry condition, someone took our daughter from us, and we returned without her. On the morrow, she was returned safely into our arms, and praise God, it was then the spirit of our Saviour began to trou-

ble me greatly. He would not be silenced and my spirit and my mind were in great agony until one day in the summer of 1936, I had to fall down at the feet of Him, of whom the Scriptures say "His name shall be called Jesus for he shall save his people from their sins." As my agonized soul cried out for forgiveness, I perceived the outline of the Cross and God permitted my soul to see the beautiful feet of my crucified Lord and as the faint outlines of His figure slowly penetrated the fog of sin that kept me from seeing Him clearly, I loved him with an overwhelming love.

The eyes of my soul were then permitted to gaze upon the pitiful creature that I was, lost without Christ and my righteous as filthy rags in the sight of a Holy God. I gave myself to Him and prayed that my children should never see their daddy under the influence of intoxicating liquor. My loving wife wept with joy when I asked her to kneel with me and we would ask him to lead us henceforth in His own paths of righteousness. We lost our worldly friends, no longer were invited to parties or other functions but, praise be unto God, we found new friends and new interests engaged our effort and the call that I mentioned earlier came to me. As God used my talents and renewed my strength from year to year I began to be bold in denouncing the wiles of the Devil and exposing his works. I began to be hated by men who desired to parade their righteousness even as I used to do.

Eventually, I was deposed from all office in my church and my firm belief, today, is that God purposely allowed me to suffer that indignity to teach me humility. I walked alone for over two years, brethren of other churches welcoming me when I visited them but despised in my own.

I praise our Heavenly Father for giving me that discernment that made me perceive the true love that activated my brother "Arthur Maness" when he said to me one day last winter "Why don't you come and worship with us at our little home? We would love to have you come." Truly, God's love is great, that He should send my brother to come after me in his own car in order that I might hear the blessed story of the Restored Gospel.

It thrilled my soul to know that I am a descendant of the covenant people. I realized that I had been groping in the dark for knowledge

of the beginning of my race (Indians) and I perceived that my acceptance of this blessed truth meant that I obey His blessed commandment that we follow Him in all things. The devil tried desperately to prevent my obedience to God, he cast many doubts into my heart with unerring aim and I would be untruthful if I said that I went into the waters with complete confidence, and even after my immersion, that evil spirit pursued me as Brother Marco Randazzo and I trudged up the hill where brethren and sisters awaited us, but his power was broken as the prayers of the saints ascended up to God, a glorious light came into my soul and I recognized my brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus. I heard myself saying that I suddenly have a lot of brethren and sisters. That evening I spake with a new tongue. A tongue of humility and meekness. Before, because of many offices bestowed upon me, I had regarded myself as a leader, but now, a humble follower of Jesus who must not consider himself greater than his brother but a servant whose office is to serve with humbleness.

The devil has tempted me many times since but his power over me has diminished as the blessed Holy Spirit has ministered unto me and I rejoice to record in this letter that two days after I made my covenant with our Lord I heard a blessed voice saying "This is according to God's word," and I confidently say that I am now a child of God. I know that He will lead me in the paths of righteousness for His names sake. Greetings to all my brethren and sisters and may He keep us in the hollow of His hand. Aylmer Nicholas Plain, Sarnia Indian Mission.

CONNELLSVILLE, PA.

By Sister Elsie Lowe

Dear Editor: I feel to write you a few lines about my life in the Gospel, and how much the Lord has done for me.

I am the daughter of Bro. and Sister Thomas of Vanderbilt, Pa. I was born in 1908 and my parents joined the Church in 1910. So I have been brought up in the Church of Jesus Christ. Although I have only been baptized 14 years, I am of the fourth generation of our family belonging to the Church. My Great Grandfather being Solomon King. I am very proud of my lot in the gospel, and thank God with all my heart for the wonderful parents He gave me.

I lost a son about 16 months ago, he was almost 21 years of age, and was very near and dear to me, but the Lord came to my rescue and made me to see that He is no respecter of persons, and that He does all things well.

A few weeks ago I was placed in charge of the program for the M.B.A., and not knowing what to have, the Lord was very good to me in my effort. Our program was of the "Pilgrims coming to this land and making friends with the Indians." I wanted to bring something in, about our Church and our duty to others. God was good to me again in giving me this closing part and making it possible to use hymn 386 "When the Angel Moroni came to Joseph." This is what the Lord gave me, "And now our turn has come to teach The way of the truth is light, And bring God's love to all mankind, And be a shining light. We teach baptism and brotherly love, And believe in all things fair, And do to others as God reveals, And call on Him in prayer. We believe God's chosen people Are the Red Man near and far, For God had hid a record in the hill of Cumorah. And we read from this record, The wonderful things of the past. We know and believe God's promise, Will go with us to the last. We invite all people to learn our way, And serve God with us in future days, To build up His Church and serve to the end, This Wonderful, Wonderful Saviour and friend."

Sister Burkett
of Brownsville, Pa.
Writes

Dear brothers and sisters in the Gospel: I wish to take this opportunity to bear my testimony to my many brothers and sisters that I have never met and to those I have seldom seen. I feel that I have been wonderfully blessed.

I was baptized in Nov. 1936. Before my baptism I thought I would lose my mind, I was so miserable. I wasn't satisfied anywhere, I could not sleep, I could not eat. I knew something had to be done. I was talking to my neighbor one day and the next day the Lord took her, so that got me to thinking, and thinking hard. The Lord takes one to save another. I thank God for calling me into the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He has healed me in sickness and has given me a great desire to do good. I receive great blessings in helping

others. True we have many persecutions, but the blessings we receive in praying for those who persecute us, more than make-up.

My heart is very heavy today, our car was stolen last night. Pray for me that I may continue on in this great work; for I feel it is very important, and the best we can do just is not enough. May God bless you all throughout the Church, and remember us when you pray. Your Sister in Christ—Pearl Burkett.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Dear Editor:

In reading the April issue of the Gospel News, I found on page 8 the article about television. Surely it did please me in reading it, because just two or three weeks ago in a Wednesday night meeting, I expressed myself, wishing for our people to not spend so much time with the radio and television. I stated that it will be a great injury to the welfare of our souls, due to the fact that some of them listen so much to the radio, hearing one ball game after another, and other worldly things as well. They neglect their duty, both spiritual and temporal.

Sometime ago I was asked: "What harm was there in playing ball?" I asked the young man to tell me "what good was there in it." He couldn't tell me, so I held my peace. I will answer the young man at this time, perhaps it may help many others as well.

When I was a boy I saw people play wooden ball, due to the fact that I played myself, I saw that many times someone got mad and instead of playing with the ball on the ground, they would hit each other on the head with it.

I read a few things in a little book concerning playing cards. Many years ago, there was a Sunday School teacher who happened to be a woman. In her class she had seven boys. She had a very good thought in mind in trying to keep the boys together. The picture was good but the outcome was bad. She would take these boys to her home on Saturday afternoon, treating them with ice cream, and pop, then she would let them go over the next Sunday School lesson. After that, she taught them how to play cards. The boys became very much interested. Later on the boys demanded less time with the lesson and more time in playing cards. Finally, they became expert players, and left the church and Sun-

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EDITORIAL

Note: The Ladies Uplift Circle is holding its 30th Anniversary on June 3rd in the Monongahela Church. Sorry we neglected to announce it in the last issue of The Gospel News. The General Circle will hold its quarterly business meeting in the Glassport Church on June 22, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Good News: Since receiving the newsy letter from Sister Heaps which is recorded in the columns of this issue, I have received another letter from her, informing us of two more baptisms in their Branch of the Church. They are two daughters of Bro. and Sister Flow, formerly of Greensburg, Pa. We are glad to hear this encouragning news from Los Angeles, Calif.

Take Note: The bibliography of The Church of Jesus Christ, which was arranged by a Mr. Dale L. Morgan, has been published in "The Western Humanities Review" by The University of Utah: There are about 27 pages devoted to said Church. We have ordered 1000 copies of a reprint of the Article enclosed in covers, which we will sell for possibly 20 or 25 cents each. We may order 100 copies of the Magazine itself which is listed to sell at 75 cents per copy. Remember, all money received in this matter over and above the cost of handling, will be turned into the General Church Printing Fund. We will need plenty of money in this fund to carry on the printing we now have in view, which will include the printing of the Book of Mormon in the Italian language. That of itself will be quite a big job for us.

Presiding Elders Take Notice: Send in your quarterly offerings to the Church Treasury the first of July as usual.

day School and went out into the world.

Many years later, while in their church service, a man came in dressed like a tramp, unshaved for many months.

After the preacher delivered the message he asked if any one would like to bear a testimony. This tramp arose, and crying while speaking said, "he had been

taught in that church when he was young. He said his father was one of the officers and pointed out the pew his father occupied. He told all about the Sunday School teacher and how she had treated them. Finally he said 2 out of 7 were hanged, 3 prisoners for life, and the sixth one the police were hunting, and upon catching, he would be placed in jail, and he, being the seventh one had escaped from prison, and if the police would find him they would take him back."

This is another story: There was a family that invited another family to dinner. After dinner, the hostess took a deck of cards, placed them on the table telling all to play. An old man happened to be present, called their attention that before starting to play he would ask God's blessing upon the game. The hostess said she never thought of doing that and she felt condemned. The old man said if we can't ask God's blessing upon something, we ought not to do it. They refrained from playing cards.

There was a young man from Texas that went to Alabama, getting a job for \$4.00 a day. Where he was boarding, they taught him to play cards, he put his heart and soul into it, and he became one of the best players. One night he went to a gambling house, and after 3 or 4 hours he returned home with 3 or 4 hundred dollars he had won. So he quit his job and dressed himself in very high class, and became deeper involved in the game. Finally, one morning he was found dead in an alley with a bullet in his head.

About a year after I came to this country, living in Niles, O., at the time. I wanted to learn to read and write the American way. I decided to go to a private night school. We were about a dozen or more, and we payed the teacher so much a month. I did very well for a couple of months, and the teacher gave me a little class to watch. One very sad thing took place in my heart, when one night they all decided to play cards. I was very much displeased, because I was anxious to learn. The next night they repeated the same thing, and also the third night. This was the end of my going to school.

All in all we the Saints of God should keep away from the things of the world.

The apostle James, 4 ch., 3, 4, and 5 verses say:

"Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.

Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

Do ye think that the scripture sayeth in vain. The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?"

Another thing that bothers my mind is: I am afraid we are getting away from the revelations of God, and some that are very high esteemed, claim that we don't need revelation's in some things. Especially in presiding elders. I am sure as I live that God has men in every place that are fit for that position. It is certain that it is not given to everyone, and many times wrong placements maybe made. I taught our people here for many years to go before God, and ask Him who should preside over the flock, and allow God to reveal Himself, that His will may be done. There are many places that God may give experiences, yet they turn around and recommend whosoever they please. Then many are sick, dissatisfied, complaining for not having a blessing. Surely we reap whatever we sow.

There was a young man at one time that planted thorns around his field. An old man asked him what he was doing. He said, "I plant these thorns around my field, so that later on it will become a thick thorn fence." The old man said, "that is a very good idead," but he said, "make sure you buy steel shoes and clothing." Otherwise when you get jagged you will regret it.

Surely if we would depend upon God the way we ought to, we would all rejoice in the blessings from heaven, and the work of God would not be interrupted as it is in many places.

There are many thoughts in my mind, seeing many conditions here and there, that I lose many nights sleep just thinking and meditating. I hope that God through his tender mercy, might be patient with us and help us that we may save our souls in the end.

Bro. D. Giovannone

WORD STUDY

By Martin Michalko

APOSTLE — We read in the Gospels that the Lord Jesus called twelve men to be with him during his ministry. These learn-

ed many important things, which were afterwards very helpful in governing the church, as well as in the promulgation of the Gospel. They were specially trained because of the great task which lay ahead of them. The apostles were sometimes called disciples, but we must differentiate between these two words in order to understand various scriptures in their true light. Paul writes on one occasion that he as well as other apostles were ambassadors for Christ. In a temporal sense we know that countries have only one ambassador in each nation and under him some that are in charge in various cities, especially in larger countries. These are called consuls. Both are termed as representatives of their country, but only one has the charge and responsibility in that country. So likewise in God's kingdom, he has twelve ambassadors, one to each of the twelve tribes, these are apostles of the Lamb, and then many followers of the Lamb under their surveillance, these are termed disciples.

The apostles were at one time sent forth with great power given to them temporarily, which was a foretaste of the great power that would be theirs on the day of Pentecost. This number did not increase or decrease during Jesus' ministry, though there were some that wanted to stay with Jesus and to become one of his fortunate close followers, especially some that had received a great miracle in their life.

To these he commanded to go home, or to go and show themselves to the priests, as their part in this greatest of dramas on earth. Even as a big ship has individual duties for all, so the Lord had specific tasks for each of his followers. Let us examine how assignments were made on this great ship of salvation during the apostolic era. We read that on the day of Pentecost, by the birth of the church, the believers became a body of believers with Christ as their perpetual head. We read in Ephesians that God set in the church, apostles, and prophets, and evangelists, and pastors and teachers, for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ. (This conforms with I Cor. 12:28). These are the assignments that were open to all who entered into the service of God. He the great teacher and revealer caused each to know

what his station was in this work.

There seems to be more or less of a controversy today in this religious world, concerning the necessity of the quorum of twelve. Many declare that these assignments were only for the original twelve, that the apostolate died with each individual apostle. If this would be so why were lots cast to fill the quorum when Judas lost his apostleship? Why also was Paul appointed as an apostle as his portion in the ministry of the Gospel? We read further that even Barnabas was an apostle, Acts 14:14. And again in Romans 16th chapter we find two more apostles being mentioned. We go further to Galatians that even James the Lord's brother who had once thought that Jesus was beside himself, also received this great and high calling. In Corinthians, as apostasy began to creep in among the believers, we read that Paul was chiding some, for though they were apostles, their deeds were a reproach to the Saviour who had redeemed them.

The sum total of all these facts is that we must realize that as the body of believers was one in the apostolic era, in the "former rain," that likewise the body of believers must become one now, for this is the "latter rain." We see today many individuals planning or promoting a movement for the consolidation of Christian denominations. How can these plans succeed, for already this work of ingathering has commenced by the power of God, and not only has it started, but has been rolling for over a century? When completed it will have not only its twelve apostles, but also prophets by the scores, spiritual gifts and blessings, and above all an abundance of peace. This then will be the consummation of the Lord's mission upon earth, for the holy angels did not sing "peace on earth" in vain.

RECORDED IN ROME, ITALY

The history of Jesus Christ's ministry, trial, death, burial and resurrection. By Pontius Pilate. Copied April 7, 1893, from the original scroll in Greek, now on file in the ancient Library at Rome.

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"Being too weak to suppress an insurrection, I resolved upon adopting a measure that promised to restore the tranquility of the city without subjecting the praetorium to humiliating concession. I wrote

to Jesus requesting an interview with him at the praetorium. He came. You know that in my veins flows the Spanish mixed with Roman blood—as incapable of fear as it is of weak emotion. When the Nazarene made his appearance, I was walking in my basilic, and my feet seemed fastened with an iron hand to the marble pavement, and I trembled in every limb as does a guilty culprit, though the Nazarene was as calm as innocence itself. When he came up to me he stopped, and by a signal sign he seemed to say to me, 'I am here,' though he spoke not a word. For some time I contemplated with admiration and awe this extraordinary type of man unknown to our numerous painters, who have given form and figure to all the gods and the heroes. There was nothing about him that was repelling in its character, yet I felt too awed and tremulous to approach him.

"Jesus," said I unto him at last—and my tongue faltered—"Jesus of Nazareth, for the last three years I have granted you ample freedom of speech, nor do I regret it. Your words are those of a sage. I know not whither you have read Socrates or Plato, but this I know, there is in your discourse a majestic simplicity that elevates you far above those philosophers. The Emperor is informed of it, and I, his humble representative in this country, am glad of having allowed you that liberty of which you are so worthy. However, I must not conceal from you that your discourses have raised up against you powerful and inveterate enemies. Nor is this surprising. Socrates had his enemies, and he fell a victim to their hatred. Yours are doubly incensed—against you on account of your discourses being so severe upon their conduct; against me on account of the liberty I have afforded you. They even accuse me of being indirectly leagued with you for the purpose of depriving the Hebrews of the little civil power which Rome has left them. My request—I do not say my order—is, that you be more circumspect and moderate in your discourses in the future, and more considerate of them, lest you arouse the pride of your enemies, and they raise against you the stupid populace, and compel me to employ the instruments of law.

"The Nazarene calmly replied: 'Prince of the earth, your words proceed not from true wisdom. Say to the torrent to stop in the midst of the mountain-gorge: it

will uproot the trees of the valley. The torrent will answer you that it obeys the laws of nature and the creator. God alone knows whither flow the water of the torrent. Verily I say unto you, before the rose of Sharon blossoms the blood of the just shall be spilt.'

"Your blood shall not be spilt," said I, with deep emotion; 'you are more precious in my estimation on account of your wisdom than all the turbulent and proud Pharisees who abuse freedom granted them by the Romans. They conspire against Caesar, and convert his bounty into fear, impressing the unlearned that Caesar is a tyrant and seeks their ruin. Insolent wretches! They are not aware that the wolf of the Tiber sometimes clothes himself with the skin of sheep to accomplish his wicked designs. I will protect you against them. My praetorium shall be an asylum, sacred both day and night.'

"Jesus carelessly shook his head, and said with a grave and divine smile: 'When the day shall have come there will be no asylums for the son of man, neither in the earth nor under the earth. The asylum of the just is there,' pointing to the heavens. 'That which is written in the books of the prophets must be accomplished.'

"Young man," I answered mildly, 'you will oblige me to convert my request into an order. The safety of the providence which has been confided to my care requires it. You must observe more moderation in your discourses. Do not infringe my order. You know the consequences. May happiness attend you; farewell.'

"Prince of the earth," replied Jesus, 'I come not to bring war into the world, but peace, love and charity. I was born the same day on which Augustus Caesar gave peace to the Roman world. Persecutions proceed not from me. I expect it from others, and will meet it in obedience to the will of my father, who has shown me the way. Retain, therefore your worldly prudence. It is not in your power to arrest the victim at the foot of the tabernacle of expiation.'

"So saying, he disappeared like a bright shadow behind the curtains of the basilic—to my great relief, for I felt a heavy burden on me, which I could not relieve myself while in his presence.

"To Herod, who then reigned in Galilee, the enemies of Jesus addressed themselves, to wreak their vengeance on the Nazarene. Had Herod consulted his own inclinations, he would have ordered Jesus

immediately to be put to death; but though proud of his royal dignity, yet he hesitated to commit an act that might lessen his influence with the Senate, or, like me, was afraid of Jesus. But it would never do for a Roman officer to be scared by a Jew. Previously to this, Herod called on me at the praetorium, and, on arising to take leave, after some trifling conversation, asked me what was my opinion concerning the Nazarene. I replied that Jesus appeared to me to be one of those great philosophers that great nations sometimes produced; that his doctrines were by no means sacrilegious, and that the intentions of Rome were to leave him to that freedom of speech which was justified by his actions. Herod smiled maliciously, and saluting me with ironic respect, departed.

"The great feast of the Jews was approaching and the intention was to avail themselves of the popular exultation which always manifests itself of the solemnities of a pass-over. The city was overflowing with a tumultuous populace, clamoring for the death of the Nazarene. My emissaries informed me that the treasure of the temple had been employed in bribing the people. The danger was pressing. A Roman centurion had been insulted. I wrote to the prefect of Syria for a hundred foot-soldiers and as many cavalry. He declined. I saw myself alone with a handful of veterans in the midst of a rebellious city, too weak to suppress an uprising and having no choice but to tolerate it. They had seized upon Jesus, and the seditious rabble although they had nothing to fear from the praetorium, believing, as their leaders had told them that I winked at their sedition — continued vociferating: 'Crucify him! Crucify him!'

(To be continued)

"NEWSY LETTER"

South Gate, Calif.

May 8, 1950

Dear Sister Cadman: It is quite a while since we were surprised with your lovely letter, and believe me you can't imagine how good it made us feel. It is nice to know that we are not forgotten, though many miles apart. We are all well and trust this letter finds everyone there the same, both spiritual and natural.

I finally got your book and mailed it to you. Brother and Sister Stanley came over and took me over to hear Mr. Michelson on Good Friday. He had the passover

table spread and explained it all to us. He didn't have a very large crowd, but all that were there really saw and heard things they would not hear anywhere else. From the things on the table he showed the suffering, death and burial and resurrection, and the second coming of Jesus. He said he was so thankful his eyes were opened and he could see the meaning of the passover feast clearly, for he had never seen it before he knew Jesus; he was so thankful he had Jesus in his heart, and his prayer is, that all Israel might have their eyes opened as he had, and could see in Jesus their Messiah. His church is built like the old Jewish synagogues. He said there is not another building of its kind in the world. He had the altars, candles, Holy of Holies, the flag of David and just everything as they had it in olden times. Sometime in the future I will tell you more in detail, but now I have some news for the paper about the glorious day we had yesterday. (May 7th)

The Sisters of our Branch still hold Wednesday a.m. meetings and we are really being blessed. We plan to have a rummage sale to help pay off our mortgage here and we are all working in harmony both for the spiritual and natural benefit of the Branch. When we meet in the morning we sing a few hymns and then go to prayer and we stay on our knees until all have prayed. Then we sing more hymns and all who care to testify do so, and nearly all take part. We are not only blest in our meetings, but we see the results in answer to our prayers. Even the Elders say they feel the benefit of our meetings, for they have more liberty in preaching than they have had for sometime, and we are having some wonderful meetings.

Two weeks ago we had a very good meeting, Nicholas Biscotti and wife asked for baptism. He is the oldest brother of Bros. Louis, and Rocco of Cleveland. They wrote to Bro. Rocco and told him about it and expressed a desire to see him here to baptize them. Bro. Rocco, a few days before had an experience about his brother and sister-in-law, and the spirit spoke to him, and asked: "If your brother Nick were to be baptized would you go to Calif.?" And Bro. Rocco said in his heart that he would. So that is just what happened. He and his wife, Sister Tomaso and a Sister Madeline from Cleveland arrived yesterday morning in time for our service. We delayed the

baptisms one week until they got here. Bro. Rocco preached a wonderful sermon from the Book of Mormon and Bible. Bro. Heaps followed with a few remarks and asked if there were any more who would like to take the step, and a niece of Bro. Rocco's, the daughter of his oldest brother, went along with her parents. Also a sister of brother Biscotti asked for her baptism the week before, so we had four baptisms yesterday, and what a day it was. It was ONE DAY the Biscotti family will not forget in a hurry.

God surely manifested Himself in wonderful power and every one received a good filling of His Spirit. We had an elderly couple in our midst and they told us that they were Methodists and said they really enjoyed the meeting and desired to give us an offering. Bro. Heaps told them that we did not take up collections, but we did have expenses to meet which we did among ourselves; they gave him five dollars for the Church here. They went to the ocean and saw the baptisms and said they enjoyed every bit of it. We have several who attend regularly who have not as yet been baptized and we are going to continue to pray for them, and we don't think it will be long before we have more baptisms. We shall pray to that end. We are not discouraged here in Calif., but are praying for the Church at large and our sick ones and for the children of the saints everywhere, for we feel our time to labour is getting short and there is much to be done if this Gospel is to go to all the world. We haven't even scratched the surface in our own land yet.

I would like to see some of our brothers who are able, set at liberty to go through this land of ours, preaching this wonderful gospel to the hungry hearts everywhere, for we are satisfied there are many who would obey it if they could only hear it. Some seem to think we are here in Calif. to enjoy the climate only, but that is not so; our topmost desire is to see souls born into God's kingdom, and the gifts of the Gospel made manifest among His people. We were all so glad to see our brother and sisters from Cleveland. Many times we get homesick for the saints back east, but we feel we have work to do here, and we are all expecting great things to happen here yet. When we pray and ask God for His blessing, we want to exercise faith enough to receive it, and we are striving to

increase and exercise our faith so God will work in our midst, and we believe he will.

We hope our sisters will not forget us out here when they assemble. Our desire for all of you is, that God will be in your midst and your cups running over with the blessings of Heaven. Bro. Rocco Biscotti asked me to write of yesterday's meeting for the Gospel News. Sister Margaret Heaps.

(Sister Heaps, the Editor is grateful to you for writing this letter. I would think it very strange had you not written, especially of the wonderful time you folks have had at our Church in South Gate, Calif. May the Lord God continue to bless you all. Bro. Cadman.) P.S. I will add, that the Mr. Michelson whom Sister Heaps speaks of, is a converted Jew. I have read an account of his life, and I must say that he had a wonderful experience in the manifestation of Jesus unto him.

MRS. MAGGIE RIXON DIED MONDAY

Mrs. Maggie Rixon died late Monday night in the St. John hospital following a five months illness. She was born in Illinois, July 18, 1859, and was 90 years old at the time of her death. She had lived alone in this community for many years.

She is survived by one son, Claude Martin of Garden City and one daughter, Amy Shamver of Kingfisher, Okla.

Services were held this morning Thursday, April 27, at 10 o'clock at the Peacock & Soice Funeral Home, conducted by Elders Charles Sanders and R. P. Jones.

Interment was in Fairview cemetery, St. John.

(The above account is taken from the St. John News.)

P. S. Sister Rixon was baptized into the Church just a few years ago, and was a member of the Church at St. John, Kansas. Brother Isaac Smith and myself visited at her home when we were in St. John last summer. She was very well at that time, and was a very well preserved lady for one of her age. Since we were there she had a fall and as far as I learn, did not fully recover from it. We extend our sympathy to her loved ones. Bro. W. H. Cadman.

A letter written to her children in July 1949.—Yes I am all alone; but I am praying for my children to come to Jesus and be saved. That is the only way to be saved. Oh! do take the right way. God is

ready to save you both. He is calling for you to come—you are His. Just trust Him and He will save you. Oh! I can't sit here alone and think of my dear children being lost—No! No! Just read of heaven and then read of that awful hell. I pray, yes, I am now, for my dear children. Now, it is not hard—just put your trust in God and He will do the rest. Just try it and be saved—He is ready—you are His. Your Mother with love.

"IN MEMORY"

In loving memory of my Dear Mother, Margaret Chester who died twenty years ago in June of 1930 in Monongahela, Pa. How I have missed her tender loving voice, her kindness, and her friendly smile. A true and faithful Mother was she. But it pleased God that she should go to that Home Eternal where I know I'll meet her some sweet day. Sister Jessie Chester Parrott.

D'ANTONIO-ONDIK NUPTIALS

Miss Eva D'Antonio, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Domenick D'Antonio of Aliquippa, Pa., and Mr. Michael Ondik, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ondik, also of Aliquippa, Pa., were united in marriage on Thursday evening, May 11, 1950 in the Church of Jesus Christ in Aliquippa. Elder John Ross was the officiant. Mr. James Gibson attended the groom as best man and his wife Joan attended her sister, the bride, as matron of honor. Serving as ushers were Mr. Anthony D'Antonio and Mr. Joseph Ross, cousin of the bride. Serving as bridesmaids were Miss Connie Kanga and Miss Deborah DeLuca, also a cousin of the bride. Mrs. Maxine Kronk was the vocalist and was accompanied at the piano by Miss Betty D'Antonio, sister of the bride. Shortly after the wedding ceremony the newlyweds were honored at a reception in the home of the bride's parents. The groom is a Navy veteran of World War II.

"THINK ON THESE THINGS"

By Evangelist Lincicome

Religion in the home is vital. It is vital to our social progress, for if the home goes to pieces there is nothing to take its place in the preservation of our social gains; no one to teach our boys and girls principles of right and wrong.

Religion in the home is vital to the progress of the Church, for as the home goes so goes the Church. The Church is not going

so well. Why? Is it because the home is not going so well? Why is the home not going so well? Could it be because of the scarcity of real fathers and mothers? The need of the home is for more fathers like Abraham. It is said of Abraham that he would command his children after him. The two outstanding words in that verse are the words "command" and "after," the word command standing for authority and the word after standing for example. Give every boy and girl a father who will not only teach them by precept but also by example and we will solve the juvenile delinquency problem in a short time. God has said in His Word, "Train up a child in the way he should go," and the best way to do that is for both father and mother to go that way themselves. You fathers can't expect your boys to pray if you cuss, nor to tell the truth if you lie, to stay sober if you get drunk.

You ask me what is the greatest menace to the boyhood and girlhood of this nation and I will not tell you it is the movie, gambling dens, or booze joints. I will tell you it is the scarcity of real fathers and mothers. Note, I did not say wives—I said mothers. God knows we have plenty of wives, and some of them change their names so often we hardly know what to call them the next time we meet them. The father and mother are the cornerstone of this nation, and as I see it the cornerstone is fast crumbling. There is a damaging, if not damning, decline in home authority, home religion, and home example that predicts disaster among us.

(Herald of Holiness)

"FAITH OR POWER" ON THE PART OF GOD, WHICH?

Hebrews 11-1, 2, 3. "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.—For by it the Elders obtained a good report.—Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the WORD of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear." This scripture is often quoted as though God created the worlds by faith, while it is evident that He created all things by His word, or power. While faith is the substance of which we mortal beings hope for.

Jacob 4-9 Book of Mormon: "For behold, by the power of His word

man came upon the face of the earth, which earth was created by the POWER of His WORD. Wherefore, if God being able to speak and the world was, and to speak and man was created, O then, why not able to command the earth, or workmanship of His hands upon the face of it, according to His will and pleasure?"

We as mortal beings have faith or confidence in ourselves to do, or accomplish an object because of the fact, that we are conscious that our strength and power to act, comes from an unseen power superior to ourselves, which of course is the creator of the universe. Hence we mortals use the term "faith in ourselves" many times. I believe it is Nephi that said, "he could do all things through faith." But with God he does all things by His power. He does not hope for, for His power knows no bounds.

BRYAN AND A WATERMELON

"I was passing through Columbus, Ohio, some years ago," said William Jennings Bryan, "and stopped to eat in the restaurant in the depot. My attention was called to a slice of watermelon, and I ordered it and ate it. I was so pleased with the melon that I asked the waiter to dry some of the seeds, that I might take them home and plant them in my garden. That night a thought came into my mind—I would use that watermelon as an illustration.

"So next morning when I reached Chicago I had enough seeds weighed to find out that it would take about five thousand watermelon seeds to weigh a pound, and I estimated that the watermelon weighed about forty pounds. Then I applied mathematics to the watermelon.

"A few weeks before, someone, I know not who, had planted a little seed in the ground. Under the influence of sunshine and shower, that little watermelon seed had taken off its coat and gone to work; it had gathered from somewhere two hundred thousand times its own weight, and forced that enormous weight through a tiny stem, and built a watermelon! On the outside it had put a covering of green; within that, a rind of white and within that, a core of red, and little seeds, each one capable of doing the same work over again.

"What architect drew the plan? Where did that little watermelon seed get its tremendous strength? Where did it find its flavoring extract and its coloring matter?

How did it build a watermelon? Until you can explain a watermelon, do not be too sure that you can set limits to the power of the Almighty, or tell just what He would do or how He would do it. The most learned man in the world cannot explain a watermelon; but the most ignorant man can eat a watermelon and enjoy it.

"God has given us the things that we need, and He has given us the knowledge necessary to use those things, and the truth that He has revealed to us is infinitely more important for our welfare than it would be to understand the mysteries that He has seen fit to conceal from us.

"So with religion; if you ask me if I can understand everything in the Bible, I answer, 'No.' I understand some things today that I did not understand ten years ago, and if I live ten years longer, I hope some things will be clear that are now obscure. But there is something more important than understanding everything in the Bible—it is this: if we will only try to live up to the things that we do understand, we will be kept so busy doing good that we will have no time to worry about the things that we do not understand."—The King's Business.

GREATEST FOE OF SABBATH OBSERVANCE

The illiteracy of the people, especially of young people, on the subject of the Sabbath is simply appalling. "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge."

The thousand-and-one excuses which are given for disregard of the day root themselves in their ignorance of its history and its value to society.

The late Dr. S. Parks Cadman went to the very heart of this matter when he said:

"The most dangerous obstacle to the benefits of Sabbath observance is neither Sunday industries, Sunday pleasure nor Sunday business, but an utter absence of intelligent apprehension of the meaning of the day, and consequently, of all conscientious convictions concerning it. It cannot be either as a civic, social or religious institution unless it is supported by the large majority of the people, and their support cannot be secured unless it is demonstrated that the Sabbath rests not only upon the Divine edicts but upon the physical and religious constitution of man."—R. H. Martin (The National Reform Association).

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THE AWAKENING

Knock knock, 'Lord Jesus, where art Thou?'

I called the whole week through.
My eyes were eager, full of tears,
For just a glimpse of You.
I darted through the traffic jam,
Each breath, a whispered prayer,
I asked of every hurried soul,
But none had seen You there.

I fled into the countryside,
And scanned across each pond.
I knelt beside the sturdy oak,
And peered 'neath every frond.
I scaled the highest mountaintop,
My eyes fixed heavenward. . . .
I only saw the fleecy clouds,
The flight of 'plane and bird.

'He plants His footsteps in the sea' . . .

Of course! He's at the sea!
But as I watched the billows roll,
There was no sign of Thee.
So stunned with grief, I wandered home;

Then, with a joyful start,
I knew I'd find You guarding the
Awakening of my heart!

Catherine Poma
San Diego, Calif.

FAITH SHAKEN

Editor, the Post-Gazette:

The Reynolds housing swindle shakes to the foundation my faith in people. I realize that there are many people who do not break the laws. But there is no comfort in this fact, in as much as the law and the punishment for violating same are all that keeps most of us from breaking loose and doing as we please.

Yet we pride ourselves on being "civilized" and "educated." We are so far above the animals of the jungle and forests! Yet our jails and institutions are not filled with those "dumb" animals, but are packed with the "civilized" two-legged variety. . . . Just how civilized are we when we require hundreds of laws to cover our every action, and numerous courts, judges, etc., to see that we don't step out of line?

CHARLES DUGAN

Pittsburgh.

(Editor's Note)——Mr. Dugan certainly hits the nail on the head in his letter to the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, for it certainly does not speak well for a civilized people, when a law or laws have to be enacted to control our every ac-

tion. It seems to be the case in all walks of life, both secular and spiritual. For if we only refrain from breaking the laws of the land for fear of punishment, it seems like a foregone conclusion that we will do as we please if there is no law.

To all people who profess to be followers of the Nazarene, the law of God should be written in their hearts; they will not cease to steal, blaspheme, and commit other un-Godly deeds, just because the law says: "thou shalt not." They should crucify or mortify any evil desires. It certainly obliges the servant of God to submit himself to the laws of the land, and in doing so he does not need to violate the law of God. The president of the Church has had a very reluctant duty to perform here of late because of a man invading this community and unlawfully soliciting aid for the Church. He was obliged to act to preserve honor, and to protect business concerns from being imposed upon.

The Apostle Paul makes very plain the duties of citizens to the various governments to which they are subject. It is too bad when sympathy is allowed to defeat justice. It has been said: that the serpent will coil up on a rock in the bright sun, with its head raised in honor to its God, but man, who was created in the image and glory of God, will rise out of his bed in the morning and curse and blaspheme the name of his God until he again returns to his bed.

Jesus said: "As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the days of the coming of the Son of Man." Does the signs of the times speak today?

With all the wonderful things of our day, yea, the things we are blessed with, yet how ungrateful this generation is to God and their fellowman. Why if you go to a hospital to visit a sick friend, you will find men and women filling the air of a sick-room with cigarette smoke, apparently no regards for patients to whom tobacco smoke is so offensive. What is this generation coming to anyway? There is one thing certain, that is, if we do not have respect for law which governs our country, we cannot expect to have peace. I am also persuaded that if we do not love righteousness,

we cannot serve God acceptable. Good citizens will obey the law because of love and respect for the rights of others. Good Christian people do not serve God through the fear of HELL, but because of a love for RIGHTEOUSNESS which MUST include, "Doing unto others as ye would have them do unto you." The Apostle Paul surely gave vent to a most wonderful principle when he declared, "if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend." Let all ask themselves the question, HOW HAVE I LEARNED CHRIST?

SOUTH GATE, CALIF.

By Bro. James Heaps

Greetings to all our Brothers and Sisters over the land: We are having good meetings here in California.

First, Faith, What is it? Second, the object on which it rests. Third, effects which flow from faith.

First: Faith is the substance of things we hope for. The evidence of things not seen. Faith is the moving cause of all action, without faith both mind and body would be in a state of inactivity, and all their exertions would cease, both physical and mental. Was it not for the hope which you have and your belief in the unseen which stimulated you to action, to obtain them? Are you not dependent on faith or belief for all knowledge, wisdom, and intelligence. Would you have sown if you had not believed that you would reap? Would you have sought if you had not believed that you would have found? Knock and it shall be opened to you; believe and receive. Or should we ask, have you possessed anything but by faith? your raiment? All by reason of faith. You travel because you have faith in God and the Engineer who holds the throttle. As faith is the moving cause of all temporal actions, so it is in spiritual things through faith. The worlds were made so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. Through faith we understand the worlds were framed by the word of God. It is His power that is holding them together. All things in heaven and earth,

and under the earth exist by reason of His power that exists in Him, God.

Moroni while abridging and compiling the records of his fathers, has given us the following account: He said it was the faith of Alma and Amulek which caused the walls of the prison to be rent. It was the faith of Nephi and Lehi which caused a change on the hearts of the Lamanites when they were baptized with the Holy Spirit and with fire. And it was the faith of the brother of Jared that removed the mountain. In addition time would fail, to tell of Gideon, Baruk, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel and Daniel who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, and stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the army of the aliens, women received their dead raised. The human hearts lost its enmity and stopped its violence. All this was done by FAITH.

Second: The object on which it rests. We observe that God is the only supreme governor and independent being in whom all fullness and perfection dwells. Who is Omnipotent. He is the object in whom the faith of all beings center for life and salvation. After receiving the revelation of Jesus Christ we clearly see the eternal power, and Godhead. Romans 20: For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead.

God created man in His own image. In His presence he was permitted to stand and receive instruction. He heard His voice, walked before Him, gazed upon His glory. Had understanding and intelligence to give names to all the animal kingdom. But he transgressed and was driven from the presence of God, but even though he transgressed, God did not take from him the knowledge that God was the supreme being. Neither did God cease to manifest Himself to man; even to accepting and rejecting their sacrifices (as in Cain and Abel) and no doubt Adam had testified to his posterity of a supreme being, and a record has been kept in the Bible from Adam to Christ who was the example of all the faithful, before and after Christ. God spoke to Abraham and made a covenant with him, and swore

by Himself because there was none greater. In blessing I will bless thee. We see there is none greater. God is the supreme power on which our faith relies. It wasn't very long until Enock walked with God, and God took him. Noah built an Ark for the saving of his people, all by faith. So we see God became the object of all men that would seek good by faith.

First: He was God before the worlds were created. Second: He is merciful and slow to anger and He was so from everlasting to everlasting. He does not change, His course is one eternal round, without variation. We have Palomar in San Diego County; the big eye or telescope which man looks into the heavens, and on one occasion the eclipse of the sun was a half-second off time, and the scientists testified it must have been their watch. God is perfect in time, He does not vary. God is love, for without this attribute the world would be lost. There are three who constitute the great and matchless governing power over all things, whether visible or invisible. They are the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We see three made manifest, at the baptism of Jesus. When the Father spoke from heaven, and the Holy Spirit resting on Jesus in the shape of a Dove.

Seeing we must believe in a God to have faith in Him, we must first believe that He is. And He also is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. Not a knowledge to know all about Him or all His ways, but to know that He exists. For His ways are past finding out, and seeing we know these things we do not faint. For a man to leave his wife and children, houses or lands, brother or sister, it requires faith in some one who is able to reward those if not in this life in the life to come. The three Hebrew children said we have a God that can deliver us, but if He does not deliver us we will not bow down to your God. Let me say right here, that religion that does not require sacrifices never has power to produce faith. Moses chose rather to suffer with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. WHAT A SACRIFICE!

Third: The effects of faith. James says, "Show me your faith without works and I will show thee my faith by my works." God said: "Let there be light and there

was light." Elijah stopped the rain for three years and six months. It is not my purpose to embrace or to show all the effects of faith, for it would embrace all things in heaven and on earth, and all the creations of God with all their endless varieties. Jesus said if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed; Oh, how small and yet what effects it does have. Or say to that sycamore tree, "be ye plucked up and planted in the midst of the sea." When ye ask anything have faith that it shall be so. My dear Brothers and Sisters just believe, it does not take some great man or woman to have faith, without faith it is impossible to please God. Paul says: "The just shall live by faith" but if we draw back, it is displeasing to God. It is impossible for men to be saved without faith. Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the preaching of the word. Preaching because we are called. When men begin to live by faith, they begin to draw nearer to God. We learn that nothing could be withheld from the Bro. of Jared because of his faith, and if one man could get so close to God, it is not impossible for all men to get close to God. What is the difference between a saved man and one that is not saved? It is the difference of one man to have faith to take hold of eternal life, and the other has not Jesus said: "He that believeth on me, the works that I do, shall he do also, and greater works than these shall he do because I go to the Father." We ask, what could be the greater work? Well let us look at the scriptures. Jesus said to Peter when thou art converted strengthen thy brethren. Could it be that Peter was not converted yet? Peter, Satan has desired to sift thee as wheat, but I have prayed for thee that thy faith fail thee not. No, he had not received that which was to make him an overcomer. And Jesus said: "But when the Holy Spirit shall come he will guide you into all truth, so what happened? they had faith to believe what Jesus said, to wait, and when it came they had faith to preach to the people. People had the faith to believe and three thousand souls were added to the Church in one day. What wonderful blessings came. As a man sitting at the temple Peter said, "Look on us and he had faith to believe that he could be healed, and the man was healed. Oh, what a wonderful blessing.

Romans 4-16, And Israel has not attained to the law of righteousness because she sought it not by faith but by the works of the law. And Jesus said to the man who brought his son to him, "If thou canst believe all things are possible, so knowledge, wisdom and all the gifts of the spirit came by faith. The effects of faith is Salvation, healings, visions, revelations, Godliness, purity, and Paul exhorts us to desire the best gifts, faith brings love. Yet, I show unto you a more excellent way. Tho I may have all faith to remove mountains and have not charity it availeth nothing. Charity never faileth whether there be tongues they shall fail. Faith, Hope, and Charity. But the greatest of these is Charity. May God bless these few words to The Gospel News.

RECORDED AT ROME ITALY

The history of Jesus Christ's three years ministry, trial, burial and resurrection. By Pontius Pilate Copied April 7, 1893, from the original scroll in Greek, now on file in the ancient library at Rome.

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"Three powerful parties had combined together at that time against Jesus: First, the Herodians and the Sadducees, whose seditious conduct seemed to have proceeded from double motives; they hated the Nazarene and were impatient of the Roman yoke. They never forgave me for having entered the holy city with banners that bore the image of the Roman emperor; and although in this instance I had committed a fatal error, yet the sacrilege did not appear less heinous to employ a part of the treasure of the temple in erecting edifices for public use. My proposal was scorned, The Pharisees were the avowed enemies of Jesus. They cared not for government. They bore with bitterness the severe reprimands which the Nazarene for three years had been continually giving them wherever he went. Timid and too weak to act by themselves, they had embraced the quarrels of the Herodians and the Sadducees. Besides these three parties, I had to contend against the reckless and profligate populace, always ready to join a sedition, and to profit by the disorder and confusion that resulted therefrom.

"Jesus was dragged before the high priest and condemned to death. It was then that the high

priest, Caiaphas, performed a divisory act of submission. He sent his prisoner to me to confirm his condemnation and secure his execution. I answered him that, as Jesus was a Galilean, the affair came under Herod's jurisdiction, and ordered him to be sent thither. The wily tetrarch professed humility, and, protesting his deference to the lieutenant of Caesar, he committed the fate of the man to my hands. Soon my palace assumed the aspect of a besieged citadel. Every moment increased the number of the malcontents. Jerusalem was inundated with crowds from the mountains of Nazareth. All Judea appeared to be pouring into the city.

"I had taken a wife from among the Gauls, who pretended to see into futurity. Weeping and throwing herself at my feet she said to me: 'Beware, beware, and touch not that man; for he is holy. Last night I saw him in a vision. He was walking on the water; he was flying on the wings of the wind. He spoke to the tempest and to the fishes of the lake, all were obedient to him. Behold, the torrent in Mount Kedron flows with blood, the statues of Caesar are filled with demonide; the columns of the interium have given away, and the sun is veiled in mourning like a vestal in the tomb. Ah, Pilate, evil awaits thee. If thou wilt not listen to the vows of thy wife, dread the curse of a Roman Senate; dread the frowns of Caesar.'

"By this time the marble stair groaned under the weight of the multitude. The Nazarene was brought back to me. I proceeded to the halls of justice, followed by my guard, and asked the people in a severe tone what they demanded. "The death of the Nazarene," was the reply. "For what crime?" "He has blasphemed; he has prophesied the ruin of the temple; he calls himself the Son of God, the Messiah, the King of the Jews." "Roman justice," said I, 'punishes not such offenses with death.'

"Crucify him! Crucify him! cried the relentless rabble. The vociferations of the infuriated mob shook the place to its foundations.

"There was but one who appeared to be calm in the midst of the vast multitude; it was the Nazarene. After many fruitless attempts to protect him from the fury of his merciless persecutors, I adopted a measure which at the moment appeared to me to be the only one that could save his

life. I proposed, as it was their custom to deliver a prisoner on such occasions, to release Jesus and let him go free, that he might be the scapegoat, as they called it, but they said Jesus must be crucified. I then spoke to them of the inconsistency of their course as being incompatible with their laws, showing that no criminal judge could pass sentence on a criminal unless he had fasted one whole day, and that the sentence must have the consent of the Sanhedrin, and the signature of the president of that court; that no criminal could be executed on the same day his sentence was fixed, and the next day, on the day of his execution, the Sanhedrin was required to review the whole proceedings; also, according to their law, a man was stationed at the door of the court with a flag, and another a short way off on horseback to cry the name of the criminal and his crime, and the names of his witnesses, and to know if any one could testify in his favor; and the prisoner on his way to execution had the right to turn back three times, and to plead any new thing in his favor. I urged all these pleas, hoping they might awe them into subjection; but they still cried, 'Crucify him! Crucify him!'

"I then ordered Jesus to be scourged, hoping this might satisfy them; but it only increased their fury. I then called for a basin, and washed my hands in the presence of the clamorous multitude, thus testifying that in my judgment Jesus of Nazareth had done nothing deserving of death; but in vain. It was his life theses wretches thirsted for.

"Often in our civil commotions have I witnessed the furious anger of the multitude, but nothing could be compared to what I witnessed on this occasion. It might have been truly said that all the phantoms of the infernal regions had assembled at Jerusalem. The crowd appeared not to walk, but to be borne off and whirled as a vortex, rolling along in living waves, from the portals of the praetorium even unto Mount Zion, with howling screams, shrieks, and vociferations such as were never heard in the seditions of the pannonia, or in the tumults of the forum.

"By degrees the day darkened like a winter's twilight, such as had been at the death of the great Julius Caesar. It was likewise the Ides of March. I, the

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EDITORIAL

NOTE: At this time we are unable to announce the place of our gathering which is to be held in Detroit the last Saturday and Sunday in July. Notice will be sent later by the Church Secretary, to all Branches and Missions of the Church.

SORROW Befell Us: No doubt you are all aware of the accident which befell a car load of our people on Saturday night, June 3rd about 10 o'clock, while returning home from the Ladies Uplift Circle thirtieth anniversary being held in the Church in this city. The car was driven by Sister Nero of Glassport, Pa., and in a heavy downpour of rain the car wrecked a few miles from Monongahela. The writer was called to the Hospital and was present when our brother and four sisters and a baby were brought in, and it was a very sad affair. Sister Shuster of Dravosburg died about 4 a.m., her husband was sorely hurt, but not seriously. He was removed to his home on Sunday p.m., and was able to attend his wife's funeral on Wednesday. Sister Nero laid in a semi-conscious condition for about nine days. At this writing she seems to be on the way to recovery. She has a broken wrist and her jaw bone is broken. Sister Geneva Renda of Stelton, N. J., was in a dazed condition, but not considered serious, though she has a fractured bone; her 14 months old baby came through without hardly having a scratch. They were removed to their home on Monday, June 12th in a Pullman car. Sister Carmella Mazzeo, the wife of Bro. Gabriel Mazzeo of New Brunswick, N. J. was sorely hurt her body being bruised up and one limb broken in two places. At this date, June 16th, she and Sister Nero are still in the Hospital here in Monongahela. Apparently they are getting all right but it may be some time before they can be removed to their homes.

This has been a very sad affair to us all here, I was at their meetings throughout the day which everybody present thought was so wonderful. I remarked that it had been a long time since I was

continued governor of a rebellious province, was leaning against a column of my basilic, contemplating athwart the dreary gloom of these fiends of Tartarus dragging to execution the innocent Nazarene. All around me was deserted. Jerusalem had vomited forth her indwellers through the funeral gate that leads to Gemonica. An air of desolation and sadness enveloped me. My guards had joined the cavalry, and the centurion, with a display of power, was endeavoring to keep order. I was left alone, and my breaking heart admonished me that what was passing at that moment appertained rather to the history of the gods than that of men. A loud clamor was heard proceeding from Golgotha, which, borne on the winds, seemed to announce an agony such as was never heard by mortal ears. Dark clouds lowered over the pinnacle of the temple, and setting over the city covered it as with a veil. So dreadful were the signs that men saw, both in the heavens and on the earth, that Dionysius the Aeropagite is reported to have exclaimed, "Either the author of nature is suffering or the universe is falling apart."

"Whilst these appalling scenes of nature were transpiring, there was a dreadful earthquake in lower Egypt, which filled everybody with fear, and scared the superstitious Jews almost to death. It is said Balthasar, an aged and learned Jew of Antioch, was found dead after the excitement was over. Whether he died from alarm or grief is not known. He was a strong friend of the Nazarene.

To be continued

in a meeting of such "meekness and lowliness" as was our Sisters Anniversary Meetings. Yea, meetings which were sacred and devoted, and it is in the minds of many as to why this should happen. However, when we are on the Highways of today, we are in much danger, and while we petition the Lord for His protecting care, yet we must or should be very careful in traveling. Six souls were in the car, all have been spared thus far with the exception of Sister Shuster. She had been very faithful in the service of God, she has now gone to rest, may we all abide in God's will here upon earth even as she did, and all be found faithful at the end of our journey, even though it may come very sudden to us. Editor.

SAYS

REV. PAUL RADER

Learn to keep still! God Himself lets the clouds blow around, but the clouds will even blow over after a while if you will just learn to keep still. God says the man that waits on the Lord "shall exchange his strength." I have prayed many a time when it seemed that the clouds were so thick you couldn't pray through them, but you can do as some of you may have done if you were ever lost in hold on until the wind doesn't blow the prairie; duck your head and so hard.

Oh, how God has again and again in His Word called our attention to His great ability to fight for us, if we but learn how to take our hands off and trust and be still—not "watchful waiting," but an active trust in stillness.

"Ye shall not need to fight in this battle; set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the Lord with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to morrow go out against them: for the Lord will be with you" (II Chron. 20:17).

So much of our trouble comes because of our tongues; we make so many statements against God. We complain of circumstances; we talk about people, so that it takes months after we get right to straighten up all we said before. When we get into trouble it seems to be part of the plan of humanity to spread it around, go and load it on somebody else. We go to people; we try to lay our burdens somewhere else instead of waiting before God. Yet God says the man that waits on him "shall mount up on wings as eagles." And thank God, it is true. Wait on God, and God will show Himself.

(Young Peoples Weekly)

"DEATH"

Word Study By Martin Michalko
(Continued)

DEATH—In our consideration of this word we will also include "dead" and "die". In speaking of these words it is to most people a very unpleasant discourse, yet when we realize the full meaning and significance of them even as Solomon declared (Ecc. 7:1), much of the unpleasantness departs. Most people in speaking of death and of dead people generally refer to the temporal death of a man or woman. To rightly understand these words as they are used in the scriptures we must

go further, by adding to the literal meaning. For an example the words of Christ, to the man who wanted to bury his father (Mat. 8:22) "Let the dead bury the dead", definitely imply that there is more than a literal meanings to these words. In the dictionary we read that death is an act of dying, cessation or privation of existence, also the termination of any form of existence. These meanings explain the natural aspect but fail to embody meanings for spiritual declarations, or even to give a full definition of a natural death. Cessation of earthly existence, would I believe be more descriptive of the natural death. Figuretively speaking a person is said to be dead to the world when in a deep sleep. He in this condition ceases to be aware of what is going on around him. To the above meanings we could rightly add other meanings, cease to be in the presence of; as when a person dies he leaves the presence of this world and is taken to another world, cease to be subject to man or sinful desires, cease to be subject to righteousness or spiritual desires. Scriptures that contain these words can be, I believe much easier understood by applying one of these more specific meanings.

When God placed Adam in the garden of Eden, he gave him commandments. By disobeying them he plainly told Adam that he would suffer the consequences. He told him that "in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die". Adam and Eve did exactly what the Lord told them not to do, being deceived by Satan. The sentence of death was executed in that very day, for we read that they were thrust out of the garden of Eden. (They ceased to have the privilege of being in the presence of the Lord, from that day; this being a spiritual death.) They became fallen creatures and sinners by nature, to live the rest of their lives in trouble and vexation of spirit and to get their bread by the sweat of their brows. Their condition was the same even as we each experience in our start in life, which was also spoken of by Paul (Eph. 2:1) concerning his brethren, that they were once dead in trespasses and sins. So then Adam and Eve plodded along in this probationary state of spiritual death until the day of their temporal death.

That each of us do certainly

experience a deadness to righteousness in our start in life is verified in the word of God oft. If it were not so God would not have had to send his only begotten Son to suffer on the cross for us, this being the price in the plan of salvation from this spiritual death. In our sinful state we are dead in sin, and by obedience to the gospel of God we have the opportunity and privilege to be converted to be quickened and to become alive in Christ. We have then passed from death unto life. We are then no more dead to righteousness, even as I mentioned that a man dead to the world is not aware of what is going on about him, but rather we know what has taken place within us, and also what is going on in God's kingdom. We remain alive in Christ as long as we endeavor to do God's will. He abides with us and fills us with light and life and desires to be of help to those who are in need of succor. Should we though become careless and worldly and cease in supplication and prayers we become as the widow that lived in pleasures, as Paul speaks of (1 Tim. 5:6), who is "dead while she liveth." Jude also touches on this matter. He says that after a person has been enlightened and then goes back to the beggarly ways of this world, he calls that person "twice dead", plucked up by the roots.

Thus far we have discussed death as it concerns us on this side of the grave. We see that by the sentence of death Adam enjoyed no more the bliss that was his in the garden of Eden. After he adjusted himself to life out of the garden he begat sons and daughters, and lived to see them and their posterity do likewise. After living with them for centuries, he no doubt learned to love them. Death then came and separated them and they were not allowed to enjoy the company of one another any longer. We each likewise experience this sadness in parting with our loved ones, although our sadness is lessened by a lively hope of seeing one another again. Temporal death then is very saddening to most people, but there is a death spoken of in Revelation that is awful, beyond human comprehension. It should stir us in our weak moments to do better. In our careless moments we should allow it because of the awfulness to place more fear into our hearts. It follows the second resurrection when all the books will be open-

ed and every secret work of darkness, and every evil will be brought to light. "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." Cast out once again from the presence of the glory of God, even as Adam was in the garden of Eden. "This is the second death, blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection, on such the second death hath no power." They that have not only a spotless garment but also oil in their lamps will rise at the first resurrection. "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear."

VANDERBILT

By Bro. Barnhart

Bro. Editor: I am happy to inform you that Sister Barnhart is coming along nicely in the Sanatorium at Mt. Alto, Pa. She has been in very poor health for sometime. The Dr. tells me that without any unforeseen developments she will be released from the Inst. in about 8 or 9 months.

She wishes to thank all the brothers and sisters for remembering her in their prayers, and with lovely cards and letters, and praising the dear Saviour for His goodness towards her. It has been a long and trying disease. She says that without the prayers and lovely remembrances of her Lord and Saviour which were sent up in her behalf, she could not have stood the racking pain and agony of the past year. Bless God for such wonderful brothers and sisters in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Brother Cadman, we are having some wonderful meetings in Vanderbilt; this is the second-week of our meetings. They will end on Friday evening (May 26). We have had four baptisms since Conference. The Lord surely has been with us.

A SPLENDID GATHERING AT NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.

On Sunday, May 28th the Saints in the New Jersey and New York district met in joint sessions in the Firemen's Hall, New Brunswick and worshipped God together throughout the day. There were a few visitors present from Rochester, N. Y., Philadelphia, Pa., and brother W. H. Cadman, and brother and sister Oron Thomas and part of their family from Vanderbilt, Pa.

Approximately 300 people were seated both morning and afternoon. Brother Thomas introduced the morning service and was followed by Brother Cadman; a very good

spirit was prevalent and everybody seemed to enjoy the meeting. The afternoon meeting was spent in testimony and a very nice time was had.

The evening meeting was in charge of the young folks of the New Brunswick M.B.A. A very nice program of speaking and singing was rendered by them.

At 8:30 a.m. a number of us gathered at the river's edge in Perth Amboy, witnessing the two youngest daughters of Brother and Sister Scala of the Metuchen Mission being baptized, Brother D'Orazio officiating. While this was on May 28, yet the weather was very cold that morning in New Jersey.

While all of the visiting folks returned to their homes on Sunday night and Monday morning, Brother Cadman remained until Thursday morning, and on Monday night held a meeting in the Metuchen Church with very nice attendance. On Tuesday night he occupied the pulpit in the Stelton Church with very good attendance, and on Wednesday night in the Hopelawn Church with a large crowd assembled together. During the day time many homes of the saints were visited. A very nice time was enjoyed during his stay in this community.

NEWSY LETTER

By R. Biscotti

Dear Editor: As you already know, recently with my wife and Sister Thomas and Sister Ranier we were in California, I thought you would like to hear of our wonderful trip. We arrived in Los Angeles on the morning of May 7th, and we were met by our folks at the Santa Fe Station and taken to my eldest brother's home for breakfast, and then went to Church which is within walking distance. We found our cozy little church filled and the blessings of God were made manifest as we exchanged greetings. After the morning service we went to the great shore of the Pacific Ocean to perform the baptisms of my brother, his wife, and one of his daughters, also my sister. I can now say that my desires were fulfilled, for I had hoped that some day my brother Nick would obey this wonderful gospel, and we hope that more of his family will come. He has nine children all grown up. Unfortunately he lost one of his sons in the late war.

The afternoon service filled our souls with great joy, our cups of blessings overflowed. In the evening better than forty gathered at Bro. Louis Biscotti's home and we

had a wonderful time the day had been spent in the service of the Lord. We held a meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and we had a very good attendance. On Wednesday morning we held a prayer meeting at Bro. and Sister Laubanaskus' home. The Sisters in Los Angeles hold this meeting every week, especially in behalf of Sister Purdue who is very ill, and for all the afflicted saints throughout the Church, and some of us brothers met with them and God's blessing was felt by all.

On Friday, May 12th we went to San Diego and we held meetings on Friday and Saturday evenings. We were very glad to see the saints there. While there, we had a wonderful visit with Bro. Patsy DiBattista, and in pleading with God in his behalf we were blessed.

On Sunday morning, May 14th, we returned to Los Angeles accompanied by Bro. and Sister DiFranco, where we enjoyed a wonderful morning service. We again went to waters and four more were baptized which included the husband of my niece who was baptized on the previous Sunday. Of the eight baptized, five were of my family for which I praise God for His goodness towards me.

The Saints of California are doing well and I was glad to be in their midst. While I had no desire to visit there at present, the Lord was in the matter and I was glad to go but not to return so soon. The saints in California have the sunshine, and I must say that they have more than that, for I felt the love of God in their midst, and may God bless them continually. I would like to visit them again in the near future, there are 43 of my people there and eight are now members of our Church. I trust more will come to partake of the glorious fruit that Lehi saw in his vision, and not only my family, but I pray that we will soon see the day when the Restored Gospel will spread over all the earth; when we shall meet a brother and a friend everywhere, and the knowledge of God will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. May we become worthy members to accomplish God's work. The Editor must say a few words: I think this is wonderful encouragement for our brethren and sisters at Los Angeles. May California's sun keep shining.

FROM DETROIT

By Sister Connie Moraco

A chartered bus from Detroit left Friday, June 2 at 11:00 P. M. from the Devine Church with

Sisters of the Ladies Uplift Circle from all branches in Detroit. We sang hymns on our way and with the help of God arrived at Monongahela Saturday morning at 10:00 a. m. Brothers William and Alma Cadman were at the church door to greet us along with a few Sisters who had prepared a breakfast for us, which we appreciated very much.

The 30th Anniversary meeting of our Ladies Uplift Circle commenced at 2:00 p. m. There was a very good representation from most of the locals. The meeting opened with hymn 391 "My God Thou See'st Me," prayer was offered by Sister Elizabeth Davidson, who is Vice President of the Circle. Sister Hanna Skillen gave a brief history on how our Circle in general begun. There are five chartered members left with us of which 4 Sisters were present. Sister Cadman spoke a few words also on how the Circle started. Sister Cadman then introduced the officers and each officer expressed themselves on how they joined the Circle.

Sister Cadman then reported in brief the history of the Circle since 1946. We have a membership of 371 and 21 Circles. She brought forth many interesting things which occurred in the Circle. Each Circle then had a delegate present in which they read the history of their local since 1946 and the group from the local present sang for the congregation a hymn or poem or both. Sister Gardner from Port Huron, Michigan sang a solo, "My Task". A trio sang a beautiful number called "The Green Cathedral." Our next Anniversary meeting will be held in 1955. The meeting closed with prayer offered by Brother Bittinger.

A wonderful lunch was served by the Saints and I am sure it was enjoyed by all present.

The evening meeting was opened with prayer by Sister Mazzeo from New Jersey. A brief outline was read by Sister Mabel Bickerton of what transacted during our morning meeting. Sister Gardner sang another solo "Precious Lord." Sister Bickerton read the Memorial List of Sisters who had passed away since 1946 and a flower was placed in the wreath in their memory and the choir and various individuals sang their favorite hymn.

Sister Ford from Windsor, Canada gave an interesting talk on her visits and work among the

Indians. She reported the joy and pleasure she finds in visiting the Indians and few Eskimos in the T. B. Sanitarium in Windsor. She related various experiences which everyone enjoyed hearing. Sister Somerville from Port Huron, Michigan told of her little experience among the Indians in Sarnia, Canada. The meeting closed with hymn "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." Prayer was offered by Bro. William Cadman.

We can surely say that the Lord was in our midst all day and that we all enjoyed ourselves.

We took in the Sunday morning service at Monongahela and after the service a small lunch was served, we left for home at 1:30. The blessings of God accompanied us all the way, and with his help arrived at the Devine Church at 10:00 p. m. with a group of Brothers and Sisters waiting to welcome us home.

ANDERSON-BIRDER NUPTIALS

Miss. Nevada Anderson, daughter of brother and sister Walter Anderson of Eldora (R. D. 1 Monongahela, Pa.) and Michael Birder, son of Mr. Ambrose Birder of Fellsburg, Pa., exchanged nuptial vows Saturday afternoon at four o'clock June 10, 1950 in the living room of the Anderson home which had been appropriately decorated with arrangements of fresh-cut garden flowers. The bride's father, Elder Walter Anderson of The Church of Jesus Christ, officiated in a quiet single-ring service. The brides uncle Mr. Arthur Anderson of Brownsville, Pa., gave her away in marriage. Miss Jenny Lorenza of Webster, Pa., was maid of honor, Walter Anderson, Jr. brother of the bride was best man. Nevada served as pianist in the Eldora Mission of The Church of Jesus Christ Sabbath School. We extend best wishes to Nevada and her husband.

MARGARETTE SHUSTER PASSES ON.

Sister Margarette Shuster departed this life on June 4, 1950 at the Memorial Hospital, Monongahela, Pa., where she was confined, due to an Automobile accident. She was laid away to rest from the Willig Funeral Parlors in McKeesport. Interment in Versailles Cemetery on June 7. She was born in the year of 1882, and was united in marriage to Thomas Shuster in 1902.

Services were in charge of brother A. DiBattista of Glassport, Pa., and was assisted by brother Charles Ashton. Prayer was offered by brother W. H. Cadman, while the service at the grave was conducted by brother Isaac Smith. A chort of young folks from Glassport rendered the music and singing.

Sister Shuster along with her husband have been life-long residents of Dravosburg, Pa., and community, and were well and favorably known. She was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ in 1912 and has been a devoted and faithful follower of the Master until death separated her from our midst. Our faith and hopes are, that her soul will find a resting place in the paradise of God, to await the resurrection of the just.

Those of her loved ones who will especially mourn her passing are, her faithful husband, two sons along with several grandchildren, six sisters, and three brothers, and many others including her brethren and sisters in The Church of Jesus Christ at Glassport, Pa., May the Lord bless you all.

PATSY VALLETA PASSES ON.

Brother Patsy Valleta of Rochester, N. Y. passed away peacefully in his sleep on May 5, 1950. He was born in Italy on April 17, 1881 and was baptized in the Church on July 4, 1937. He was retired from active work. He is survived by his wife Mary, and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral services were conducted by Bro. Christopher Trovato, assisted by brothers Patsy Marinetti and Frank Rosati.

ELLEN TIMMS LOTIG PASSES ON.

Sister Lotig departed this life on April 19th, 1950 and was laid away to rest on April 22nd., in the Redstone Cemetery at Brownsville, Pa.

She leaves to mourn her loss, her Husband Bro. Herman Lotig, three daughters, six sons, one brother, and one sister.

Sister Lotig was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ in the year of 1918. Her last words were that she was ready to go as she was satisfied with her work here on earth. She is sadly missed by her brothers and sisters in the Gospel by all who knew her.

Good Morning Radio Audience. (Radio Address over C.H.O.K. Sarnia, Ont. By Bro. Miller.)

It is with great pleasure I come to speak to you today, hoping and trusting that my words will find a place in your hearts even as good seeds upon fertile soil and will grow and bring forth fruits meet for the Master's use.

"I shall endeavour to speak from a topic found in Revelation 3rd Chapter, Verses 7 to 13, which reads as follows:

And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;

I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

Behold, I will make them of the synogogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.

Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches!!

Reading in the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Chapters of the book of Revelation, we find the imprints of seven great churches of Asia which in their origin were completely pleasing in the sight of God, but as time elapsed and the forces of evil made their inroads, deteriorated to the point where all were rejected by our Heavenly Father with the exception of the church of Philadelphia which the Lord said had a little strength, had kept His word, and not denied his name.

We shall now enumerate the rest of the churches with their failures,

the cause of their rejection, and see can we substantiate the Church of Jesus Christ which preaches the restoration of the Gospel as the church our Saviour was referring to when He said He would leave an open door to this church.

First we have the church of Ephesus which had done much good works in her day but eventually left her first love.

Second the church of Smyrna failed because in His own words (Thou are rich.) gives me the impression that it did not come up to the humility and dignity of the real church.

Third the church of Pergamos. the Lord had a few things against her because she had there, them that held the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac, to cast a stumbling-block, before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication; it also had them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes.

Fourth the church in Thyatira which suffered a woman named Jezebel who called herself a prophetess to teach the people of God, bringing in many evils.

Fifth the church in Sardis which had a name that she was living but was dead.

Seventh the church of the Laodiceans which was neither cold nor hot and the Lord said, because thou art luke-warm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth.

This gives us a synopsis of how the Lord viewed the Churches back there, in what we may call the apostolic age. In this age which we may call the days of Restitution, or restoration. We may ask the question has he changed. I answer emphatically no, God is the same yesterday, today and for ever, and if we wish to gain His approval, must do so by having the same mind as those gone before us who did His will and were found acceptable in His sight.

At this juncture I am reminded of a young man by the name of Joseph Smith who found himself when quite young, between the ages of 14 and 15, in the midst of a current of religious excitement in which many people claimed that they were receiving salvation. This young man was minded to join one of these churches but detected that the ministers, after apparently converting a number of members, got embroiled in a controversy as to who should have the most mem-

bers, bringing in such bad feeling as to spoil the effect of whatever good may have been achieved. Right there this young man remembered that he had read in the 1st Chapter of James and the 5th Verse 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.

This passage made an indelible impression upon him, and he thought that instead of groping in the dark, he had better approach the source from whence all wisdom comes, even our God, to find out if all the churches were approved unto Him, and if not, which was approved unto Him, so he could join it. To this question he was told that none of the churches were approved unto Him, and that God had a work for him to do, and that his name should be had for good, and evil among all nations, kindreds, tongues, and people. He said there was a book deposited, written upon golden plates, giving an account of the former inhabitants of this continent, and the source from whence they sprang. He also said that the fulness of the everlasting Gospel was contained in it, as delivered by the Saviour to the ancient inhabitants. Also that there were two stones in silver bows, and these stones fastened to a breastplate, constituted what is called the Urim and Thummin deposited with the plates, and that God had prepared them for the purpose of translating the Book.

This was had, in 1823, and the records were received in 1827, which brings forward the Book of Mormon, also the Restoration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. After the coming forth of this great work many souls were converted unto the Lord, of these, I will mention one other, of great significance, namely, William Bickerton, he too was keenly interested in finding a better way to serve the Lord and obeyed the Gospel in 1845. Here I will give Brother Bickerton's own testimony with some of the wonderful experiences he had in the church. He said, I entered the church under Elder Rigdon's organization. I was called by the Holy Spirit to be an Elder. I received ordination, and the power of God came down and sealed the office upon me. I went forward preaching to all that would hear. I was afterward called into the quorum of Seventies. I received ordina-

tion the second time, but the church became disorganized. Here I was left to myself. I paused to know what course to pursue. I knew my calling was from Heaven and I also knew that a man cannot build up the church of Christ without divine commandment from the Lord, for it would only be sectarianism, and man's authority. But the Lord did not leave me. He showed me a vision in which I was on the highest mountain on the earth, and He told me that if I did not preach the Gospel I would fall into a dreadful chasm below. I stood in contemplation. The chasm was before me, no other alternative but to do my duty to God and man. I went ahead preaching repentance towards God, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Some believed my testimony and were baptized and we met together, the Lord meeting with us, and we could many times sing with the poet. The spirit of God like a fire is burning, the latter day glory begins to come forth. The visions and blessings of old are returning. The angels are coming to visit the earth.

There were many other grand experiences too enumerable to mention, but enough to concur with the Gospel of John, 7th Chapter and 17th Verse, which reads as follows:

If any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.

I anticipate and await the grand day when the kingdoms of this world shall be the kingdoms of our Lord, and every man in every place be initiated in one church, the true church, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and all mankind be able to do as William Cullen Bryant has said.

So live that when thy summons comes to join the innumerable caravans which moves to that mysterious realm where each shall take his chamber in the silent halls of death. Thou go not like the quarry-slave at night, scourged to his dungeon, but sustained by an unfaltering trust approach thy grave, like one who wraps the drapery of his couch about him and lies down to pleasant dreams.

Hoping, and sincerely praying, that the time will soon arrive when all mankind will be deeply cognizant of their souls to serve God purely in His great Church, I will say:

God bless you abundantly dear Radio Audience. I thank you.

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OUR BIBLE

It is only a book
All tattered and worn,
Yet handled with care,
Tho' some pages be torn.

It offers us life,
And peace yet unknown
To those who keep searching
Those pages so worn.

To those who will seek
They surely will find
The words on those pages
Are truly divine.

As we read in this book
Its pages unfold
A story of love
That never grows old.

It is God's Holy word
To us it was sent
To bring us new life
When e'er we repent.

Let us cling to this book,
And shun not to declare
The judgments of God,
We find written there.

M. Heaps
Los Angeles, Calif.

THE G.M.B.A. AT SOUTH GREENSBURG

The Missionary Benevolent Association met in South Greensburg, Pa. on Saturday, May 20th, 1950. A large crowd was in attendance. Delegates were present from Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Michigan, Kansas, and Canada.

After business was disposed of a very interesting program was given by this local, all enjoying a wonderful time.

The General meeting will be held the second Saturday in November at Windsor, Ont., Canada.

Sister Ruth E. Akerman

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Wichita, 4, Kan.

Dear Bro. Editor:

It has been quite a long time since we have written you, but we noticed in the last Gospel News that it was expired, thanks for reminding us, as time surely goes by so fast. The little paper brings us so much good news and we enjoy reading it, and look forward to receive it, it's the only way we hear anything from the East; of course this is one great fault of ours, we

neglect writing, which I am very sure you will forgive us. Bro. Cadman you will be pleased to know that Bro. Sanders, Eva and Sister Lassiter from Hutchinson, met with us on Sunday to Worship, and we really had a wonderful day, the Blessings of God were felt in our midst. Oh we are thankful that the Lord does not look at the number, but searches each heart. Just received a letter from Sister Robinson, from Larned, they seem to be well there. We are surely having a dry and hot summer. We hope this note finds you both well and enjoying the Peace and Blessings of God while we remain your Bros. and Sisters In Christ.

Bro., Sister Jones and family

SARNIA INDIAN RESERVE

Sarnia, Ont.

Dear Editor: I consider that your comments on the actions of our brother Indian in Huron Village, Que. as being very timely especially where you make mention of the yielding of themselves to the will of God for the restoration of what they have lost.

I say timely, because this year a Bill for revision of the Indian Act is being introduced in the Canadian House of Parliament and knowing my people as I do, the opportunity will be seized by many to advance fantastic ideas born in their agile imaginations.

I have often thought on the fact that this worldly civilization has alienated the nature of the Indian, as one of our own writers has expressed it, referring to the Red Indian's nature, "To him the world and the universe was a library and his books were the stones, brooks, rivers, trees, herbs, sun, moon and stars. From these many things he formed his material culture; from these he received the inspiration to compose his beautiful songs and ceremonies. The fishes of the laughing waters, the animals in the living forests, the birds of the air, taught him how to be brave and courageous and true." Our own tribe (Chippewa) had their own ceremonial rites, their fastings, to gain the favour of Kitchi Manitou (Great Spirit) and his direction was to a life of continence and purity and I perceive by the study of the Book of Mormon that its teachings still lived, if foggily,

in the Minds of the elderly as they handed them down to the next generation. I rejoice, therefore, that this Restored Gospel has been brought forth by the Mighty Hand of God. I would exhort my brothers of the seed of Joseph to seek the direction of the Great Spirit, for if we humble ourselves, pray, and turn from our evil ways, God has promised that He will hear from heaven, forgiving our sin and healing our land. II Chr. 7-14.

The healing will be expressed in better legislation for our people. My people can assist in advancing a nobler brotherhood and better understanding between themselves and other races by falling prostrate before the Great Master and seeking His wisdom before they make any utterances that might be detrimental to the cause that they seek.

We, of the Sarnia Mission expect to worship God in the open-air each Sabbath-day during the summer when weather permits. On the 4th of June we had the joy of listening to Bro. M. Miller of Detroit; he, with other brethren and sisters accompanied Bro. Marco Randazzo.

We covet the prayers of our brothers and sisters that the work here will be blessed by our loving Heavenly Father and we hope soon to report progress. May God bless you all. Bro. Aylmer N. Plain.

What Must I Do To Be Saved?
Delivered over CVI, Conneville, Pa., by Elder D. Bucci of Youngstown, Ohio

The text I shall read is found in the second chapter of Acts, verses 38 to 42 inclusive. "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? 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. And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, save yourselves from this untoward generation. Then they that gladly received his word were baptized; and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls."

The apostle Peter who apparently was the more aggressive of the other eleven apostles, preaches unto the multitude of people that gathered about them. And there were dwelling at Jerusalem, Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. They were confounded because every man heard them speak in his own language. And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold are not all of these which speak; Galileans? And how is it we hear them in our own tongue. And the things that they heard were the wonderful things of God and Jesus Christ, who was crucified. Suddenly they were touched in their hearts, and said unto Peter and the rest of the apostles, men and brethren what shall we do? or in other words, What must I do to be saved? We shall let the scripture or the Holy Bible answer this question.

The apostle Paul writes in second Timothy 3-16, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." Let us observe that St. Paul said: instruction in righteousness and profitable for doctrine. What doctrine? — The doctrine of Christ. What does the doctrine of Christ consist of? The doctrine of Christ consists of these fundamental principles, Faith, Repentance, Baptism and the imposition of hands for the reception of the Holy Ghost, precisely as Peter had declared in the text I read. These principles must be observed and put into effect and administered by one duly authorized with power and authority. I will speak briefly on each of these principles. First, faith. According to the Apostle Paul, faith is a substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. This is found in Hebrews 11:1. In this same chapter, verse 6 reads, "But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." Evidently, faith is believing without seeing. The Apostle Paul said: Walk not by sight but by faith. Where shall we place our faith? Jesus said: have faith in God. Mark's Gospel 11:22. Evidently where it will produce in us the greatest assurance about the things that concern us most. To have faith in God is to have faith in the final victory of everything that is good.

Have faith in God and Christ Jesus the Holy one of Israel. It is constructive, it is a sure foundation and it is the way of salvation. To have faith is not merely advice, it is a command.

The second step which must be observed and put into effect is repentance. Peter commanded the multitude to repent when they said unto him: what must we do? Repentance literally means re-thinking or a change of mind, but in the New Testament it means a change of heart and mind, so that we no longer justify ourselves in seeking our own way, but instead, gladly give God the right-of-way in our lives. True repentance is more than the abandonment of specific sins, it goes to the root of the matter, which is rebellion against God, and rebellion against God is what produces sin. Paul said: God now commandeth all men to repent. Jesus said: except ye repent, ye shall likewise perish, St. Luke 13:3. Repentance is a key-word in the message of Jesus, Peter, James, John, and Paul. It is one of the key-words of our message in these last days.

Let us observe the condition of the world today and the menace of communism which is a false and evil doctrine. The threat of a third world war, which in my personal conviction is in the making today. We read of many earthquakes, destructions, pestilence, famine, wars and rumors of wars of which Jesus says in 24 chapter verse 8 of St. Matthew, "All these are the beginning of sorrows." In the 10, 11 and 12th verses it reads, "And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. And many false prophets shall arise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. In the epistle of II Timothy verse 1, Paul said: 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, without natural affection, truce makers false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those who are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasure more than God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof, from such turn away."

Are these things apparent today? We can surely say yes. An examination of the developments that brought chaos to the rest of the earth reveals that a spiritual collapse preceded civil collapse; mor-

al disintegration came before economic and social breakdown. In other words materialism is the best term to use. The selfishness and irresponsibility that has undermined modern civilization. The process of disaster is clearly evident in America today. Many people are worried about our economic and political future, but blind to the fact that it depends upon our spiritual present. Must our democratic way of life be threatened before we learn that democracy, prosperity and civilization itself depends upon the spiritual life of mankind? Let us awaken to these facts.

The third step which must be observed and put into effect is Baptism. The New Testament was written in Greek, and we note "Cheo" means to pour, "Rantizo" means to sprinkle. Baptize means to dip or to immerse. The word baptizo is derived from a root word baptō, which simple and primitive meaning is to dip or immerse. It is in this sense that the word is carried forward into the English language. Baptism by immersion was the recognized mode of initiation into membership of the early Christian Church. Baptism was preached by the Ministers of Christ in the primitive Church. John the forerunner of Christ was called John the Baptist. He preached repentance and baptism along the banks of Jordan. In the text I read Peter commands the multitude to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. Jesus in the 16th chapter 16th verse of St. Mark said: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. He that believeth not shall be damned." Baptism is only genuine when it is accompanied by faith and repentance, and performed by one duly authorized.

The fourth step: Reception of the Holy Ghost. Baptism in water involves a cleansing and an enlistment and is of great importance, but if it is to be effective, it must be followed by a baptism of the spirit. John the Baptist declared: indeed I baptize you with water unto repentance; but He that cometh after me is mightier than I whose shoes I am not worthy to bear; He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire. Jesus told Nicodemus a ruler of the Jews, "Verily verily I say unto thee, except a man be born of the water and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God." Evidently, receiving the Holy Spirit is vitally important to salvation. By what method was it received

in the primitive Church? The first incident we read about is on the day of Pentecost, when the followers of Jesus gathered together in one place—suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a mighty rushing wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost.

But after this the Church became organized thru' the Apostles, officers were installed and the Church of Jesus Christ or the Kingdom of God established upon the face of the earth. We learn then that the apostles laid their hands upon the new converts and they received the Holy Ghost. Let me give you one of the many illustrations recorded in the Holy Bible. When Philip a servant and Minister of Christ went to Samaria to preach Christ, they gladly received him and were baptized, and when the Church learned of this, they sent Peter and John to assist him, and we read that when they came they laid their hands upon them and they received the Holy Ghost. Evidently, the method used was, by the laying on, or the imposition of hands. Time will not permit me to point out other scripture to support this.

The fifth and last thing I wish to impress you with is this: Those certain ordinances instituted in the primitive church were administered by men who were called of God. Thru' faith and the Holy Spirit to function for Christ and His Church; one must be called by revelation or Divine calling. The term Minister means servant. The Minister, therefore, is a servant of God, receiving authority from Him and exercising this authority in his name. Men have no right to organize the Church of Jesus Christ or to commission others to function for Christ. The authority of the Ministry must come from Him in this age and every other age. Men were called to the priesthood anciently by revelation. Noah, Abraham, Jacob and Joseph were called of God in their respective generations. Moses and Aaron were called in their day. The Apostles were called in their day by the Lord Jesus. Evidently then, the servants of God should be called in these last days in like manner—by the revelation of God, and not by educational institutions for religion. It is good to be learned, if you hearken to the counsels of God.

In the New Testament we learn that faithful men were ordained

into the Ministry by the laying on of hands. The Church of Jesus Christ which I represent and its Ministers are called by the revelation of God. It is the Kingdom of God established upon the earth in these last days. May I say to you this day: Have faith in Christ Jesus, repent and be baptized for the remission of sins and ye shall receive the Holy Ghost, for the promise is unto you and even as far as the Lord will call. In conclusion I will say the words of Paul: Prove all things and hold fast to that which is good. May the peace of the Saviour abide with you all. Amen.

ST. JOHN, KANSAS

Dear Brother Editor:

A dear friend of mine who is a subscriber to the Gospel News has written me that she wanted to read of our trip to the east in the paper so I am going to try to tell you all of the very pleasant trip we had and of the visits with the dear brothers and sisters in the Gospel with whom we had the privilege to visit. Our only disappointment was that our time was limited and we didn't get to meet all.

We left St. John on Thursday morning May 11, arriving in Detroit the following evening. We went first to Branch No. 1 and met a few of the brothers and sisters there and then were taken to the home of Brother and Sister Loyalvo where we spent the night. On Saturday we spent the day visiting and then on Sunday accompanied by Brother Joe Loyalvo and Leonard we left early for Port Huron, Michigan. Before leaving St. John I had a great desire to attend the services there and to meet the brothers and sisters and I had written Brother Joe to this effect and he made plans to take us on Sunday. On the way to Port Huron we heard the radio broadcast being presented from Sarnia by the young people of the Church of Jesus Christ. This was indeed a great treat for us all. It was a blessing to hear the voices of our brothers preaching the gospel and the brothers and sisters singing was very nice too.

We arrived in Port Huron about time for the Sunday School to take up. We enjoyed the Sunday School very much. After Sunday School other members of the branch at Port Huron came in for the church services. I haven't been in such a meeting as the one we had there that day. The meetings which or-

dinarily close at 12 noon didn't close until 2 p.m. It could have lasted all day and no one been tired. We had promised some of the brothers in Detroit that we would be at Branch No. 3 for the afternoon meeting so we had to say farewell to the brothers and sisters at Port Huron and leave for Detroit. We did take time to go by the new church building in progress there, which is going to be very nice, then stopped at the home of Brother and Sister Summerville where she gave us a large sack of fruit which we all enjoyed.

We arrived back in Detroit at about 15 minutes before closing time and met a few of the brothers and sisters there, then went to the home of Brother Jim Loyalvo where Sister Mary prepared us a very delicious meal, then after eating we all went with them to the church at Devine to watch them prepare the radio broadcast for the following Sunday. This was really a treat for all of us.

We spent Monday visiting with brothers and sisters in the gospel and dad and I also visited our own relatives there. Then on Monday evening we along with Brother Alex and Sister Louise and several others went to the home of Brother and Sister Nick Peitrangelo for dinner. We had a very nice evening there, visiting with the brothers and sisters and also enjoyed very much their fine hospitality.

On Tuesday accompanied by Leonard Loyalvo we went to Windsor. Leonard served as our guide in helping us to find the brothers and sisters in Windsor. First we went to the home of Sister Ford, where she was waiting to accompany us to the San. to see the young Indian boys and girls who are patients there. We enjoyed this trip very much; after writing to Miss Dorothy Frog there for quite some time we had quite a desire to meet her and the others there also. Then we went to the home of Brother and Sister Watsons, visited a short time then drove to Brother Bobby Watsons home and then returned to Brother and Sister Watsons home where the Whites and the Watsons had a lunch prepared for us. We enjoyed very much meeting with them again. After lunch we went to the church for prayer meeting and had a very enjoyable evening there. Then we returned to Detroit and the following morning left for Warren, Ohio after saying farewell to the brothers and sisters there. We were accompanied to Warren by brother Ashton and had a nice journey there, enjoying

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EDITORIAL

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Short Trip: Since the last issue of this paper, the Editor made a trip into Canada, and along with brothers Henderson of Windsor, and Anthony Lombardo of Detroit, had a short visit with Sister Gadd of London, Ont., also a short visit at the home of Bro. Laird in Brantford, and then on to the Six Nations Indian Reserve where we attended meeting in one of the Indian homes on Saturday Eve. and two meetings among the Indian people on Sunday. Enjoyed ourselves very well. In returning to Windsor on Sunday night, I got off the car at Muncey and spent two nights at our farm home where Bro. and Sister Best are living. I spent two days there visiting among the Indian people as well as at the home of our brother and sister. On Tuesday morning I went to Mt. Brydges and had a short visit at the home of Sister Barclay. Her health is not very good.

I then boarded a bus for Windsor where I attended meeting that night, and then in Detroit Branch No. 1 the next evening. On Saturday I attended the Sunday School Outing in Windsor, and from there to Port Huron, Mich. where I attended Sunday morning meeting, then in the afternoon I attended an open-air meeting on the Indian Reservation at Sarnia, Ont. I met several of our Indian folks who were recently baptized on this Reserve. Very nice folks indeed. I also attended a meeting at Branch No. 2 on the Friday eve. Rather a busy trip for me but I enjoyed myself everywhere I went, and was very glad to have a short visit with our Indian people again. May the Lord bless you all.

P.S. If there is anyone in possession of the following paper, and if you do not care to keep them, I would like to have a copy each. March and July 1945 and May and June 1947. Sincerely, Editor.

ourselves conversing with Brother Ashton.

In Warren we visited my sister and family and with some of the brothers and sisters in the gospel there. We had a nice visit with Brother Frank at my sister's home on Thursday evening and on Friday went in to Brother Domenick's home for dinner and left Brother Alex and Sister Louise there to accompany Brother Frank to General MBA at Greensburg.

On Saturday morning dad and I went to California, Penna. to visit mother's sisters and also visited in Stockdale with another sister of mother's. On Sunday accompanied by them and one of my cousins we attended services in the Roscoe church. Before leaving home dad had wanted to meet there as he was raised in that community. We are thankful for the church there and also for the many brothers and sisters and friends we met while there. Sunday evening we went to Monongahela for church and then spent the evening with dad's sister. Then on Monday accompanied by her we went to the home of Brother and Sister Ashton in Coal Valley to spend the day. We were met there by Brother and Sister Robinson and in the evening we spent a short time visiting at the home of Brother and Sister Cadman then drove to the home of Brother and Sister Kirshners and spent the night there. We enjoyed very much our visits with all these dear brothers and sisters. We returned to Warren on Tuesday to visit for a few days longer with my sister and family and attended services in Warren on Wednesday evening and left Thursday morning for our return journey home. We arrived home on Friday evening thanking God for a wonderful vacation and for His protecting care over us on the highways and in the cities and above all for the great peace and love that we felt and enjoyed among the brothers and sisters there. Sister Eva Sanders.

INDIANS SEE JUSTICE
IN GOD'S PLEDGE

Sir: Thank you for recently published letter of mine. In it I expressed the disillusionment felt by treaty Indians when they contemplate the preference accorded to usurpers of their rights by the Department of Indian Affairs. But there is a brighter side also. Recent studies in the Holy Scriptures reveal that "the meek also shall increase their joy in the Lord, and they among men shall rejoice in

the holy one of Israel." Isaiah 29, 19.

It is not commonly known that we Indian people are of the seed of Israel through Ephraim and Manasseh, the sons of Joseph. Diligent comparison with Bible text and the Restored Gospel as given to the prophet Nephi and others who wrote the Book of Mormon have convinced all who have prayerfully studied both inspired books.

Being the seed of Joseph, we can comfort ourselves with the promises of God as revealed to Jeremiah (30, verse 17), which says, "For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the Lord, because they called thee an outcast, saying: This is Zion, whom no man seeketh after."

Verse 20 warns of punishment to the aggressive one. "Their children also shall be as aforetime, and their congregation shall be established before me, and I will punish all that oppress them."

If the Chippewa nation of Indians respects the law of God as it directs in Deuteronomy 17, 14 and 15, then it may confidently expect the fulfillment of Jer. 30, 21 and 22. "And their nobles shall be of themselves, and their governor shall proceed from the midst of them, and I will cause him to draw near, and he shall approach unto me; for who is this that engaged his heart to approach unto me?" saith the Lord. "And ye shall be my people, and I will be your God."

The prophet Nephi also declares: "Then shall ye who are a remnant of the house of Jacob go forth among them and ye shall be in the midst of them who shall be many and ye shall be among them as a lion among the beasts of the forest and as a young lion among the flock of sheep who, if he goeth through, both treadeth down and teareth in pieces and none can deliver. Thy hand shall be lifted up upon thine adversaries and all thine enemies shall be cut off."

He warns further: "Yea, and ye need not any longer hiss, nor spurn, nor make game of the Jews, nor any of the remnant of the House of Israel, for behold, the Lord remembereth his covenant unto them, and he will do unto them according to that which he hath sworn." (Chapter 29, verse 8.)

The usurpers of our rights may prevail with their plans for a little time, for "pride goeth before destruction and an haughty spirit before a fall." But, we of the Chippewa nation shall believe the words of Jesus Christ when He said: "Ye

are my disciples, and ye are a light unto this people, who are a remnant of the house of Joseph. And behold, this is the land of your inheritance; and the Father hath given it unto you." (Nephi 3:13, 12, 15.)

AYLMER N. PLAIN.
Sarnia Indian Reserve.
—Windsor, Ont. Daily

RELIGIOUS READING BOOM SPURS CHRISTIAN REVIVAL

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NEW YORK, June 10—(AP) —

The world is now experiencing the greatest movement toward practical Christianity in history, says Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, one of the country's leading ministers and authors of inspirational books.

This, he believes, accounts for the way religious and inspirational books have shot to the top of best-seller lists in the last few years.

"The chief characteristic of the world movement is the practical application of the principles of Jesus Christ to personal living," says Dr. Peale. "People are finally waking up to the fact that He was the greatest expert in human nature who ever lived. They are seeking to solve their own problems.

Churches Thronged

"Modern ministers have learned to state spiritual techniques in plain old United States talk, which gives them ideas they can understand and use. Look at the churches today and see what throngs are there.

"This is no temporary vogue. This is a real, long-term, upswing of spiritual values. And it will carry up with it morals and manners. People will become ethical, more decent, more moral, more gentlemanly and more ladylike."

Dr. Peale, pastor of the Marble Collegiate Church here, is known to thousands throughout this country and Europe through his books "The Art of Living" and "You Can Win." He recently addressed the American Booksellers Association on the great growth in popularity of religious and inspirational books.

"People are turning to them because of fears, tensions and frustrations produced by modern life," he said during an interview in his church study, walled in books. "The things that are going on in the world, the noise, confusion, fast tempo of life and lack of leisure have put people in a dither. The human system rebels after a time. So they hunt peace.

A lot of people are gripped by

fear. I can scarcely step out of my door without someone's asking me how to overcome tension and fear. Some are just dimly afraid something is going to happen. But most persons are gripped with fear over their own personal problems. Parents have a lot to do with it. They project their own fears on their children.

Return to Reading

"But one of the main reasons for disturbance is this: Many persons who were reared according to strict religious principles, decided they were out of date for this day and age, dropped them overboard and started out on the creed 'the sky's the limit.' But they did not get along so well as they thought they would on that system and the things they did gave them guilt neuroses. So this sent them back to reading in quest of peace.

"Of course, in the end they will come to one book that tells it all. That's what one industrialist who was having labor trouble did. And he told me he had learned so much from the Bible that his experts did not know that he decided to turn to that hereafter in a crisis and let the experts go."

P.S. I would advise Dr. Peale and all others in their reading of "inspirational books" not to omit the Book of Mormon, for it is one of the greatest BOOKS of the day. In fact, it is on a par with the Bible as far as truth and inspiration is concerned. In saying so, I do not feel that I am belittling the Bible one iota, and God forbid that I should. It seems to me a very presumptuous thing to conclude, that because the Bible is the word of God that the Book of Mormon CANNOT be classed in the same category. The Dr. says: "People are turning to them (religious and inspirational books) because of fears, tensions and frustrations produced by modern life."

Might it not be more proper to say that the things mentioned by Dr. Peale are produced by the wickedness of the "modern life" of today? May I ask, have we ever had such a time of desecration of the Sabbath Day, of God's Holy name, the chastity of the marriage covenant, dishonesty and corruption in high places as well as low, as there is today? I am now in my 74th year and I will add without fear of contradiction, that wickedness abounds today in this fair land of America greater than in its previous history. It is good to read good literature, but

while doing so, buy yourselves a Book of Mormon and read what shall become of this great nation of people unless they repent and turn to God. Yea, the sword of God's vengeance hangeth over the Gentiles of today, while the favor of God is returning to dispersed Israel. Take time to read in Ezekiel 37-16, 17 concerning the Stick of Judah (the Bible) and the Stick of Ephraim (Book of Mormon) "and they shall become one in thine hand."

Our learned men of today cannot deny the fact, but what another stick (book) was to be written and is to be joined to the stick of Judah (Bible). Yea, it is placed on a par with our Bible by the prophet Ezekiel. (Editor)

Dr. Ruth Gruber Traveled In Forbidden Yemen

(Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, April 10)

"Ye have seen . . . how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you unto myself." Exodus.

A lost community of ancient Bible Hebrews is riding "on eagles' wings" out of the land of bondage to the land of their freedom—as they always knew they would.

They are Jews from the forbidden land of Yemen and more than 40,000 of them have been flown to the new republic of Israel by an American airlift aptly dubbed "Operation Magic Carpet."

The story of their rescue from oppression has been witnessed and recorded by Dr. Ruth Gruber, attractive author and foreign correspondent, who came here yesterday to speak in behalf of the United Jewish Appeal campaign rally in Webster Hall.

Fulfills Bible Story

"The story of these Yemenite Jews is particularly appropriate in the wake of the Passover season," Dr. Gruber said, "because it is the Bible in fulfillment."

The king of Yeme decreed in April, 1949, that any Jew could leave the country (it was punishable by death to do so before)—if he left all his property behind.

In their thousands, the Bible faithful Yemenite Jews packed their meager belongings and began the trek to the "Promised Land."

And each time they passed over the domain of a petty Arab chieftain they were forced to pay a head tax for each member of their family—and for each Holy Book. For the Arabs knew the holy books and scrolls were as dear as life to the Yemenite Jews.

Treated for Malaria

Arriving at the border of the

Arabian Peninsula country, they cross into Aden, the British protectorate where the UJA maintains a way station. There they are clothed, fed, inoculated and treated for malaria which they invariably contract while waiting for the British to let them cross.

American pilots from Texas or Idaho or Pennsylvania help them into four-motored Skymasters. The Americans little realize, Dr. Gruber said, that the little Yemenites believe the pilots are fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy: "They shall mount up with wings as eagles." Then they fly over the Red Sea, reminiscent of the Bible Exodus, to their "Promised Land."

MILK AND MEAT REGARDING INIQUITY

The Psalmist says, "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me" (Ps. 66:18). The word to be especially noted here is "regard". It is not said that if iniquity be found in the heart the Lord will not hear us; but if it is regarded; if it is esteemed, nursed, cherished.

Iniquity is not only murderous thoughts, bold denial of God and His Son, going into open sin and shame. Iniquity is anything that is against the Spirit of Christ, anything that is the opposite of goodness, purity, kindness, considerateness of others, Christian courtesy, etc.

Iniquity is jealousy, envy, dislike of another, unkind intent, pride of nature, of family, of name, of honor, of possession, the love of money, idolatry. Samuel told King Saul that stubbornness was as iniquity (I Sam. 15:23). Disregard of rulers or heads is iniquity. Willfulness is iniquity. All these things, if regarded in one's heart will sever fellowship between God and us. God cannot put His approval on such things, when it is so much against His Spirit.

When we regard iniquity in our hearts we have let down on obedience to our consciences, which of course need to be governed by the Spirit and Word of God. We need to be warned against a "conscience seared with a hot iron" (I Tim. 4:2). The conscience becomes so hardened that iniquity no longer appears to us to be iniquity. Then we suppose our uncomfortable feeling of impure thoughts is just a notion which, if ignored, will soon pass away.

When one of a company of Christians is not obeying the Lord, is backbiting, holding a grudge in his heart against anyone, spiteful

toward another, not victorious, he or she hinders the whole company from perfect liberty of spirit. It is written of Christ, "Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity" (Heb. 1:9). This should always be the Christian's heart attitude. (Young Peoples Delight)

RECORDED AT ROME, ITALY

The history of Jesus Christ's three years ministry, trial, death burial and resurrection. By Pontius Pilate. Copied April 7, 1893, from the original scroll in Greek, now on file in the ancient library at Rome.

(Continued)

"Near the first hour of the night I threw my mantle around me, and went down into the city toward the gates of Golgotha. The sacrifice was consummated. The crowd was returning home, still agitated, it is true, but gloomy, taciturn, and desperate. What they had witnessed had stricken them with terror and remorse. I also saw my little Roman cohort pass by mournfully, the standard-bearer having veiled his eagle in token of grief; and I overheard some of the Jewish soldiers murmuring strange words which I did not understand. Others were recounting miracles very like those which have so often smitten the Romans by the will of the gods. Sometimes groups of men and women would halt, then, looking back toward Mount Calvary, would remain motionless in expectation of witnessing some new prodigy.

"I returned to the praetorium, sad and pensive. On ascending the stairs, the steps of which were still stained with the blood of the Nazarene, I perceived an old man in a suppliant posture, and behind him several Romans in tears. He threw himself at my feet and wept most bitterly. It is painful to see an old man weep, and my heart being already overcharged with grief, we, though strangers, wept together. And in truth, it seemed that the tears lay very shallow that day with many whom I perceived in the vast concourse of people. I never witnessed such an extreme revulsion of feeling. Those who betrayed and sold him, those who testified against him, those who cried, 'crucify him, we have his blood,' all slunk off like cowardly curs, and washed their teeth with vinegar. As I am told that Jesus taught a resurrection and a separation after death, if such should be the fact, I am sure it commenced in this vast crowd.

"'Father,' said I to him, after

gaining control of my feelings, 'who are you, and what is your request?' 'I am Joseph of Arimathea,' replied he, and am come to beg of you upon my knees the permission to bury Jesus of Nazareth.'

"'Your prayer is granted,' said I to him; and at the same time I ordered Manlius to take some soldiers with him to superintend the interment, lest it should be profaned.

"A few days after, the sepulchre was found empty. His disciples proclaimed all over the country that Jesus had risen from the dead, as he had foretold. This created more excitement even than the crucifixion. As to its truth I cannot say for certain, but I have made some investigation of the matter; so you can examine for yourself, and see if I am in fault, as Herod represents.

"Joseph buried Jesus in his own tomb. Whether he contemplated his resurrection or calculated to cut him another, I cannot tell. The day after he was buried one of the priests came to the praetorium and said they were apprehensive that his disciples intended to steal the body of Jesus and hide it, and then make it appear that he had risen from the dead, as he had foretold, and of which they were perfectly convinced. I sent him to the captain of the royal guard (Malcus) to tell him to take the Jewish soldiers, place as many around the sepulchre as were needed; then if anything should happen they could blame themselves, and not the Romans.

"When the great excitement arose about the sepulchre being empty, I felt a deeper solicitude than ever. I sent for Malcus, who told me he had placed his lieutenant, Ben Isham, with one hundred soldiers, around the sepulchre. He told me that Isham and the soldiers were very much alarmed at what had occurred that morning. I sent for this man, Isham, who had related to me, as near as I can recollect, the following circumstances: He said that at about the beginning of the fourth watch they saw a soft and beautiful light over the sepulchre. He at first thought that the women had come to embalm the body of Jesus, as was their custom, but he could not see how they had gotten through the guards. While these thoughts were passing through his mind, behold, the whole place was lighted up, and there seemed to be crowds of the dead in their grave-clothes. All seemed to be shouting and filled with ecstasy, while all

around and above was the most beautiful music he had ever heard; and the whole air seemed to be full of voices praising God.

At this time there seemed to be a reeling and swimming of the earth, so that he turned so sick and faint that he could not stand on his feet. He said the earth seemed to swim from under him, and his senses left him, so that he knew not what did occur. I asked him in what condition he was when he came to himself. He said he was lying on the ground with his face down. I asked him if he could not have been mistaken as to the light. Was it not day that was coming in the east? He said at first he thought of that, but at a stone's cast it was exceedingly dark; and then he remembered it was too early for day. I asked him if his dizziness might not have come from being awakened up and getting up too suddenly, as it sometimes had that effect. He said he was not, and had not been asleep all night, as the penalty was death for him to sleep on duty. He said he had some of the soldiers sleep at a time. Some were asleep then. I asked him how long the scene lasted. He said he did not know, but he thought nearly an hour. He said it was hid by the light of day. I asked him if he went to the sepulchre after he had come to himself. He said no, because he was afraid; that just as soon as relief came they all went to their quarters. I asked him if he had been questioned by the priests. He said he had. They wanted him to say it was an earthquake, and that they were asleep, and offered him money to say that the disciples came and stole Jesus; but he saw no disciples; he did not know that the body was gone until he was told. I asked him what was the private opinion of those priests he had conversed with. He said that some of them thought that Jesus was no man; that he was not a human being; that he was not the son of Mary; that he was not the same that was born of the virgin in Bethlehem; that the same person had been on the earth before with Abraham and Lot, and at many times and places.

"It seems to me that, if the Jewish theory be true, these conclusions are correct, for they are in accord with this man's life as is known and testified by both friends and foes, for the elements were no more in his hands than the clay in the hands of the potter. He could convert water into wine; he

could change death into life, disease into health; he could calm the seas; still the storms, call up fish with a silver coin in its mouth. Now, I say, if he could do all these things, which he did, and many more, as the Jews all testify, and it was doing these things that created this enmity against him—he was not charged with criminal offenses, nor was he charged with violating any law, nor of wronging any individual in person, and all these facts are known to thousands, as well by his foes as by his friends—I am almost ready to say, as did Manlius at the cross, "Truly this was the son of God."

"Now, noble Sovereign, this is as near the facts in the case as I can arrive at, and I have taken pains to make the statement very full, so that you may judge of my conduct upon the whole, as I hear that Antipater has said many hard things of me in this matter. With the promise of faithfulness and good wishes to my noble Sovereign. I am your obedient servant, (Signed) Pontius Pilate." (in the interest of truth) Prophecy Speaks.

(The end)

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The Gospel News,
Gentlemen:

I have appreciated, very much, the article in April issue of your paper, by Fred D'Amico, CHOK, Sanria. It is along a line that I have pursued for many years. Please refer to the April Number of The Voice of Peace, Independence, Missouri, for an article which I contributed.

Dr. Henry Feuhrer, of Los Angeles, California, is a close friend of mine, and induced me to write something of my tribe, the Cherokee. I did so, and sent him a small lesson on the Cherokee language. I did not know that he intended having it published until I received a copy of the paper. Had I known this, I might have done some better part by the whole thing.

May I say that I am not a Mormon, but a Presbyterian, however I want the truth of things. I have gone to great ends to learn this truth, even to learning something of the Hebrew language. This intensified my longstanding interest in the origin of the Cherokee, and the increasing similarity of Cherokee and Hebrew languages, threw considerable light upon the subject.

In 1933, I contributed an article to Dr. Harris, then president of the Brigham Young University at Provo, Utah. I do not know what

ever did become of the article. If it was ever published, I did not see it. But I believe it was published.

Now that the Jews are returning to Israel in great numbers, now that things are happening so fast, it is my conviction that God is ready to reveal to the Cherokee, just who he is. I believe it is time to start raising the curtain on this figure of American historical importance. We are about to witness a new era of religious or Christian activity. On the stage in the East will be Judah, and on the stage in the West will be Ephraim (Cherokee, Choctaw - Chickasaw, and Creek-Seminole Indians). When the thing is pushed before them, they will accept it as it is. God will see to that if it is His time.

Now in case you see fit to publish this article, please send me a copy or two, or as many as you see fit. I believe an issue of all this directed especially to the Indian, might be in keeping with a divine plan. In any case, please advise me as to prices, or expenses of publishing a thousand or two of my tracts, addressed to the Cherokee. I would like to prepare such a tract and have it published.

Thank you very much.

Omer L. Morgan

P.S. Mr. Morgan: I am pleased to receive and publish your letter. I hope the time is not far distant when you will become convinced of the fact, that the Book of Mormon will not only reveal to you who the Cherokee is, but the fact that of the American Indian race belonging to the House of Israel, and the promises of God will be fulfilled toward them, even as to the Jews. (Editor)

A LETTER OF GRATITUDE

Dear brethren and sisters: As it is impossible for me to thank each one of you individually, I will take this opportunity through our little paper to extend my sincere thanks for your kindness shown me and my husband during my confinement in the Memorial Hospital at Monongahela, Pa.

Your humble devotions meant much to me. I know our dear Lord has heard and answered your prayers in my behalf. To all of you that sent beautiful cards, flowers, fruit and other lovely gifts, please accept my heartfelt thanks.

The Lord is so good to us even to give us such wonderful brothers and sisters. May God bless you with His richest blessings is the prayer of Bro. and Sister Gabriel Mazzeo. — The following poem

seems to fit our thoughts, but I do not know who is the author.

My flowers do not come from shops,
Or near my garden wall,
Because my flowers are the friends
Who take the time to call.

They are the living lilacs and
The roses red and white,
The tulips and forget-me-nots
Of every day and night.

They are the folks who ring my bell
Or write me from afar,
To offer me their services
And tell me how they are.

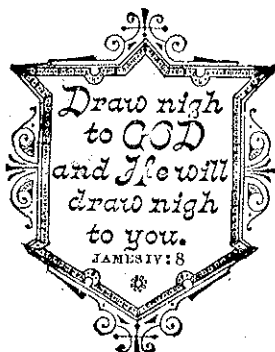
Who somehow always seem to have
A little time to spare,
To fill my vases with their smiles
And let me know they care.

They are the gentle souls with whom
I never want to part,
Because they are the flowers of air
That blossom in my heart.
Sincerely, Sister Mazzeo

ONDRASIK-WATSON NUPTIALS

Miss Dolores Jean Ondrasik, the eldest daughter of brother and sister George Ondrasik of State St., McKees Rocks, Pa., and Mr. Joseph A. Watson were joined together in marriage on June 24, 1950 in the home of the bride, with Bro. Charles Ashton officiating.

The bride was attired in a white gown. The maid of honor was Shirley Galate. The bridegroom's brother was best man. Attendants were Elaine and Norma, twin sisters of the bride. Immediately after the ceremony a dinner was served at the bride's home. The Gospel News extends its best wishes to the young couple.



An Experience In 1943

By Our Late Sister Shuster

"God told me in a dream to warn the people of The Church of Jesus Christ to prepare—for destruction is coming to our land. He said to be faithful and true to the Church, and to broadcast to all that would hear the glad tidings of the Restored Gospel. We are to live righteously on this earth, be kind and good, to set examples for all to see and know that our way is the only way, and our Church is the only church. I was standing on a stretch of land here in America, looking out on a vast ocean. The water seemed to be foaming and bubbling as in a great storm. I could see a large serpent in the water, and as I watched, the serpent crawled out of the raging waters onto the land where I was standing. He raised his head and gazed all around the land, turning his head from east to west, from north to south."

News From Coraopolis

On May 30th we baptized a 65 year old man who has been visiting the Church quite regularly for the past four or five months. He has blurred vision without glasses, but when he came out of the water he said he saw without glasses, the trees in the woods nearby as clearly as ever. He remarked that they were so beautiful. By Martin Michalko.

News From Roscoe, Pa.

On Friday, July 7—the Sisters of Roscoe Branch desired to organize a Ladies Circle. Myself and a couple of other Sisters of Monongahela met with them and had a very nice meeting, with eight members.

Three of these members' mothers had been charter members of the Ladies Circle—Sister Isabelle Griffith and Sister Josephine Griffith of Dunlevy, Pa. We are surely glad to see our young sisters forwarding the work that their mothers loved. May the Lord bless them.—Sister Sadie Cadman. P.S. While there we learned that there were two baptisms performed very recently in their Branch.

WARS AND RUMORS. . .

The clouds of war are breaking once again,

As though to prove the prophecy to men:

That when we try to shoulder God aside,

The devil finds the door is opened, wide.

This is his day; he's laughing gleefully.

He's led us by the nose, most sinfully.

His mighty strength is pitted 'gainst the Lord,

But o'er him hangs God's ever-nearing sword!

For centuries the people have been taught

That man is self-sufficient. . . God is naught.

But let us face it, . . . has it brought us peace

Of mind? Or caused the global wars to cease?

We're still in time to change our errant views,

And hearken to the Gospel's constant News;

For to admit we've erred, is but to win

The battle 'gainst the evil one and sin.

We must not say "That's how it ought to be;

But no one else will listen, why should we?"

For each of us has but one soul to save,

And each, his own day, travail to the grave.

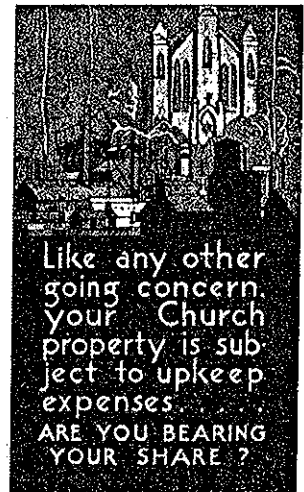
One day, the darkness shall turn into light.

And then, our weakness shall turn into might.

Our hopes, our very faith shall cease to be,

Our every dream, become Reality.

Catherine Poma
San Diego, California



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INSPIRATION

The Lord did raise up Joseph
Smith
And through him did reveal the
truth
The Church raise up, its power
make known,
O'er many lands its glory shown.

The priesthood was to him re-
stored,
That priesthood did the gifts aford:
The callings, too he did renew,
These words are faithful, just and
true.
But now we sorrow and lament
Because the truths which God had
sent
Are trampled down by wicked
men

Since that beloved man was slain.

'Tis true, we find that many men
Have tried to raise the church
again,
But still their avarice and pride
Has led them all from truth aside.

But now we do and will rejoice
That God has made another
choice;
His word revealed so sweet and
clear,
And called a prophet and a seer.

The Church is now built up again,
After the ancient pattern plain;
The gifts and callings now are
given,
To lead the Church on Earth to
Heaven.

And now let all the saints be pure,
And let them serve the Lord and
fear,
Lest they likewise be turned aside,
Through greediness, or lust, or
pride.

By William Cadman, deceased.

Quite An Ingathering In New Jersey

Brother Editor: On Sunday July 16th, the Young People of Stelton, Metuchen, and Hopelawn all gathered at the New Brunswick Branch of the Church. We had a wonderful meeting in the afternoon. The Spirit of God being made manifest which caused 13 of our young people to arise and call for baptism. These baptisms were appointed to take place on the following Sunday, and during the week 7 more of our young folks

asked for baptism, which made a total of 20.

On Sunday Morning the 23rd of July, we gathered at the usual place where we do baptize at Perth Amboy, and there formed two circles, one large, and one smaller circle where all the candidates were. After singing a hymn and offering up a prayer, the candidates for baptism sang: "I Surrender All." Brothers Rocco Ensano and Gabriel Mazzeo then took these candidates in the waters of baptism. There was a very large crowd present, the largest I ever saw at the waters edge. It truly was a beautiful sight to look upon.

These new members belong to the various Branches and Missions as follows: Five from New Brunswick, Four from Stelton, Four from Metuchen, Six from Hopelawn, and one from Bronx, N. Y. It took one hour to perform this service.

Sincerely Gabriel Mazzeo

Pianoforte - Organ History

Pianoforte, a stringed musical instrument, played by keys, developed out of the clavichord, and harpsichord, from which the pianoforte differs principally in the introduction of hammers, to put the strings in vibration, connected with the keys by a mechanism that enables the player to modify at will the intensity of the sounds.

The invention of the pianoforte must be accredited to Bartolomeo Cristofori (1651-1731), a harpsichord maker in Florence, Italy. Two of Cristofori's pianos are still in existence. One, dated 1720, is in New York Metropolitan Museum; the other, dated 1726, is in the Museum in Florence. The first piano seen in England was made at Rome by Father Wood, an English monk.

In Germany the invention met with more rapid encouragement than in Italy, and the Silbermanns in Strassburg and Stein of Augsburg improved the discoveries of their countryman Schroter. The English piano has been brought to its present state of perfection by Broadwood, Collard, Brinsmead, and others. Erard made many improvements in France. Germany has long been famous for its pianos, including those of Beech-

stein and Bluthner; and the American pianos of Steinway and Chickering are well known. Numerous improvements are still being made.

The first account we have of the "organ" in the Bible is in Genesis 4, 21, and from what is recorded therein, it would appear that the harp and organ were common in that early day, approximately 4,000 B. C. The next instance of the organ is in Job 21, 12. Approximately 1500 B. C. From what is recorded in this instance, it would seem that it was used in a very worldly way. Like it is today, many use the instrument when singing God's praises, while many use it in other ways. In the Psalms 150;4 David exhorts to praise God with the organs, And in verse 6 he calls upon every thing that has breath to praise the Lord. (Everything that has breath is a very broad expression.) In Psalms 148;7 David calls upon the "dragons" to praise God — yea, even the hills, the mountains, and the creeping things, which will include the reptiles. Yea God is pre-eminent above all, and all creation is called upon by David to give Him praise. It is a wonderful privilege we have or might it be more proper to say — a wonderful blessing we have today to sing songs and hymns of praise unto our God. In Exodus 15;21, Miriam was made to shout "sing ye to the Lord, for He hath and his rider hath He thrown into the sea." I read in the scripture in the days of Israel so much about their music and singing, yea and they were as the apple of God's eye, and how they did use their instruments and voices to praise His Name.

You know I am lead to believe that king Benjamin, and Mormom — those two wonderful men must have found much joy in the praise of God in singing His praises in the choirs among the saints on earth, because I read where both of them anticipated the time when they would sing with the choirs in heaven, yea, where the harpers will be harping with their harps, and they sing a new song before the throne of God. Rev. 14;2,2. If the word of God is to be relied on surely there will be music in heaven. WHC.

The Book of Mormon Justified Delivered over CHOK, Sarnia, Ont.

Text: — The 29th Chapter of Isaiah — 18th and 19th Verses.

"And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness. The meek also shall increase their joy in the Lord, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel."

In my travels through the United States and Canada, I have found while preaching the Restored Gospel, an unlimited amount of prejudice against the Book of Mormon. Men and women everywhere without ever reading the book or even seeing it, but taking the advice of their religious leaders denounce the book as of the devil and unworthy to be placed in the same category with the Bible.

The Book of Mormon is a historical and sacred record of one of the twelve tribes of Israel, namely the tribe of Joseph. It gives an account of God's dealings with them. It tells how God led them from the land of Palestine 600 years before Christ was born, to the Western Hemisphere or the land of America. It relates by the mouths of Holy Men of God, of the promises that God made to them. It speaks of the wickedness and also of the righteousness of this people, and of the glorious visitation of Christ to the tribe of Joseph, upon the American Continent. Christ referred to them in the Tenth Chapter of St. John, 16th verse, as "His other sheep, who would also hear his voice and would be brought into the fold." Jesus taught them His Gospel and established His Church among them as He did among the Jews in Jerusalem. After 400 years that Christ had visited them, because of their wickedness and unbelief they became a fallen benighted people and God commanded the last holy prophet among them, Moroni by name, to take the sacred records of gold which contained the History of this people, whom we now call the American Indian, and hide them in the earth, to come forth in the last days when God would according to the words of Isaiah, perform a marvelous work and a wonder. It was in the year of 1827, that the Angel of the Lord, after having visited Joseph Smith, an unlearned farmer boy, periodically every year since 1823 and carefully instructing him of

the contents of the sacred records, brought them forth out of the earth, and gave them to Joseph Smith, in fulfillment of prophecy. David in his 85th Psalm declares, "Truth shall spring out of the earth and righteousness shall look down from heaven."

The Prophet Isaiah, in the 29th Chapter 4th verse, also declares, "And thou shalt be brought down and shall speak out of the ground, and thy speech shall be low out of the dust, and thy voice shall be as of one that had a familiar spirit, out of the ground, and thy speech shall whisper out of the dust." An again, in the 11th and 12th verses, the prophet says, "And the vision of all is become unto them as the words of a book that is sealed. And the book is delivered unto him that is not learned saying, read this, I pray thee, and he saith, I am not learned."

Joseph Smith did not write the Book of Mormon, but he translated it by the gift and power of God. In 1829, the work of the translation was completed and the following year was printed in book form. The Book of Mormon does not add nor take away anything from the Bible, but God has brought it forth to confirm the truths that are in the Bible, which have been perverted and altered by learned religious leaders.

The Book of Mormon is a record of God's dealings with the tribe of Joseph, as the Bible is a record of God's dealings with the Jewish nation of people.

The Prophet Ezekiel, in the 37th Chapter 15th thru the 19th verses declares, "The word of the Lord came again unto me, saying; Moreover, thou son of man, take thee one stick and write upon it, For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions: then take another stick, and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim and for all the house of Israel his companions. And join them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in thine hand. And when the children of thy people shall speak unto thee, saying, Wilt thou not show us what thou meanest by these? Say unto them, thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, even with the stick of Judah and make them one stick and they shall be one in mine hand."

The Prophet declares that the records of Joseph (The Book of

Mormon) and the record of Judah, the Bible, are to become one in the hand of God, Because of the prejudice of religious teachers and because of the wickedness of the leaders in the early days of the restoration movement, the Book of Mormon has been frowned upon and the way of truth has been evil spoken of.

The Book of Mormon does not teach polygamy, but it teaches that man shall have only one wife and concubines none. It does not teach celestial marriage, but teaches that in the resurrection we shall be like unto the angels of heaven, immortal, incorruptible and glorified. It does not teach plurality of Gods, but it emphatically declares that there is only one God and that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. It does not teach predestination or pre-existence of Spirits, but it teaches that all men and women are born free agents to choose for themselves the good that will lead them to God or to choose evil that will lead them to perdition. The Book of Mormon does not teach Priestcraft or that Ministers or Priests shall make merchandise of God's word. But teaches that the laborer in Zion must labor for Zion, for if they labor for money, they shall perish. The Book of Mormon does not teach infant baptism or the baptizing of Little children, because little children are alive in Christ. It declares in words of soberness, "If a man harbors in his mind, that little children need baptism and dies with such a thought in his mind, he is in the bonds of iniquity and in a gall of bitterness and for such there is no hope of salvation." It does not teach baptism for the dead, but it teaches that all men must repent and be baptized and endure to the end of their mortal lives in order to be saved. It does not teach a multiplicity of priesthoods. But it teaches that there is only one priesthood, which is after the order of Jesus Christ. It also teaches that all men must be obedient to the teachings of Jesus Christ so that the kingdom of God may be established in righteousness upon the face of the earth. It does not teach that one man shall set himself above other man, but instructs plainly that men must be on an equality with each other. It also teaches that the servants of God must not join any secret order or have any part in secret combinations,

It also teaches that God is the same yesterday, today and forever. Now then, shall we turn our backs to this divine book because the men whom God first called and other men who came later, who were intrusted with this glorious record have proven themselves unworthy of that trust? By adding to and taking from, the pure principals and simple teachings of Jesus Christ laid down in both Bible and Book of Mormon, they have brought upon themselves the displeasure of God and have left their names as a curse to God's chosen people. Shall we reject the proverbs, because Solomon was a polygamist or the Psalms because David committed murder and adultery, or shall we reject the Bible because after that Judas Iscariot was chosen to be one of the Twelve Apostles, he betrayed Christ and sold him for thirty pieces of silver.

And now, my dear listeners, are you willing to give heed to the pleadings of a merciful and loving God, who has sent his angel to restore the Everlasting Gospel, restore the Church, and restore Priesthood authority, so that the human family may be reconciled to God? That there may be one Shepherd and one Fold? Or are you satisfied to stand idly by and watch this world, which is fast crumbling under the weight of sin and transgression, because of the false programs that learned men are offering the people under the heading of religion. And at the very mention of the "Book of Mormon," they disdainfully cry out, "A Bible, we have a Bible, and we don't need another Bible," but have they taught the human family to obey the teachings of Christ in the Bible. I say to you, they have not. Woe unto them that saith, "all is well in Zion."

The Book of Mormon reveals unto us a way where by we may escape the great calamities that are about to fall upon the human family and particularly the Gentiles. Are you not tired of Sin? Are you not longing for the day when wickedness and oppression shall cease, and truth - like a rainbow, display through the showers of sorrow, heartaches and disappointment, the bright written promise of peace?

The Prophet Isaiah declares in the 11th Chapter: (Read It).

How shall all this come to pass? Only by obeying the simple teachings of our Lord in the record of

Judah, the Bible, and in the record of Joseph, the Book of Mormon. For these two records shall grow together, to the laying down of contentions, to the confounding of false doctrines and to the establishing of peace upon the face of of the earth. And now, my dear listeners, I have spoken to you from the depths of my heart, because I have been called with a holy calling, after the Order of Jesus Christ, into the Holy Office of An Apostle, in the Church of Jesus Christ. Christ is my light, my crown, and my glory. I have walked and I have talked with Him, and many times He has made bare His Holy Arm to me. I rejoice in the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, because he has regenerated my heart, and has made me a living witness to the truthfulness of the restored gospel, and my experience with this record of Divine Truth, The Book of Mormon is, that it is a heavenly treasure, a book full of merit. It speaks from the dust by the power of the Spirit; A voice from the Saviour that saints can rely on, To watch for the day when He brings again Zion.—Amen. Bro. Joseph Loyalvo.

Mistakes of Protestantism?

Roger W. Babson, nationally known economist and churchman, in a release carried by "United Press," May 17, 1950:

"One of the greatest mistakes of Protestantism is its present failure to protest.

"On the other hand, today the Catholics are actively protesting against questionable movies, indecent divorces, wholesale birth control, unlawful taverns, and other American moral cancers.

"There is no other class of real estate which is so little used as is that of Protestant church buildings, yet the Nation's need of far more worship and meditation is tremendous." — Editors Note: In the days of Martin Luther there was a wide protest against the See of Rome, but are the Protestants of today protesting against the evils of our present time? Or are they wilfully slumbering and closing their eyes to the many things that are undermining our welfare as a nation of people. I do not know what the term "indecent divorces" refer to, but the divorce business of today has certainly got a deep CANCEROUS growth in this fair land of America. I will add further, that the word of God

either in the Bible or Book of Mormon does not condone the wicked practices as named by Mr. Babson of which the Catholic Church is protesting against. Is it not time that non-Catholics should awaken and protest against the evils of our present day?

News From Richwood, W. Va.
By Bro. D. Giovannone

Dear Editor: Since there is labor to be done in Richwood, and vicinity, we make every effort to feed those poor souls. From people there, we have been requested to visit some of their relatives in Akron, Ohio. I spent Sunday June 11th in Akron, visiting Mrs. Harris's relatives.

Friday evening June 16th, Frank and I left our home for Richwood. We made a stop in Akron to pick up Mrs. Harris's parents and a sister, for they wanted to go with us. On this trip we had a very hard time in reaching there, because of a cloud - burst. Many highways were covered with water, so high that the cars could not go through. It took us about nineteen hrs., while usually it only takes eight. We held two services on Saturday, and one on Sunday morning, four children were blessed in Mrs. Harris's home.

On Friday July 7th, Bro. Thomas Ross, my son Frank and I left for Richwood again. We held service on Saturday morning at a Mr. Barkleys home in Craigsville, about 12 miles east of Richwood. On Staurday night we went to a little place called Calvin, about 19 miles northeast of Richwood. At this service we had a great blessing. I spoke for about one hour to the people gathered there. After which I told them of some experiences. One of them having occurred five years ago in Richwood. I had anointed a woman who was dying, and I said that I had not seen the woman since, but that I had hope of seeing her again. While I was yet speaking, a woman jumped to her feet and praised the name of God and said, "I am the woman." I felt so much joy within my heart, that I went to shake her hand, Her name is Mrs. Alta Perkins, and is now living with her sister - in - law, Mrs. Stella Lake, of Calvin.

Sunday morning we held another service at Mr. Jim Harris's home in Richwood. On this trip we were made acquainted with some Italian people, whom we

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EDITORIAL

Note: I had expected a "Write-up" from Detroit about our gathering held in that city on the 29th and 30th of July, but to date I have not received it. However, we gathered at the appointed time and spent the two days in services in the South Eastern High School building. Many of our brethren had to work on the Saturday and could not be present, still there was a large crowd assembled from far and near. Folks there from New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan and quite a few of our Indian people from Canada, some from the Sarnia Reserve, Muncey Reserve and the Six Nations Reserve. The services were mostly in preaching the Gospel, with the exception of the Saturday night service. It was taken over by the young folks of Detroit, and a lengthy program was rendered. We have some wonderful singers in the Church at Detroit, who are being lead by Bro. James Loyalvo. The Editor spent about the whole week in Detroit and Windsor before returning home.

Note: The Marriage Ceremony Manual is now ready for sale at .85 cents. All our Ministers should obtain one. We ordered 1000 Bibles of The Church of Jesus Christ as edited by Mr. Dale L. Morgan which is a reprint from the Western Humanities Review which is printed in Utah. Price 20 cents each while they last. The reprinting of the pamphlet titled "Daniels Little Horn" is now in the hands of the printer. In a short letter from Bro. and Sister Robinson of Larned, Kansas. I learn that their labors in that city are beginning to bear fruit, they are baptizing a convert on Sunday August 20th. May the Lord continue to bless their efforts.

learned were relatives of Bro. Thomas Ross of Aliquippa, Pa. They also invited us to hold a service at their home. Friday morning, July 28th I left my home again for Richwood. I could not get anyone to go with me, because

of the Church gathering being held in Detroit that week - end. I had a strong desire to go, so I went, taking along my youngest son for company. When I reached East Liverpool, Ohio there was such a thick fog that I could not see ten feet ahead, and something went wrong with the car ahead of me, that it stopped. It was on a steep hill, and we were traveling down grade; when I saw the car ahead I could not stop, so I went around it. Thank God there was no one coming, or we would have had a head-on collision.

That evening I held service at Mrs. Lakes home in Calvin. We had some folks from Richwood with us. I enjoyed preaching the Gospel in that home. Before the close of the meeting, Edna Frame, one of Bro. Frame's daughters-in-law, asked to be baptized. A man was present who for the first time heard me speak, and he spent an hour with us after the meeting, talking with Mrs. Lake and her sister-in-law. He stated that I surely had something good for them. Mrs. Lake and Mrs. Perkins had a desire to attend our service at Richwood the following day, so I went after them with my car. We gathered at Mrs. Sparks home, this is the woman who was dying in the hospital last October. We really had a bit of heaven in our midst, and after the service I baptized Edna Frame. We then had a short meeting in the afternoon in which I confirmed her a member of the Church. I then made preparation for a meeting at the Italian peoples home. These two ladies told Bro. Wasselchuck that they really liked the way we baptize and confirm our members, and the way we preach. Bro. Wasselchuck introduced the Book of Mormon to them, and left one because they wanted to read it.

That same night, Saturday, we got together at the Italian folks home, and after the service, they ask us to come back again, for they wanted to hear more about the Gospel.

I left Richwood on Sunday morning for home. I stopped for awhile at Mrs. Lakes home, showing them a few places in the Bible where it speaks about another "stick," and also where it speaks of the truth would spring out of the earth. I showed them where Jacob speak (in the Book of Mormon) that a man should not have more than one wife, etc. I also told them

that most people were against the Book of Mormon. I told them to keep on reading the book, and pray to God for guidance.

There is much work to be done in Richwood and near-by cities. I wish God would make a way for some one to spend a few months at a time there. There may also be some work in Akron, Ohio, for us. Thus far I have made three trips there, and I hope some good will come from them. I ask the Church to pray for us, so that we may be able to do more work than what we have yet done.

SISTER ANERINO
WRITES OF HER EXPERIENCE

Niles, Ohio

Brother Editor: I am writing a few words of testimony of what God has done for me. I came in contact with the Gospel at the age of 15 years. My parents objected so I never gave it another thought. I finally took sick and was told that I had T. B. I went to the Sanatorium in Warren, Ohio; my brother-in-law, Dan and Sister Loretta Corrado would come to see me, and every time that I went home I would ask to be anointed. God finally did answer our prayers. When my Sister talked to the Dr. he told her he could not find any T. B. Oh how thankful I was to God. I made my covenant (was baptized) with him as soon as I came home, which was on the 15th day of July 1935. That was a happy day for me. After 15 years of serving God I had a hemorage last December. I went to the Dr. again after I got anointed and he told me I had T. B. again. I was so discouraged, I could not understand why God let it happen again. It happen to be on Wednesday evening and after meeting was over, all the brothers and sisters came to my home. They sang a few hymns and had prayer. I was anointed again, and I thank God for such wonderful brothers and sisters.

The next day I went to the Sanatorium, but I never hesitated once to ask to be anointed any time an Elder would come to see me. After being there four months, I had another shock — I had to be operated upon and have my lung removed. I was disappointed again. I remember of saying to my Sister and Brother Philip Dreer, "why did not God give me a new lung." He tells us to ask believing and ye shall receive. I know He can do all things. I went to the

T. B. Sanitorium in Youngstown, Ohio where they do all the operating. They had me there a week and took different tests and sent me back to the Warren Sanitorium. I was so discouraged. I said that I felt as though God had left me alone.

My daughters and Sister Corrado went and talked to the Dr., and he said he could not find any T. B. while I was there, and he said it was bronchial. I am thankful to God for that, and I pray that they will never find any T. B. at any time. I want the whole world to know what God has done for me. I pray that He will give me new lungs and that this experience will some day bring my daughters and sons-in-law into His glorious gospel and that my husband will renew his trust in the Lord. Pray for us and may the blessing of God rest with you all is my prayer. Anna Anerino.

"HELL" WORD STUDY BY MARTIN MICHALCO (CONTINUED)

Hell — The study of this word reveals that it can be a complex one, but definitely simplified by an application of a new accepted fact. It also is an unpleasant subject to dwell upon, but it should not be layed aside for we are duty bound to accept the bitter with the sweet, the pleasant with the unpleasant, in fact the sweet becomes sweeter after we have tasted the bitter. By meditating upon it from time to time it should stir within us a desire to do better, it should also enlarge our fear of God even to a beneficial degree, even to abhor the very appearance of evil. We are then on a good road when we hate sin with a perfect hatred even as David declares in his writings. By possessing a fear of God, and a hatred of sin, and a love of righteousness we are rightly equipped in our warfare on earth here.

By a thorough examination of the various scriptures that contain this word we come to a general conclusion that the word has a dual meaning. At times it refers to a place and at other times to a condition. Often it speaks of taking place in this life, and then at times it refers to what will take place in the life to come.

When it speaks of it as a place, it can be interpreted as grave, pit, dungeon or prison. When it speaks of a condition, one word covers

the meaning fully, misery. In Psalms 86:13, David says "For great is thy mercy toward me; and thou has delivered my soul from the lowest hell." What took place in David's life that caused him to fall into a pit and the misery that was his while in that condition, was as all Bible students know the punishment he received for his great sin. On this occasion he was thanking God for grace received, which was deliverance from the misery that comes because of sin. This was a temporary hell from which there is deliverance. Woeful is he that is cast into that eternal hell from which there is no deliverance.

Because of seemingly conflicting meanings of this word, there is incorrectness in the interpretation of this word by many religious people. Some of them have strayed so far as to think that there is no punishment and no hell in the life to come. True it is that God is love, and full of mercy and compassion, wishing that all would come to the knowledge of the truth and be saved into his kingdom, but in spite of all this we must overlook the fact that God is a just God, and with him there is no injustice. He is also to be feared greatly, for in his anger he pours out his wrath greatly. His acts in his anger are called by the prophets terrible.

We read in the scripture that every sin must receive it's just recompense of reward. We read also that "God shall bring every work into judgement, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil" (Ecc 12:14). With these two scriptures before us, do they not make clear the fact that judgements and punishments will be greater in the life to come than what we see about us in this life? How else can we interpret justice, for we see about us many innocent people suffering (because of sins of others), and on the other hand many faring well that transgress daily and oppress continuously. History records that many wicked men have lived sumptuously even to the day of their death, without receiving any punishment in any shape or form. We read in Malachi that many that were doing wrong were even delivered, while those that were striving to do right felt that their efforts were to no avail. Do not all of these thoughts bring us to one conclusion, and that is that a day of reckoning will come with each and all receiving their just dues, either happiness or misery, ac-

cording to how their accounts balance?

Many people believe that the grave is hell, this being the reward of the unrighteous man. How erroneous is such a belief for the scriptures teach that all shall resurrect either to everlasting shame and misery, or to everlasting joy. Every wicked and secret deed will then be brought to light for the day shall declare it, yes that great day will. If this be so as some claim that the grave is hell, then it means our Bible is wrong, for in it it clearly states that God only, has power to cast into hell. (Luke 12:5). If we travel the highways we see all along gravediggers casting bodies into the grave. What a pity that people claiming to be walking in the light should wrestle this scripture to fit their man made doctrine. Again we invite all to seek the truth, to love truth, and defend truth, and by so doing a reward will await in that great beyond.

A LETTER OF APPRECIATION

New Brunswick, N. J.

Dear Editor: It is my desire to thank all of my brothers and sisters for their kindness to me during my days of affliction. I also want to thank God for the Gospel News. I enjoy reading it and it is one way I can reach each one of you.

I have received cards of comfort from saints of all branches and missions of the Church, which are all so dear to me. Most of all there is nothing on this earth precious enough, that could pay the saints for their humble prayers in our behalf.

Our God is wonderful and powerful, His mercy is so great. I have much to be thankful for. He spared my baby, Ann Marie, who was with me in that terrible accident. She does not even have a scratch on her body. He has blessed me with parents who have obeyed the Gospel when I was only a baby. They have taught me to love God above all. How happy I am to be in the Church of Jesus Christ, and I know the Lord spared my life that night for a reason unknown to me. My desire is to be a worthy and humble servant always. Once again I say may God bless each and every one of the saints.

Sister Geneva Renda.

Iraqi Jews Abandon
Riches To Go To Israel

BY LARRY ALLEN

TEL AVIV, Israel—(AP)—Some

of the wealthiest Jews in the world straight out of the legendary site of the Garden of Eden, are flocking into Israel, practically "dead broke."

Jews from Iraq are arriving in Israel at the rate of 8,000 to 10,000 monthly. A total of 120,000 may come within the next 16 or 18 months. They are leaving behind in Iraq homes and business holdings valued at hundreds of millions of dollars.

THE IRAQI Government, consenting to their immigration, has ruled that "you can't take it with you."

These people from the Biblical cradle of the human race arrive in Israel with about 60 pounds of personal baggage.

Those past 20 years old are permitted to have 50 Iraqi dinars (an Iraqi dinar is equivalent to \$2.80); those under 20 have only 30 dinars.

The Jews are abandoning outright or selling for virtually nothing properties built up in one of the oldest (2,600 years) and richest communities in the world.

Immigration agencies have estimated the value of properties in Iraq of 30,000 Jewish families alone at 156,000,000 pounds. That's \$436,800,000.

THERE ARE 10 families with fortunes of 150,000 pounds (\$420,000) each; 50 families are registered with properties worth 300,000 pounds (\$840,000) each.

Leaving this wealth behind doesn't seem to disturb the incoming Iraqi immigrants. They beam happily upon reaching Lydda Airport, near Tel Aviv.

Some kiss the soil of Israel, Others kneel in prayer.

All seem anxious to get here in a hurry, for the Iraqi Government has set a time limit on the registration of those who want to come to Israel.

It is an unusual operation, for Israel still is technically at war with Iraq. The other Arab states signed armistices with Israel. But the Iraqis never did.

THE FLOW of the Iraqi Jews increases still further the tremendous job of the Israel Government in finding places for immigrants to live and work.

For the time being the Government plans no additional housing for the Iraqi Jews. They're being sent to established camps.

As for jobs, it's already a back-

breaking task for the Israel authorities to give regular, day - by-day employment of the Jews now here.

Detroit Free Press.

NEWS FROM VANDERBILT, Pa.

Brother Editor:

Brother Rocco Ensano, daughter and son - in - law Mr. and Mrs. George Funkhouser of New Brunswick, N. J., visited with brother and sister Oron Thomas at Vanderbilt, R. D. 1, Pa., over Saturday and Sunday July 1st and 2nd.

They drove all the way from New Brunswick to have Brother Thomas baptize Mrs. Funkhouser. She was baptized in the Virgin Run Pool on Sunday morning before the service. Her husband has been a member of the Church for some time, and her father is the Presiding Elder at Stelton, N. J. This makes them very happy. It was a beautiful morning and many brothers and sisters were present to witness the baptism. It was one long to be remembered. An experience was had by Sister Funkhouser as she came up out of the water.

After the morning service, they had lunch with brother and sister Thomas and then motored to Whittsett to conduct a testimonial service Sunday afternoon in which many took part. After the meeting brother and sister Funkhouser and brother Ensano drove to Washington, Pa., to visit some of their relatives, and hoping to reach home early on July fourth.

Brother and Sister Thomas, Gordon and Elsie Lowe and daughter Karen visited recently in New Brunswick and had only been home a few days when the surprise letter came telling of Sister Funkhouser coming to be baptized. It was a grand welcome to have them come, and especially for the purpose for which they came. Brother Ensano's family are all in the Church which makes them very happy.

Brother Oron Thomas

AN EXPLANATION

Owing to the poor attendance to the Sunday afternoon meeting in the Monongahela Branch of the Church, due mostly to the scattered condition of many of the members, and also the aged and feeble condition of many who are not able to attend to Church any-

more; we have discontinued the Sunday afternoon meeting for the balance of this quarter.

We have our Sabbath School from 9:45 a.m. until 10:45, and then preaching from 11 until twelve o'clock. We sing a hymn or two and then administer the Sacrament closing the meeting at about 12:20.

Please understand that this arrangement does not deprive the members from bearing their testimony, for the Wednesday night meeting is devoted to prayer and testimony, all the members having an opportunity to take part who wishes to do so. It also gives those who may not be able to visit the sick during the week time, a chance to do so on Sunday afternoon, or visit another Branch if they so desire.

On Sunday night the M. B. A. occupies the time from 6:45 until eight o'clock, and then there is preaching service from 8 until 9 p.m. Sincerely Bro. Cadman.

P. S. Visitors from a distance in last Sunday Evening meeting in Monongahela, August 13, where Brother and Sister Joseph Bittinger of near Uniontown, Pa., and Brother and Sister John Mancini and two children from Erie, Pa. Bro. Mancini was the speaker for the evening. Come again.

ROSNECK-JONES NUPTIALS

On July 4th a quiet wedding was solemnized in the home of Brother and Sister Augustine Martin at Uniontown, Pa., when Miss Lois Rosneck and Hugh R. Jones were united in marriage. Lois is the daughter of Mrs. Clarence Neidermeyer and Hugh is the son of Bro. and Sister Jones of Monongahela, Pa., R. F. D. 1.

Brother Martin who officiated is also the grandfather of the groom. Their attendants were Miss Edith Palfrey and Mrs. Jack Hormel of Charleroi, Pa. Submitted by Sister Amy Martin. The Gospel News extends best wishes to the young couple.

ACKMAN-MOUNTAIN NUPTIALS

Miss Barbara Jane Mountain, the only daughter of brother and sister Melvin Mountain of 308 Hodgson Street, Monongahela, and Mr. Richard Ackman, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ackman of Third Street, this city, were united in marriage in The Church of Jesus Christ, Sixth and Lincoln Streets on Friday evening August 18, 1950. Brother W. H.

Cadman the bride's grandfather officiating in a double ring ceremony.

The bride was dressed in white for the occasion, and her attendants were her cousin Carol Bickerton of West Elizabeth, and Nanetta Majoris of Miami, Florida. Junior bridesmaids were two cousins of the bride, Marilyn Sue and Sarah Louise Vancik of Monongahela. John Bickerton a cousin of the bride, and Melvin Mountain the brides only brother were junior ushers.

The groom's attendants were his brother Harry Ackman, Jr., as best man; John Scott, William Samer, Charles Wise, Jr., and James and Thomas Mountain both cousins of the bride. Music for the ceremony was played by Mrs. Homer Dornan, the brides music teacher, and her Aunt, Mrs. Mabel Bickerton sang for the occasion.

A very large crowd of friends of the young couple, honored them by their presence at the ceremony. After the ceremony a reception was held at the brides home which was attended too by many.

Both bride and groom are graduates of the Monongahela High School. The bride is employed as bookkeeper and secretary of the Monongahela Furniture Co., while the groom is employed by the Peoples Gas Co. in Monessen, Pa. The groom is also a member of Company A in Monongahela, which Company will be used into the U. S. Army on September 5th. Until then they will reside in the Landrey Apartments on Jackson St. this city. The Gospel News extends congratulations to the newlyweds.

Bronx, N. Y.

Dear Brother Editor:

I regret to inform you of the death of our Sister Rosalie Mancini of Brooklyn. She died on the 9th of July and funeral services were held on the 12th with a choir from Bronx and New Jersey participating. The services were held at the Greenwood Cemetery Chapel in Brooklyn with Brother Vincent Lupo taking charge. The sister was 54 years of age and was ill for some time. She was born in Italy and was baptized in our Church on April 21, 1946.

I would also like to add some good news to my letter such as we having three new converts to our fold and also two renewals and three blessings. Trusting that this letter finds you in the best of health and enjoying the blessings of God I close with best wishes.

Larned, Kansas

Word was received here this day, August 7, of the death of little Jared Lane Robinson, the 3 1-2 year old child of Brother and Sister Alex Robinson. Services were conducted in a funeral home by Elder Charles Sanders of St. John, Kansas. We are very sorry to learn of Brother and Sister Robinson losing one of their children, and we sincerely hope that the Lord will comfort them in their loss. Bro. Cadman.

'JEHOVAH' REPLACES 'GOD' IN NEW BIBLE

NEW YORK, Aug. 10 (AP)—A new translation of the New Testament from the Greek is rolling off the presses of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society.

The existence of the new version from the King James version, was revealed by Nathan H. Knorr, president, at the International Conference of the society, commonly known as Jehovah's Witnesses.

Knorr told the assembly here that other translations are "CORRUPTED WITH RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS AND WORLDLY PHILOSOPHY, AND HENCE NOT IN HARMONY WITH THE SACRED TRUTHS WHICH JEHOVAH GOD HAS RESTORED TO HIS DEVOTED PEOPLE."

The new version Knorr said, will protect the Witnesses when Jehovah's hosts return to earth to conquer "all the fission and fusion bombs of Christendom."

The new translation is the product of 3 years' work by an international commission of Biblical scholars. The society expects to sell a million copies at \$1.50 each within a year.

The phrase "the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost," which appears frequently in the King James version becomes "the SPIRIT AND THE WATER AND THE BLOOD" in the Witnesses' version.

In 237 instances the word 'Jehovah,' ordinarily appearing only in the Old Testament, is used in place of other references to God. The new version substitutes "stake" for "cross" and "hades" for "hell."

P. S. Once, the excuse of different sects to not abide by the Bible's teaching, was that they did not think certain commandments were necessary. Now, they are completely revising the scriptures to suit themselves and their be-

liefs so they do not need to make that expression anymore. They are going to affix God's (excuse me, Jehovah's) signature onto their translation and call it His Book. Sounds like forgery to me.

I wonder if God sent a special messenger down to them to prescribe these changes; and doesn't that sort of make God OR Jehovah, changeable, whereas the scriptures tell me that He is the same yesterday, today and forever?

Since when has a stake become a cross and does hades make hell more or less bearable?

Perhaps my limited understanding has made me more shocked than I should be, therefore I would welcome your personal remarks on the subject.

Sincerely,
Catherine Poma
San Diego, Calif.

Charleroi, Penna.

Editor

The Gospel News

By Emil Huttner

In discussing various topics concerning faiths of Christian and Jewish denominations during my recent visit to Mr. and Mrs. Cadman, I happened to sift through some of my old books and found an interesting poem written by Charles Ross Werde which I believe will be of interest to your readers.

In our discussion and appraisal of great men I wish to point out to you that there is wide difference in the opinion of some men as to what constitutes greatness. The world has had its great men such as Charles the Great, Alexander the Great, Frederick the Great, and they all were men of valour. But what serious minded educator or scholar would today call Alexander, or Charles or the Prussian Frederick great?

Those arrogant brutal imposters who go forth in the strength of the flesh taking advantage of the lowly and under-privileged do not remain great, but those who go forth in the strength of the spirit are immortal.

Charles Ross Weede puts it well in his poem on Jesus and Alexander:-

Jesus and Alexander died at thirty three

One lived and died for self; One The Greek on a throne; the Jew died for you and me.

The Greek on a throne; the Jew

died on a cross;

One life a triumph seemed; the other but a loss.

Alexander led vast armies forth the Jew walked alone.

One shed a whole worlds blood; the Jew gave His own.

The Greek won the world in life and lost it all in death;

The Jew lost his life to win the whole worlds faith.

Jesus and Alexander died at thirty three,

The Greek died in Babylon; the Jew on Calvary.

The Greek built a throne of blood; the Jew built on love.

The Greek was ruled by evil spirit; The Jew from above;

The Jew gave up all, that all to Him be given.

Alexander forever died; Jesus for ever lives;

He loses all who gets, and wins all things who gives.

WOMEN CIGARETTE SMOKERS

WHEN WOMEN BEGAN TO SMOKE cigarettes — American women — the prejudice against the practice was such that the manufacturers, eager as they were to double their sales, proceeded very cautiously with their advertising. They were afraid of shocking fine sensibilities. It was several years before they ventured to use pictures of young women in the act of smoking. But look at the billboards now! Consider, if you can with patience, the black and white drawings in the newspapers, the colored advertisements on the covers of popular magazines, and the posters that disfigure the landscape. There is no reticence now. Every appeal which art can make to the imagination of young women and young men is made, often with an artistic excellence worthy of a better cause. Some of the drawings and legends barely avoid the legal definition of indecency. In fact, they are immorally suggestive, and their influence is degrading. The public looks complacently on and anyone who raises his voice against cigarette art is laughed out of court.

According to a medical correspondent of "The Times," London, this habit is fast becoming a terrible vice. He says:

"The enormous increase of cigarette smoking among women calls for some protest by the medical profession, for the habit is, in many instances, passing beyond a pleasure and becoming a vice.

"The absorption of nicotine — which is the danger element in the matter — produces a condition of nervous distress which is frequently painful to observe. From this proceed palpitations and exhaustion and outbursts of emotion — as in a case which came before the Courts recently.

"The damage may be so severe that mental instability results. A case was reported some time ago of a sea captain who became so strongly addicted to cheap cigarettes that if deprived of them he lost his mental balance. The consumption of them, on the other hand, had destroyed his nerve to such an extent as to unfit him for duty.

Woman's delicate nervous organism was certainly not intended to endure large doses of this poison. Her functions as a mother cannot but be interfered with when she indulges in it to excess." —The Christina Pub. Co.

PROVERBS 4

Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding — for I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law. — For I was my father's son, tender and only beloved in the sight of my mother. — He taught me also, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words; keep my commandments and live.—Get wisdom, Get understanding: forget it not, neither decline from the words of my mouth. — Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her and she shall keep thee. — Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.— Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her. — She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace; a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee.— Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings: and the years of thy life shall be many. — I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in right paths.— When thou goest, thy steps shall not be straightened; and when thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble. —Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go; keep her; for she is thy life.— Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men. — Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away. — For they sleep not, except they have done mischief and their sleep is taken away, unless they cause some to fall. —For

they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence.— But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.— The way of the wicked is as darkness: they know not at what they stumble. — My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings, — Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. — For they are life unto thee that find them and health to all their flesh. — Keep thy heart with all diligence; and health to all their flesh. — Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. — Put away from thee a forward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee. — Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee. — Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established — Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil.

HOW A LION BECAME A LAMB

It was a most bitterly cold night. Orion and the sister constellations shone like silver in the clear, unclouded heavens, as a solitary rider came along the mountain's winding path. Who could it be, so weary and travel-stained? Presently, at a turn in the road, he halted, and, anxious for rest and shelter, led his faithful horse into the avenue of a stately mansion.

"I'll venture, at least," he thought; "it's the only alternative. So, looking up for safety and guidance, and depending upon the Scotch hospitality of the rich proprietor at whose door in a few moments he alighted, he begged a night's lodging.

He was very kindly received. At supper the conversation touched upon the notorious field-preachers of the day.

"That scoundrel, John Welsh!" exclaimed the excited host, "His head will pay penalty yet."

"Well," replied the visitor, "I've discovered where Welsh is to preach tomorrow; my trade, you must know is to apprehend rebels; if you accompany me I'll give him into your hands."

Tomorrow's sun shone brightly as the two sauntered to a quiet, sequestered spot about a mile distant. What was the gentleman's surprise to see his guest mount the rustic pulpit, and give out the beautiful 23rd or "Shepherd Psalm!"

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"HOW LONG"

(13th Psalm) by V. J. Loyalvo
How long wilt thou forget me,
Lord?
Shall it for-ever be?
How long, O shall it be that Thou
Wilt hide Thy face from me?
How long take counsel in my soul,
Still sad in heart shall be?
How long exalted over me
Shall be my enemy?

O Lord, my God, consider well,
And answer to me make;
My eyes en-lighten, lest the sleep
Of death me over take;
Lest that my enemy should say:
A-against him I prevailed,
And those who trouble me rejoice
When I am moved, and failed.

But I have all my confidence,
Upon Thy mercy set;
My heart within me shall rejoice
In my salvation great.
I will unto Jehovah sing
His praises cheerfully,
Because He hath His bounty shown
To me abundantly.

IN SPEAKING OF SECRET COMBINATIONS The Book of Mormon Says Thus Book of Ether 8-21 to end of the Chapter

And they (Secret Combinations) have caused the destruction of this people of whom I am now speaking, (Jaredite people) and also the destruction of the people of Nephi. (The people who occupied this land of America when Christ was born.)—And whatsoever nation shall uphold such secret combinations, to get power and gain, until they shall spread over the nation, behold, they shall be destroyed; for the Lord will not suffer that the blood of His saints, which shall be shed by them, shall always cry unto him from the ground for vengeance upon them and yet he avenge them not.—Wherefore, O ye Gentiles, (no doubt having a direct reference to this nation of people) it is wisdom in God that these things should be shown unto you, that thereby ye may repent of your sins, and suffer not that these murderous combinations shall get above you, which are built up to get power and gain—and the work, yea, even the work of destruction come upon you, yea, even the sword of the justice of

the Eternal God shall fall upon you, to your overthrow and destruction if ye shall suffer these things to be.—Wherefore, the Lord Commandeth you, when ye shall see these things come among you that ye shall awake to a sense of your awful situation, because of this secret combination which shall be among you; or woe be unto it, because of the blood of them who have been slain; for they cry from the dust for vengeance upon it, and also upon those who built it up.—For it cometh to pass that whoso buildeth it up seeketh to overthrow the freedom of all lands, nations, and countries; and it bringeth to pass the destruction of all people, for it is built up by the devil, who is the father of all lies; even that same liar who beguiled our first parents, yea, even that same liar who caused man to commit murder from the beginning; who hath hardened the hearts of men that they have murdered the prophets, and stoned them, and cast them out from the beginning.

—Wherefore, I, Moroni, am commanded to write these things that evil may be done away, and that the time may come that Satan may have no power upon the hearts of the children of men, but that they may be persuaded to do good continually, that they may come unto the fountain of righteousness and be saved. — P. S. May I ask: Have we as a nation of people got so deep in sin, transgression, and corruption that we no longer merit the protection of a Mighty and Just God? If so, it is just what happened the Jaredite people who inhabited this land immediately after the confounding of the languages. They became extinct upon this land about six hundred years B.C. The Nephite people, an immigration of Israelites from Jerusalem 600 B.C. who came to this land also forgot their God and became a wicked people. They, or rather a remnant of them was found here by Columbus when he came in 1492. They lost their inheritance because of iniquity, and the same thing is predicted in their writings concerning this great Gentile Nation, it will lose its inheritance unless its subjects repent and turn back to God, and live righteously. W. H. C.

LETTER FROM SOUTH GATE, CALIF.

Brother & Sister Ashton:

It was indeed a very pleasant surprise to receive your letter. It is not often we get mail from the saints other than those of our own family. I guess every one is busy with their own affairs and don't have too much time for writing. I know at our house the letter writing is all dropped in my lap because Jim has so much writing to do in his work that he thinks he does well when he writes an open letter for the paper. My how we do enjoy that paper. It is really our main source of information of the activities of the saints back east. Altho' it seems the news we would rather not hear travels faster, and we hear that in short order, only confirming the text of your letter. I and Jim agree with you 100% for if we would consider the strength and system used by the devil we would not fall into as many of his snares as we do. Jim is always exhorting our people to beware of his cunning for his time is short and it seems to me he is employing every tool he has to destroy God's people, and I need not tell you about how well he has done his work. Two weeks ago we experienced a desperate try of his to destroy our meeting, but the saints prayed in their hearts to get the victory over him, and the Elders exhorted them to testify and glorify God for the blessings we have received, and it was wonderful how God came to our rescue and most every one gave a beautiful testimony, and a young girl who has been attending our meetings for sometime asked to be baptized, then on Tuesday night at a meeting held in San Fernando Valley, an old man asked for baptism. He is the husband of a sister from Dunlevy, Pa. She has been in the Church for twenty years or more, but he never felt to be baptized until lately.

He said that back east he stayed with his old gang, but out here he came to Church because he had none of his old friends near here, and he said he found a better gang. So last Sunday (August 27) we had two baptisms, a young girl and an old man. They are holding meetings in the valley every week now. We have about ten families out there.

Brother Alex and his family

from Glassport, Pa., settled out there too. They are about 35 miles from the Church. They come in every Sunday, and then Bro. Rocco Meo goes out on Tuesdays to hold services with them. Every thing here is coming along fine. The Elders and the congregation all work together in harmony for the upbuilding of the Church here in California. We are going to build a larger church on our corner lot as soon as we can see our way clear. The building we have is too small already. If they get any outside interest stirred up out in the valley, they will meet more often and may start a Mission out there some time in the future.

I do not know exactly how many baptisms we have had here now, but it must be near twenty, but the best part of it all is, that every one of them is growing spiritually and taking a firm grip on the restored gospel, and speaking of 'zeal,' well the young ones are bubbling over with it. So pray for us here that we may continue in the Grace of God. We will do the same for all of you back there.

I trust Sister Ashton is better and up and out again. It would be nice to see you in California for a visit sometime. I wish Brother Will would come. I think Sadie could stand the trip O.K. I know Bro. Will would not leave her alone long enough to come here, but the train is very comfortable, and I am sure she or Sister Ashton could stand that fine.

The Sisters here still hold their prayer meetings on Wednesday mornings, it is wonderful the sweet peace and fellowship we enjoy and the wonderful way God blesses us every time we meet. I believe with all my heart we need more prayer among our people, for prayer changes things.

Give Bro. Cadman this news for the paper if he cares to publish it, and give our love and best regards to all the brothers and sisters at Glassport. We often think of our times of fellowship together. May God continue to bless His children every where and keep them in perfect peace in these troublesome times is our prayer. I find great comfort in Psalm 91. Your Sister in Christ. M. Heaps.

BROKEN COVENANT— RENEWED COVENANT

Dear Readers: I wish to launch out into a subject of which I have never launched into before, either on the rostrum or with the pen.

It involves the "Broken Covenant and the Renewed Covenant" in the restoration of the Gospel as claimed by all people bearing the name of "latter-day saint." In St. Matthew 28-20 the Saviour says: "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." As far as our Heavenly Father is concerned, the promise here made by Jesus and His blessings to follow, are for all time, if they (His followers) would abide in Him. And, for any person or persons to deny such, is to admit that language does not mean what it says.

We under the restored gospel maintain that the covenant which was made by Jesus Christ, was broken as plainly predicted by Isaiah in Chapter 24-5. On the other hand we will quote Rev. 14-6, 7, in support of a renewal of the covenant in these last days. I firmly believe we apply scriptures correctly. Therefore, under the renewal of the covenant more is to be expected from its adherents, than of those worshipping God under a broken one. Am I right? Under the broken covenant came to pass what are called the "dark ages."

Jesus says in St. John 15-22 "If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin; but now they have no cloak for their sin." Light had now come into their midst by the presence of Christ and His teachings, and their sinful condition was exposed, which otherwise might have been kept hidden.

It cannot be denied but what throughout Christendom, wonderful men have arisen, even before the renewing of the covenant, and, since it has been renewed, by the many who worshipped their God with what light they had received in their day. Yea, many were courageous in their faith in God, even in death. It is now 120 years since the Book of Mormon came forth in the renewing of the covenant, and but few comparatively speaking have embraced it. But it is written, that God sends rain upon the unjust as well as the just. He knows the hearts and thoughts of all men. I am persuaded that nothing escapes His all-seeing-eye. This being the case, He has certainly blessed men outside the renewed covenant because of their faith and obedience to the light which has been given them. Yea, many have sacrificed all that was

dear to them, even life itself for the knowledge and light that God has given them. I cannot help but believe that all good comes from our Heavenly Father, and all evil from the enemy of all souls.

Jesus in the Beatitudes makes it plain, that unless our righteousness exceeds that of the Pharisees and the scribes, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven. To me then, it is very plain that those who accept Jesus as their Saviour must excell in good works, those who do not accept Him, it creates a thought like this in me, that all men who declare the everlasting covenant was broken, and also declare it was renewed in the restoration of the gospel, that surely the righteousness of Jesus Christ should, and MUST abound with them and exceed those who worship under the broken law. We cannot help but admire the faith and courage, and the uprightness of the many whom we come in contact with, because of their good deeds, their humble and devoted life to Him who has given them breath. As for me, I must give God praise for all good there is in this world. If, then, men and women who are worshipping God under a broken covenant have merited so much of His grace, should not the true worshippers in the renewed covenant "be those who worship God in truth and spirit?" And, can such worship Him aright and obey not His precepts? We are told if not in plain words, we are told in sense, that it is vain to serve God and do not the things which He commands us. We cannot ignore the Sabbath Day and transgress it, nor dare we treat the marriage vows lightly, and if there is a people anywhere that should be careful, lest their habits and customs offend, it should be those who profess to worship God under the renewed covenant. In fact it is him that not only hears, but him that does, that is likened as to building his house on a ROCK. Surely then, the good deeds, yea the righteousness of Jesus the Lamb of God should abound more abundantly under the renewed covenant, than under the broken one.

To me, Jesus is very plain on that point: when He likens His people or the Kingdom of Heaven to a city that is set on a hill that cannot be hidden. May I ask: have the people bearing the title of L. D. S. mounted above the righteousness that is in the present world? Have they become as a city that

cannot be hidden? Are they occupying the position of the Apostle of old when he declared: that if eating meat cause my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world stands? I ask, are they a people of that kind today? Still further: Have they come to the place of presenting their bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God—and at the same time esteem such as only a reasonable service? Do the people under the renewed covenant realize of the many people who are outside of its portals and have been thrown into jails, who have been treated with contempt, have sacrificed all that was near and dear to them, leaving their comfortable homes for foreign lands and taking up their abodes in very unpleasant conditions, simply for the welfare of the souls of the most degraded; when measured by our enlightenment and civilization?

Surely God is letting the rain fall upon those who are worshipping their Creator the best they know how. We are told by the Saviour that it will be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgement than it will be for you. Meaning those in His day. Is it not possible that men who have worshipped God under a broken law, might rise up in the judgement against many who have boasted so much of the authority of God being renewed in the last days? I am bound to give God praise for the many noble among men who have honored His name, even though it may have been under a broken covenant. I ask: are the L.D.S. abiding in Christ today as they should be? They cannot do so unless they abide in His laws.

Have they been, that is, those under the renewed covenant been moved upon by the Holy Spirit to such an extent, that they willingly cast aside offensive habits for the saving of some poor soul? or will they persist in habits at the expense of souls for whom Christ died? Nay, I cannot think that Jesus, if He were on earth today would condone the many habits that people under the renewed covenant have acquired. Is The Church of Jesus Christ (which is composed of men and women) willing to cast aside everything that blemishes Her fair Name for the sake of SOULS? Was not the pre-eminent factor in Him dying on the Cross, the purpose of saving souls from HELL? Even though all, including His Father in Heav-

en forsook Him for the time being. Yet He cries in the anguish of His soul: Father forgive them, they know not what they do. Do we today really love the teachings of the servants of God of old, wherein we are commanded to abhor the very appearance of evil?

Let us all remember the word wherein it says that God cannot look upon sin with the least degree of allowance. And also the words of Jesus, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect." St. Matthew 5-48. Bro. W. H. Cadman.

"SOUL"—Word Study By Martin Michalko

(Continued)

SOUL—We read in Genesis that God formed man from the dust of the earth. He was wonderfully made as the Psalmist years later declared. Even today learned men admit that the body with its multiple functions is a wonderful machine. After the Lord formed this body out of the dust of the earth, we read that God breathed into him the breath of life; and man became a living soul. Later we read that God provided a helpmeet to walk side by side with him. So the two started out in the garden, not realizing what lay ahead of them, knowing only the bliss of that place, and also the sweetness of God's presence. Temptation soon came, with Adam and Eve yielding, causing them to be thrust out of the garden to earn their bread by the sweat of their brows. They became fallen creatures before the Lord, likewise their children, as well as of their posterity. God began to deal with man immediately to bring him back, that he might at least enjoy a few of the many blessings that were lost by the fall. Later we read that the Law with its ordinances and sacrifices was given which was a shadow of a greater law yet to come. All this was instituted for the redemption of the soul, "for the redemption of the soul is precious," to the Lord, as the Psalmist wrote. We also read that the children of Israel were taught that by the shedding of blood atonement could be made for the soul. "And I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul." (Lev. 17:11). During Israel's sojourn, which took place during the time of the Law, many lambs were slain and much blood of animals was shed.

All of this came to an end at the death of Christ upon the cross, he being the last Lamb slain, making atonement for all mankind. Summing up all these things we easily conclude that it is not hard to understand and know of God's dealings with man on this side of the grave. And with careful and prayerful reading of God's word it should not be too hard to know what happens to him after this short span of temporal life is completed.

We know that as far as this body is concerned it goes back to earth, "for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." We know also that "the spirit shall return unto God who gave it." (Ecc. 12:). Likewise we know that the soul also goes to that same God, and to the same place, "I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God," (Rev. 6-9). It is very evident by these scriptures that "man" is more than what the eye beholds, or what can be seen under a microscope. The creature God created after his own image, which scripture calls man, has a body, soul and spirit, which should be accepted by everyone, as depicted. Even Paul desired that his brethren might be preserved blameless, that is their whole spirit and soul, and body. (I Thes. 5:23). We could end our discussion here if it were not for the fact that there are religions which teach otherwise. To such we give a fair warning, that all will not be well with their soul's eternal welfare, unless they accept the truth of the scriptures and not the "doctrines of men." Because of a similarity of the words soul and breath, in the original tongues, many have become emboldened to proclaim that man has no soul, and that the breath is the soul. If such would be the case then we would have to erase certain scriptures. For instance in Matthew 10:28 we read "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul." Only God is able to kill the soul as we further read, and him we should fear. Soul then is that inward invisible part of man which humans are unable to touch or tamper, only God who created it can destroy it. Any contradictory interpretation of this scripture certainly is a delusion. Did not the Lord say though that strong delusions would be sent to those who do not obey the truth?

Previously I have said that the truth of a word can be further

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EDITORIAL

On a recent trip to the Indian Reservation at Muncey, Ont., with brothers Isaac Smith of Elizabeth, Pa., and Philip Dreer of Warren, Ohio we were informed that two Missionary Workers were located in Muncey across the street from the Church of Jesus Christ. A number of the Indian people who are located there are members of the Church. In visiting at the home of one of our Indian members, we were informed that these Missionary Workers had classed The Church of Jesus Christ, or its members as apostates. These Workers, of course, are professed believers in the Book of Mormon.

From what we learned, it would appear that among other things they are teaching, is the doctrine of baptism for the dead. Yea, a doctrine that is not supported by the teachings of Christ either in the Bible or the Book of Mormon.

One of our Indian brothers told me that he was invited to attend one of their meetings in London, Ont., to hear one of their presidents speak. He says: "Brother Cadman, I was sorry that I went." It seems as though baptism for the dead was the principal topic, for the speaker did not want to go to heaven unless his wife went too. I listened to one of their speakers myself one time make the statement that he would not want to go to heaven if his wife and family were going to hell. Personally I am at a loss as to how men of intelligence can make such statements, and reconcile them to the teachings of Christ, for He certainly makes it plain that if we cannot forsake father, mother, brothers or sisters, yea, all that is near and dear to us, even life itself, we cannot be His disciples.

I warn all our Indian folks to beware of that kind of Missionary Workers, for if we are apostates as they tell you, even though we denounce in the strongest terms such doctrines as spiritual wifeism, baptism for the dead, plural wives, and the pre-existence of spirits, and which this latter one makes polygamy a necessity, because ac-

cording to the statements of their own Missionary workers — there are spirits in the spirit world, awaiting bodies to come-forth in. Hence the need of men having more than one wife here in this world. And you might come-forth a CANNIBAL as well as anything else.—Hence if we then, are apostates for denouncing such hellish teachings, I wonder what would be a fitting appellation to those who teach them. I believe the words of Peter would be very fitting for such Missionary Workers. Second Peter 2-22. "But it happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his vomit again; and the sow that was washed, to her wallowing in the mire."

While I lived in St. John, Kansas some years ago, I attended a meeting of these young Missionaries faith. One of the Apostles from Utah was the speaker. He was introduced as an Apostle of the Mormon Church. In commencing his discourse, he spent much time in telling his audience that his subject was "very dear" to his heart. In fact he took up so much time in that way, that I became very anxious for him to get started that I might learn what was the subject so dear to his heart—after considerable going-around the bush, he finally revealed that his subject which was so DEAR to him, was celestial marriage. Yea, to have a wife in heaven would be dear to him. Did I say an Apostle? Yes an Apostle of the Mormon Church. May God have pity on some men who say they are apostles. Evidently he had a desire to become a God over his posterity in the world to come, for according to their literature, they believe in that principal.

Apostates did you say? Well, if denouncing such devilish doctrines make a people apostates, may God bless the APOSTATES. My counsel to our Indian people and all others, is to watch those that come to you in sheep's clothing.

proven by substituting a synonym. If soul and breath then as some claim are synonymous let us try substitution. Psalm 42:2 says "My soul thirsteth for God." In substituting it would read, my breath thirsteth for God. Who ever heard of the breath of man thirsting? Is it not very plain to see that they do err? Here are a few more, we would like to invite those who disagree with us to try this test for themselves. Psalm 6:3, "My

soul is sore vexed." Psalm 77:2, "My soul refuseth to be comforted." Psalm 139:14, "marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well." Isaiah 66:3, "And their soul delighteth in their abominations." Psalm 86:4, "Rejoice the soul of thy servant." Job 23:13, "And what his soul desireth, even that he doeth." There are throughout the scriptures many more verses as these that prove the absurdity of the claim of any that the soul of man is his breath. The Gospel of Christ in days of old had a genuine ring in it, a ring of truth, in its entirety, unequalled by the doctrines of men, or devils. Today the same Gospel rings out with truth again, unadulterated and without omissions. We invite all to obey the true Gospel for it is the Gospel of God.

HOW A LION BECAME A LAMB

(Continued from last issue)

Then the prayer — how simple! how fervent! And the sermon, its Alpha and Omega, "Jesus only." He was deeply moved.

"Sir," he cried, "you said your business is to arrest rebels, and you have today apprehended me, a rebel-sinner, and won me for your Lord and King!"

By and by both walked home together. One of the strongest and bitterest foes of the persecuted little flocks of Covenanters had been changed into a true ally and friend. For another day Mr. Welsh remained his guest. Truly God had prepared a table before him in the presence of his enemies; and, sweetly indeed, that memorable night, the pathetic strains of the "Shepherd Psalm" closed the day's toil.— C. S. C., in The Golden Key.

NOTICE

I wish to notify the subscribers to The Gospel News that the negligence of sending in your renewal to the paper, makes it very inconvenient for us here. We stamp possibly 400 papers in May and June of which the subscription expires, and we have most of them to stamp over again about three times, and still we do not receive any word from many.

It creates a condition of much inconvenience in keeping the Subscription List as it should be kept. Also it is rather embarrassing, for I am sure I want everybody to receive their papers. Most of the subscriptions expire with the May issue, and the number of sub-

I receive some letters wherein it is evident that the paper is much appreciated, while on the other hand the expiration notice is so disregarded, that it causes one to wonder. True, the paper is small, but it could easily be made larger, but the patronage it receives does not justify enlarging it.

Will you all please be more prompt in renewing, or kindly send me a card asking me to discontinue your subscription.

Sincerely, Editor.

P.S.—Understand: I do not wish to impose the paper upon anyone, but when your subscription expires and the notice of expiration disregarded by so many, I hardly know what to do, for I do not want to stop sending the paper to anyone, an especially to those of you who really wish to have it.

A GLORIOUS TIME TO COME

By Bro. D. Moraco

Because it is the half-way mark in our twentieth century, 1950 has been a convenient year for counting our blessings as a nation of people. Any number of inventories of recent history have been made. They show concretely what we have all known in a general way: That more real progress has been compressed into the last fifty years than into any corresponding segment of time in the annals of the world.

We could enumerate many wonderful and helpful inventions; but we of the Restored Gospel, who have learned the high value of life, can see the greatest accomplishments in the fact that since 1900 the average American's life span has been enlarged by more than a third. Almost 20 years have been added to man's life expectancy.

In the early days of the creation of the world, the life span of man was very high. Methuselah lived to the ripe old age of 969 years. But because of sin, the age limit began a gradual decline. A child born at the dawn of the Christian era, two thousand years ago, had a life expectancy of no more than 23 years. When Alexander the Great died at the age of 32 no one thought that he had been cut off in the flower of his youth. By 1859, the life span was raised to 40 years. By the end of the nineteenth century it was about 50. But a child born in the U.S. today is likely to live to nearly 68. This increase in the life expectancy of man has not been because of a decline in sin,

but rather through the goodness of God. It is in the plan of God that man's life span be increased in these last days. It is said by the prophet, that "As the days of a tree are the days of my people and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands." This increase in the life of man will not be an overnight affair but a gradual addition to his years. As sin decreases, the life of man here on the earth will increase. As we approach the days of peace, we can see what unlimited vistas of opportunity the increase in longevity here on the earth will mean to man. The peaceful reign will bring the most glorious living conditions that the world has ever known. The prophet Isaiah says that the knowledge of God would cover the earth even as the waters cover the sea. No more sorrows, no more wars, no more bloodshed, no sickness or pain will be known. Even the lamb and the wolf shall lie down together and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall eat together and a little child shall lead them. The suckling child shall play on the hole of the asp and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. Nothing shall hurt or destroy in all God's holy mountain. They shall not labor in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the Blessed of the Lord, and their offspring with them. Even the deserts shall bloom like the rose, joy and happiness shall be bound therein, thanksgiving and the voice of melody. All nations shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning-hooks and shall not learn war anymore. Many shall say, come let us go up to the mountain of the Lord's house, even to the House of the God of Jacob, we will learn of his ways and we shall walk in his paths. Judging from this wonderful era that is to come, it is only logical to assume that God has begun a gradual increase in the life expectancy of man. What will cause the death of man in an environment of peace and righteousness? There will be no more wars to kill our young men, no more murderers, no sickness or afflictions to claim our lives. No sin will be known; strife, hatred and envy shall cease. The only cause of death that I can see is old age. Much to look forward to, Brothers and Sisters; I trust that we who are young shall have the same desire as Alma when he ex-

claimed: "Oh I would it would be in my day!"

LARNED STATE HOSPITAL Larned, Kansas

Brother Editor:

Since my recent baptism into the Church, I felt inspired one afternoon to write the enclosed, which is both my testimony and an effort to put into words what "joy unspeakable and full of glory" I find in being one of and with Him and His family.

Brother Robinson, who has been God's principal instrument in bringing the gospel to me, suggested that you might like to use it in the Gospel News. Certainly, if my testimony could be of any possible help to anyone else, I would deem it a privilege for the Lord has been very good and merciful to me indeed, and a willingness to testify to that goodness seems the very least that I could do.

I was privileged recently to meet Brother and Sister Thomas of Detroit, when they visited Brother and Sister Robinson and Brother Alex has spoken of you to me often. I used to think his tales of the Church and many of you sounded quite wonderful, but as I told them that day, I never expected to ever be sitting here with them with the marvelous feeling of at-oneness with Him and His family. I plead for your prayers that I may remain in the center of His Will. I have no other ambition.

Your sister in Christ,

Mrs. Eva Bair

HOME AT LAST

Eva Bair

A stranger in a foreign land—
The tramp without the gate—
A child outside the candy store,
The beggar all men hate.
The weed among the garden flowers—
The prodigal with swine—
A Nazi-orphaned displaced child—
Such lot as these was mine.

"Have faith in God and trust His Love,"

The preacher said to me.
I had no faith and knew not love—
Just untold misery.

"Go back, find where your troubles start.

Then face them and be free."
Could I have followed that advice,

I'd saved the psychiatrist's fee!

"Analysis will solve your case.

You're too inhibited.

Desires repressed and frustrated—

Your freedom limited.

Now I'd suggest you have a time.

Just paint the old town red."
I wanted peace, not hangovers,
So I went home to bed.
Church work was satisfying
To limited degree,
But still the love and peace of God
Were mysteries to me.
"Like as a father pitieth—"
Just words, devoid of sense.
A father's pity was no part
Of my experience.

But tho' a blind man cannot see
The sun, he feels its heat,
And in the Church of Jesus Christ
The fellowship is sweet.
I sought and found a Saviour,
Who showed His love to me,
Adopted me into His Church,
One of His family.
No longer do I walk alone,
As in His Way I trod.
Brothers and sisters, we are one
With our Father God.
No stranger now without the gates,
Bound with Satan's fetters—
But under the Fatherhood of God,
One family together.
Empty, lonely days are past.
The prodigal is home at last.

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(This is the First of a Series of five talks by Bro. W. H. Cadman, being printed by request.)

The Apostle Paul informs us that the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation. See Romans 1:16. And if we will take a few moments for thought, we will soon observe the contrast between the Christian world of today and the immediate followers of Christ. The contrast is sufficient to cause thinking people to wonder and ask the question: Why, such a change? We are plainly taught in the scripture that our Heavenly Father is always the same — we read that He changes not, and indeed such a Father is necessary, for if God is changeable, He absolutely could not be depended upon.

The unchangeableness of God is every where evident in His word. One needs only to read and learn for themselves, for when God's people were faithful to Him, He blessed them abundantly, on the other hand, if they did not serve Him faithfully, He withheld His blessings from them, and, very often left His displeasure fall — and fall heavy.

In Matthew 28:18, 19, 20, Jesus says: "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth, Go ye

therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world Amen." If Jesus means what He says, and surely if we bear His name as the author and finisher of our salvation, we will not dispute what he teaches. We may differ sometimes as to what He means, but should not question or dispute what He has taught. If language means what is said, then we must conclude from His own words, that if we do not teach and keep all that he taught, at least in as much as we know what He did teach, He will not be with us until the end of the world. His promise is that He will be with us in as much as we "teach and observe all things that He taught," otherwise He does not promise to be with us. The responsibility would be on His creatures for not abiding in Him. He does not waver.

The Saviour came in due time as prophets foretold, and taught His precepts among men, precepts which were expedient for the saving of the soul. He taught: "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock." These words are found in Matthew 7:24, 25. A different story is told in verses 26, 27 of him who heard His sayings, but did not do them.

In the Acts of the Apostles, second chapter, verses 37, 38, 39, those under the sound of Peter's voice cried out "what must we do?" Peter replied 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."

From the foregoing scripture, one must conclude that the promise is made to all people who will respond to the Master's will. The Saviour has promised that the Holy Ghost will not only comfort our souls, but it will lead and guide us into all truths and show us things to come. From what is written, the gifts of the spirit are

many, not confined only to the peace and comfort of the soul, but in the days immediately following the ascension of Christ; the afflicted were made whole by the power of God's Spirit, the followers of the Nazarene were caused to speak in tongues they had not learned, some were gifted to interpret tongues and some had heavenly visions, heavenly dreams, others were moved upon to prophesy, and even the dead were raised, and, by the power of the Holy Spirit the middle wall of partition (pride, and prejudice between nations) was broken down and Gentiles' and Jews' hearts were filled with God's love for one another. Selfishness took its flight, and love or the divine nature of God filled a long needed blessing in their souls, which also caused them to love one-another even as Christ loved them. With this instance, I am caused to refer to the lines attributed to the pen of Mr. John Wesley. They are as follows:

"Happy the souls that first believed,

To Jesus and each other cleaved;
Joined by the unction from above
In mystic fellowship of love.

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

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

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

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

Ye different sects, who all declare,
"Lo! here is Christ," or "Christ
is there!"

Your stronger proofs divinely give,
And show me where the Christians
live."

In this composition of Mr. Wesley, he recognizes the happy lot of the primitive followers of Jesus. He observes that they were joined together with the love of

God. They were meek and simple followers, their talk and thoughts were the same. They were a pure believing multitude, of one heart and soul, love inspired the whole. You know when a poet feels prompted to use his pen, he gives vent to the thoughts of his heart and soul, and especially a man who was so devoted as was Mr. Wesley. He is made to exclaim, "those golden days!" Yea, a choice race so wonderfully blessed, being washed in the all-cleansing blood of the Lamb of God.

The poet then exhibits and exposes a feeling of disappointment, yea, might I say a feeling of DESPAIR? For he proceeds in sense: where shall I find a people like them? I seek in vain for them, yea, they are 'minished (not to be found among men). In the anguish of his soul he cries out to the different sects, (the churches of his day) those who say Christ is here and Christ is there. Where are your proofs that ye are washed in the blood of Jesus? Where are the gifts of the gospel and that love for one another which was so pre-eminent in the primitive Church in the days of the Apostles?

According to Mr. Wesley's composition, he was unable to find successors they had left behind. He also says in his 93rd sermon concerning the gifts: This was the real cause, why the extraordinary gifts of the Holy Ghost were no longer to be found in the Christian Church; because the Christians were turned heathens again, and had only a dead form left."

If, as Mr. Wesley says, the lack of the spiritual gifts of the Gospel is evidence that the Christians were turned heathens again, he would seem to be much in accord with Second Thess. 2-3, 4. "Let no man deceive you by any means; for that day shall not come, (meaning the day of Christ) 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 and God sitteth in the temple of God, (the Church) showing himself that he is God." Here, the Apostle says plainly: that the day of Christ will not come, until after a FALLING AWAY takes place, and Mr. Wesley in his day, declares the Christians were turned heathens again. I will add that, if they have turned heathens again, they certainly have fallen from the grace of

God. It appears that Mr. Wesley and Paul are much in accord in this matter.

In Matthew 11-12, Jesus says: "And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it (the kingdom) by force." The Apostle in Acts 20-29, 30 says: "For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them." And he further admonishes them to watch and remember.

In view of the divided condition of the Christian world today, one must conclude that a great apostasy, or a falling-away from the pure teachings of Christ and His Apostles has taken place. Yea, and Mr. Wesley in his day was unable to find successors they had left behind. Jesus invites all "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest to your souls, For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

The Church of Jesus Christ believes in a falling away of the gospel of which subject I will delve into deeper, should I speak over this station again. Our position is, that for centuries the true Church was not to be found upon the earth. Yea, because of transgression and wickedness creeping into the Church, God withdrew from the Church.

The Gospel having been taken away from men because of wickedness, absolutely creates the need of restoration of the Gospel in these last days: For it is evident from the teachings of Christ, that in order to save our souls, we must obey the law of the Gospel. Amen.

GERTRUDE LEONARD DIXON PASSES ON

Sister Gertrude Dixon died at her home in Richeyville, Pa., on August 23, 1950 after a long siege of illness. Was buried on August 25th from the Church of Jesus Christ in Monongahela, with Brother W. H. Cadman in charge of the services.

She was 80 years old and had lived in McKeesport, Pa., for many years and in recent years had resided in Monongahela until they removed to Richeyville about three or four years ago. Both she and her husband, brother Thomas Dix-

on, were baptized into the Church in 1897 in Monongahela, while they were residing in McKeesport. She leaves to mourn her loss, her husband and other relatives. Sister Dixon had been in a critical condition a long while. It is our hope that her soul will find a resting place in the Paradise of God.

NEWS FROM MUNCEY, ONT.

On Sunday, September 17th, at high noon Brother Clifford A. Burgess of Windsor, Ontario solemnized the marriage of Brother Angus Delarey and Sister Alice Seth at the home of Brother Delarey on the Muncey Reservation.

A goodly number of Brothers and Sisters as well as relatives and friends assembled to witness the ceremony.

Brother Clifford and Sister Mary Best who reside on the Church Property at Muncey, were the bride and groom's attendants.

Visitors from Detroit, Michigan were Brother and Sister Romano, Brother and Sister Cotellessa and family, Brother and Sister Scarcella, and Brother Joseph Mellantoni.

Sister Leta Ford accompanied Brother and Sister Burgess from Windsor, also Brother Burgess's mother from Flint, Michigan who is 80 years of age, witnessed for her first time a marriage solemnized by her son, who has been in the Ministry of The Church of Jesus Christ for the past eleven years. Brother Bedford Best and Sister Irma Reynolds were there from Windsor.

Although Brother Angus and Sister Alice are both getting along in years, we trust the Good Lord will bless them to enjoy many years together in the Restored Gospel.

A PLEASANT TRIP

By W. H. Cadman

Having a few days to spare, I left my home for Rochester, N. Y., on Friday, Sept. 15th, arriving there just after midnight. Two of the Marinetti brothers met me at the depot and took me to their home at 416 Wilder Street. During my short stay, I visited around among our church people with what little time I had. I found brother Ishmael D'Amico's condition about the same as has been for some time past. They walk him around the house for exercise, but he still remains speechless. They took him to Church while I was there. I also visited the home of brother M. Marinetti. Sister

Marinetti is very poorly. I attended our Church throughout Sunday and enjoyed myself in their pulpit.

On Monday evening early, Bro. and Sister Patsy Marinetti and Bro. Perone took me in their car to Lockport, N. Y., a distance of about 65 miles, where I occupied the pulpit in our Church. There was a number of non-members present. My text was taken from St. Matthew 11-12 and I enjoyed the evening very much. Very good attention was given me. At the close of the meeting my company returned to Rochester, while I stayed all night at the home of Brother and Sister Simone. Sister Simone is confined to her bed and is very poorly, though she is in good spirits.

The next morning, Tuesday, I boarded a bus for Buffalo, and there I boarded another one for Erie, Pa., where I stayed all night at the home of Bro. and Sister Mancini, also where Bro. and Sister Behanna make their home. They were all very well. While there we visited at the home of Sister Esther DiBattista Dyer, formerly of Glassport, Pa. Also we visited at the home of Bro. Dr. Chandra, our Hindu brother. He is in his 95th year and is very strong and vigorous, both in body and mind, and is making preparations to fly to his native land, India, but was in bed at the time, sick, but not too sick to talk. He talked very much about his contemplated trip back to his home land. He seems very desirous for an opportunity to talk to his people. Well, he is a remarkable old man, and I have not forgotten the day that he was baptized in a small stream near Erie, Pa., Brothers Mancini and Behanna taking care of it. The old brother wept like a child that day. My prayer is, that Brother Chandra will be spared to make this trip, for it certainly is his desire to visit his people. While in Erie I also visited at the home of Sister Elaine Sechez.

The next morning, while on my way to the bus station I called at the business establishment of Bro. Lawrence Dias. He had just recently moved into quarters of his own. He is in the car spring, and car frame repair business and from appearances, he is very successful in his line of business. After a short visit with him, he took me in his car to the bus station. I then boarded a bus for Cleveland, arriving at Bro. Biscotti's home about mid-afternoon. I found them

very well but learned that their son, Dr. Matthew is about to answer the call of his country by entering the U. S. service as a physician. I attended their Church that evening and enjoyed my visit with them all. The next morning, Thursday, I left for home, arriving in the afternoon and learned that my wife had a fall while I was away. She bruised herself up some, but was very fortunate not to break any bones.

Here with a few closing words I must say something about this wonderful land of America: I never saw so much fruit and vegetables as I saw on this trip. Along the highway in N. Y. State between Rochester and Lockport, I imagine there were thousands of bushel-baskets of apples awaiting trucks to truck them away. Not only apples but fruits of all kinds in abundance. Out in the big tomato fields, hundreds and hundreds of filled baskets waiting to be gathered up.

Surely old Jacob was inspired or God when he laid that wonderful blessing on his son Joseph's head as recorded in Genesis 49-22 and 26 inclusive. And then again Deuteronomy 33-13 and 17 inclusive, Moses speaks of the wonderful land that was given to Joseph by the Lord. Yea, and through the restored gospel—the coming forth of the Book of Mormon, we learn that Joseph's land is this Wonderful Land of America, where "The archers have sorely grieved him, (Joseph's posterity, the American Indians) and shot at him, and hated him." May the Good Lord continue to bless this Wonderful Land of America.

ABSOLUTE TRIBAL RULE SOUGHT BY INDIAN CHIEFS

The Globe and Mail
Toronto, Ont.

Brantford, Aug. 21—Hereditary chiefs of the Six Nations Indians are campaigning to have their ancient rights restored to them — the rights of absolute rule over their tribes.

For the first time in at least 25 years, and perhaps much longer, the chiefs' council came into Brantford from the near-by reservation in a body and in full regalia, and speaking only their native tongue.

For their purpose — which includes abolition of the Indian Act and abolition of the elected council—the chiefs have enlisted the support of the UAW-CIO Union, Local 458.

Chief Joe Logan led the Indian

parade into Brantford for the conference with the union men. Although the chiefs and other Indians can speak English, an interpreter was required for the conference.

The chiefs ceased to govern the tribes in 1924, when an elected council was made the ruling body.

Robert Johnson, chairman of the union's fair employment practices committee, presided. The meeting passed resolutions declaring the Indian Act was unfair almost in its entirety. Another resolution condemned the law requiring Six Nations school teachers to become enfranchised.

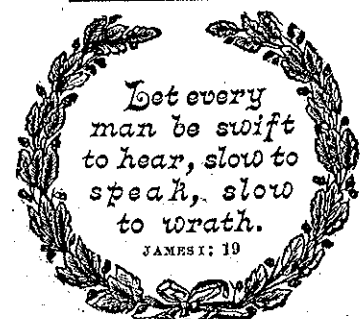
Miss Emily General, a Six Nations Indian teacher who quit her job rather than become enfranchised, told the meeting that the pressure upon Indian teachers was unfair and unnecessary.

Chief Logan, William Smith, Mrs. Alma Green, Arthur Anderson and James Martin also addressed the meeting. Mrs. Green spoke for a delegation of Oneida chieftains that included Amos Elijah, John Elihah, Demas Elm and Philip Schyler.

P.S. The editor has met Miss Emily General and in conversation with her, found her to be a very intelligent Indian lady. One cannot help but admire her courage in refusing to give up her rights as an Indian for the sake of a job. Too bad that such conditions are.

NEWS FROM ERIE, PA.

Bro. and Sister Charles Behanna of Erie have returned home after spending a month with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Blackwell of Linden, Iowa. While there on August 23rd a son was born to their daughter, the former Margaret Behanna. The baby has been named Larry Lee Blackwell. The blessing of God was asked upon the baby by its grandfather, Bro. Charles Behanna prior to their departure.



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WE THANK THEE

When Pilgrims first set foot up-
on this land,

Their prayer was a simple one,
indeed:

"Oh, Lord, protect us from the
Enemies hand,

And give us food, in these our
days of need.

Deliver us from pestilences, all,
And wilt Thou bless and multiply
our seed."

They prayed for rain, and then
they prayed for sun;

They prayed for strength to do a
daily chore.

In heart and spirit they were
surely one,

And God did bless them as they
asked, and more.

He blessed the old, the young,
the great and small,

In such abundance never known
before.

Down through the years, those
blessings linger still,

Because those pilgrim hearts
were so sincere.

God gave them strength and
knowledge, too, until

The greatest land on earth we've
truly here.

...Lest we forget: the grandest
gift of all

Is Liberate to do the Master's
will.

Catherine Poma

San Diego, California

An Experience

By Sister Sarah Randazzo

"In my dream I found myself at
the closing of a meeting at Branch
No. 1, with Brother Furnier in
charge. In his closing remarks he
said: 'Brothers and Sisters, please
be quiet and remain seated, for
there is a Sister amongst us who
has had a dream and in this dream
I see a prophecy, I don't mean to
say that she is a prophetess but I
mean to say that this dream is a
prophecy.' These are the exact
words of Brother Furnier.

In my dream, I didn't remember
having a dream, yet I know I had
the dream Brother Furnier was
referring to. Therefore, I began
to speak words which were given
me to SPEAK. These are the words
which were given me to SPEAK:
'Dear Brothers and Sisters, the
time is rapidly coming when some
people of THIS CHURCH will seek
DIVORCES and separations from
their husbands and wives, and

there shall be murmurers and
many wicked works done, and it
shall come to pass that in the
world there shall be wars, rumors
of wars and destructions. Woe,
Woe be unto these (meaning those
that seek divorces, separations
and commit wicked works) for in
that day they shall be found with-
out a house, suffering along with
the world. But to you that are try-
ing to serve God, be faithful and
humble, for in that day you shall
be found with a house. At this
juncture, I awoke, still feeling my
lips moving."

Note: While discussing this
dream in July Conference of 1939,
Brother Furnier arose in the pow-
er of the spirit and spoke these
words: "Hear ye, O my people,
thus saith the God of Heaven."
(This took place in an Open Con-
ference).

IN MEMORIAM

HIS SUFFERING WAS GREAT,
BUT NOW, AT LAST,
HIS IS THE VICTOR'S SLEEP:
THE AGONY IS PAST.

The soul of our beloved Brother
Pasquale Di Battista winged its
way Home to the Paradise of the
Faithful, on Monday, October 9,
1950 at 7:30 p.m.

Although he had been in a coma
for several hours and did not
regain consciousness again, still,
as his spirit departed on that final
voyage, it must have waved a lov-
ing salutation to his family and
brothers and sisters that were
gathered there at his bedside.

Notwithstanding that his body
was wasted to a mere shadow of
his former robust self, he died the
death of a valiant soldier.

In contrast to the sorrow here
below, there must surely be a
great rejoicing in Heaven today.

The Gathering in Detroit July 29-30

The Church of Jesus Christ, met
at South Eastern High School at
Fairview and Charlevoix to hold a
two day session in prayer and
praise to God. There was present
the President, Bro. W. H. Cadman,
several Apostles, Evangelists and
a number of Elders. We first had a
short period of prayer, between
9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., in which
Br. W. H. Cadman offered a won-
derful prayer. A prayer was also
offered on behalf of Mr Sterling

of Pa., who had been hurt in
the mine. Service was taken up
at a little after 10:00 a.m. Hymn
"Lord in the Morning Thou Shalt
Hear My Voice Ascending High."
Prayer was offered by Bro. Isaac
Smith followed with Hymn 'Re-
vive Us Again.' Bro. W. H. Cad-
man read a portion of scripture
found in 1st Nephi 8th Chapter,
Verses 1 to 33, and gave a wonder-
ful talk on the subject, The care
those have for the rest, who have
had such wonderful experiences as
Lehi did. He was not only con-
cerned about His own soul salva-
tion but also that of all His family,
Sam, Nephi and Sariah, were will-
ing to eat of the fruit, but Laman
and Lemuel would not partake of
it. Compared to the doctrine of
Christ today, A few have embraced
it but there are so many that
to them it is a thing of naught.
Sang Hymn 'Vain Delusive World
Adieu' Bro. Isaac Smith next
spoke mentioning that he came
here anxiously wishing and hoping
to see the manifestation of the
Spirit. Bro. Smith asked if the ex-
perience of Lehi or anyone else
will save us. No it will not. If we
are walking in the Light, the beauti-
ful Light of God, that Light must
illuminate our pathway, so that we
may be able to portray to the
world what they may do to obtain
the salvation of their souls. Hymn
"Wonderful Words of Life" was
sung. Bro. Miller gave a talk en-
tailing his entrance into the
Church and his immediate im-
pressions. The tongue was spoken,
several having the interpretation
that the Lord had spoken approv-
ingly of the steps the people of God
are taking to serve Him in spirit
and in truth and if all continued
stead-fastly to the end we will be
saved in the Kingdom of Heaven.
Sang Hymn 'God will take care of
You.' Bro. Angelo Corrado gave
a talk on the lesson presented be-
fore us, asking do we have a firm
grip on the rod of iron. He said we
should not only hold on with one
hand but with both hands, for in
this world we have tribulation and
a plenty of it, but if we remain
steadfast to the end, God will take
care of us. Sang Doxology and
meeting closed with prayer, by
Bro. Anthony Battist

Afternoon service was opened at
2:30 p.m. Sang Hymn, "Jesus Set
the World to Singing." Prayer was
offered by Bro. Alma Cadman in

which there was special intercession for Bro. Patsy Battist of San Diego, Calif. Hymn "Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus," was sung. Also the Lamanite Bros. from Muncie and Grand River reservations sang Hymn, "Oh who that has searched," also "Gently He leads us." The evangelists were placed in charge of the afternoon service. First speaker was Bro. Patsy Marinetti, speaking on the joy of the Saints as depicted by Enos the Son of Jacob. Sang Hymn, "Pass Me Not." Brother Ishmael Damico was anointed. Prayer was offered by Bro. Angelo Corrado.

Bro. Robert Watson, Jr., gave a very fine talk on the words of Christ, where he said: By this shall men know that ye are my disciples if ye love one another. Sang Hymn, "The peace that my Saviour has given." Bro. Dominic Morocco spoke on the peace Jesus gives to him. Bro. Samuel D'Amico spoke on the joy it gave him to be in the company of the saints. Also of his impressions on entering the church. There was a good spirit that accompanied his testimony. Sang Hymn, "Standing on the Promises."

Bro. Robert Watson, Sr., spoke next. He had the liberty of the Spirit in his talk. Sang Hymn, "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus." Bro. Wm. Tucker gave an interesting talk referring to the talk of Bro. T. S. Furnier in our last conference, wherein he said the words of the World's song, "It's Later Than You Think," he sees that the world is waiting for sunshine in their souls through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Sang Hymn, "Bringing in the Sheaves." Bro. Earl Ewing of north Michigan spoke a few words in behalf of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. There were a few words from Bro. W. H. Cadman telling of an experience of our Sister who died, coming in our next Gospel News. Some words were spoken by Bros. Joseph Lovalvo. Sang Doxology and meeting came to a close with prayer by Bro. Allan Henderson.

Sunday Morning

Opened with Hymn "Speak My Lord." Prayer was offered by Bro. Rocco Biscotti followed with Hymn, "On Mountain Tops the Mount of God." Bro. Biscotti read the 1st and 2nd Verses of the 12th Chapters of Romans. Bro. Biscotti mentioned that in view of the conditions prevailing upon the face of the earth it behooves the saints of the most high God to present their bodies a living sacrifice, holy and

acceptable unto God, which is our reasonable service, also that we be not conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of our minds, that we may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. Bro. Biscotti spoke with a very humble spirit showing the difference between the time before he obeyed the Gospel and what prevailed thereafter. Wherein before obeying the Gospel his life had been bare, but later, as a tree filled with the glorious fruits of Christ. Sang Hymn, "What a Wonderful Change." Bro. Alma Cadman spoke next. He explained that to present our bodies a living sacrifice is a broad statement, and that, that which affects the body affects the spirit also, hence the influence of Christ, that when we are converted, we truly become as a little child, soul and body renewed to walk in the beautiful light of God. If the whole world would obey the lowly Nazarene, we would have been sitting under our own vine and fig tree long ago. But Paul long ago stated, that the mystery of iniquity had worked, and only he who letteth, would let, until he be taken out of the way. The only way we can become true sons and daughters of God is by possessing the spirit of God. The choir sang a selection, "Heavenly Father." Bro. W. H. Cadman expressed himself on how we may present our bodies a living sacrifice. Sang Doxology and meeting came to a close with prayer by Bro. Anthony Brotz. Sunday afternoon service opened with Hymn, "All Hail The Glad Day." Prayer was offered by Bro. Dominic Bucci of Youngstown branch, followed with Hymn, "My Hope is Built." A sister was anointed. Prayer by Bro. Samuel D'Amico. Bro. Bucci spoke on his impressions of how we may become the sons and daughters of the family and fold of God. After coming into the church, through prayer and fasting reached the throne of God, in which he saw a vision in which the Lord Jesus Christ showed himself to him, showing him the nail prints in His feet and the hole in His side where he was pierced. Bro. Bucci also referred to the revelation which was had, wherein it was said in 1941, great destruction, in 1951, greater destruction, in 1960 the end of destruction. Bro. Ishmael D'Amico asked that the ordinance be attended upon him. Prayer was offered by Bro. Marco Randazza, before the ordinance, and he was anointed by Bro. James Lovavlo, Bro. Anthony Battist spoke of the

ones who brought the Gospel to Detroit, how strenuously they worked, their present status, and much work has been raised up to the honour and glory of God. Bro. James Lovalvo spoke of Alma and the people of Ammon, how they rejected the testimony of Alma, but when he fasted and prayed, the Lord did not only give him success but raised up Amulek to be his companion, which gave him much courage and boldness to carry on the work of God in which he finally was able to convince those who were called into the vineyard of the Lord. They came in, and were saved whils't those who rejected, were destroyed. Sang Hymn, "The Sun Will Shine Again." Bro. George Nicholas from Muncie Reservation gave a nice testimony glorifying the name of God. A bottle of oil was blessed by Bro. Domenic Bucci. Sang Doxology and meeting came to a close with prayer by Bro. Domenic Morocco. In the Saturday Evening Meeting a wonderful program was given by Bro. James Lovalvo, and the youth of several of the Branches of the church.

Bro. Matthew T. Miller

A Trip to Calif.

Dear Brother Editor: At this time I would like to tell of our trip. After 30 years of hard labor my husband decided to take a trip to California. A week before we left, he arose during a testimony meeting and said: "Since I've been in the Church I always helped to build and plaster church buildings, (of course always referring to the buildings of The Church of Jesus Christ) during my vacations, but this time I'm going to see what California looks like." We also decided to take a long with us my brother-in-law Frank Ferrante, and my Sister Rose his wife.

On Saturday Sept. 2nd we left for Calif. with our hearts turned to God that He would be our guide throughout our journey. We didn't mind the long riding hrs. because we were anxious to see the new country. Being that my brother-in-law had relatives in Arizona, we decided to stop there for two days. Arizona is a very beautiful country, but the climate is indeed too hot. After a two day visit we headed for Los Angeles.

It was surely very interesting to cross the hot deserts, but we was glad when we were out of them. Late in the afternoon we finally reached California. Being that my

mother made her home in Los Angeles, our hearts were thrilled with joy to see her once more; we were also happy to see my three Sisters and brother-in-law who are Bro. John Dulisse and his wife, Sister Josephine Palermo and her husband, and my youngest Sister Louise and her husband and children, and other members of the family. The following Sunday we attended meeting in Los Angeles—Brothers and Sisters I cannot express myself in gratitude to God for giving us this wonderful opportunity to be with the saints there.

As we entered the little Church Bldg., we could feel the sweetness of the love of God as we greeted each other; later Bro. James Heap opened the morning meeting discussing various things of the love of God, and before we could realize it, the power of God encircled our Brother, and the spirit of God was flowing from vessel to vessel. The Lord was surely in our midst. I also want to add that I never enjoyed any singing as much as I did that day, it seemed as though all the hymns were sung with the spirit of understanding. May God bless our little Church in Los Angeles, and all the efforts of our brothers and sisters who help to spread the Gospel. After a few days visit in Los Angeles, we were anxious to visit the little church in San Diego, so the following Wednesday we went to my sisters home Pauline in La Mesa, which is about three miles from San Diego. There was no measure to measure our happiness when we greeted each other.

We attended to four meetings in San Diego. These meetings will never be forgotten. The humbleness and the fellowship with one another is beyond description. Each time we met with the saints, the meeting was given to testimony. The Lord surely made His appearance without fail—and the joy and happiness was felt in each and every heart. The visit in San Diego will long be remembered. Let me say brothers and sisters that California is beautiful, but more beautiful with the Church of Jesus Christ established there. After a visit of eleven days with my sister Pauline and her husband, Bro. John Dulisse, we went back to Los Angeles, attending another Sunday meeting there. The power of God was so strong that morning that the saints could not stay in their seats without getting up and glorifying the name of God. The following Wednesday was the

last meeting we attended in Los Angeles. What impressed me the most, that at the end of that glorious meeting, Bro. James Heaps told us all to join our hands until a ring was formed, the spirit of prayer fell upon our brother, and the presence of the Lord was felt in our midst. Before we unclasped our hands, we sang "God be with You Till We Meet Again." and we separated with a sad feeling. The following Saturday morning we were on our way home again. Brothers and Sisters after all these blessing, the devil tried to destroy us, and if it would not of been for the mercies of God and the prayers of the saints, we would never of seen home again. About 50 miles away from St. Louis, Mo. and about five o'clock in the afternoon while on our way home, and on the opposite side of a car which unfortunately run-out of gas, and was slowing down on the side of the road. At the same time a big truck filled with bags of cement and speeding at a high rate, bumped into this car—in a twinkling of an eye, the truck was in a big blaze of fire and so was the car. The driver of the truck was seriously burned, while the other two in the other car escaped injuries. Brothers and Sisters let me say that we were only 40 or 50 feet away from the terrible flames. It was only the mercy of God that saved our lives, for if we had drove one more second, surely we would have perished in the flames. Blessed be the name of the Lord, for we felt His protection and the prayers of the saints.

May God bless each and every one who are striving to serve God, and give us all a stronger determination to serve Him in Truth and in Spirit to the end. I do want to thank all the Brothers and Sisters for their kind hospitality during our visit in California. Hoping that some day if we prove faithful, we shall meet and part no more. May God bless each and every one is my prayer. Sister Anna Carlini, Lincoln Park, Mich.

Reggio Mission in Italy

Dear Bro. in the Lord: I write this letter to let you know that I am one of your Sisters in Christ Jesus of Reggio Mission. The Lord Jesus has led me to find your name and address on one of your letters you wrote to the Saints some time ago. In it I found that you are the president of the "like primitive" Church of the latter days. I trust in the Lord Jesus that you, your

family and all of the latter day Saints are all well. As for us I assure you that we are all in good health.

Dear Bro. as a member of this Mission, I must tell you that we have been left without a single elder. However we manage to gather the best we know how. We here in Reggio are waiting anxiously and sincerely from our hearts that the Church may take care of this by sending to us an Elder or an Evangelist. Truly, all of the faithful hope that their wish may come true; that the standard of the Lord may be planted to the four corners of the earth, that all men may come to the knowledge of the true gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ Amen.

Truthfully I must tell you that the people are waiting for the Church to be established here, so that they can attend the service of the Lord. My elderly mother and I, we bless the day and the hour when the Lord made the choice to call us to the Church of the Latter Day Saints, for we once were in darkness, but now we are in the beautiful light of God. We know not how to thank our good Master. We trust our good Lord may keep us faithful to the end even to dwell with Him eternally in Heaven.

I have an elderly mother and I don't know when she may be called but what grieves me most is that we are without a Minister of God. Hence we do not know what to do. Oh how I wish I could be near you to hear your voice, and to sing songs of praises unto the Lord in the gathering of the saints.

I don't have much more to say except that I feel to do the Lord's will—

Please extend my best regards to your family and to all the saints. The same does my old mother and all the brothers of Reggio. Sincerely yours,

Sister in C. J.

Chirico Caterina.

A LETTER OF GRATITUDE

Dear Brother and Editor:

Sister Mary L. Gadd of London, Ontario, Canada, who has recently passed her 80th Birthday Anniversary, and who has been quite ill, would like to express through the medium of the "Gospel News" columns, her heartfelt and very sincere thanks, for the shower of beautiful, "Get Well" and Birthday Cards that she has received.

The cards are very beautiful to look at: but the loving Personal Messages, and the letters express-

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EDITORIAL

Sabbath Reminder

Editor, The Post-Gazette:

It was interesting to read how many sports, amateur and professional were disrupted by the black-out last Sabbath. Doubtless many professing Christians were inconvenienced in their amusements.

Do they realize that God often uses natural means to make us think of his command? Our present laws seem to cover the last half of the commandments, but not the first five. Christ's "Sabbath was made for man" hardly included the approval of drinking and profanity so prevalent even in the Sabbath Day sports.

"If my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." Oh, that we might accept that promise!

J. E. A.

Grove City, Pa.

ing sympathy and love have meant even more. At a time of suffering and loneliness, such as Sister Gadd has been experiencing, those who have so kindly and lovingly remembered her, can hardly realize what it has all meant to her. She has known the love and joy of a Christian home, with a loving, faithful companion and dutiful loving Christian sons, who were her great pride and joy. She has buried them all, four sons and a dear husband, and now at her advanced age she is suffering much pain and is alone. She would like very much to answer these messages of love and sympathy, singly and personally. At present she can hardly do that, but she does want to send her love and say "God bless each and all."

Sister Gadd has only been in the Church of Jesus Christ since a year ago last May, and she very much appreciates the very great kindness and love, and hospitality she has received. She has received more, MUCH MORE, than "The Cup of Cold Water" the giver of

which is promised a reward (Matt. 10:42). The gratitude for the kindness and her love that she has received, can never be expressed." And if our fellowship below, in Jesus be so sweet: What heights of rapture shall we know, When 'round His throne we meet." She very especially thanks you all for your sincere prayers, and begs of you to continue to pray that she might get relief from much pain and suffering—Mizpah:—"May the Lord watch between me and thee when we are absent one from another." Gen. 31:49.

So while our paths are separate
And thy way is not mine,
Let coming to the "Mercy Seat,"
My soul will meet with thine
And 'God keep watch between
me and thee"

I'll whisper there: He blesseth thee,

He blesseth me, And we are near."

A Very Dark Day,
September 24, 1950

The article "Sabbath Reminder" is evidence that there is some taking note of the strange incidents of our day. On the afternoon of the above date, I was sitting in our Church at Jefferson near West Elizabeth, Pa., and the lights were turned on because of the gradual darkening of the room, and in a little while it was so dark that it appeared as though we were really in a "night" service, though it was yet early in the day.

We were told by radio, and newspapers that it was caused by a forest fire in Canada, later it was said that it was due to some experiments of the army or military men for a "blackout" should trouble arise. In England and Scotland as announced over the radio, the sun was purple in one country, and blue in the other. It may of been caused by the Canadian Forest Fire as claimed by some, or Military experiments as claimed by others, still the fact remains: It was a Strange Phenomenon.

The apostle Paul predicted there would be perilous times in the last days, and surely all men who have any conception of wickedness and righteousness, must conclude that we are living in a very wicked age, and the experiences in the past ages, both with nations and peoples are sufficient to warn all men that God is a God of justice, and not a God of "respector of persons" and He will meet out justice to one nation like unto another; likewise with persons. the lying, the desecration of the Sabbath

Day, the blasphemy, the corruption of all kinds including the adulterous condition in our day, which is sanctioned by the divorce laws, and which is filling our land with corruption in high places as well as low are to be deplored. The Apostle Paul makes it plain that only death dissolves the marriage covenant. The writer of "Sabbath Reminder" signed by J. E. A. of Grove City, Pa., evidently is taking note of the signs of our present day. God may use "natural means" to warn this generation of impending dangers, even as He has done in past ages. It was the rain that fell which caused the flood, it was the man-made sword, and fire that laid Jerusalem low in the dust. It was on plates of Gold that God has revealed the great things of the latter-days. The prophet Isaiah in Chapter 24, 6 declares "Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left."

The prophet does not say how the burning will take place. But the wickedness of our present day is no doubt arousing the anger of a just God, and as I read that He has allowed the wicked to destroy the wicked in some instances, He may allow us today to trifle with His commandments, and allow others to meddle with atomic elements and start a fire which they will not be able to stop, fulfilling the words of the prophet "only a few men left." It is consoling that there will be a few who will merit the mercy of a just God and be spared.

WORD STUDY

By Martin Michalko

PROPHECY—The word for our consideration this month is prophecy. Along with the verb prophecy, we shall also consider the noun prophecy, the meanings of both being relative. By referring to the dictionary we find that the meaning of the verb is to predict, to foretell, to utter with divine inspiration, to give inspired instructions in religious matters, etc. For the meaning of the noun we find comparable explanations such as that which is foretold or predicted by inspiration, etc. As concerning the word prophecy, many people have only a partial understanding of this word, believing that it means to predict or foretell only. It is somewhat beneficial to know a thing in part, but how much better to know a matter in fullness. If we claim to be spiritually minded,

we should endeavor to broaden our understanding as much as will edify. Let us then consider some deeper meanings of this word.

In the beginning Adam knew God, for he walked and talked with God, but when he and his mate transgressed he was cast out of the Garden, as well as from the presence of the Lord. Man then had no more direct communication with God, but God in goodness and mindfulness of man did not leave him alone, but spake to man at various times, and in divers manners. He revealed himself and his plan of redemption for man by visions of the night, by visions of the day, by sending angels to convey certain messages to man. He also spoke direct to man, as well as to move upon mankind by the Holy Ghost (I Peter 1:21), causing them then to speak his word to the people, which we understand as prophecy. In this scripture which reads, "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." We realize that man is still favored with occasional direct communication with God thus enjoying a portion of Eden's blessings. We enjoy and glory in reading prophecies that came by the Holy Ghost, for such prophecies are always fulfilled. Such prophecies agree with all others given by the Lord. Such declarations are beneficial in the building of God's kingdom on earth. Let us note though that these things come through men that as the scriptures say were "Holy men," and not through individuals who err in giving out private interpretations which the twentieth verse speaks of, or even of private prophecies which do not come to pass. Holy men have always produced something good for the world. The role that they have played in bringing forth God's messages has not been an easy one. Their prophecyings have consisted not only of predicting of things to come but also of declaring repentance unto the people. In doing this many of them lost their very lives and many have been ostracized by their own people. We read also of one prophet who prophesied unto bones as the Lord had commanded him, and the bones came together, and flesh appeared on the bones, and life within. With these and other scriptures in mind we must conclude that to prophesy is even more than just to predict and foretell future events. We also read of a matter in the New Testament, when Jesus

was being mocked by the enraged mob, that they blindfolded him and smote him, then asked him to "prophesy unto us who it is that smote thee". These people who spoke this were not heathen by any means, but rather zealous religionists, who had become enraged by a mob spirit. They were religious enough to know that a prophet was a man who possessed great powers even to be able to see while blindfolded. Sad to say though their religious knowledge, because of erroneous inclusions was distorted to cause them to err. Their error being such their posterity has suffered even down to our day.

Samuel in his day and time, as we read also possessed this wonderful spiritual gift. After anointing Saul king of Israel he made a few declarations of what would happen to Saul on his journey immediately after he left there. Being that he was a true man of God, Samuel's words were fulfilled and are indeed glorious (I Samuel 10th Chapter). One of the things that he told Saul was that he also would receive this spirit of prophecy, when he would meet a company of prophets. When this blessedness occurred we read that the people rejoiced, that Saul also was numbered among the prophets. They surely must have been righteous people for only such rejoice when a manifestation of the spirit of God occurs upon a man. Today people are prone to mock or minimize the merits of such an occurrence. It is no wonder that Paul said that a natural man understandeth not the things of the spirit of God, and are unto him foolishness. But a spiritual man does understand and does rejoice.

Prophets with their many prophecyings were a needful integrant in God's dealing with his chosen people during the time of the law. Without a doubt do I believe that they are even more needful in our day and age, it being a time in which we are endeavoring to build the kingdom of God here on earth. For if our prayer is "thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven," we must believe that it can and will come, and to that end must be our labors. But that kingdom will not be established by swords and bombs, or by force of any kind, neither will it come about "in word," but rather "in power" (I Cor. 4:20). What power does he refer to though, may we ask here, the power of man which today is manifested by stronger weapons, or as in religion

by greater numbers. Or does he rather not refer to the power of God which was in him, and which was manifested by his spiritual gifts, one of which was the gift of prophecy? This gift spoken of by him, he considered as one of the better spiritual gifts, which God promised to believers. What joy there is to see this gift appear in our midst from time to time! What greater joy would there be if we should experience a great manifestation of it! Oh that the world would only know what it means to be spiritual! Truly the world needs a spiritual awakening.

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(This is the Second of a series of five talks by Bro. W. H. Cadman being printed by request).

I will quote again the saying of the Apostle Paul: "The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation." Romans 1:16. And I will add that the power of God was made manifest in divers ways in the primitive Church of Jesus Christ, and it brought the souls of men and women to repentance and obedience to the Gospel which gave them hope beyond the veil. Owing to the nature of my discourse, I will quote again Matthew 11:12, "And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force."

It is readily seen from the Saviours words, that there was a serious struggle with the powers of that day against the kingdom of heaven, and according to the words of Christ, the violent is victorious, for the violent take the kingdom by force. In the foot-note of the Bible edited by Rev. C. I. Scofield D. D., there is two thoughts suggested or applied to this scripture, but he says, and quote: "The King and His herald suffered violence, and this is the primary and greater meaning, but also, some were resolutely becoming His disciples." End of quote. I will add that the word "violence" as defined by Webster, certainly is used out of place when attempting to use it in defining anything good. I cannot understand how humble penitent people could be violently pressing into the kingdom of Christ. If I understand the Saviours teaching, penitent ones become as little children, in fact He says in Mark 10:15 "Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not

enter therein."

According to the words of Christ, there was a power arrayed against the kingdom of heaven and that same power took the kingdom by force. The words of Christ should suffice. We are also taught "to do violence to no man." Hence I conclude that to be violent or to do violence to any man, is an evil thing to do. And further; To my mind the words of Christ, "the violent take it by force" is an act of evil, and in as much as the kingdom is taken by a violent power, such a statement is prophetic on the part of the Saviour and reminds me of the song: "Jesus Never Fails." I am convinced that not one word will return unto Him void.

I will now endeavor to examine the scripture and learn to some extent of the violent or evil power that was arrayed against the kingdom of heaven on earth not only arrayed against the servant John the Baptist whom was beheaded for righteousness, but also of the son of God of whom it is said: man never spake like him, Yea, even the waves and the winds obey Him, and Pilate was made to exclaim, "I find no fault in the man," but the violent cried out the more, "Crucify Him, Crucify Him," let His blood be upon us and our children." So the violent thus far is the victor; they nailed Him to the cross, yea He was forsaken by heaven and earth for the moment. Yea, from the days of John the Baptist the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force. They took John the fore-runner and put him to death, they take the Messiah the Lamb of God dishonour Him between two thieves and nail him to a cruel cross. Not yet satisfied, they mock Him thus: "He saved others, Himself He cannot save."

Jesus had previously taught His disciples that as they would do unto Him, so would they do likewise unto them. The spirit of violence did not stop with the tragedy of the cross, but its fires still raged furiously against the disciples after the risen Lord ascended to His Father in heaven. Yea, he had taught them saying: "that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service." John 16-2. Yea, the spirit of violence that possessed the hearts of the evil minded, yea, that same spirit that always arrayed itself against righteousness, it caused Cain to slay his brother, and many other incidents could be referred to, wherein the evil spirit was made manifest in acts of violence, some-

times brother against brother and father against son, etc.

In the Holy Church of Jesus Christ, I read in Acts, 5-12, "And by the hands of the Apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch." Please read in Acts, 5-12 and 16 inclusive of the wonders accomplished in the Holy Church of Christ. Yea, inspite of the violent power that was raging. The heathens raged, they stoned the beloved Stephen to death. And, as they sat in council, they saw his face as it had been the face of an angel. He sees the heavens open, and he beholds the Glory of God and Jesus standing on the right hand of God. Yes, Stephen sees his Master at the right hand of His father in heaven. He is there of course to intercede with His Father in behalf of those who would overcome the violent power on earth. You know while He was here on earth, He taught His disciples that He must go away, He must go back to His Father in heaven, but He says I will not leave you alone. Yea, while He was here on earth He prayed much to His Father in their behalf. Yes, He especially prayed for poor Peter, for the master of the violent would sift him (Peter) as wheat if he would be given half a chance. You know I never read where the violent devil ever did any one any good, but while here on earth Jesus taught that the violent would take the kingdom by force. They killed Stephen, and in Acts, 12-2 Herod kills James the brother of John with the sword. In Acts, 8-3, we learn of Saul (later known as Paul) making havoc of the Church and entering into every house, hailing men and women and committing them to prison. And on one occasion in referring to his past life, he was so violent that he punished them in every Synagogue, made them to blaspheme and he was exceedingly MAD against them. Meaning the followers of Jesus Christ. In fact he had been so violent, that even after the Lord struck him down while on his way to Damascus and after he began to preach Christ, the Disciples were fearful of him. Even the servant Ananias hesitated to visit him when he was praying. Yea, Saul was feared by many of the disciples because of his violent attitude towards them. But Saul yielded himself to the command which was given unto him, and he arose and was baptized, and receiving the spirit of God in his soul, he then preached that Je-

sus was the very Christ. He is then known as Paul and he becomes a target for the violent powers that were raging.

The Apostle is no more violent, but is a comfort and a joy to the disciples of Jesus whom he had caused to have so much anxiety. His mind is soon led to understand the mysterious things of his day, including the mystery of iniquity which so much abounded. In second Timothy third chapter, he tells "that in the last days perilous times shall come, For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasure more than the lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof, from such turn away etc." The peculiar thing about this is, Paul is speaking to people who have a form of godliness, not an infidel people, but men bearing the name of Christians, and he charges them with most everything except that which is good. And he says it will be in the last days. Most all professing people believe we are living in the last days. The Apostles description of men in the last days, reminds me of the prophet Isaiah in Chapter 24-2 wherein he says, "And it shall be as with the people, so with the priest, as with the servant, so with his master," etc. A condition when all seem to be in the same boat, none seem to be fit examples for others to follow after, which is certainly at variance with the teachings of the Master, for He does teach all to let their light shine. In verse 5 it says: "The earth is defiled under the inhabitants thereof, because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant." and continues by saying in verse 6, "therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned and few men left." The law and ordinances of the gospel of Christ have been transgressed and changed in many instances. We are taught that they are not necessary for us today, and it is by Christian people having a form of godliness, but deny the power thereof, even ever learning and not able to come to a knowledge of the truth.

Reverting to Second Timothy, third chapter, I will quote the 8th and 9th verses, "Now as James and Jambres withstood Moses, so

do these also resist the truth; men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the truth. But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be made manifest unto all men, as theirs also was."

Let us take note of this scripture. The two men named therein, were two of the Magicians who contended with Moses. They did things very much as did Moses, but when the first-born in every Egyptian home was found dead in the morning, the Egyptians were glad to let Israel go. The folly of their Magicians resistance to the man of God was made manifest.

When the Apostle speaks of those: ever learning and never able to come to a knowledge of the truth, corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the truth, etc., He is speaking of those in the last days; who have a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof, from cusp turn away. the Apostle declares that they shall proceed no further, for their folly shall be made manifest, even as Jannes and Jambres folly was. May we not conclude of those who are crying: that Christ is here and Christ is there; that their day and time will come to an end, yea, their folly be made manifest as the Magicians folly was? For they themselves, (those who are ever learning) have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance and have broken the everlasting covenant. For He who purchased the Church with His own blood, also taught His disciples to teach and observe all things whatsoever I command you, and on those conditions, He promised to be with them until the end of the world. The prophet Isaiah appealed unto his people, Israel, "Come, let us reason together." Amen.

RELIGION LIMITED TO CATHOLIC FAITH

BOGOTA, Colombia, Sept. 9—(AP)—The newspaper El Liberal reported today that Col. Nestor Mesa Prieto, chief of the Caqueta Territory in southeast Colombia, has banned all religious worship other than that of the Roman Catholic Church there.

The dispatch, from Florencia, said police had been ordered to break up all non-Catholic religious gatherings.

Editors Note: Can this really be true? And if so, Does the Catholic Church endorse such action?

FOLKS GROWING OLD

The writer spent the evening of October 13th at the home of Sis-

ter Sarah Ann Parlor near West Elizabeth, Pa., the occasion was the 90th anniversary of her birth. She is still able to get around some in the house very well for one of her age. She is the third child of the late Bro. and Sister Wm. Cadman.

On October 8th, Sister Maggie Lynch of Coshocton, Ohio, passed the 91st milestone of her life. She is the daughter of the late Bro. and Sister James Russell and was born at Green Oak, Pa. She gets around very well yet, but her ability to remember and know people anymore is pretty well gone. Sister Lynch is the mother of Sister Wilbert Parlor.

In thinking of aged persons in the Church, there is Sister Mary Tucker who makes her home with her daughter Sister Teman Cherry. She observed her 88th birthday in July. She is very strong thus far, and is the mother of a large family of children. We have another sister in the person of Sister Gollick of the Roscoe Branch of the Church who is climbing up the ladder very well too. She is practically the same age as Sister Tucker, and was baptized into the Church when she was 14 years old. The last time I saw her was at the dedication of the Roscoe Church on New Years Day. Then we have Sister Cromlish who makes her home with her daughter in Donora, Pa., who is well advanced in years and not able to attend church anymore. Also there is Sister Ruth Griffith, a sister to Sister Parlor who has passed her 85th year and is not able to go to Church anymore. While at our recent Conference I learned of Sister Gennaro, the mother of Bro. Wm. of Warren, Ohio, also is getting well up in the years. We have Sister Dintino of Glassport who's husband was laid away to rest not long ago, who is also well advanced in years and is feeble. She was born in Italy, came to this country and obeyed the gospel in Glassport, and has bore a good testimony in the Church.

Bro. Amalong who makes his home with Brother and Sister Vancik entered his 92nd year last April. He has been a big strong man, and still gets to church occasionally. Brother Thomas Dixon who buried his companion recently, is living by himself and is being cared for by his wife's niece, Mrs. Bruno of Richeyville, Pa. He has passed his 84th year and is very feeble. I did not in-

tend to go into this matter so much when I started but there are so many that come to my mind. There is Sister Padden of Rosemont, Ont., Sister Ford's Aunt. Sister Gadd of London, Ont. Both of these sisters are well up in years, but just recently were baptized in the Church. There is also Sister Ford of Meaford, Ont., the mother of our late Bro. Ford. There is also Sister Love of Sharon, Pa., Sister Benyola of Hopelawn, N. J., and others that could be mentioned, but whoever you may be, and wherever you are may the Lord still continue to bless you all. Brother W.H.C.

P. S. I must not forget to mention our old Brother Newby of Stites, Idaho, who is up in the eighties and is crippled up with rheumatism. He is a convert of our late Brother Costa. We have Sister Scrave in the Monongahela Branch who has passed the 80 mark and is not able to go to church anymore.

A very pretty wedding took place on Saturday afternoon, September 23 in the Church of Jesus Christ at Hopelawn, N. J.

The marriage of Sister Elsie Miller to Brother Anthony Ensana was solemnized. Brother Joseph Benyola officiated. Sister Marie Galabro was the pianist and Sister Mary Feher sang.

Sister Elsie carried a white Bible with eucharis lilies and stephanotis. Brother George Funkhouser, a brother-in-law to the groom was the best man. Miss Anna Miller, the bride's sister, was her only attendant.

The reception was held at the Colonial Farms which is an ideal place for the saints of God. A delicious dinner was served. May God Bless You.

By Ivy Fisher

ALSO-RAN

Prof Says America Was Discovered 'Time And Again' Before 1492.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 12—(UP)—Christopher Columbus was a also-ran in the race for the shores of America, according to a Johns Hopkins University professor.

Writing in the "Southwestern Journal of Anthropology," Dr. George Carter said he believes America was discovered "time and again" before the arrival of Columbus on these shores.

Dr. Carter said a study of plant life as well as of archaeology points

to the theory that agricultural tribes from the Pacific may have landed on American shores 3,000 years before Columbus made his historic trip.

The "plant evidence" is based on the fact that a plant originates only in one place although it may be transplanted elsewhere by man or nature, the John Hopkins professor said.

Dr. Carter said "there can be no doubt" that the sweet potato, a native of America, was transported to the east by Asiatics who were making contact with America before the time of Christ.

Other plant exchanged between Asiatics and American probably were also taking place 30 centuries before the time of Columbus, Dr. Carter said.

The professor said he also believes the advanced civilizations of Mexico and South America probably owed their start to the higher culture and ideas brought by travellers from Asia long before the famous voyage of 1492.

P.S. Dear readers: It would seem as though the Johns Hopkins University Professor is rather late in the day with the news, that America was discovered time and again prior to 1492. Of course it is better to be a little late than never.

He points out "that agricultural tribes from the Pacific may have landed on American shores 3,000 years before Columbus made his historic trip."

The Book of Mormon now has been in print 120 years, and as for nativity, the book is genuine American. The truth of it was attested to by honorable men of that day. The Professor certainly hits the nail on the head when he says, "America was discovered time and again before Columbus came to these shores." Read Genesis 11-9. "Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the Lord did there confound the language of all the earth; And from thence did the Lord scatter them abroad upon the face of ALL the Earth."

The Jewish Historian Josephus in his history when writing of the time when the Lord confounded their language says: "There was some also who passed over the sea in ships, and inhabited the Islands." The book of Ether in the Book of Mormon gives an account of a colony of people coming to this land from the Tower of Babel when their language was confounded. It also says, they brought all kinds of seeds, and of their flocks, they brought male and female of every kind. I must say that Dr.

Carter's findings certainly corroborates the account as recorded in the Book of Mormon.

Those people became a mighty nation upon this land of America approximately 2500 years B.C. They later came to naught because of iniquity.

About 600 B.C., and just prior to the Babylonian Captivity, the Book of Mormon gives an account of another colony coming here from Jerusalem, Israelites by birth. Their predecessors on this land had become extinct, and they, the Israelites became a great nation of people upon the land now known to us as America. Because of wickedness they degenerated, and a remnant of them was found here by Columbus in 1492 and were named Indians.

While this portion of Israel were flourishing here, the Book of Mormon gives an account of another colony coming here from Jerusalem and were known by the name of Zarahemlites. The readers will observe that the finds of Dr. Carter, relative to other peoples coming here before Columbus, are not news to the believers in the Book of Mormon; because the book reveals the fact (not a theory) that at least three different colonies of people emigrated to this land of America prior to the historical event of the famous Christopher Columbus. May I ask you readers, should you not own a Book of Mormon, buy one and read of these wonderful events for yourselves? Yea, in St. John 10-16 the Savior says: I have other sheep and they shall hear my voice. His word was fulfilled. He did visit the people on this land after His resurrection and they were wonderfully blessed. I ask you all, read this wonderful Book of Mormon.

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NEWS FROM BITNER, PA.

We of the Bitner Mission have been enjoying the meetings held at the various places lately, and we have had four baptisms and two renewals. The baptisms were all young brothers and sisters, of which we are very glad to see them interested in the Church, for we see the time of trouble approaching in the world. We felt the peace of God's Holy Spirit, especially in our young sisters as they were baptized and confirmed. We trust that God will give them faith and courage to hold fast to the gospel which they have embraced. They were mostly children of the saints, and we know that it is a great joy to all, to see the Lord call our

children into this Gospel we love so much; for it seems that many of the saints' children have been slow in obeying the gospel, yet the mothers and fathers never cease to pray to God that He may move upon them in due time.

We have started to hold meetings again at Lonaconing, Maryland. Due to conditions we have not held services there for several years, but are very glad that we have been able to get started there again. We pray that the Lord will bless our brothers and sisters in that part of the vineyard, and that He may give us an increase in the near future.

We also pray for the saints down in Kentucky that God will grant them sufficient of His Holy Spirit, that they may not become discouraged; also all who are scattered and live in different parts of the country, who have not the opportunity of meeting regular as we do. Bro. Joseph Bittinger.

WHAT WE BELIEVE

A reprint from "The Gospel Reflector" of December 1906, edited by our late President, Brother Cherry.

We believe in God, the eternal Father and in His Son Jesus Christ and in the Holy Ghost.

We believe that men will be punished for their own sin and not for Adam's transgression.

We believe that through the atonement of Christ all men may be saved by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the Gospel.

We believe that these ordinances are: First—Faith in God and in the Lord Jesus Christ. Second—Repentance. Third—Baptism by immersion for the remission of sins. Fourth—Laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost. Fifth—We believe in the resurrection of the body; that the dead in Christ will rise first and the rest of the dead will not live again until the thousand years are expired. Sixth—We believe in the doctrine of Eternal Judgement, which provides that men shall be judged, rewarded or punished, according to the deeds done in the body.

We believe that a man must be called of God and ordained by the laying on of hands of those who are in authority, to entitle him to preach of the Gospel and administer in the ordinance thereof.

We believe the same kind of organization that existed in the primitive church, viz; Apostles, Prophets, Pastors, Teachers, Evangelists, etc.

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ON CHRISTMAS

There was a girl, whose grace
and gentle beauty

Was viewed by God, who chose
her for His own;

And so, He sent His Angel down
to greet her,

And tell her things that she had
never known.

He called her Blessed, that she
had found great favor

With God above, for she was
pure and good;

And then he said a child she
would be bearing

Whose name was Jesus, it was
understood.

The virgin raised her voice in
exaltation,

That God should grant this privilege
to her. . .

For through the years whene'er
her name was mentioned,

A great respect in every heart
would stir.

So, in due time, the Blessed
Jesus Infant

Was born, and laid to rest among
the beasts,

While in the midst of Heaven
was rejoicing,

For soon, the power of death
o'er life, would cease.

Has ever story, quite so sweet,
so precious

Poured forth from lips, from
any heart, unfurled?

And I, for one, shall blend my
voice with others',

And wish a Happy Christmas, to
the world. Catherine Poma

"What Hope Has Israel?"

By Paul D'Amico

It has often been spoken of God's promises to Israel. We recall in God's word when Peter was used to bring the News of Salvation unto Cornelius and his household. Prior to that time the Gospel had been with Israel but unfortunately it was only a very few who accepted the Gospel. Hence God, who moves in His own mysterious ways, saw fit to make provisions for the Gentiles to enter into the fold, and to become citizens of His Kingdom. In 1827 the Gospel was restored to the Gentiles, in fulfillment of God's word. Do we as Gentiles harbor the thought that Salvation is ours, and that Israel has been cast off forever? Have we forgotten the word of God stating that

the first shall be last, and last shall be first? There is no indication that one nation would be saved and another cast off forever. It would be selfish on the part of the Gentiles to harbor such thoughts, when we know that God is not a partial God. If we shoulder the responsibility which God has given us, we will, in God's due time, understand that our calling in the Gospel has been for a purpose. Without going much further with my own words permit me to quote the words of Bro. William Cadman written to our people in the October Conference of 1899 as recorded in our Pamphlet, "Religious Experiences and Expectations," for I feel that this subject has, is, and will be the most important factor in the establishment of Christ's Kingdom here on earth.

"Now my Brethren and Sisters: We have high hopes and expectations, not in the least too high, in as much as they are true. A perfect knowledge of truth concerning futurity can only be had from God. We can rely upon that source and we can rely upon no other. I remember, when I had only been in this Church a very short time, I had a remarkable experience. I was taking a short journey when I fell in company with a man I did not know; he began to talk to me as we walked along the road together. His conversation was upon a subject which was entirely new to me. He expounded the 48th and 49th Chapters of Genesis to me, that is, that portion (particularly) which refers to the Seed of Joseph. Also the 33rd Chapter of Deuteronomy, and several other portions of Scripture bearing upon the same subject. He spake upon the subject of God's promises to Israel, very extensively and elegantly, which delighted me exceedingly. I was so enraptured in his conservation that I listened intently and said nothing. After traveling slowly together for nearly two miles, he left me, bidding me a pleasant farewell. I looked after him with feelings of astonishment and delight and wished I had the understanding that he had. I concluded that he was some member of the Church with whom I had not obtained acquaintance and promised myself a more extended acquaintance with him at our coming Con-

ference, which I presumed he would certainly attend. I never saw him since and I will add that nothing could now persuade me otherwise, than, "That he was a heavenly messenger."

Shortly after this experience, I had another in the shape of a dream, concerning the same subject. I dreamed that I was in some building, seemingly a dwelling house. I opened a door for the purpose of entering into another room; I met Jacob, the father of Joseph, in the doorway. I knew him instantly as a familiar acquaintance. He spake to me (as I understood) in his own language. I understood his words and answered him (understandingly) in the same language. He then complained to me, very sorrowfully, concerning the hardships of his descendants, and seemed in very great distress and trouble concerning them; his countenance became more sad as he proceeded, until he seemed a very pitiable creature of misery and distress. My mind was then wonderfully opened up on the prophecies pertaining to the gathering of Israel, and I was enabled to expound them to him extensively.

As I did so his countenance changed, and gave evidence that his heart and soul were overflowing with unbounded joy and satisfaction. At this juncture, I grasped his hand and shook it energetically; shouting loudly, "Well might the prophet say, Jacob shall not be ashamed, neither shall his face now wax pale. But when he seeth his children the work of mine hands in the midst of him, they shall sanctify my name, and sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and shall fear the God of Israel." As soon as these words were uttered, I awoke.

My feelings, on awakening out of that dream, are best known to myself and are difficult to explain to others, except they have passed through similar experiences themselves. That dream convinced me that I was in the Church that would make Jacob's face shine. It was given to me in 1860, very soon after I had entered into this Church. I realized its importance at that time, and made it known to the Saints. I realize its importance now. I can see now why it was given to me at that time and

not to others. I can see that it comprehended the present situation and circumstances of this people. It embodied an explanation, and foreboded a fulfillment of all the prophecies herein referred to. It signified that the Almighty had resolved to use this people to accomplish the great and grand purpose of carrying the restored Gospel to the seed of Jacob, which will eventually result in the restoration of the whole house of Israel. By acceptance of the Gospel of Christ, they will be restored to the favor of Heaven, as in their former condition. The covenants made unto Abraham, and unto Jacob, in their behalf, will be fulfilled.

Gentile power, pride and hypocrisy will be suppressed and destroyed, and the fifth universal Empire, or what some call the Stone Kingdom, spoken of by Daniel, as the Ancient of Days, will be established." (End of Quotation)

Therefore in closing this article may I express the desire and hope that as a gentile nation, we may draw close unto God and be found favorable in His sight, lest we find ourselves in the same position as the Jaredites and Nephites who met total destruction because of wickedness and transgression. God bless you, one and all.

AN EXPERIENCE OF SISTER N. DIMELLIS DETROIT, MICH.

"It seemed as though I was at a Wednesday night meeting. Brother Joseph Dulisse had a letter in his hand and he said: 'Brothers and Sisters, I have an important announcement from Brother Cadman.' On the following Sunday all Branches and Missions, both large and small, are to be gathered in a certain place.' Brother Cadman.

This was like a big field, only it was all ruined. It must have been a battle-field at one time. At the head of the field was a balcony with six oval shaped steps leading up to it. At the first row of seats all the Apostles were seated and in the middle of the first row was a beautiful chair. In the second row were the Evangelists and so on throughout the whole authority of the Church of Jesus Christ. No one was missing.

They were lined up like soldiers forming two lines, and in the middle two people could pass. Then Brother Cadman called everyone to order. He told them to kneel down. While Brother Cadman was praying he was crying

to God; he was saying that he did his best to lead His people to salvation but some did not obey, and thus was his prayer.

I opened my eyes and in the empty chair was a man all dressed in white. On one side of this man was brother Joseph Dulisse, and on the other side was brother Wm. H. Cadman. Brother Cadman called hymn No. 87 (God Will Take Care of You), after the hymn was sung, the brothers and sisters asked this man why there was murmuring death and sickness among His people. This man arose and said, 'Woe unto you that do not do my will, for you have not seen anything yet.' Then he turned to the Apostles and the rest, and said, 'You, too, will be punished if you do not do my will.'

It seemed that we were ready to adjourn, when I saw some brothers and sisters were crying and tearing their clothes. This man went down the aisle and said, 'Woe unto you who do not obey the authority which I put before you to bring you closer to me.'

At this moment I awoke and prayed. I fell asleep again and found myself kissing the hand of this man. While I was in the act of doing so, he said: 'If you do not tell this dream, you will be punished.' Copied as recorded on page 318 of The Church History.

THE STYLISH CHURCH

(A reprint from "The Gospel Reflector" of December 1906)

"Well, wife, I've been to church today, been to a stylish one; And since you can't go from home, I'll tell you what was done. — You would have been surprised to see what I saw there today. The sisters were fixed up so fine they hardly bowed to pray. — I had on these coarse clothes of mine; not much worse for wear, but then, they knew I wasn't one they call a millionaire. — So they led the old man to a seat, away back by the door! 'Twas backless and uncushioned, reserved for the poor! — Pretty soon in came a stranger with gold ring and clothing fine. They led him to a cushioned seat, far in advance of mine; — I thought that wasn't exactly right, to sit him up so near, when he was young and I was old, and very hard to hear! — I couldn't hear the sermon, I sat so far away, so through the hour of service I could only "watch and pray." — Watch the doings of the Christians sitting near me 'round about. Pray that God would make them

pure within, as they were pure without. — While I sat there looking all around upon the rich and great, I kept thinking of the rich man, and the beggar at the gate; — How by all but dogs forsaken, the poor beggar's form grew cold; And the angels bore his spirit to the mansions built of gold. — How at last the rich man perished, and his spirit took it's flight, From the purple and fine linen to the home of endless night. — There he learned as he stood gazing at the beggar in the sky, 'It isn't all of life to live, or all of death to die.' — I doubt not there were wealthy sires in that religious fold Who went up from their dwellings like the Pharisees of old. — Then returned home from their worship, with their heads uplifted high, To spurn the hungry from their door, with naught to satisfy. — Out, out with such professionals! they are doing more today, To stop the weary sinner from the gospel shining way, — Than all the books of infidels, than all that has been tried, Since Christ was born in Bethlehem, since Christ was crucified. — I am old, I may be childish, but I love simplicity; I love to see it shining in a Christian piety; — Jesus told us in His sermons, on Judea's mountain wild, He that wants to go to heaven, must be as a little child. — Our heads are growing gray, dear wife, our hearts are beating low; In a little while the Master will call for us to go; — When we reach the pearly gateway and look in with joyful eyes, We'll see no stylish worship, in the temple in the skies." Selected by Martha Morgan (Ring), St. John Kansas.

The third of a series of five talks delivered over W.C.V.I. at Connellsville, Pa. Printed by request.

I repeat again the language of Christ as recorded in Matthew 11-12, "And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force." In support of the argument that the Gospel of Christ did not always remain upon the earth because of the violent power arrayed against the kingdom, of which the Saviour said the violent take it by force; I will proceed to produce scripture to support the teaching of the Church of Jesus Christ, that the time came when the true Church was no longer upon the face of the earth.

The Apostle Paul in First Timo-

thy, 4-1, 2, 3, "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their consciences seared with a hot iron. Forbidding to marry and abstaining from meats, etc." This scripture speaks of a condition within the fold of Christ.

It does not say they left the Church, but some did depart from the true faith of the Church, they gave way to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils, so says Paul. These "some" that the Apostle speaks of, could not depart from the faith without first being partakers of the faith. And remember the Apostle is speaking of the faith which was introduced by the Christ. They go so far that they can tell lies in hypocrisy, their consciences being seared with a hot iron, and their consciences trouble them not. Of the early disciples of Christ who were sent out to preach the Gospel, I do not read they were forbidden to, or did they forbid other servants of God to marry. According to Paul, those that taught such doctrines, were those who departed from the faith by giving heed to seducing (evil) spirits and doctrine of devils.

In this instance, the violent made an inroad into the kingdom of heaven, even as Christ said: the violent would take it by force; and the Apostle says the Spirit speaketh expressly. In plain words the Spirit of God revealed to Paul that such a condition would come to pass in the latter times. I read that celibacy of the Clergy was recommended in the year of 325, and was made obligatory in the year 1000. Infant baptism was introduced in 254, the cup withheld from the laity in the year 1263. Sprinkling for baptism was legalized in 1311. Men may get confused in chronicling events or time, but as far as genuineness of these principles, there is no scripture to show that Jesus ever taught them, but there is much in His teachings which conflicts with the afore-mentioned principles, and as Paul says:

Some departed from the faith and gave heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils, and further: it was made known unto him by the Spirit of God, which the Saviour promised would show us things to come.

The Saviour says in Matthew 24, "And because iniquity shall abound the love of many shall

wax cold." May I ask, what causes their love to wax cold? The easiest way to answer is SIN, and sin is the transgression of the laws of God. When Paul describes that man of sin who sitteth in the temple (Church), he declares that a falling away shall take place. In Acts, 20-29, 30, he warns them that grievous wolves would enter among them, not sparing the flock. Wolves: may I say men in sheeps clothing? And men shall arise among yourselves speaking perverse things (doctrines of devils) drawing away disciples after them. In Second Timothy 3-13, I read: "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse deceiving and being deceived." I have already drawn your attention to some departing from the faith and giving heed to seducing spirits.

In Second Timothy 4-3-4 Paul says: "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and will turn away their ears from the truth, (the truth of the Gospel) and shall be turned unto fables." Which is untruth or falsehood, and as formerly stated, their conscience seared with a hot iron. In Titus 1-11, "Teaching things they ought not for filthy lucre's sake." We are taught that the love of money is the root of all evil, and with few exceptions, it is the ambition of the clergy today. The Saviour Himself declares "that the hireling careth not for the sheep."

In Jude third and fourth verses, "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were ordained before of old to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ." The date of Jude's writing is given as A. D. 66. In the Bible edited by Rev. C. S. Scofield, it is stated in the headlines, that the apostasy is already set in. And it is very evident, for in Jude's writing which is about 35 years after the ascension of Christ, he is exhorting those that are sanctified by God the Father, to earnestly contend for the faith which was once

delivered to the saints. Is that not sufficient evidence that the Church was on the wane, yea, falling away even in the days of the apostles?

In the book titled "Faith of the Fathers" by the late and very eminent Cardinal Gibbons; on page 66 he treats on the words of the Savior to Peter as follows, and I quote: "Thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." He then makes a statement and I quote: "Christ here makes a solemn prediction that no error shall ever invade His Church." End of quote. Mr. Gibbons is certainly in conflict with New Testament writers when he makes that statement, for error certainly did enter the primitive Church. In Second Peter 2-1, I read: "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;" etc. Peter and Jude, versus Mr. Gibbons.

In the book of Rev. first chapter, first verse, "The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John." In verse 4, "And he was in the Isle called Patmos, for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ." He next describes a personage who appears unto him in the midst of seven candlesticks and has seven stars in his hand. The personage can be no other than the Lord Jesus Christ. In verse 20, "The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches; and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven Churches." John then proceeds to write to the angels of the seven Churches in Asia. My Bible gives the date of John's experience in A. D. 96, about 65 years after the ascension of Christ, a very short time indeed. In second chapter of Revelation John speaks to the Church at Ephesus, and the Church is given credit for the good they still have. They had tried some who said they were apostles, but found them to be liars. Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee because thou hast left thy first love. They were

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EDITORIAL

Brother and Sister Joseph Bittering of near Uniontown, Pa., and Brother and Sister W. H. Cadman returned on Nov. 10th from a trip to North Carolina and Kentucky. The trip was made in the Bittering car, and a very nice trip was enjoyed. We met with some cold weather which was to be expected at this season of the year. A little snow was seen on the roofs of buildings on the Sunday morning we were in Cherokee, N. C. We spent our time in visiting among the Indian people, who were really glad to welcome us again after an absence of nearly three years. These Indian people live in the mountains in that country, they have very little land that is tillable, the mountains are steep and rugged, the valleys are very narrow of which they eke out a living. May the good Lord help them. We attended their Church on Sunday and had prayer in some of their homes.

Concluding our visit in North Carolina, we crossed the Big Smoky Mountains into Tennessee. The scenery is wonderful. The summit of the mountains where we crossed is above 5000 feet. There was snow and it was real cold up there. The building of the highways up and down the Big Smokies is a wonderful engineering feat.

We drove through Tennessee into Kentucky to the home of brother and sister Parrott, found them very well, and we spent three nights with them. Our evenings were spent in prayer, singing and reading the word of God. On account of threatening weather, we cut our trip short and returned home sooner than we intended to. Brother Parrott is a licensed Mine Foreman in the state of Kentucky, and has a responsible position as Assistant Foreman at a very large mine. Sister Celena Raynal is employed in a restaurant. They were all glad to see us again, and welcomed us to their home. May the Lord bless them.

guilty of many things including deeds of the Nicolantanes, which thing I hate. According to history

the Nicolantanes had a community of wives, lewdness, etc. In Rev. second chapter, beginning with verse 12 he writes to the Church at Pergamos, and while he credits them with some good, yet he says I have a few things against thee. Among them was the doctrine of Balam and also of the Nicolantanes which thing I hate. He commands them to repent or else I will come unto thee quickly. In verse 18, he speaks to the Church at Thyatira and with some good that they still have, yet they are accused of suffering that woman Jezebel which called herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce my servants to commit fornication, etc. In chapter 3, the works of the Church at Sardis are not found perfect, and he warns them that if they do not watch, they shall not know what hour I come upon thee.

Of the seven Churches in Asia, the Church of Philadelphia seems to be the most favored. The Church at Laodicea was neither hot nor cold, and the Lord says I will spue thee out of my mouth. I have passed over one or two of the seven Churches, but if you will examine them, you will find them all very faulty, and this was all in the first century of the Christian era. Is it not astonishing that so soon after Christ had ascended that there was so much evil in the Church?

At the conclusion of my discourse this evening I will say, that when Bro. Tucker asked me to talk over the Air for him, I did not expect to speak but that one night, which was two weeks ago this evening. My discourse was of such a nature, that he and others thought I should continue at least, with one more talk. This of course is my third one, and if agreeable to Bro. Tucker, I will conclude with one more discourse next Sunday evening.

I will add too, that thus far I have quoted from the writings of the founder of the Methodist Church, Rev. John Wesley, Rev. C. S. Scofield, D. D., and from the "Faith of the Fathers" by the late Cardinal Gibbons. Three very prominent men in the Christian era. I have endeavored, not to be reproachful in any way whatever. My talk next Sunday night will be based mostly on scripture found in Matthew 16 beginning with verse 13, and the Revelation 12 chapter.

Sincerely,
W. H. Cadman

A Note

From Sister Cosetti

Sister Mary Cosetti of Youngstown takes this means of thanking the Ladies Uplift Circle throughout the Church, for the response that was made of a contribution towards the purchase of a watch for brother W. H. Cadman, president of the Church. I am grateful to you for making this gift to Bro. Cadman possible.

Mary Cosetti

P. S. Dear Sisters of the Uplift Circle, and to any others who may have assisted you in purchasing this gift. I sincerely thank you all. I have always felt to honor you in the work you have done thus far in the Church, for I do feel that you have done much good indeed. But for you to purchase a watch, and present it to me at our recent Conference, was wholly unexpected to me. You may of thought that I acted a little stupid at the affair, but I confess that you caught me un-awares. Nevertheless it is a very valuable gift for me, for I'm sort of lost without a time-piece. My family bought me a good watch quite a number of years ago, but unfortunately in my traveling around I lost it. I will always carry this lovely time-piece in remembrance of you all, and will do my utmost to take the best of care of it. Many, many thanks, and may God bless you all.

Sincerely,
Brother W. H. Cadman

From The Pen of Oliver Cowdery
On September 22, 1835

On the morning of the 22nd of September, 1827, the angel of the Lord delivered the record of the Nephites to Joseph Smith, Jr. This opening a new era, as it were, the mind runs with the rapidity of lightning over the history of the eight past years, and views with wonder the hand of God in its dealings with men, in that thousands and tens of thousands have since heard the contents of that volume (Book of Mormon) which then remained locked up from the eyes and knowledge of the nations of the earth.

The book has been translated, though its translator was driven from his native land, to do the same, by the hand of wicked and designing men, and those too who professed the religion of heaven, or were instigated so to do by such; it has been printed, though many sought to keep it from the public eye, and actually stole a part, which was, however, supplied

from the writings of another; a few embraced its truths, yielded obedience to the gospel, and tasted the good word of God and the powers of the world to come; many of the elders of Christ's church have since been commissioned and sent forth over this vast Republic, from river to river, and from valley to valley, 'til the vast sunny plains of Missouri, the frozen regions of Canada, and the eastern Maine, with the summer States of the South, have been saluted with the sound of the voice of those who go forth for the last time to say to Israel, Prepare for the coming of thy King.

Wonderful to tell! Amid the frowns of bigots, the sneers of hypocrites, the scoffs of the foolish, the calumny of slanderers, the ridicule of the vain and the popular prejudice of a people estranged from God, urged on to deeds of villainy by the priests of Baal, the word has been proclaimed with success, and thousands are now enjoying the benign influence of the love of God shed forth by the comforter upon the pure in heart.

Nor has the sound been confined alone to our shores; Europe has heard that the great King was doing wonders for us, and the eyes of many are now anxiously turned to behold the rising spreading glory of the church of the Latter Day Saints, in the new world. In that world though vast its forests and broad its rivers, where but a few centuries ago the roaming red man chased the buffalo, the elk and the bounding deer, unnoticed and alone, now subdued, the Father of mercies has lifted to the nations of the earth a standard; has raised up to the gaze of the world an ensign; has caused His voice to be heard; has shown His faithful ones that Israel is about to be gathered; the indignation toward the Jews is also to cease; and that He will soon bring the house of Jacob from the north country, and gather them from the coasts of the earth, the blind, the lame, the aged and the suckling, that they may sing in the height of Zion, and flow together to the goodness of the Lord.

Prepare your hearts, O ye saints of the Most High, for great things await you! Hasten ye, hasten ye, to the places of gathering, for after a little the indignation of the Word will cease toward those who are called by His name, and then His arm must fall upon the wicked. His sword is bathed in heaven, and must fall upon Idumea, and

who can stand amid the crash and fall of empires?

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

Should one ask, what has been done during these eight years, of which you speak? I would say, the first two and a half only translated and printed the record, (Book of Mormon) and organized the church with six members! And the fruit of the labor of five and a half are so great that the hearts of thousands are astonished; the veil of superstition has been rent from the minds of many: the church increased to thousands; the list of elders multiplied to hundreds; the deaf have heard the words of the book; (again, the Book of Mormon) the eyes of the blind have seen out of obscurity and out of darkness; the meek have increased, (for their joy is in the Lord), the poor among men rejoice in the Holy One of Israel; many that have erred in spirit have come to understanding, while others that murmured have learned doctrine.

SAINT Word Study

SAINT — I was once asked my opinion of what a saint is. My answer was a simple one. I believe that a saint is a person who has repented of his sins, and by faith and obedience has received a remission of them, thus having garments washed white in the blood of the lamb. When this occurs he has been taken by the power of God from the broad way of life and placed on the straight road.

He has received this not for any outstanding works, but rather because of sorrow for his past deeds which were works of darkness. He must though continue on this road in newness of life doing good works by faith and by love, the remainder of his days to retain this sainthood, which he has received from his Lord and Saviour. If he does retain this sainthood and keeps himself unspotted from the world, with his cup filled with oil, his eternal salvation is sure. This is not attainable only by a special few, a few talented ones, but rather it is in the reach of all. It is not attainable only by a few consecrated ones, as say Paul was, but by all who believe in God, who do his will daily, who desire eternal life, for by grace does this come, for the Lord is no respecter of persons. In Paul's day and time there were many saints. His epistles to the various churches of his day were oft addressed to the "Saints." Sainthood was given to all faithful believers by God, as we understand these scriptures. Today some believe that sainthood is only for certain ones chosen by man. How contrary to scriptures! We of the church practice using the word saint when referring to others of the church. In so doing we are unjustly criticized by religionists who are unaccustomed to using this word today. We know that God is the same yesterday, today and forever, and that His principles and doctrines always remain the same, why then should God's people act or address one another any differently, just because centuries have rolled by?

There is another fallacy existing in this religious world today that I wish to touch upon. There seems to be a reluctance to using the word saint, while the word Christian is used unhesitatingly quite often. If we were to ask a few people whether they were a saint or not, invariably they would say, "my no, I cannot consider myself that." Yet if these same few were asked whether they were Christian or not, they would say (probably defiantly), "why of course I am." Now if we examine carefully the meanings of these two words we must conclude that the words Saint and Christian are synonymous. In fact there should be a greater hesitancy in declaring one's self a Christian than in professing to be a saint. For in using the name Christian we often think of it denoting a Christlike nature and character. While on the other hand

when we use the word saint, we mean one that is like Paul or Peter or any other of the early followers of Jesus. How strange that people will persist and hold this erroneous attitude and will not accept the truth. For we do declare that if you are a Christian you are a Saint, and "only" if you are a Saint are you Christian.

All of these remarks thus far would be just vain and empty words, and as sounding brass if we would stop our discourse here, and we might be guilty of vaunting. There is though an important complement that we dare not omit, in considering the word saint. As I mentioned previously that Paul's writings were oft addressed to the saints of various sections. Upon close examination of these scriptures, we find that in addressing them he uses the words "called to be saints." How all important is this phrase in our discussion. It avails me nothing if I say I am a Saint or I am a Christian, if I do not understand the full significance and individual responsibility of a holy calling into God's service, **TO BE A SAINT**. It avails me nothing if I have received a call and my life is no different from the masses about us, if it is no different from those who have not received this holy call from God. How seriously should we take this invitation or call and how holy should we live our lives from the time we received it, for then we become engaged in God's warfare, a warfare against unrighteousness. A warfare which is fought by good deeds, not by the shedding of blood. Our one and only aim then in life should be to endeavor to live holily, saintly, to live unselfishly in a world that is becoming contaminated with greed and selfishness. Have you accepted this call seriously, brother or sister? Have you left all that is not saintly, for you have been called to be a saint? Have you remained at the water's edge or are you endeavoring to do some of the works which are required of a saint? Let us here consider a little, how men of old responded to God's call.

We read of great deeds by men and women of old after their call, such as Paul's leaving wealth, and chance for high office, and marriage; of Moses who was ready to lay his own life to appease God when the Lord's anger was kindled against the Israelites. We read of Anna the Prophetess who continued night and day in prayer at

the temple, many years, for the welfare of her people. We read also of many other great deeds. It is not my intention here, to recount or to recommend to the readers of this paper, great deeds that are able to be performed, but rather little deeds, for such are stepping stones to bigger ones, and such are needed in our midst today, for they bring peace and love and unity. In doing them there are great blessings, for little things always do please God, as the widow's mite. She gave not much but that which she did give was given in the right spirit, therefore this was accredited to her, more than was the abundant giving of the others. Micah tells us that God does not require great things of us but only that we might be found loving mercy, doing justly, and walking humbly with God. Indeed it is a great privilege to have God walking along with us in our daily walk of life, who could ask for more?

Some of David's virtues are worth bringing out at this point, for he was a man that pleased God. He also stated that he too did not exercise himself in matters that were too great for him, for he said "my heart is not haughty." David's love and delight for God abounded continuously, the desire to serve and praise God remained with him always, and though various conditions and circumstances arose in his life he could always say "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go to the house of the Lord." I heard a man once say that a real Christian never gets up on the Lord's day with the question in his mind, "shall I go to church today?" How true for unto a saint, going to church is as important as eating itself. On another occasion David complained of maltreatment at the hands of his enemies, yet when they became afflicted he was ready to fast and pray for them. What love, what godliness, what saintliness! Truly he was a righteous man, yet with all of these virtues and good qualities, he was ever ready to receive correction and rebuke. "Let the righteous smite me; it shall be a kindness: and let him reprove me; it shall be an excellent oil, which shall not break my head." Having such a nature and attitude, is it any wonder that the Lord himself had a word of praise for the man David? Can we use more of this virtue in our midst, brothers and sisters? I can testify of myself that there is a great blessing in it. Scriptures contain many of these noble deeds of men

and women, even as Ruth's love for Naomi as well as for her mother-in-law's God, and people. She no doubt was criticized by her own people, but to God it was a sweet savour, and she was not left unrewarded. We might also list Daniel's rejection of the king's dainties, and of his fearless continuance of prayer three times daily, when threats came; and of the three Hebrew children's refusal to bow to the golden image, when others around them did.

Seeing then that we have these many worthy examples of the works of godly men and women of old as well as inspired writings telling us what is required of us when we are called into God's service, shall we not set in our hearts and minds an aim, by God's help that we might attain some of these virtues? For when He called you and I to be a saint, it was just for that express purpose. May God help each of us not only to call each other and to esteem each other as saints, but also that we might be stirred to a full realization of what it means to be "called to be saints."

Martin Michalko

SAN DIEGO, CALIF.

By Sister Violet Thomas

Brother Cadman: I want to write a few lines from San Diego. We know we don't write often but we feel to write at this time.

Our hearts here were saddened at the passing away of our Elder Brother Pasquale DiBattista. He suffered much from cancer. God saw fit to take him away on October 9, 1950. We had the funeral service at Greenwood Memorial Park, with Bro. John Dulisse officiating. Bro. Anthony DiBattista (brother of the deceased) of Glassport, Pa., was present, also a nice representation from Los Angeles. He leaves to mourn his loss, his beloved wife Louise, one daughter Jeannette Stacko, one grandson George Pat, his Brother Anthony of Glassport, and a Sister in Italy. We pray you all may remember the bereaved family in your prayers.

Afflictions are traveling fast — we have Sister Jennie Castelli not too well — and our Sister Lena Liberto. Remember them.

We of San Diego are few in number, but we thank God for the Gospel and for the wonderful Brothers and Sisters. Many have visited us from the East and we feel so good to see them. We have learned much in this Gospel and we want

to cling to it with all our strength. Time is creeping up on us, and we want to find ourselves closer unto God.

We love and miss all our brothers and sisters we knew, and the ones we don't know. We are trying to keep in our hearts what we were taught and what we are being taught. We pray that you may remember us of San Diego, and those of Los Angeles, because our desire is to serve God. All the brothers and sisters send their love to you, your wife and family. God be with you and remember us. P.S. This letter is directed personally to Bro. Cadman, but I am passing it on for you all to read.

SISTER ROSS PASSES ON (Mother of Thomas Ross)

Brigida Ross died at her home in West Aliquippa, Pa., Wednesday morning, October 25, 1950 and was laid away to rest the following Saturday morning at the side of her son Anthony, who preceded her in death September 18, 1950, five weeks apart. Services were conducted by Brothers Mileco, Ross and Palmieri. Sister Ross was born in Italy in 1881 and came to America about the year 1900. She became acquainted with the Gospel at Glassport, Pa., in 1920 or 1921. In 1922 she was baptized into the Church by Brother Philip J. Mileco at Aliquippa, Pa. Sister Ross is survived by her husband, seven sons, a daughter and seven grandchildren. She has been faithful to the end and will be missed by the brothers and sisters of the Aliquippa church.

Mrs. Elizabeth Spence Cater Passes On

Sister Elizabeth (Bessie Spence) Cater died at her home in Monongahela, Pa., on November 9th after a long siege of illness. She had been confined to her home for the past three or four years. She was born on December 2nd, 1870 and was the daughter of the late Brother and Sister Thomas Spence. She had spent practically all her life in this community and was well known. She was buried from the Church of Jesus Christ in Monongahela on November 13 with Bro. W. H. Cadman in charge of the services, who was assisted by Bro. Charles Ashton.

Sister Cater was baptized into the Church about 57 years ago. She leaves to mourn her loss one son, Joseph Coatsworth of Clairton, Pa., one granddaughter Mrs. Carl Abrahms of West Elizabeth,

Pa., one great-granddaughter, and one brother, Albert Spence of Elizabeth, R. D. Sister Bessie, the name by which we all have known her has now gone to reap the reward which is laid up for her. May the Lord bless her loved ones who are left to mourn her loss. The Gospel News extends its sympathy to you all.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS?

Sometime ago the Editor was approached about having a column of questions and answers. Our paper is small and I did not think we would have much room for it. But I will give it a trial. Any of you having questions about our faith, or matters you may hear taught and do not understand, I will do my best to answer, but in doing so I will use the word of God as found in the Bible and Book of Mormon. Questions must be brief as possible and to the point. I will not waste time on foolish matters, and will endeavor to use discretion as to what questions I will answer. Editor.

WHAT WE BELIEVE

(Continued from last issue)

We believe that in the Bible is contained the word of God. We believe that the canon of Scripture is not full, but that God by His Spirit, will continue to reveal His word to man until the end of time. We believe the Book of Mormon to be the word of God.

We believe in the power and gifts of the everlasting Gospel, viz: The gift of faith, discerning of spirits, prophecy, revelations, healing, visions, tongues and the interpretation of tongues, wisdom, charity, brotherly love, etc.

We believe that marriage is ordained of God and that the law of God provides for but one companion in wedlock, for either man or woman except in cases where the contract of MARRIAGE is BROKEN by DEATH.

We believe that the religion of Jesus Christ as taught in the New Testament Scriptures, will, if its precepts are accepted and obeyed, make men and women better in the domestic circle and better citizens of town, county, and state, and consequently better fitted for the change that cometh at death.

We believe that men should worship God in "spirit and truth" and that such worship does not require a violation of the constitutional law of the land.

MY BAPTISM

It was a day of rejoicing July 23, 1950.

A day of repentance which was seen and was heard.

The spirit of God like fire came down.

Blessing children with praises and sound.

Sister Betty Ensana
New Brunswick, N. J.

NOTICE

We now have our stock of pamphlets, titled "Daniels Little Horn" replenished and are able to fill your orders for them at ten cents each, which we had not been able to do for sometime. Address the Librarian, James Campbell, 231 Vine Street.

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Good Morning, Radio Friends:

I deem it a great privilege to have the honour of addressing you at this time, and I sincerely hope and pray that my words will receive unction from God's divine throne of Glory and will be a source of inspiration and blessing to all who hear it.

I have chosen for my subject the 36th verse of the 8th chapter of St. Mark's Gospel, which reads as follows: For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? In answer to this most important question, I will answer nothing. I shall now endeavor to define the soul, according to the standard Bible Dictionary, the word soul stands for the principle of life as embodied in individuals, this feature in man is such an important matter that after Adam and Eve our fore-parents fell from the presence of our God, necessitated the coming to the earth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, the son of God, our loss of Eden to retrieve. In other words Jesus had to come to win us acceptance back into the presence or fold of God and I say this morning, dear Radio Audience, as you sit by your radios and listen to the pleasing words of God, just cast your full attention on Him who is able to save us to the uttermost, and I will be praying that today it will be possible for you to take your first step forward in the direction of being a real Child of God. The Saviour in the two verses previous to our text, says this, Whoever will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For Whosoever will save his life shall lose it, but whosoever

may reach the first round of the ladder, and find favour in our Heavenly Father's sight, and be privileged to be those who will be stepping off in the right direction.

Second—We must take up our cross and follow Him. How may we do this in an acceptable manner? To this question, I would say follow the Leader, as Jesus when He was here, always has been mindful of His Father's business, let us do likewise. As when Jesus was of age, he became such a significant and pure candidate for baptism commending the acknowledgement of His Father in this Holy Act, in the words, "This is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased; so likewise, if we want to be His real dear children, should make a thorough preparation of full repentance, and complete faith in the saving grace of Christ, not only when we are ready to be baptized, but ever after, so that when temptations, storms and tempests come our way, as our leader was calm under the fiery darts of the evil one, so may we be blessed with overcoming grace, wherein we may be thought worthy labourers, to work in the vineyard of the Lord.

Third—If we try to save our lives we shall lose them, but if we lose our lives for Christ's sake, and the gospel's, we shall save them. Down to the time, close to 2,000 years shall lose his life for my sake, and the Gospel's the same shall save it.

As we ponder this issue of our soul's eternal welfare, let us try to catch a gleam of what our Saviour intends to impart unto us, by His loving and kind words; first we must be willing to deny ourselves; what must we deny ourselves of? All things of which our lives consist which are not in accord with the life of Christ, I would enumerate them but they are too numerous. I can only say like one of the prophets of old, "King Benjamin" by name, that if we do not watch our thoughts, our words, our lives, in fact all of our reactions, and come down in the depth of humility, there are so many ways that we could sin, that he wouldn't attempt to decipher, hence if we can by spiritual sacrifices, grit, and faithful application, warrant God's recognition, and receive His commendation, that we are pleasing in His sight, we could breathe a prayer like the poet has said, God make my life a little light within this world to shine, a tiny flame that burneth bright wherever I may go, and by continuing to improve our talent

in this way, God helping us, we ago, when Jesus was here, feeding the hungry by the thousands, giving sight to the blind, raising the dead, healing all manner of diseases, the people had fallen to such a low ebb, in trespasses and sins, that they could not understand His burning message, of love, joy, peace, happiness, long-suffering, gentleness and kindness, one toward another, but groped in the darkness, seeking after the loaves and the fishes, to satisfy their carnal desires, not knowing that they who live to the flesh, shall of the flesh inherit corruption, wherein those who live in the spirit, shall of the spirit, obtain eternal life.

Fourth—We could gain the whole world, but if we die, and lose our souls, or that part of us which is indestructable, it would profit us nothing. All through the word of God, we have read of the rise and fall of great kingdoms and nations, also individuals. In the proverbs of Solomon 14th Chapter, and 34th verse, we read: Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people. We see then, that the road to real success, of men, and nations is to serve God purely. Think of the parable of the rich fool, read Luke 12th chapter, 20th verse, wherein this man wanted to pull down his barns and build greater; but the Saviour said to him, thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee, think of the rich man and Lazarus, read Luke 16th chapter and the 24th verse.

Father Abraham, have mercy on me and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue for I am tormented in this flame. This man was one who while he was in life, had a one track mind; just as many people do today, all he could see, was the world, and all that is in it, and in the end find himself in great trouble; even as the foolish virgins, but on the other hand the poor beggar Lazarus, was forced to think of many things.

Thank God for those who come down in the depth of humility, to the extent that we will not only think of things in this life, but like the wise virgins, and Lazarus, make the necessary preparation here below, yea, may we be like Jacob, and Enos, who sought after the joys of the saints, and eternal life, and I am sure they were wonderfully blessed, prospered, and like the apostle Paul; could say, as he said in Roman 8th chapter,

verses 35 and 39: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress, or persecutions, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Nor height, nor depth, nor any creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. So my dear friends, brothers, and sisters, and all who listen to these programs, God helping us let us make our calling, and election sure, and our God will abundantly bless us, in this life, and in the life hereafter, we will enjoy eternal Bliss.

At this juncture, this hymn is impressed into my mind: "Come to Jesus, Come Away, Now is the accepted day; Come and feel His blood applied, Come and live, for Christ has died. Jesus speaks, O hear His Voice; he will make your heart rejoice; If obedient to His will, you shall stand on Zion's hill. With His saints, and angels stand, clothed in white, at His right hand, you shall see His face and sing Glory to our Heavenly King. There we'll sing, our troubles over, there we'll meet to part no more, on the plains of glory reign with our friends we'll meet again. What a glorious sight to see, Saints and Angels all agree, when we shall be counted meet, sing around His mercy seat. There in glory all arrayed, shining like our glorious Head, As the brightness of the sun, when the conquest we have won.

May God bless you one and all.
I thank you.

