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The Year 1950 Has Now Become History
And The Year 1951 Now Is Here.

"AN OLD HYMN"

This morning, in silence,
I ponder and mourn,
O'er scenes that have passed,
Never more to return;
How vast are the labors,
The troubles and fears
Of eight hundred millions
Who've toiled through the year.

How many ten thousands
Were slain by their foes,
While widows and orphans
Have mourned o'er their woes,
While pestilence, famine,
And earthquakes appear,
And signs in the heavens,
Throughout the past year!

But the day-star has dawned
O'er the land of the blessed,
The first beams of morning,
The morning of rest:
When cleansed from pollution
The earth shall appear
As the garden of Eden,
And peace crown the year.

I praise and adore Thee,
Eternal I AM;
Hosannah, hosannah!
To God and the Lamb,
Who orders the seasons
That guide o'er the sphere,
And crown with such blessings,
Each happy new year.

Editor: In the midst of all that
has been: We must say that God
is good.

G.M.B.A. IN WINDSOR

The general meeting of the Missionary Benevolent Association met in Windsor, Canada on Saturday, November 11th, 1950. A large crowd was present with delegates from Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Canada.

The officers for the coming year are as follows: Pres., Domenic Thomas; V. Pres., Joseph Calabrese; Chap., Alfred D'Amico; Corr. Sec., Ruth E. Akerman; Ass't Sec., Florence Di Battista; Fin. Sec., Rose Corrado; Treas., Gloria Ali; Lib., Alma Nolfi; Auditors, James Nero and Sylvia Curry. Louis Paravano and Charles Naro are the newly elected organizers.

The meetings for the coming year will be held as follows: the third Saturday of May, at Detroit

No. 3, second Saturday of November at Glassport, Penna.

After the business of this meeting was disposed of, the Windsor local gave an interesting program that was enjoyed by all.

Ruth Akerman
Secretary

CRAWLING ROCK SLIPS 14 INCHES TO BEAR OUT INDIAN'S PROPHECY

Aylmer, Que., Aug. 21 (CP)—Execution Rock, a 2,000-cubic-foot boulder four miles west of here, this year has moved fourteen inches toward fulfillment of a prophecy made by an Indian brave 300 years ago — at least, that's what local residents say.

They claim that in 100 years it has moved 100 feet toward a cliff washed by Lakes Deschenes. It now stands in a clearing a few yards from sloping ground that may heighten its velocity.

Legend says the rock once was used as an execution instrument by the Algonquins. Anyone found guilty of breaking tribal laws or or having deals with their enemies, the Iroquois, was dashed to death on the rock.

The story goes that once a young brave named Strong Oak was condemned to death on the rock. Before he died, he prophesied that the strength of his spirit would push the death rock to the river, and in so doing free the spirit of all those killed on the rock.—The Globe and Mail, Toronto, Ont.

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Dear Brother Cadman:

Just a few lines to The Gospel News, and to our brothers and sisters all over the land. It seems a long time since I made a visit back East, and still it is only a little over a year. We miss the fellowship of the General Church, but we are still connected with the main vine, of which Jesus said: "I am the true Vine, and my Father is the Husbandman."

We are still enjoying the good spirit of God in our meetings and the Lord is adding to the Church such as would be saved. Last Sunday we had two more that accepted Christ. One is 69, and the other is 68 years old. We hope their last days will be their best days. I went to visit them today and they seem

very happy in their new venture in the Gospel.

We still get a lot of visitors from different branches of the Church. Some come to stay and others just for a visit. Some like California and others don't. We are waiting right now for my daughter Anna and family from Jeannette, Pa.; they are coming here to live, so our home will be full again. Margaret and her husband are here also.

There is a great work to be done. The harvest is ripe, but the laborers are few, and the few are tied up with trying to earn a livelihood for themselves and families. We often think of the time when God said to the prophet Isaiah, who shall I send and who will go? The prophet then said: I, here I am, send me. We have about four million people here in Los Angeles, and growing every day. What a work could be done if some one could spend all their time preaching and visiting these people. Sometimes I think God will hold us responsible, when someone stands before God, and says: no one told me. Paul says: how shall they hear without a preacher, and how shall he preach unless he be sent? Behold upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth good tidings and that publish peace. Nahum 1-15. We sing many times, "On Mountain Tops the Mount of God in Latter Day shall rise above the summit of the Hills, and draw their wandering eyes."

10-24-50: Our Church was filled last Sunday, and we baptized the old couple previously referred to. They seemed happy. Well, Bro. Cadman, we are all getting older, and the years seem to go faster the older we get. We miss the Conferences, but there is one consolation; we hope to meet in that great Conference at the morning of the first resurrection. Thank God there will be a resurrection. The dead in Christ shall rise first, then they which are alive in Christ shall be caught up to meet Him in the air. It is going to be a great conference. Our fathers and mothers will be there; Bros. Cherry, Federer, Anderson, Corrado, Neil, Grimes and a host of others too numerous to mention. What a grand meeting! No more sickness, no worries, no crying, no death, no pain; we will not need the sun nor the moon, for Christ shall be the light. There

will be a new heaven and a new earth. Old things will have passed away.

We ought to pray that God would establish Zion, and that the great gathering of the people of God shall gather from every corner of the Globe. We see the movement of the Jewish people gathering back to Jerusalem for that great event when He shall show unto them the prints of the nails in His hands and feet. Then they will say, where did you get those wounds? And He shall say: I received them in the house of my friends. Then shall they say: My Lord and my God.

In the first World War, God opened up a way for them when General Allenby walked into Palestine without firing a shot. God knows how to work and open ways and means when there is no way. It seems that God will have to raise up a man like Moses to bring about His work in these last days; that Christ can come to His Bride, and that She will have made Herself ready. There is to be a preparation in every dispensation for the great work that has to be done in these last days. I would like to write a few lines on this word "Great."

God said to Abraham, "I will make thee a great nation and I will bless thee and make thy name great, and I will make thee exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations of thee and Kings shall come out of thee." What wonderful words to come from God. And when God was going to destroy Sodom, the Lord said, "Shall I hide from Abraham the thing that I shall do? Seeing that Abraham will surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed by him, for he shall command his children and his household after him." Surely he has reference to Christ who would come of the seed of Abraham. Deut. 10-17.

The Lord our God is a great God. The Lord is great. He has changed the destiny of nations. Even time was changed when He was born, BC and AD. What other man ever was born in the world that changed time? All the nations of the earth have been blessed in Him. He changed our ways and desires. What other man was so great, to change the desires, habits, thoughts, lives of men? What other man was so great that men worshipped him before he was born? The Book of

Mormon says, "they baptized in His name," angels and men before Him fall and devils fear and fly. Men have laid down their lives for this great Man. Paul says they were stoned, sawed asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered in sheep skins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented, and of whom this world is not worthy. ALL FOR HIS GREAT NAME.

Let us look at His teachings. Every word was so Great that men and women began to say, "come see a man who told me all things!" The rich trembled, and the poor received Him gladly. Zacchaeus said, "If I have taken anything by false accusation, I will restore unto him fourfold." Others began to ask, "what shall we do?" Herod began to shake when he heard of Him. His name was so great that those men who were high priests began to wonder what manner of man was this. His name began to spread throughout Jerusalem and Samaria. People began to rejoice, because no man ever spake like this man. His miracles were so great, that Mary said, "If thou hadst been here, my brother would not have died." Another man said, "Speak the word and my servant will be made whole." This was a great man in the world, he had servants and soldiers under him, but he acknowledged the GREAT-EST, which is Christ. He died a great death that He might redeem a great world from sin. He arose with a great resurrection, and many of the saints could no longer remain in the tombs. What a great deliverance! The angel asked, why seek the living among the dead? He is not here, He is risen."

So one life has been lived in answer to all measurements of greatness. If measured by the world, He would have failed. He held no earthly rank or office, wrote no book nor song, painted no pictures, built no monuments. Two thousand years have passed by. His influence has molded thousands of lives. He dwells in countless homes. Books on His life fill libraries. His gospel covers the earth. Song and music fill the heavens. Rich men, beggars, rulers, and slaves are all measured by His life. The names of Pharaohs, Emperors, and kings of all ages are going to be forgotten, but the influence of this Man's life surpasses all, and is the hope of millions to come. May God bless all our Brothers and Sisters, and these few lines. Write us a line, we cannot

answer every one, but we sure would like to hear from our brothers and sisters. Your brother in Christ. James Heaps.

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In Matthew 16, beginning with verse 13 Jesus asked His disciples saying: "Whom do men say that I the son of man am?" They answered him thus: "Some say that thou art John the Baptist, some Elias; and other Jeremias, or one of the prophets." Then Jesus said unto them (His disciples), "But whom say ye that I am? It was no longer a question as to what others had said, but it was now a question for His disciples to answer; "and Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ the Son of the living God." Peter's answer was very emphatic. It is obvious that his close association with Jesus had sunk deep into his soul and convinced him that this man Jesus was the Christ, their long looked for Messiah, for the Saviour says unto him, "Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." As to how Peter receives the knowledge that Jesus is the Christ, the scripture does not say, other, than it was revealed unto him by the Father in heaven. Because of the statement "the gates of hell shall not prevail against it," (aside from those who believe in a total apostasy of the Church) I believe most all Christian people believe that the Church was to abide for all time, and the Protestant thought is, that even though the Church had a long and serious struggle, still a few faithful were preserved throughout the ages, even until now. The Catholic view of this scripture is, that the Church was built upon a rock, meaning Peter in person, and the Church would never fail.

All professing people have a just right for their own beliefs, but they should not be overbearing or abusive towards those who may not see as they do, for we read that it is but a few that are really on the narrow way.

I take the position that the Church was not built upon Peter, but upon the principle or means

by which Peter learned that Jesus was the Christ, which was according to the words of Jesus, the revealed will of God unto Peter. And further, the revealed will of God to man in all ages has been firm as a rock. The great plan of redemption has been built upon the principle of God's revealed will. Aside from the revealed will of God we cannot know that Jesus is the Christ. Therefore my position is, that the gates of hell did prevail against the Church, but not against the principle of God revealing Himself to man; but the powers of evil have prevailed over weak mortal men, including Peter, until he was truly converted. The Lord said unto him, "When thou art converted strengthen thy brethren." The facts are that the Protestant claims are not sustained by God's word, nor by history, that the Church which He purchased with His own blood would always remain on earth. Neither is the Catholic view sustained that the Church was built upon a weak man like Peter, for it was not. Neither did Christ say that gates of hell would not prevail against the Church, but when the context of the scripture in question is examined, it is evident that the rock is the principle of God's revealed will to Peter, that Jesus was the Christ, and upon which He built His Church. Proverbs 29-18 says "Where there is no vision the people perish." Thus far in my discourses, this being my fourth one, I have shown that there was a serious struggle against the Church, both from within and from without, external and internal. Let us all remember the words of Jesus, "And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force." Matthew 11-12.

In the scriptures we learn that the Church is always spoken of in the feminine order, the Church is referred to as a woman. Yea, the Bride of the Saviour, which, when she is made ready He will come to wed. No doubt you have taken notice that the Holy Ghost is referred to in the masculine order. He, the Holy Ghost is what you might call the controlling and executive power of the woman, the Church of Jesus Christ. And without its ruling power, she is not the Bride of the Saviour. Jesus in His teachings, taught much in the way of parables, using a natural thing or condition to convey to our minds an understanding of a matter that we are not familiar with.

In the 12th chapter of Revelations I wish to draw attention to what we may call an allegory. First verse of said chapter reads, "And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars." Any one with reason will admit that a literal woman could not be so clothed. But if anyone will take time to read thoughtfully the last chapter of Proverbs, a person must conclude that a virtuous woman is precious in the sight of God. And such was she who gave birth to the Lamb of God. The woman so gorgeously robed as seen by John in his experience on Patmos, must surely be emblematic of the Holy Church which the Bridegroom purchased with His own blood. First, she was a great wonder; Second, she was clothed with the sun, the brightest of all lights, conveying to us the righteousness of Jesus Christ. May I ask what can be brighter? Third, the moon under her feet, naturally the moon is a lesser light than the sun, yet what a wonderful orbit the moon is in the skies above us. What a gloomy world this would be if the glory of the moon would disappear. The moon and the stars are in the heavens to tide us over from the setting of the sun until the rising thereof, that the nights might not be too pitchy and dense for us to bear. Hence the law of Moses was added because of transgression. Galatians 3-19, and in verse 24 the law served as a schoolmaster to bring them unto Christ. I might say the sun had set because of unrighteousness, and the moon, or the lesser light, the law of Moses was to direct them through the long night of darkness until the sun would arise again even the Lamb of God. In due-time the schoolmaster, the Mosaic law, had served its purpose, the true light came, and the lesser light, the law, symbolized by the moon was put under the woman's feet. The sun with which she was robed, yea, the righteousness of Jesus Christ with which she was adorned, put the moon to shame, or under her feet. The light of Christ so outshined the law of Moses, it was no longer useful. It could not save the soul. While the moon was under her feet, there was a crown of twelve stars upon her head, undoubtedly representing the twelve apostles whom He had chosen.

In the second verse of Rev. 12, The woman was with child and cried, travelling in birth, and

pained to be delivered. In verses 3, 4, "And there appeared another wonder in heaven: and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born." In verse 5, "the woman brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron, and her child was caught up unto God and His throne." We notice that the dragon was ready to devour the child as soon as it was born. A red dragon was the emblem of the Roman Empire, and during its reign, the primitive Saints were persecuted and many of them put to death, and the Son of God was crucified. To my mind it was the power of evil using that great Empire as an instrument which caused the sayings of the prophets and of Christ Himself to be literally fulfilled. Yea, after the Church gave birth to the power of the Holy Ghost, as she did on the day of Pentecost, we see the powers of evil raging from without and eventually within. Yea, the violent power destroyed the very heads or pillars of the Church; the manchild, not the Christ, but the executive power of the Church was caught up unto God and His throne.

The power of violence was becoming victorious, and the woman who was so triumphant in her glory, now flees into the wilderness where she has a place prepared of God, yea, she flees to a place of obscurity where she was to remain for a period of time.

The devil not satisfied with the turmoil he had caused on the earth, he makes war in heaven, evidently he was determined to rule there too. According to the scripture, the struggle in heaven was fierce. But he is cast out and his angels with him. He must be a powerful being, yea, a terrible foe of the Lord God, for he succeeded in drawing out of heaven, one-third of the stars or angels. But he prevailed not in heaven, and was cast out, neither was their place found anymore in heaven.

From what I read, I conclude that the devil is a fallen angel, and I notice the great man Lehi came to the same conclusion in his day. Satan was victorious over many of his fellow angels, for I read in Jude, verse 6 "of the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation: He had re-

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EDITORIAL

Having received an invitation from Bro. M. Randazzo to attend the opening of their new Church in Port Huron, Mich., on Nov. 26, 1950, and also having been invited to visit the Mission there as well, I left my home on the night of Nov. 23rd and arrived in Port Huron the next day. Thus having part of two days to visit before the opening services on Sunday.

Aside from attending meetings there once or twice, it was the first time I really had an opportunity to visit the Saints in that city. I made my stopping place at the home of Brother and Sister Summerville and was made welcome in their home.

I did not go with any expectation of taking any active part in the opening service, thinking there would be arrangements made for the conducting of the service, which I did not want my presence to interfere with. However, the weather turned out very bad, and it interfered with many that had intended to be there from Detroit. There were, I believe, only four cars of our folks arrived there from Detroit, but with the small congregation there is in Port Huron which was very well represented, we had very nice services throughout the day. Brother Randazzo insisted that I take the lead which I did. I will also add that several of our Indian folks were present from the Indian Reserve at Sarnia, Ont., which is across the river from Port Huron.

The morning service was taken up in preaching, while the afternoon was spent by all taking part in bearing their testimony who wished to do so. Our folks in Port Huron have been much inconvenienced by not having a suitable place to meet in, and while the new structure has only the basement finished thus far, yet it does provide them with a very nice and comfortable place in which to worship, until they are able to finish the upper floor. My prayer is, that the Lord will bless and prosper our brothers and sisters in Port Huron. Brother and Sister Johnson

took me in their car to the Indian Reserve at Sarnia, Ont., on Sunday night to the home of Brother and Sister Maness, where we held a meeting, some of their friends were present and we had a very nice evening in the service of God. Brother and Sister Maness seem to be very happy in the Restored Gospel of Christ, and I am sure that we as Gentiles are glad to have them in among us. As we left their home rather late, we found ourselves in a blinding snow-storm, considerable snow had fallen while we were in the meeting. It did not look very encouraging to start back to the U.S. side of the border, but our driver, Sister Johnson, proved herself equal to the occasion and landed us back in Port Huron without any serious difficulty. Thank the Lord for Sister Johnson.

I continued to visit among the Saints in Port Huron until Tuesday evening, when I boarded a bus for Detroit and made my way to Bro. Fred D'Amico's home. I did some visiting and attended a meeting Branch No. 3 on Wednesday Eve. and the next day went to Windsor where I attended a meeting and did some visiting also. Returning to Detroit on Sunday Morn, with brother and sister Watson Sr., and spent the morning and afternoon at Branch No. 4. Brother and Sister Ciavino then took me in their car to Branch No. 2 where a nice sized congregation were awaiting us. I spent the evening in their pulpit and enjoyed good attention from the Saints there. By this time I realized that I had contracted a cold. On my way to the train I stopped at the home of Brother and Sister Brutz and had a lunch, after which Brother Ciavino drove me to the depot where I boarded a midnight sleeper for Pittsburgh. Arrived home all right, except for a bad cold. P.S. I am writing this the last thing before going to print. I was promised a "write-up" of the Church opening at Port Huron, but for some reason I have not received it. Editor.

served in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgement of the great day." Undoubtedly our Heavenly Father created us that we might have joy, but the fallen angel, that old devil, even as he made so much hell on the earth would also have turned heaven into a hell had he managed to get his own way. I do not have a good

word to say for the devil, he is an enemy to all good.

When he was cast out of heaven, there was rejoicing in the heavens, but WOE to the inhabitants of the earth, for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth he hath but a short time, Yea, he persecutes the woman, the church, that brought forth the manchild. The old serpent seeks to destroy the woman, and the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, yes her few struggling children, the saints that were left after their mother the Church had been disrobed of her glory and splendor and took her flight into obscurity. Leaving the world void of the true Church of Jesus Christ.

W. H. Cadman

THE DIARY OF A BIBLE

Experiences of a Certain Good Book during a Period of 8 Months

A Bible kept a Diary once from Jan. 15 until Sept. 13, and its experiences may be the same that have come to your Bible or mine.

The Diary reads as follows:

Jan. 15—Been resting quietly for a week. The first few nights after the first of this year my owner read me regularly, but he has forgotten me, I guess.

Feb. 2—Cleaned up. I was dusted, with other things, and put back in my place.

Feb. 8—Owner used me for a short time after dinner, looking up a few references. Went to Sunday School.

March 7—Cleaned up, dusted and in my own place again. Have been down in the lower hall since my trip to Sunday School.

April 2—Busy day; owner led League meeting, and had to look up references. He had an awful time finding one, though it was right there in its place all the time.

May 5—In Grandma's lap all afternoon. She is here on a visit. She let a teardrop fall on Col. 2:5-7.

May 6—In Grandma's lap again this afternoon. She spent most of her time on 1 Cor. 13 and the last four verses of the 15th chapter.

May 7, 8, 9—In Grandma's lap every afternoon now. It's a comfortable spot. Sometimes she reads me, and sometimes she talks to me.

May 10—Grandma gone. Back in my old place. She kissed me goodbye.

June 3—Had a couple of four-leaved clovers stuck in me today.

July 1—Packed in a trunk with clothes and other things. Off on a vacation, I guess.

July 7—Still in the trunk.

July 10—Still in the trunk, though nearly everything else has been taken out.

July 15—Home again, and in my old place. Quite a journey, though I do not see why I went.

August 1—Rather stuffy and hot. Have two magazines, a novel and an old hat on top of me. Wish they would take them off.

Sept. 5—Cleaned up. Dusted and set right again.

Sept. 10—Used by Mary a few moments. She was writing a letter to a friend whose brother had died, and wanted an appropriate verse.

Sept. 30—Cleaned up again.

P.S. — Now, read your Bibles. Look up Joshua 1:8.

From the pen of Sister Gadd's husband, now deceased.

Letter from Cape Girardeau, Mo.

The following is part of a letter written by Marie Azzinaro McGuire to her mother, Sister Azzinaro of New Brunswick, N. J., but formerly of Bronx, N. Y. Marie became a mother on Sept. 27, 1950 and her baby has not gotten along very well since. So she writes to her mother as follows:

"Mom, I wrote you and asked you to please send me a little hankie blessed in the Church of Jesus Christ, and when I received it I put it to Michael's nose and throat and said a little prayer to God to please heal my baby from his illness, and I can thank our wonderful God that very same day his nose started to clear up and he stopped his coughing and sneezing. I pin the hankie to what ever he wears and never take it off of him.

Mom, you know I never was strong in the Church and never a good one at praying, but I can really say that God has answered my prayers to heal my son and I'm thankful to our blessed Lord for being so good to me. I was happy to have received the little undershirt you also had blessed in the Church for my baby.

There is something I wish for you and the brothers and sisters in the Church to know. That is, I also want to be renewed in the Church of Jesus Christ again and to be a faithful latter-day-saint. I want to serve God the right way, because I know now and realize that a person cannot live right without serving God and doing as the Lord pleases. I ask each of you and my family and also all the brothers and sisters in general to please pray for me and my baby,

that he will please bless us both and also my husband, who is stationed in the Hawaiian Islands, and that God will please send him back to me and my son safe and sound. I also wish to have my baby blessed in the Church of Jesus Christ as soon as I get a chance to come home, and mostly if it is the Lord's will. I'm not much of a letter writer or good at expressing my thanks to God, but I do know how little my prayer and thanks to God are, that the Lord hears me and answers my prayers to heal Michael Ray."

WORD STUDY

PROSELYTE—The word for our consideration this month is one that is infrequently used, occurring only four times in the whole Bible. In modern usage it likewise is heard only occasionally. The word is synonymous to the word "convert," nevertheless there is a significant difference. Being that it is of such an important nature, it should arrest the attention of all who are endeavoring to bring the word of God to others. To best illustrate the difference I am attempting to bring to light let us use an explanation that appears in Webster's Collegiate Dictionary under the word convert. "Convert implies a hearty, usually genuine, embracing of a creed, opinion or doctrine previously rejected or, at least, not accepted. Proselyte is properly an adherent of one system (esp. religious) who has transferred himself, or been gained over, to another, often suggesting unworthy or ulterior motives." By the implication that is set forth it can be readily seen that there is a great difference between a convert and a proselyte. Jesus himself revealed to the religious leaders of his day, the folly of making a proselyte as he quoted in Matthew 23:15. "Woe unto you, scribes and pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves." What an awful rebuke and rating to receive for their efforts! How all important it is to be sincere in the service of God, without even the least bit of hypocrisy!

Let us here note the part of this verse which states "ye make him." Is it any wonder that he becomes a child of hell, for he is a man made convert, thus being singled out and spoken of as a proselyte? By acceding to the persuasions of hypocritical individuals he receives this

misfortune. Can we not further conclude that a genuine convert is always a God made convert? This then is the differential that I set out to expound. This is all important to every man today who goes preaching or testifying the word of God. Let every man examine his products, whether the results of their efforts have come about by enticing words and excellency of speech, commonly constituting the power of man, or whether they have come about by the power of God.

This is especially essential today for it was plainly prophecied for our day and time that men would "deny the power of God." II Timothy 3:5. Paul was the author of these words, and he was fully aware what it means to deny the power of God, without realizing it, for this was his lot until his great experience on the road to Damascus. Being then that there is a great denial of the power of God today, (without realization of this though, even as did Paul), can we have many God made converts? We read also in Paul's epistle to the Galatians, that he marvelled that they were so soon removed to another gospel. Yet he says it is not another, but it is the original, yet altered somewhat. The gravity of this is revealed in the words that follow, for he says of such an one that preaches an adulterated gospel "let him be accursed."

Plainly speaking, if we preach the pure gospel by faith and by love, God's power accompanies our efforts and God made converts are the results. On the other hand, if the things a man preaches today do not conform to the gospel of Paul's day he is preaching another gospel, and his converts are man made, and he likely would receive the same chiding as did the scribes and Pharisees in days of old. He certainly would be admonished strictly, even by Paul, were this apostle alive today. There are many gospels preached today, each one slightly different, each one then must have an alteration or alterations from the original, otherwise all would be similar. It is somewhat appalling that such a condition should exist, for we know that one of the prayers of Christ which was the great desire of His heart, was that his followers might become one, as He and God are one. But there is not too much wonder for it is not hard to realize that man made converts and God made converts have not the same things in common, the same ideals or the

same way of living. Seeing then that these conditions existed and still persist how can we discern the one from the other. By close examination we can easily see which are God made converts, for they become as the Lord Jesus, meek and lowly, loving one another as he had commanded his followers, rejoicing not in iniquity, caring no more for the things of this world, being able to sing with the poet, "nothing worldly shall enthrall me, I would be like Jesus."

Leaving now this discussion let us touch somewhat upon other God made versus man made things. First of all there are many natural things that are made by the hand of man, such as flowers, statues and likenesses of various things. Much of which is seemingly admirable, but not to be compared with intricate designs we discover on close examination, on leaves and flower petals, etc. Leaving natural objects we go to something along different lines, as laws. For temporal laws man can be credited with enacting many needful ones, and we have been able to enjoy much because of their enactment and enforcement. Yet when it comes to something of a spiritual nature, man made laws cannot begin to come up to God's laws, in fact in this the Lord says there is only one law giver, meaning himself. He definitely dislikes commandments of men, in religion, and forbids them. But man continues in his folly with ulterior motives to try to beat the next man. He tries to better his neighbor not only by bringing in man made laws and ordinances, but also by bringing forth man made inventions, such as baptising infants and grownups by sprinkling, baptizing the dead, building of pools for baptising instead of using God made streams. Man made rituals and doctrines abound today, "all to perish with the using of them." Man made saints are another product of these last days, contrary to scripture, for we read that the potter has power over the clay, the Lord being that potter, and only He has the prerogative of admitting individuals into sainthood.

In conclusion, let us be positive and sincere in our spiritual labors, having a full realization that we must work rightly, to be in accord with God's designs. We must learn also to work together in furthering the cause of righteousness even as Paul did with Appolos. Paul declared that he planted and Appolos watered, and then God gave

the increase. He further declares that neither is he anything that plants, nor he that waters. What a confession by the greatest apostle of all times, yet without a doubt an essential virtue for everyone claiming to be one of God's chosen. Realizing our nothingness and our unworthiness is the first step in being able to work together in the vineyard of the Lord. Though this be hard and especially so for modern man, it is a must with God. My hope and prayer is that we of the church might all yet be able to attain the fullness of this virtue, for in so doing I know that the windows of heaven will be opened up and blessings poured out that we will not be able to contain. And of our bringing the gospel to others that it might not be said that ye have made him twofold more a child of hell than yourselves, but rather that we might hear the Master say "well done thou good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of thy Lord."

Martin Michalko

A LETTER FROM ITALY Received by the Editor

(Translated into English by
Bro. Milano of Cleveland)

Dear Brother Cadman: In writing to you for the first time, I want you to know I am Bro. Giuseppe Azzinari, the Minister of the New Mission of Corone, Cosenza.

To date we have 57 members in all—and a good prospective of of many more coming in, in the near future. It will please you, I'm sure, to know that our brethren are very fervent in the Spirit and show a great deal of obedience.

We all enjoy good health. Hope all the Saints in America may be likewise enjoy a perfect health both Spiritual and temporal. Trust the day come when we all may unite under the shadow of the true peace of Christ. I must further inform you that the work of the Lord here is proceeding very well.

The Lord blesses us often and, due to His atonement, we feel much reassured for a better future. For once we were in darkness but now we are walking in the new path of light and the power of God is made manifest among us.

The Lord has entrusted us with the duty to preach His divine word in these parts of Italy, where the true and Genuine Gospel has never been heard before.

Dear Bro. the scope of writing this letter to you is that we may put ourselves in contact with the

General Church so we can be acquainted and informed of all things that take place at the divers Conferences that are held. Yes, all of the saints here are interested to know of the activities of the Mother Church, that by it we may receive inspiration and advices for we are still like babies in the Gospel. Hence we need the Spiritual Nourishment. Also I want you to know that we are in need of more Hymn Books. The ones we have now are the ones Brother Todaro left us, and are not enough for the number of Saints we now have here. If you are going to send some to us, we would like to have the same we are using now, because we are used to singing from this Hymnal.

We also are in need of some Mormon Books and Bibles—since there are many here who would like to read them. Yes, brother, many here thirst and hunger for the word of the Prophets. We have a great desire to labor in the vineyard of the Lord but, unfortunately, we lack the necessary means—As for ourselves, we ask but nothing except that we are endeavoring to bring forth the designs of the Lord.

I presume brother Antonio Diattista could read this letter to you. In closing this letter I must say that the Saints all extend their best regards to you and all the Saints of America. A Holy Kiss from your Bro. in Christ Jesus. Giuseppe Azzinari. S. Demetrio Corone, Provincia Di Cosenza, Italy.

"BE YE PERFECT"

IS THE COMMAND OF GOD

"Knowing this, that the law of God is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound-doctrine";—The foregoing is found in First Timothy 1-9, 10.—The writer has heard one portion of this scripture quoted many times, namely: "the law is not made for a righteous man." I wonder sometimes just what the person or persons who quote it have in mind. Surely, they do not consider that he who obeys the Gospel is immune from the precepts of the all-righteous God, do they??

Certainly the sinful being whose

sins may be as scarlet, or may be less crimson-like, are subjects for obeying the law of Jesus Christ, such as repentance and baptism for the remission of their sins, for such is the law of the gospel as taught by the Christ and His immediate followers.

But what about the rule of life as taught by the Saviour in so many ways which involves our daily life? When He taught: "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them that despitefully use you, and persecute you; That ye MAY be the children of your Father which is in heaven," etc.—Do we believe that in this instance Jesus is addressing the whoremongers, the murderers, and in general the lawless and disobedient? Or do we not rather think that He is addressing those who know His voice, and have denied themselves of all ungodly deeds, and those who cease to live ungodly because the law of God is written in their hearts, as well as written on paper or other material?

The law of God to His people then: is to love thy neighbor even as thyself, and the righteous dare not disobey this law, lest he find himself cast off from God. The Apostle John even goes so far as to warn the followers of Christ (the righteous) to "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world" etc.—Surely the Apostle is not speaking to the murderers, whoremongers, etc. No, he is speaking to his brethren and sisters in Christ, making it plain that they cannot please God and at the same time disobey the LAW of LOVE, and set their affections on material things. The one who would be saved in the Kingdom of God is obliged to serve the Law of Righteousness, while others will be cast out into outer-darkness, because they obey the law of unrighteousness, or the law of sin.

The law of God to His people is, Be Ye Holy, and Jesus climaxes His teachings while on the Mount to those who would follow Him in these words: "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father in Heaven is perfect." I will add that such is the law of heaven, or if you wish—the precept which will perfect the Kingdom of Christ on earth. Perfection cannot come to pass by those who disobey the laws of God, but by those who do. Therefore, let all beware, lest they that seek to excuse themselves when at variance with the law of

God, because of the saying that the "law is not made for the righteous, but for the unrighteous man."

Let us all remember the saying of the Apostle James wherein he says: "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all." The beloved physician Luke informs us thus: "And they continued steadfastly in the Apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread and in prayers." And Paul is made to exclaim: "Let God be true, but every man a liar." May God bless us all, and may we all keep in mind that the written word of God has in the past, served as a sign-board on earth to heaven. Surely if we follow His word today, it will lead us safely on the way. Sincerely, Bro. W. H. Cadman.

THE GREEN-EYED MONSTER

Jealousy causes millions of casualties, not only to actual lives but to all that is dear to the human heart. It is the worm that eats at the root of things. It is a dreadnought pursuing the little lifeboats sailing life's sea. It is the underground passage to innocent hearts. "Jealousy is cruel as the grave" (S. of Sol. 8:6).

Jealousy has brought nations to ruins. It has ruined families, broken hearts, slain peace, taken lives. It starts a fire that burns for ages, eats at the vitals of the soul until an open grave is impatient for its victims. It fills its victim and then, not being able to retain itself any longer, bursts out and blasts a dozen lives. For instance, here is a beautiful family. Husband and wife are one. Everything is lovely. Each understands the other. Each lives for the other. Both work together. Both plan together. The children have full confidence in both.

But almost unawares the green-eyed monster suddenly appears, and the whole atmosphere in the home is changed. Disappointment is immediately followed by distrust, and the fire begins to burn until jealousy has its full satisfaction. This monster has no mercy. Murder is its purpose and pursuit until at last its hopeless victim falls into the grave of despair and death.

As Satan determinedly brandishes his poisoned sword before us we see demonstrated the truth of this verse: "Jealousy is cruel as the grave."

Some people, both old and young, are lovely characters, except for

one thing — jealousy. When they have the floor they are sweet, pleasant, eloquent in their manners and most accommodating. If they may minister to a favorite friend they are unselfish. On the surface one cannot detect that they are entertaining in their hearts the murderous monster—until someone else gets the attention they desire. Then woe to us, if we are standing in the way! From that time on we may be their target mark, with their sword pointing toward us.

From the time Satan knew Jesus Christ was to be the Ruler of the universe, he was jealous of Him. That chaotic age between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2 may have been Satan's first revolt against Christ. We do know that from the time God promised to send His Son into the world to be its Redeemer Satan tried to prevent His coming.

Abel, the second person born into the world, was the first victim of jealousy. Through him was to come the Redeemer, whom Satan hated and envied. Everyone in that royal line was haunted and hunted by Satan. When Christ was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the most humble way, Satan set aim at Him. The slaughter of the innocents was the result of that attack.

We should not be surprised at anything a person filled with jealousy does, for we know its source. We should rather beware when we see the monster rising to charge, and commit the keeping of our souls to our faithful Creator (I Peter 4:19). Rather if one member of Christ's Body rejoices let us rejoice with it (I Cor. 12:26).

—Young People's Delight

"RICHIE" SKILLEN PASSES ON

Miss Richmond F. Skillen, 81, of Elizabeth, Pa., died this morning (Dec. 2nd) in a Pittsburgh hospital. She was born in Monongahela on Aug. 19, 1869, the daughter of the late William and Jane Skillen. Services were conducted in the Cox Funeral Home in Elizabeth, Pa., Brother Lawrence Dias in charge of the services who was assisted by Bro. A. B. Cadman.

Sister Skillen is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Annie McQuown, and Miss Hannah Skillen both of Elizabeth, Pa. Interment took place in the Monongahela Cemetery. She was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ when quite a young woman.

WILLIAM RABE PASSES ON

William Rabe, 72, died yesterday (Dec. 4th) at his home in Hazekirk near Monongahela. He had been ill for the past three months. He was born January 3, 1878, and had lived all his life in this community. Surviving is his wife, Jessie Rabe.

He was baptized into the Church many years ago, but had not attended Church for a long time. Services were conducted in the L. M. Frye Funeral Home in Monongahela by Bro. A. B. Cadman. Interment took place in the Monongahela Cemetery.

THOMAS DIXON PASSES ON

Thomas Dixon died at his home in Richeyville, Pa., on Dec. 5th just about three months after his wife, Gertrude, passed on. He was born in England in the month of April 1866, came to this country when quite young, and later was united in marriage to Gertrude Leonard. They leave no children. In the year of 1897 they both were baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ, and they were wonderfully blessed in the Church. During the Spanish-American War, he was foreman in the projectile department of the Firth Sterling Steel Company at McKeesport, Pa.

He was ordained an Apostle in the Church in 1904, and from that Conference was one of several brethren sent to Oklahoma on Missionary work among the Indian people.

He sometime later severed his connections with Firth Sterling Co., and moved to St. John, Kansas but in a few years returned east, and later associated himself along with his wife with the Church here in Monongahela, but they were living at Richeyville when their end came. He was laid away to rest on Dec. 7th from the Bebout & Yehe Funeral Home in Monongahela, Bro. W. H. Cadman in charge of the service. Among those who mourn his departure are his brother William Dixon of Luray, Va., and his sister Bella Bartle of St. John, Kansas, and other distant relatives.

MEMORY

In memory of our dear Mother, Bessie Bloom whom God called home five years ago on Dec. 9, 1945.

The years may wipe out many things,

But this they'll wipe out never
The memory of those happy days,
When we were all together.

We think of her in silence
Her name we oft recall,
But there's nothing left to answer,

But her picture on the wall.

Just when her life was brightest,

Just when her hopes were best
God called her from among us,
To His home of eternal rest.
Sadly missed by her children. Her daughter Mrs. Reda.

QUESTION BOX

Q—While Christ is reigning on the earth with His people during the thousand years, what becomes of the rest of the world, (dead)?

A—It is our understanding, at the coming of Jesus Christ the wicked perish. They, the wicked, live not again until the thousand years are finished, and then come forth in the second resurrection. Rev. 20-5.

THE ADMONITION OF THE APOSTLE PAUL

Galatians 5-16 to the end.—This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.—For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.—But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.—Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, — Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,—Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revilings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. — But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, — Meekness, temperance; against such there is no law.—And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.—If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.—Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

ARE ALL THE CHILDREN IN?

I think oft-times as the night draws nigh

Of an old house on the hill,
Of a yard all wide and blossom-starred

Where the children played at will.
And when the night at last came down,

Hushing the merry din,
Mother would look around and ask,

"Are all the children in?"

'Tis many and many a year since then,

And the old house on the hill
No longer echoes to childish feet,
And the yard is still, so still.

But I see it all, as the shadows creep,
And though many the years have been

Since then, I can hear mother ask,

"Are all the children in?"

I wonder if, when the shadows fall

On the last short, earthly day,
When we say good-bye to the world outside,

All tired with our childish play,
When we step out into that Other Land

Where mother so long has been,
Will we hear her ask, just as of old,

"Are all the children in?"

"One of the Children"

In Memory of Our Dear Son Jared Lane Robinson

Our Son meant so much that is dear,

But Our Lord Chose not to leave him here.

But in the gift of having felt his dearness

We learned the Lord's Nature, and felt His nearness.

Oh let me never doubt His Will
Oh rather let my heart be still,
And learn to walk as He first came
And forever bless and love His Holy Name.

In memory of my son, his mother
Louise Robinson, Larned, Kansas

P. S. In a few lines that Sister Robinson wrote me, I learn that Brother Robinson has baptized two converts since they located in Larned, and others are interested in the Gospel. May the Lord continue to bless his efforts. Brother Cadman.



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A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

Let me always remember
The day that we met,
And the joy that came into my heart;
Spark anew Faith's small ember
So I won't forget
That I promised Thee never to part.
There are fears that assail me
And doubts that draw nigh,
There are whispers that slyly beguile.
Jesus Lord, do not fail me
And send from on high
Hosts of Angels to smoothe every mile.

Chorus

Turn Thy face so my eyes mirror Thine.
Send the rays of Thy love, so divine.
Take the evil away that besets me,
Let the radiance of Faith ever shine!

Let me always endeavor
Thy will to respect,
Tho' it sometimes conflict with my own.
And may I never, never
Have cause to reflect
That you've left me to struggle alone.
Tho' my mind is in turmoil,
My heart beats Thy name,
Blessed Jesus, remember me still;
Like the virgin who had oil
To burn, I've one aim. . .
To be lastingly bound to Thy will!

Catherine Poma

A MODERN MIRACLE

I sat alone beside life's highway
begging
My heart was dark, the light I
could not see;
I clutched pride's rags and shivered
in life's bleakness.
A Saviour came and brought the
light to me.
I had no home and evil spirits
haunted
My soul until I dwelt in misery;
I tried to change, but demon
powers possessed me,
Until He came and set the cap-
tive free.

"There is no hope," I often cried
in torment,

And those who cared, in help-
lessness stood near;
Sin o'er me reigned and habit
gripped its victim,
Until His Love cast out my
awful fear.

For everything I find my Saviour
able,
I could not conquer passion, lust
and pride;
Hypocrisy had kept me sad and
lonely,
But I've come home to stay and
self must die.

Since Jesus came, the tempter's
power is broken;
He gave me peace and wiped my
tears away.
He took the gloom and fills my
life with glory,
For all is changed, since Jesus
came to stay.
Eva Bair's version of "Then Je-
sus Came." Larned, Kansas.

THE TEN VIRGINS

Matthew 25-1, 13 inclusive: "Then
shall the kingdom of heaven be
likened unto ten virgins, which
took their lamps, and went forth
to meet the bridegroom. And five
of them were wise, and five were
foolish. They that were foolish took
their lamps, and took no oil with
them: But the wise took oil in
their vessels with their lamps.
While the bridegroom tarried, they
all slumbered and slept. And at
midnight there was a cry made,
Behold, the bridegroom cometh;
go ye out to meet him. Then all
those virgins arose, and trimmed
their lamps. And the foolish said
unto the wise, Give us of your oil;
for our lamps are gone out. But
the wise answered, saying, Not so;
lest there be not enough for us
and you: but go ye rather to them
that sell, and buy for yourselves.
And while they went to buy, the
bridegroom came.... and they that
were ready went in with him to
the marriage: and the door was
shut. Afterward came also the oth-
er virgins, saying, Lord, Lord,
open to us. But he answered and
said, Verily I say unto you, I
know you not. Watch therefore,
for ye know neither the day nor
the hour wherein the Son of man
cometh."

According to this parable, only
one-half of those who once had
their lamps brightly burning, were

ready to meet the bridegroom
when He came. Can such be pos-
sible? Let us notice what the bride-
groom says in another place: Luke
18-8, "I tell you that he will avenge
them speedily. Nevertheless when
the Son of man cometh, shall he
find faith on the earth?" Take
note, it is the Saviour that asks
that question. In Matthew 24-37, 38,
39 inclusive: "But as the days of
Noe were, so shall also the com-
ing of the Son of man be. For as
in the days that were before the
flood they were eating and drink-
ing, marrying and giving in mar-
riage, until the day that Noe en-
tered into the ark, And knew not
until the flood came, and took
them all away; so shall also the
coming of the Son of man be."

In the pruning of the vineyard
for the last time as recorded in
the Book of Mormon, Jacob 5th
chapter: I read in verse 75 that
the fruit was all good, the vine-
yard was no more corrupted. In
verse 76 it says: "For a long time
will I lay up of the fruit of my
vineyard unto mine own self
against the season, which speedily
cometh." It is evident that thus
far the Kingdom of Christ on earth
has become perfected, apparently
the "will of God" is being done
on earth as in heaven. A condition
existing as was with the Nephite
people as recorded in Fourth Ne-
phi, but the evil one made inroads
and marred their peace even
though it had been Heaven on
Earth for them.

Back to the pruning of the vine-
yard again as recorded by Jacob,
Verse 77 records that the evil
fruit again appears in the vine-
yard. "And when the time cometh
that evil fruit shall again come in-
to my vineyard, then I will cause
the good and the bad to be gath-
ered; and the good will I preserve
unto myself, and the bad will I
cast away into its place. And then
cometh the season and the end;
and my vineyard will I cause to
be burned with fire."

It is evident from this scripture,
that after the vineyard is cleansed
for the last time (no more cor-
ruption in it) that the devil makes
an inroad and mars the peace of
that Kingdom. He not only mars
its peace, but the conditions be-
come such: that the Lord is
obliged to separate the good from

the bad and burn up the vineyard with fire. This reminds me again of the parable of the ten virgins to which the Saviour himself likens the kingdom. Ten of them with their lamps all brightly burning, but out of the ten, only five of them had enough oil in their vessels to carry them through. Is it any wonder that Jesus asks the question: "When the Son of man cometh shall he find faith on the earth?" And again is it any wonder that He says: that they shall be eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, even as it was in the days of Noe? The fact that some will find themselves in the vineyard when it is cleansed, yea when they shall learn war no more etc., is not proof that their vessels will be filled with oil and their lamps brightly burning when Jesus comes to gather together the good.

Bro. W. H. Cadman

Dr. Natoní Nez Bah Lectures in Independence, Mo.

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Natoní Nez Bah, explorer and archeologist of Holbrook, Ariz., gave a series of three lectures at Memorial Hall in Independence, Mo., Sept. 6, 7, and 8. The lecturer is a Navajo and Taos and has spent sixteen years as an explorer and archeologist among the various tribes of Indians in North, South and Central America. He was adopted by the white Chigarages Indians of southern Mexico and at one time spent nine months with them to learn legends, laws, government and tribal customs. His lectures were very interesting especially about the "White Indians" and the many artifacts discovered, among which was the so-called golden library. He was led blindfolded into a deep cave or cavern for hours and when they reached this library his eyes were uncovered and he was permitted to heft and otherwise examine one of these golden books. As he described it the book was approximately six by eight inches and had two stone covers about one-half inch thick and was quite heavy. The leaves were thin gold on which were hieroglyphic writings about one-half inch high which he could not read. However some of the writing was read to him. Each of these books were wrapped in a skin.

He stated that these white Indians lived in Chiapas state in Mex-

ico in a high mountainous enclosure about ten miles square and they numbered about 8000. They have all things common and the exchange system, having no money. They were clothed in robes something like a bathrobe or a house coat except that the sleeves extended two or three inches below their fingers, the purpose of which was to preserve the whiteness of their skin. There were no blue eyes nor blond hair, hair black and skin light golden.

Baptized in The Temple

The white Indian chief adopted Dr. Natoní as a son and a part of this ceremonial was a mingling of their blood. Each one had their forefinger cut and the blood allowed to drop into a receptacle. He said that he was required to enter into a blood oath of secrecy and that there were some things that he would not divulge under any circumstances. The white Indian chief took him into their sacred temple where he removed his clothing and put on a special robe and baptized him, using such terms as would correspond to the "Father, Son and Holy Ghost." He said that there were other white Indian groups in Colombia and Peru that he had visited.

They had a definite tradition or prophecy of a temple in the north somewhere that would be built and they have many stones cut and prepared to fit into that building. They claim to have their history back to 480 B.C. He said the language of the white Chigarages, which he speaks, is much like the Egyptian. He told of an experience he had in Egypt. He and an Indian friend were visiting in Egypt, but they know nothing about the Egyptian language, yet they were able to understand about 60 per cent of Egyptian and the Egyptians could understand about 45 per cent of our Indian language.

A Great Gathering of Indians

In 1939, the first week in April, on the occasion of their New Year, they had a great gathering in Mexico representing most of the tribes of North and South America from Alaska to Patagonia. This gathering numbered 125,000. Another gathering of Indians was spoken of that numbered 500,000. Instead of fighting each other as in the past the Indians are getting together. This is quite marvelous considering their meager means of communication and transportation. They seem to be moved by impulses that originate from the deep

and unknown past. He gave us much about the Indians in general; their rituals, dances, tribal ceremonials and marriages. How they elect their twelve counselors and chiefs. They have many gods but only one that they worship. The rain god, horse god, and sheep god, etc. He said that their rain dances never fail. Most of their dances are sacred but some are comic dances.

The Indian children respect their parents. They respect old age and look to the elders for advice. The Indians are closer to their children than the white people. They teach their children to be "clean inside and outside." At the eighth year the cycle of seven years is completed and boys and girls are taught to cook and wash dishes and the father teaches the boy his trade. Indians do not worry as a rule.

They have honorary council members in each community who report regularly to the tribe council of twelve or sixteen as the tribe may have. They encourage the youths to live up to a high standard. A head feather is the reward of the best boys. When a boy gets 24 head feathers he is entitled to one "white eagle feather." Twenty-four white eagle feathers entitle a young man to be a candidate for the council. He must merit each feather. If he cheats once he loses all feathers. He may sit in the council to get training. Tribal chairmen sometimes have to contend with the government over matters of discipline.

Punishment of Offenders

A thief or son of the Devil is sentenced to 100 days or more to work for the man he robbed. For the second offense the penalty is trebled. For the third offense the offender would be sent out from his people and considered an outcast. The death penalty is suicide. They do not take life. Sometimes the government allows the council to punish the law breaker.

Marriages

The average boy marries at twenty-four years, the lady at nineteen to twenty-one. Courtship is as long as a year. They try to get people's blessing. They notify the council members and invite all and really "go to town" on weddings. It begins at sunrise and at high noon a thirty minute ritual, and again thirty minutes before sundown. They promise to share each other's troubles as long as the sun rises and sets. We have prac-

tically no divorces. In one year out of 22,000 marriages, only one divorce.

Death and the Hereafter

Burials are at night. If they are good their soul is committed to a certain star. If they are very good they are committed to the "Moon Mother." If they are near perfect their souls are committed to the sun. Young children are exempt from wrong. "We do not watch people die lest we disturb the Great Spirit coming for the Soul."

The white Indian Chief was interested in Dr. Naton's compass and wristwatch. The doctor explained their use. The chief asked if they ever failed or got broken and Naton said, yes. The chief pointed to the sun and said, he never fails, nor the moon, nor the stars. Then the great white chief asked if I believed in a higher power than man. I answered, yes. Tobacco and liquor are unknown among them. There are no orphans among the Indians. All the homeless are readily adopted. They chew roasted coffee. They are opposed to swine or pork, never fry meat, never use narcotics and live on vegetables mostly.

The Indians know of Christ and referred to him by various names, Quetzalcoatl, Wiracocha, Tiahuanaco, etc. They have a tradition about his coming. Three sunrises are missing. The fourth morning the sun is in the sky. They were in and about the temple. They saw a light in the sky coming toward the earth as a bright figure of a person. He came to the temple, showed his hands and feet, stayed five days and said he would come again.

Dr. Nez Bah gave a graphic description of the Great Wall of Peru which is about 40 miles long and 15 feet high between two mountains in the Andes range. He told of the city of Chan Chan now in excavation and of Macchu Picchu which is likewise being uncovered. Of historical data the speaker told his audience that these findings represent the earliest civilization of the southern continent as well as the most cultured. Building engineering, draining systems and sunken gardens, as well as the highway systems there, bear evidence of this in skill and antiquity.

Precision, the hoisting of blocks of stone weighing as much as 50 to 100 tons, have baffled the scientists of today. The question of tools for accomplishing these feats of engineering, the strength of the

structures to withstand earthquakes, and other features which brought to vivid life these places described, kept an attentive gathering throughout the lectures.

A question and answer period followed each talk and many questions were asked by the audience and were promptly answered by the speaker.

(Dr. Nez Bah is a well-educated man, having a B.S. degree in Anthropology and Science, and a doctor's degree in archaeology, received at Carlisle University subsequent to training at the Haskell Institute for Indians.)

(The Fifth and Last of a Series of Articles Delivered Over WCVI by Bro. W. H. Cadman at Connellsville, Pa. These Articles Have Been Published by Request.)

In concluding this series of talks on the subject of "the-falling-away-of-the-gospel" or in other words, the true Church no longer upon the earth, I wish to draw a comparison of the religious world of today in its divided condition, and of the primitive Church as established by the Saviour. I read in Ephesians 4-11 to 14 inclusive, "And He gave some, Apostles; and some Prophets; and some, Evangelists; and some pastors and teachers; (the purpose was) For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ. That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about, with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men," etc.

In the establishing of the Church by Jesus Christ, we must conclude that He did all things well, even as one of the poets has said: "Above all the rest this note shall dwell. My Jesus has done all things well." It was required by Him that all should repent of their sins and be baptized for the remission of them, that they receive the gift of the Holy Ghost in their souls; for we read that God's Spirit will not dwell in unholy temples.

In St. Mark 16-15 and 18 inclusive, Jesus commanded His disciples to "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that

believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." Such was the commission given to the early disciples by the Master. And when the door of the kingdom was unlocked on the day of Pentecost, Peter assures them "that 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." Acts 2-39. But in Matthew 28-20, the Saviour makes it plain that in as much as they teach and observe His commandments, He will be with them always. We cannot lay claim to His blessings unless we do his will.

In my previous discourses, I have made it plain from scriptural authority, that men would teach for doctrine the commandments of men, they would give heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. Yea, even the man of sin would sit in the temple of God (the Church) shewing himself that he is God etc. They would have a form of Godliness but deny the power thereof, and they would be lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God. In fact these conditions have so far developed, that instead of the Christian world being in one accord and abiding in the love of Jesus Christ, the very opposite conditions are prevalent. And as I drew attention to the fact, that God withdrew the "man child" (not the Christ as taught by some) but the executive power of the Church back unto Him. The Christians had so far apostatized from the true faith, or as Mr. John Wesley said, "The Christians had all turned heathens again." Yea, the glory and splendor with which the woman was robed had gone and she fled into the wilderness, a place of obscurity. No longer was the Church robed in the glory and virtue of the bridegroom, but had become contaminated with the corruptions of men.

The woman robed as described in Rev. 12th chapter was a representation of the Church, the fair bride of the Saviour, and even as men and women creep into the private lives of husbands and wives and cause the marriage state to be demoralized, so did men and women enter the Church and demoralize her, until she lost all resemblance to the great "Wonder" which John saw: The woman clothed with the sun and twelve

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EDITORIAL

This is New Year's Morn. 1951: Good Morning everybody — Well, the year 1951 has finally arrived, and one wonders with all the talk of it being such a destructive year, what the end of it will be. It seems as though we have reached a time when there is more concern about the happenings of the day, than there is to preach the Gospel as restored, to the inhabitants of the world, and especially to this Gentile Nation of people.

It seems that within the "fold" we talk so much of the wrath of God being poured out on the Nations, and do so little in the way of preaching the Gospel, which will prepare the souls of men and women to merit the protection of the Mighty God and escape His terrible wrath when it does fall. We seem so much concerned about the joys of the day, when the little child shall play on the hole of Asp, and the Swords been beaten into plowshares, than we are of sacrificing some of our pleasures and and "many" of our luxuries, and in preaching the gospel in order that men and women might be prepared to inherit the protection of a loving Saviour when His Father's wrath does fall.

If God's wrath is to be poured out so much in 1951 as is talked of, I wonder how many of us, as it is today would escape. We must bear in mind that God is not a respecter of persons, (one who is influenced by BIAS towards persons) nay, God is not such a person.

In First Corinthians 1-21 "For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." The Apostle in another place is made to exclaim, "How can they hear without a preacher!— And the Book of Mormon makes it plain, yes, very plain, that the servants of God must not only preach to their gentile kindred, but to castoff Israel as well.

I hear much talk of sacrifice, and I boldly ask the question, what

are we sacrificing? The chances are, had I made the Church second in my life, I may have had much of this world's goods laid up. When I was younger I might have chosen a career of which I believe I was gifted, and obtained much fame and honor. But I did not, and yet I cannot, nor would I dare to speak of anything that might be construed as a sacrifice on my part, for after-all God has blessed me abundantly with the comforts and necessities of life. What more should a servant of God ask for? Why then should I speak of any sacrifice I may have made?—Jesus forsook the Glories He had with His Father before the foundation of the world in coming down and taking up His abode among men. It is written, He had not where to lay His head, yea, He spent His life in what might be called the slums (pardon the expression) comparatively speaking, for who among mortals has known or ever will know of the boundless Glories He had with His Father before He was conceived in the Virgin's Womb? But with it all: He says, why call ye me good? There is none good but the Father in Heaven. He refused to take the honor of being good, but attributed all good to His Father.

Therefore, my Brethren, when are we going to learn, if I may use the term, to "sacrifice," to place permanently: Missionary Workers among the Seed of Joseph (Indian people) as well as to do what we can among our fellow gentiles? I believe we will at least be blessed with a place to lay our heads.

Let us all remember the request of the Church to at least give the General Church TEN DOLLARS per year to help this work along. If you can't give it in a lump-sum, do so in installments each quarter so as when the year 1951 comes to a close, instead of talking so much about God's wrath falling upon men, that we might be like Ammon of old, rejoicing in that our labors have brought so many souls safe into the Arms of Jesus. Sincerely, the Editor.

stars in her crown. Yea, she loses her glory and flees before the enemy. May I ask, how often have we looked upon young couples at the Marriage Altar, with their hearts enflamed with love for each other, apparently nothing would ever get between them to mar their happiness with each other, yet how often we see them lose love for

one another as per their marriage vows, because they have not kept themselves from others, and their lives become wrecked and they land upon the rocks because they have not kept themselves unspotted from others. The followers of Jesus Christ are commanded to keep themselves unspotted from this sinful world, and if not abided by, their marriage vows with Christ the head, shall become corrupted.

In Rev. 12-17 I read: "And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." This scripture is quoted as it is written, and surely if the woman which is presented in this chapter (Rev. 12) is a representation of the Church of Jesus Christ (and I cannot see any just grounds to conclude otherwise), one must conclude that while John was in exile, he saw the time come when the Church was subdued, and secluded, and the violent power, the Roman Empire actuated by the power of the devil making war with the remnant of her children, who thus far had survived the persecution of that time. But I read in Rev. 13-7 as follows: "And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues and nations." The time eventually came that the power of Rome dominated all Christendom.

Let us reflect some upon the purity of this woman when she first makes her appearance as described by John. The glory and splendor of her attirement, and the beauty and holiness thereof. She was a wonderful presentment of the pure bride of the Saviour, but what a contrast when we see her in flight;—disrobed of all her glory and in flight from the enemy. And I will add also: what a contrast between the Bride of the Saviour as shown in her array, and the religious world of today. The Christian world of today is divided asunder in faith, doctrine, and spirit. Not any longer as Mr. Wesley said in his inspiring poem are they, "All of one heart and soul, And only love inspired the whole." Nay, the extreme condition developed itself, even though they all cry: "Christ is here and Christ is there." The command of the Saviour is, "believe them not."

I wish now to draw your attention to Rev. 17 to the first seven

verses. John sees a "great whore that sitteth upon many waters. Whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication." To me it is very plain that kings and the inhabitants of the earth have partaken of the sins of the great whore herein described by John.

In verse 3, John is carried away in the spirit into the wilderness. Please take note: He was carried away into the wilderness, and there he sees a woman robed in scarlet etc., and her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication. She is presented to us as the Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the earth. In verse 6, John says: "And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus; And when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration." She was sitting on a scarlet colored beast full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. In verse 9, John says that the seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sitteth. This is universally acknowledged to be Rome, which is built upon seven hills. The ten horns are ten kingdoms which lend their power to the beast, but they will eventually turn against her and hate her. The waters where the whore sitteth are peoples, and multitudes and nations and tongues. "And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth." Such is the description as given by John who was exiled to Patmos because of his testimony of the Lord Jesus Christ.

From what we read in the word of God, we must conclude that the struggle with the violent power was fierce, and the Saviour says 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." The Apostle Paul declared that the day of Christ would not come except there come a falling away first, correcting the Thessalonians who were entertaining a belief that Christ was about to come in their day. According to Paul, then, the man of sin that sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God etc., must be revealed before Christ would come. The apostacy of the Church has taken place, proving Paul to be right, for Christ has not yet come. A complete apostacy

taking place, necessitates a restoration of the Gospel to earth again, that the prayer which Christ taught His disciples might be fulfilled before He comes again, that is, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven."

The angel has flown as seen by John in Rev. 14-6 having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people. The restored Gospel shall eventually occupy the position as described by Daniel 2-34, 35. The stone that was cut out of the mountain without hands that smote the image upon his feet. Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth. The stone being a representation of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ, which before it, will all other kingdoms fall.

NEW YORK CITY

Dear Brother Editor: Since I became a member of The Church of Jesus Christ for the past three years, I've always enjoyed the fellowship of the saints, whether in Church or in our homes.

I have always enjoyed reading "The Gospel News" and the letter in the January paper by Bro. G. Azzinari from Italy touched me, and I would like to help them in some way. They are asking for Mormon Books, Bibles and Hymnals, as many are thirsty and hungry for the true gospel restored in these latter days, and I do hope and trust the Lord will bless all of them, no matter where they are, for I too was in the same state of mind years ago.

I thirsted and hungered for the true gospel. The Lord was gracious unto me and sent a Sister from the Bronx Branch and spoke to me of this gospel which we all enjoyed, hearing and speaking and we thank God for this wonderful gift He has given us: His Son Jesus Christ, our precious Redeemer and Saviour. We are looking for the last day wherein righteousness shall dwell on the earth; not man's way but God's way.

How I look for the day when the name of Jesus Christ shall be exalted above the hills and the

mountains; and everything shall flow into it. Please accept this small gift, for which to use at your own discretion. (Thank you, Sister your offering will be put to good use in the Church.)

Hoping and trusting that God will bless you and keep you in the name of His beloved Son Jesus Christ. Sister K. Henshaw.

NEWS

(As the Editor has learned it)

A few lines to you all, relative to some of our afflicted brothers and sisters. Ever since Bro. Ashton returned home from attending a funeral service in Detroit the latter part of November, he has been confined to his home, much of his time spent in bed. He is not very well yet. Jan. 17.

Brother Isaac Smith has been very poorly too. He has been confined to his home most all winter thus far, though, has been able to get to meeting a few times. Both these brethren are getting up in years.

Brother D'Amico in Rochester, N. Y., whom we all know suffered a stroke sometime ago, still remains speechless. Apparently he is stronger in body and walks around in the house much better than he did.

Brother Samuel Kirschner recently spent two weeks in the hospital here in Monongahela. He was in a car wreck when a young man and had one of his limbs hurt very badly. Lately it has been giving him a great deal of trouble, and while in the hospital, had a small piece of bone removed. At present he seems much better, and is able to attend meetings again.

Brother Earl Gardner of Port Huron, Mich., who had been very poorly is able to be at work again, so I am informed.

Sister Amy Martin of Uniontown, Pa., while on her way to church, as I understand it, fell on the icy road and broke her hip, and is now confined in the Brownsville hospital. This happened last Sunday night, Jan. 14. We are very sorry that this has happened to Sister Martin.

Brother and Sister Samuel Ringer of Vanderbilt, I understand, are confined to their home very much. They are both well up in years and their days for going arounds are about passed.

Brother Dr. Chandra of Erie is confined to his bed again, but I understand that he still has lots of pep. He was 95 years old on

Jan. 10th. He has been very anxious to make a trip back to his native land (India) since he obeyed the gospel.

"THE SACREDNESS OF THE SABBATH"

By Lyman Beecher (1775-1863)

The crisis has come. By the people of this generation, by ourselves probably, the amazing question is to be decided, whether the inheritance of our fathers shall be preserved or thrown away; whether our Sabbaths shall be a delight or a loathing, whether the taverns, on that holy day, shall be crowded with drunkards, or the sanctuary of God with humble worshippers; whether riot and profaneness shall fill our streets, and poverty our dwellings, and convicts our jails, and violence our land, or whether industry, and temperance, and righteousness shall be the stability of our times; whether mild laws shall receive the cheerful submission of freemen, or the iron rod of a tyrant compel the trembling homage of slaves. Be not deceived. Human nature in this state is like human nature everywhere. All actual difference in our favor is adventitious, and the result of our laws, institutions, and habits. It is a moral influence which, with the blessing of God, has formed a state of society so eminently desirable. The same influence which has informed it is indispensable to its preservation. The rocks of New England will remain till the last conflagration. But let the Sabbath be profaned with impunity, the worship of God abandoned, the government and religious instruction of children neglected, and the streams of intemperance be permitted to flow, and her glory will depart. The wall of fire will no more surround her, and the munition of rocks will no longer be her defense.

If we neglect our duty, and suffer our laws and institutions to go down, we give them up forever. It is easy to relax, easy to retreat, but impossible, when the abomination of desolation has once passed over New England, to rear again the thrown down altars, and gather again the fragments, and build up the ruins of institutions. Another New England nor we nor our children shall ever see, if this be destroyed. All is lost irretrievably when the landmarks are once removed and the bands which now hold us are once broken. Such institutions, and such a state of society, can be established only by

such men as our fathers were, and in such circumstances as they were in. They could not have made a New England in Holland. They made the attempt, but failed.

The hand that overturns our laws and altars, is the hand of death unbarring the gate of Pandemonium and letting loose upon our lands the crimes and the miseries of hell. If the Most High should stand aloof, and cast not a single ingredient into our cup of trembling, it would seem to be full of superlative woe. But He will not stand aloof. As we shall have begun an open controversy with Him, He will contend openly with us. And, since the earth stood, has it been so fearful a thing for nations to fall into the hands of the living God. The day of vengeance is in His heart, the day of judgement has come: the great earthquake which sinks Babylon is shaking the nations, and the waves of the mighty commotion are dashing upon every shore. Is this, then, a time to remove foundations, when the earth itself is shaken? Is this a time to forfeit the protection of God, when the hearts of men are failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth? Is this a time to run upon His neck and the thick bosses of His buckler, when the nations are drinking blood, and fainting, and passing away in his wrath? Is this a time to throw away the shield of faith, when His arrows are drunk with the blood of the slain? To cut from the anchor of hope, when the clouds are collecting, and the sea and the waves are roaring, and thunders are uttering their voices, and lightnings blazing in the heavens, and the great hail is falling from heaven upon men, and every mountain, sea, and island is fleeing in dismay from the face of an incensed God? (I wonder what Mr. Beecher would say if he were here today. Editor)

By EMIL HUTTNER
Charleroi, Pa.
(Our Jewish Friend)

Editor,

The Gospel News:

Lately I have been delving into the New Testament which of course like the Old Testament is a living and perpetual document containing the light and guidance, stimulating energy that makes our lives more interesting and hopeful.

In the ancient world every nation seemed to have been assum-

ing that every nation was perfect. This in the opinion of some writers was a perfection in its own eyes. Its kings and leaders were paragons of virtue, so they thought and boasted about their virtues. Thus we can derive that the official literature of all peoples consisted, to a considerable extent, of self-praise. In the Bible, however, there is none of that artificial eulogizing; rather a realistic appraisal of both nation and heroes. Israel is the chosen people, singled out from among all the peoples for special duty in the service of God. Whether choice was made because of their more enlightened leader Moses, or through their virtues is a matter of speculation in the opinion of the writer. We experience quite often in this enlightened age that a great deal depends upon its leader to choose an army contingent for certain special duty, and not upon the service body itself. The Bible speaks of various ones in Israel who were perfect; who also possessed qualities to meet the divine standards of righteousness and devotion. On the contrary we find in other portions of the scripture, Israel continually falls short of expectation and never completely has fulfilled its responsibilities towards God. Prophets and Priests never ceased to expose the short-comings of the people and to proclaim the judgement of God upon the sinful nation. Unlike the chronicles of other nations, who emphasize mainly the victories and conquests of their country, the biblical writers pitilessly recorded the defeats and catastrophes in the history of Israel.

The same standard of judgement was applied to the heroes and champions of Israel. Very few were saints, and none, certainly, were sinless. The roll call of the Bible reads somewhat like a docket in criminal court. Abraham, the father of the faith was not faultless, and Jacob—the name "Jacob" in Hebrew means deceiver and swindler. He obtained the rights that belonged to his first-born brother Esau. The sons of Jacob, the revered ancestors of the different tribes, were guilty of abominable crime in selling their brother into slavery. Moses, the lawgiver of Israel, a mighty wonder-worker of God, was far from perfect. In his youth he slew a man; and later when he was appointed leader of the tribes, in a sudden burst of rage, he sinned against God. For that he was forbidden to enter

the promised land. Aaron his brother, was hardly the model of piety that a high priest ought to be. He strayed from the path of righteousness more than once, especially in the matter of a golden calf. David was one of the heroic figures in sacred history, but he doesn't escape the sober judgement of the biblical author. Although he was idolized by his people and his glorious reign was remembered by all who followed, no attempt was made to gloss over his weakness, no attempt to hide his very serious crimes. The Bible presents David as a just and righteous King devoted to his God, one who loved his people and made them prosper. The Bible also presents David as an adulterer who tried to cover up his crime by committing another one.

The principal figures in the New Testament are judged according to the same hard standards. Their deeds and the intentions behind them are weighed and a verdict rendered. We tend to think of the apostles as always devoted to their Master, with, of course, one exception. We thus focus attention upon Judas who betrayed Jesus, and tend to forget the others who also deserted Him in the hours of need. Peter, the prince of the apostles and pillar of the Christian faith, was a chief sinner in this respect; he angrily denied his Lord Jesus. The others on occasion show themselves fearful, reluctant to believe, hesitant to act; while at other times they are bold in speech and action. Paul's character is clearly marked out in his own letters. We see him a complex personality, combining very diverse qualities, the fanatic persecutor of Christians, and later the leading evangelist of the Church; a man of deep humility, the chief of sinners, the man "who withstood Peter to his face" and deserted his independent authority as an apostle. He is described as a man afflicted with ailment.

However, the biblical writers were not exposing famous heroes of the faith. They were not concerned to attack the character of these men to undermine their reputations, but rather to give a fair, reasonable, comprehensive picture; to present them not as angels or demons or plaster saints, but as they were—men. We must recognize in them men and women very much like ourselves, with the same mixture of good and evil qualities, with the same essential faith, hope and aspirations, sub-

ject to the same temptations, harried by the same weakness and shortcomings, guilty of the same sins.

In this way Israel, though a nation of many sinful people, and unequal to the responsibility laid upon them, was able to achieve the purposes of God, because God was with them. So Abraham, despite his sin, is portrayed in the Bible as one who through the grace of God became the pioneer of our faith. So Moses, despite his crime, is portrayed to have become the founder of the nation of Israel. So David, who it is believed has actually lived, despite his violations of the laws of God and man, was able to restore the fortunes and faith of Israel in a critical hour. In like manner, the apostles and disciples of Jesus Christ, though hindered by their faults and weaknesses, nevertheless they had the inspiration to establish Churches throughout the world.

Here is a lesson for us all, regardless of what faith we may follow or the church to which we may belong. We are judged to appraise ourselves realistically, in a manner of the Bible, which reflects our present life in our daily pursuits, neither exaggerating our virtues or extenuating our vices. The Bible reflects the life of every individual, and our lives are molded and shaped as in days of old, with the exception that we must adjust ourselves to the trend which combines our life with present political and economical conditions which largely affect our domestic and every-day life. There is nothing wrong in things. The evil is, when things become the master and man becomes the slave.

QUESTION BOX

("It Is Written" saith the Saviour to His Adversary)

St. Matthew, Chapter 4

Q.—St. John 1-1: Were there one or two persons?

A.—Verse 14, The Word was made flesh, meaning Christ, and the world was made by Him. St. John 17-5: Christ was with the Father before the world was. St. John 14-20: "I am in the Father, and ye in Me, and I in you." Am I to understand that the three parties mentioned here are all one person? Genesis 1-26: "And God said let US make man in OUR own image." ("us" and "our" are both plural, meaning more than one). In the Book of Mormon Ether 3-16: "Behold, this body, which ye now

behold, is the body of my spirit; and man have I created after the body of my spirit"; (Jesus Christ speaking at about 2200 B.C.) In Second Nephi 31-14 The Son speaks unto Nephi. In verse 15 the Father speaks to Nephi. This took place about 600 B.C. In St. John 1-1 it says: "the Word was with God." If I should be anywhere WITH another, there is surely more than one person involved. I am answering this question by what is written.

Q.—St. Mark 14-38: Who did Christ refer to, "The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak"?

A.—It is plain that He had reference to His disciples.

Q.—St. Matthew 11-11: He that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. Did Christ mean Himself or the Church people?

A.—The kingdom in this case is the Church on earth, and Jesus told His disciples that the least in the kingdom (the Church) was greater than he. To my mind He meant that the least of His disciples was greater than John. Some think that Christ had reference to Himself as being the least, but that administers confusion, for Christ was the GREATEST and PRE-EMINENT of all. We must all bear in mind that the Mission of John at that time was fulfilled, while the Mission of His disciples was just at hand to declare the Gospel to all the world.

P.S. I wish to remind you all, that Bible and Book of Mormon teach that Jesus Christ the Son of God created this world and all things therein. W.H.C.

MRS. HELEN CAMPITELLE PASSES ON

(Editor's Note: I have not received any account of Sister Campitelle's passing, for The Gospel News, so I am writing this myself. She has been a faithful servant of the Lord.)

Sister Campitelle died during the week beginning Nov. 19, 1950 and was laid away to rest on Nov. 25th. Bro. Charles Ashton officiating at the services held in our Church at Hall and Devine Sts., Detroit. She died at her home on Lemay St.

She and her husband obeyed the gospel I believe in the early 1920's, he passed on a few years ago.

Sister Campitelle was wonderfully blessed in the Church, and was faithful until the end. She had been very poorly for a long time, but in the visits I made to her home she was always cheerful and could always speak in praise of her God.

I first met her and her family possibly 25 years ago when they lived on Connors Ave. off Jefferson. They had previously lived in eastern Pennsylvania, and I remember of her telling of some mysterious happening that caused the family to move to Detroit, and it was not long after when in some way they met up with our people. and the results were they obeyed the Gospel and she always bore a wonderful testimony. May she along with her husband find a resting place in the Paradise of God. She leaves a family of children to mourn her loss, besides a host of brothers and sisters in the Gospel of Christ.

A wonderful experience of Sister Campitelle's is recorded on page 183 of the Church History. May her testimony ever live in the hearts of her children. Brother W. H. Cadman.

William E. Kennedy, brother to Sister Mrs. Albert Sarver, Monongahela, Pa., died very suddenly at his home here on Jan. 5, 1951. He was 62 years old and the son of the late Bro. and Sister Joseph Kennedy of Roscoe, Pa. He is survived by his wife, three daughters and one son, and one sister, Mrs. Albert Sarver. Services were conducted at the Frye Funeral Home in this city by Bro. W. H. Cadman.

Sister Mier, sister of the late Sister Schultz of this city passed away at her home in Butler, Pa., December 24, 1950. She was well up in the eighties and had been very feeble for a long time. She was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ a number of years ago

WINDSOR, ONT., CANADA

Brother Editor: I have had a desire for some time to write a few lines to the Gospel News, but have come to a knowledge that without putting forth a little effort, the best desire is useless.

May God guide my pen in writing something that will be spiritual food for all of us that have a desire to live closer to Jesus, and fulfill our promise that we made at the water's edge.

As we look about us in our daily walk of life, and see the condition of people and nations, we feel such an overwhelming joy at being privileged to be a partaker of the latter day glory, that is shining in the midst of darkness, and will continue to shine even brighter as the world gets darker

in sin.

Oh that we might have a greater incentive to become as clay in the potter's hand, and that as a tool or an instrument, we may be keen in the spirit of God, to know His will, and once knowing His will, that He might give us the necessary strength required to fulfill His will.

It is often very nice to ponder over the way that God has used men and women in the past, and feeling a certainty that He will use men and women in the future in as much as we allow ourselves to be used to the honor and glory of God.

May we as young people in the restoration put forth a little more effort into our service to God, that we may receive an ever increasing portion of His spirit to guide us in the path of truth and righteousness, that as we live closer to Him, He will see fit to use us to His honor and glory in bringing about the peace that the world is seeking but cannot give, because the world is overlooking the Author of peace. John 14-27, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you, not as the world giveth, give I unto you." May the Lord grant unto us strength to publish this peace to our fellowmen, whenever and wherever the opportunity presents itself, in a word of personal testimony of what God has done for us.

In closing I would like to add that a group of brothers from Detroit and Windsor have a study class each Saturday night. The joy and satisfaction derived from them is of great worth in making our foundation in the gospel more secure, also I feel sure that we will become better fitted for His use here on earth. May God ever bless us with His spirit to slay sin and transgression, and that we may see the day: when every place we go, we will meet a brother and a friend and the knowledge of God shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. Brother Joseph Colison.

MY MEMORY

July 16, 1950, the Lord called me. I promised to serve Him eternally. At the river's shore we were three: Lydia Sacazko, Angela Buscemi and myself.

And now I offer an inviting call. Come serve Him with body and soul.

To honor the Master with your all in all,

Lest ye procrastinate and fall,

Remember His mercies extended wide,
Far greater than the Ocean's tide.

Within my heart I cannot hide
The love of Jesus that abides.

So let the door of your heart
Made open wide and say—
Lord Jesus enter and never depart

I'll make my covenant with Thee today.

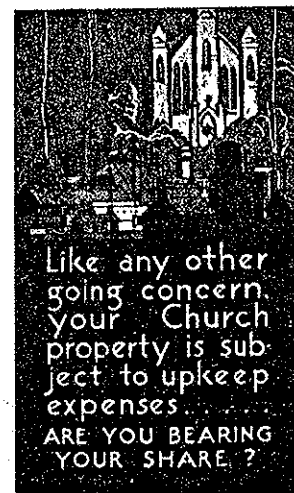
Vincent Mulla, Detroit

SHUT THE DOOR

One of the greatest difficulties in this day of hurry and worry, is to shut out the world. When we enter into our closet all the world seems to crowd right into the secret place. We preach sermons and do business on our knees. The place of worship becomes a house of merchandise and the place of devotion literally a den of thieves. It is half our victory when entering into the closet to "shut thy door."

It is said that a man was standing in a telephone booth trying to talk, but he could not understand the message. He kept saying, "I can't hear." The man at the other end said, rather sharply, "If you will shut the door you can hear."

Not without a battle will we be able to shut the door, shut out the world, and shut our souls up to God. But unless we learn by pains in prayer to silence the world's din and distraction and get alone to get the ear of our God, we shall only be fighting as one that beateth the air — much ado about nothing. Only behind a shut door will fall showers of blessing from an open Heaven.—Exchange.



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OH CAN IT BE?

By Sadie B. Cadman

Oh can it be that God's dear Son,
On Calvary died there for me?
Upon the cross, what agony!
He took my place to set me free.

By cruel hands he suffered there,
That awful death none can com-
pare;

That thorn-pierced brow, that
sword pierced side
He bowed his head, my Saviour
died.

O Jesus Lord, how can it be
That you would die to set me free?
Upon the cross, what agony!
You took my place to set me free.

No strength nor power could hold
the tomb,
Where Jesus laid in that lone
hour;
But, oh! what joy came from with-
in
He broke the band of death and
sin.

Triumphant over all His foes,
Our great Redeemer, Christ arose,
And now upon the throne above
Exalted reigns, where all is love.

Glory to God with angels sing;
We'll praise His name, our God
and King;
O Grave, where is thy victory,
And say, O Death, where is thy
sling?

EASTER SEASON

Believest Thou This?

Jesus said unto her, "I am the resurrection and the life, he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?" How wonderful for us to believe as Martha did of old. Resurrection, a life anew, a Christian's hope of life after death. Its basis is found in the teaching of Christ and His own resurrection.

In the story of the resurrection of long ago Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to the sepulchre and found Jesus was gone. The angel said unto them, "Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus which was crucified. He is not here; for he is risen, as he said. Come see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead: and behold he go-

eth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him; lo, I have told you." (St. Matthew 28) They departed quickly with fear and joy to tell the disciples. On the way behold Jesus met them saying "All Hail." Then the words, "He is risen," became real and full of joy, comforting words to many anxious followers.

Two of His disciples went to the village of Emmaus, talking to each other of these things which had happened. Jesus drew near and went with them. They did not know him. Jesus questioned them as to their conversation and asked why they were sad. Cleopas asked if he was a stranger and had not heard of these things which had come to pass? Jesus questioned them, "What things?" They proceeded to tell him of Jesus, the prophet, being condemned to death and crucified, of their hopes that he should have been the one to redeem Israel. Then the story of the women at the sepulchre, and the angels which said he was alive. Jesus said to them, "O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken." And He expounded the scriptures to them. As they came near the village the two asked Jesus to tarry with them as it was evening. He went with them and as they sat at meat, Jesus took the bread, blessed it and broke it and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and he vanished. They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked with us by the way and while he opened to us the scriptures?" They returned to Jerusalem and found the eleven disciples gathered together. They told of their experience and while they were speaking Jesus appeared in their midst and said, "Peace be unto you." He showed them his wounds. Later Thomas, one of the twelve who was not present heard the story of Jesus but doubted. Jesus appeared unto him and showed him His hands and His feet and said he not faithless and unbelieving. Thomas answered, "My Lord and my God." Jesus replied, "Thomas, because thou hast seen thou hast believed: blessed are they who have not seen and yet have believed." (John 20)

Jesus also appeared on this land of ours, as told in the Book

of Mormon—III Nephi. The Nephite people had looked forward to His appearance which had been prophesied and revealed to them by righteous men among them. He descended among them, clothed in a white robe. He spoke in a small voice which did pierce them and caused their hearts to burn. He had them thrust their hands into His side and feel the prints of the nails in His feet and hands that they would know He was the God of Israel and of the whole earth.

Again the words of Jesus to Martha, "Believest thou this?" Even at the Easter season we see Nature reenacting the Resurrection story, a new life in the plants, flowers, grass, trees, with blossoms and leaves all bursting forth, life anew. All these things are written that we might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and in believing we might have life through His name.

Mabel Bickerton, West Elizabeth, Pa.

"NONE OTHER NATION WOULD CRUCIFY THEIR GOD"

II Nephi 10-3

"Jesus, when He had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves after His resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the son of God. And many women were there beholding afar off, which followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto Him: Among which was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's children. When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple: He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. And when Joseph had taken the body, he

wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed. And there was Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulchre."

A very sad occasion for the disciples of Jesus, I am sure. WHC.

I MYSELF

I myself a humble man,
Am trying to do the best I can,
To serve the Lord with all my will,
To my loving heart 'tis such a thrill.

I myself do sometimes fail,
But to the Lord I always call;
He lifts me up with His hand,
And sets my feet on firmer land.

I myself with all my cares
Trials and torments cannot bare,
So I praise Him day by day
And He keeps me on the way.

I myself a mortal be,
Just one branch of His living tree;
The branch is thin and sways about
But many more shall there sprout.

I myself will live my life,
Some hours of glory, some of strife;
But if I die with this dear love,
I know I'll join Him up above.

John J. Nicosia
Los Angeles, Calif.

A LETTER OF APPRECIATION Lorain, Ohio

Bro. Editor: I'm writing today as I should have done long ago, to thank all the brothers and sisters that remembered me in their prayers, and sent me such beautiful and encouraging cards.

On Nov. 26th I tried to light our gas furnace and it exploded in my face. I was severely burned and spent one week in the hospital. I know if it was not for the hand of God, I would not be here today, and I know it was not through my worthiness but through the prayer meetings and countless prayers in my behalf. As a result the Dr. even was amazed at my quick recovery. I have no scars whatsoever which is hard for me to believe. I was completely unrecognizable, but now no one would ever know that I was burned.

All this has taught me something I never realized before. How wonderful it is to be on God's side where all His saints join in showing

their love for any one that needs a helping hand. I repeat, Thank you and God bless the brothers and sisters everywhere. I don't know what I would have done without them. How good and kind God has been to me! I will in turn try, to the best of my ability serve Him all of my days. I ask all the saints to pray for me that I will always be a faithful follower of Christ, and I will remember all of the saints likewise. Sister Vicky Calabrese.

WORD STUDY

SERVANT — The ambition of most people today is to pursue a course in life such as will bring them the most temporal personal gain. Many seek honor and glory or prestige and fame, while many others seek employment in things that bring the largest remuneration, often regardless of principles. It is quite natural for people to do this, for most people believe that as long as their thoughts and deeds conform to human nature, all is well. Each of us received this nature when we were born into this world. Most of us retained this nature many years even after becoming adults, not realizing that it is not a true guide and that a change should come. Most of us were ignorant of that new life and new nature that a person receives when he is converted. We were perplexed even as the people of Christ's time, when he told them "Ye must be born again." Their perplexity was soon taken away when they believed and accepted the Lord Jesus, by the change that was wrought, for he imparted unto them his nature which we know is a divine nature. Perplexity soon passed being replaced with felicity. Selfishness passed away and they endeavored to do their best toward all as becometh unselfishness.

Down through the ages of time men have desired to dominate others, whether it be few or as many have tried to rule the whole world. Man has always desired to have the upper hand, or in short to fill the capacity of a master or boss. What a surprise awaits all that have this attitude, when they learn that such an attitude is contrary to the Word of God. Jesus calls it a gentile or heathen practice, and warned his disciples that it must not be so once named among them (Matthew 20:26) Jesus himself though he was the Master and Lord of all humbled himself to the low degree of a

servant that he might set an everlasting example, which served not only His disciples but which also stands for us today. Everyone that takes upon him the name of Christ must come to the realization that he too must come low and become a servant. This is that rich life which brings everlasting rewards. Jesus said that when people found this life they would find it in unlimited abundance. This is that life that brings joy to others. This is that life that brings peace to others, and if spread out far enough it would bring peace to the world.

When the angels heralded the Messiah, they sang "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace and good will toward men." Peace then was the promise given to the world. Shall this promise fail? Seemingly so far it has not as yet materialized. If we should ask why, then no doubt we would receive many answers, possibly some people would be inane enough to blame it on God. Without a doubt it is the fault of man, for he is a shortcoming and vain creature. God has laid down a way for man to live which is a part of the plan of salvation which brings peace to the heart. Many men down through the ages have tasted of the joy of salvation and of the peace that God gives, but too many have failed to retain this, thus being unable to impart to others. If there is not peace in the world it means then that there are not enough men and women who have accepted the ways of God, and therefore do not possess this within them, not enough men and women who have humbled themselves to this lowly degree of a servant. Do you desire peace? If so you must become an apostle of peace. You can only become an apostle of peace by coming low and accepting this attitude and spirit of a servant. In these grave times it behooves every serious thinking person to examine himself, whether he has the spirit of a servant within, whether he has a portion of that divine nature which urges him on into voluntary servitude, or whether he is satisfied in justifying himself because his deeds conform to human nature.

It has been often said that our men in public offices of old were men of greater integrity than those that modern times have produced, such were called statesmen, and truly servants. Men who run for office with lucrative desires, can

in no wise rightly claim to be public servants. Likewise in handling the Word of God, men who are swayed by money dealings, or who love titles, cannot in anywise lay claim to being servants of the flock. (Matthew 23rd chapter)

In this land of ours as we travel the roads we see many filling stations. They are also called "service stations," and rightly so, for when you pull into one of them usually an ambitious young man comes running out ready to serve you. He greets you pleasantly and asks you what you want. Invariably you get what you want and sometimes more. You leave and go about your business happily, for you have been served according to your wants. Suppose though you had not received prompt and cheerful service. Or suppose you came in and instead of the attendant giving you what you wanted, he would have tried to force other things on you, or would have left you waiting unnecessarily. You no doubt would leave in disgust. So it seems that in the world people in general are disappointed because of not receiving that which is their desire, for suppression and negligence and maltreatment abound, and especially so in other parts of the world. Yet even here we have many that are in need of succor, that would appreciate "service" from time to time. Many aged people spend lonely moments, because of a lack of the spirit of service. Many are in poverty, they too have pulled into the service station of life, with no one coming out to attend them. Many are sad and discouraged, many perplexed, many would appreciate a favor from time to time; a cup of cold water often being sufficient, figuratively speaking.

In short, the time has arrived for us, the people of God, to become servants one unto the other in the true sense, for the world is waiting to be served, the world is waiting for the manifestations of the sons of God, for only when we serve one another do we serve God, and only to them will he say at the end, "well done thou good and faithful servant."

Martin Michalko.

A LETTER FROM NILES, OHIO

(Sister Anna Nastasi received a phone call just prior to Christmas, from a "News Reporter" asking her "Why do you go to Church?" The following appeared in The Niles Daily Times on Jan. 3, 1951.)

"Letters To The Editor:

Why I go to church on Sunday and as often as I can:

Church is a trysting place, a place to meet with your brothers and sisters in Christ; to join in one mind, one accord to praise the name of God our Creator; also to ask for favors such as the most needful things in life.

This trysting place is where we get food for our souls which is just as important as our daily bread. What I mean, food for the soul is the pure doctrine of Christ, which He gave unto us that we may live eternally.

You see the light bulb will burn out but the juice is always in the wire. Our body will wear away but our soul, which is the breath of God, lives on for eternity.

The most needful thing in life today is God, or in other words, is love.

Man will give his soul to perdition just to rule over another man or a group of men, or even a nation. We find that on one occasion the people wanted to make Christ a king by force, but Jesus walked away from them. He coveted no such position, knowing that life is so short and the glory of man dies away, but eternity is a sure thing.

I thank God for the day, the hour and the moment that Christ was born within my heart and I hope that all will seek Christ to be born within their hearts, for it's a wonderful thing to happen to all.

Seek and ye shall find; knock and it will be opened to you; ask and ye shall receive life eternal."

Mrs. Anna Nastasi

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

Dear Brother Editor: I have a desire to say hello to all my Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ. The only way I can do so is through The Gospel News. It would be my desire to greet them all in person, but that is impossible for the time being. If I prove faithful to the end of my life here on earth. I know I will surely meet them in the first resurrection. I have only been baptized two years last May, and I must say it has been the best years in all my life. If I had only known how wonderful it was, I would have sought the Lord sooner. My brother-in-law Wm. Buffa and sister Josephine found the Church 15 years ago and they brought it home to all of us, but although I enjoyed listening to them, I didn't think I needed it

to save my soul.

Being a Catholic and not a good one at that, I was all right as I was. I never told my sister that she was not doing right to change her religion as I saw the good change that took place in their home. How blind I was, I should have known that the Lord is the only one to change them so—like night to day. I lost 12 years of loving my Saviour with all my heart and of fellowship with God's people. If it wasn't for the saints in Detroit in the Devine Branch that prayed night and day for me in 1946, I would have been dead and buried in sin; every time I think of it I shudder. I was anointed by Bro. Joseph Lovalvo as I remembered about my sister Josie and Bill tell us of such wonderful healings and I knew in my heart, although I was not in the Church if I could only be anointed with the Holy Oil, and by faith I would be relieved of the terrible pressure in my head the fever was causing. The Lord was merciful to me as the following morning I awoke and it was like awakening into another world—my pain was gone and I started to get better from then on.

I left the hospital in a short time. It was a puzzle to the Dr. how I got well so soon. I wanted to go to the Church of Jesus Christ, the Devine Branch and thank them for all they did for me, because it was their prayers that reached the throne of God's grace in my behalf, but as you know it was put off and we left for California. It was here in the South Gate Branch that I was redeemed of my sins. I thank God for the mercy He had for me. I never attended the Church before, but the first time I did go I wanted more. I kept going till God touched my heart, and I answered the call. I will never regret it, for I found the Lord Jesus the way we should find Him, going all the way, not half-way. I have so much to thank my Lord for, this paper couldn't hold it.

I meet many brothers and sisters from back East who have come out here for a vacation and our Branch rejoiced in seeing them and their presence among us was a blessing, and I am sure we out here were a blessing to them. Every time I hear of some one coming out here from home, it gives me the desire to go back with them just to see more of my brothers and sisters. I especially want to say hello to Bro. Bill, for

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EDITORIAL

Sometime ago I read of a Bishop falling in company with a little six year old girl. She proved to be a bright child, and in their conversation the Bishop was explaining to her the greatness of God, telling her that nothing was impossible for Him to do. He could do anything. He was a mighty God.

She looked up at the Bishop and said: "You say that God can do anything." "Oh yes," saith the Bishop, "there is nothing but what God can do!" She replied: "Well I know one thing that God CAN-NOT do." The Bishop, taken by surprise, asked her, "What is it that God cannot do?" She answered: "God can't please everybody." The little 6-year-old gave the Bishop something to ponder over.

And you know I have pondered over it some myself. The subscription list to The Gospel News has fallen off so badly that I wonder: Is it possible that I have failed to please everybody? Can it be that I have failed? If so, there is some consolation in what the little girl said: God can't please everybody either.

I concede that it is an act of economy to let your subscription expire, and then borrow your neighbor's paper to read, but it certainly does not help to print The Gospel News, and send them to Jerusalem, Spain, Italy, Germany, Holland, New Zealand, Alaska, and throughout the United States and to far distant places in Canada, such as away up in British Columbia; and that is where The Gospel News has been sent. What Say Ye?

I suppose you all read of the lecture of Dr. Nez Bah, in the last issue of Gospel News. I have received a letter from Apostle Wheaton and his wife of Independence, Mo., of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot) informing me that they were leaving with Dr. Nez Bah for Chiapas, Mexico, to visit those white Indians. I have met the Apostle and his wife, and I hope to hear from them when they return home, if not sooner. Editor.

NOTICE

The General Meeting of the Ladies Uplift Circle will meet in Monongahela on March 17th, 1951.

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he brought the Church to my home 15 years ago, and also to meet Bro. Cadman, a brother in the gospel. I believe I will take enough room in the paper to say God bless all the saints everywhere and remember sister Sadie in your prayers to keep me faithful to the end—where we shall meet and part no more.

The saints in California send their best in the Lord Jesus. Pray for us out here for our desire is to serve the Lord and bring in lost souls to the Lord. We are growing in numbers and in Spirit thank the Lord. The blessings of God are good for us and we are being fed in spiritual food as well. Pray for us that we will remain in the Graces of God. Sister Sadie Nicosia.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Dear Gospel Readers: At this time I want to praise God from whom all blessings flow. Also for this granted privilege, which is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I have learned in the past 22 years, that all I take out of this wonderful Gospel is exactly a level measure of what I put in—Therefore it behooves me to keep this treasure in my heart where I can nourish and cherish it, and at the end gain that Crown of everlasting Life, which is a promise of God.

At this hour I'm going to relate a dream I had about 20 years ago, a short while after I was ordained a deaconess of the Church of Jesus Christ. In the dream it seemed as though we were in the old school Bldg. where we used to hold our meetings before our new church was built. The large school room was filled with brothers and sisters. While the twelve apostles were seated in order on the rostrum, and at the end of the meeting, Bro. Charles Ashton who was in charge of the meeting, invited me to stand on the rostrum with them while the closing prayer was being offered. At the end of the prayer, Bro. Ashton then opened a drawer from the pulpit and handed me a box. This is what he said: "Sister Anna Carlini, in this box is a beautiful white sheet where the Lord was bound when He died on Calvary's Cross, and you are to lay it at the tomb where He laid." He also added, "no one but the Church of Jesus Christ is in possession of this sheet where Christ was bound."

After the brother was through speaking to me, I opened the box and held the sheet with the great-

est care, and it was exceedingly white. I took the lead while the twelve apostles followed me in starting on my journey. While I was walking and holding the sheet in my hands it spread out, and behold, precious drops of blood were dropping on the sheet from heaven, and while they were dropping, a voice spake to me through a cloud and said: "Cause that none of these precious drops of blood be lost, but all gathered." The voice repeated these words three times, which to my knowledge I knew it was the voice of God. We finally reached our destination. As I laid the sheet exactly where the Saviour once laid, the drops of blood disappeared and the sheet became white once more. I awoke and realized it was only a dream.

Dear brothers and sisters, I cannot afford to lose even one drop of those precious drops of blood, but by trying to do His will and walk in that narrow way which Christ has laid before me, I may be able to gather every one, for Christ has spoken to me. May I be able to stand on that solid ground as we often sing "On solid ground I stand, All other ground is sinking sand," and hold on to that rod of iron—the word of God while here upon the face of the earth, whether my days are many or few, may I devote them all to God.

May God bless each and every one, for great shall be the reward, is my prayer. Sister Anna Carlini.

DIVORCE TREND MOVES UPWARD

The path of true love, which never seems to run completely smooth, was somewhat rockier in Allegheny County last year than in 1949. Divorces filed last year totaled 3,743, or 166 more than the 3,577 filed in 1949, Prothonotary David B. Roberts reported to President Judge Frank P. Patterson of Common Pleas Court.

A further increase is expected in 1951, but the prothonotary added that, "I hope that my prediction for 1951 will not be borne out."

On the divorce question in the Book of Mormon, The Saviour has this to say, III Nephi 12-32: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, that whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery; and whoso shall marry her who is divorced committeth adultery." This is identical with the Sermon on the Mount as recorded in Matthew 5-32.

THE GOLDEN BIBLE

(Author unknown)

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

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

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

Now the time of their departure
From their Mother land was
when,
To obstruct the Tower of Babel
God confused the speech of men.

Having reached the land of prom-
ise,
Whither God had led the way;
For a time they greatly flourished,
Serving God from day to day.

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

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

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

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

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

Fourteen hundred years it slum-
bered
God preserving it from rust;
Now the words of that sealed
record
Whisper to us from the dust.

"MY EXPERIENCE"

Sister Eva Moore

I feel it to be the will of God
to give my testimony of God's
Grace to me, that others might

know the ways of God. That oth-
ers might understand, that God
works with us as individuals. He
examines us one by one and gives
us according to our needs. All my
life I respected the name of God.
When I heard His name mentioned,
I would draw closer to hear all I
could.

At the age of 26 I decided I
wanted to be a Christian. I had
three little children and I decided
that God belonged in our home,
that we would be happy in no oth-
er way. I began to read the Bible,
and literature of all kinds, books
on Christianity, and I listened to
radio programs. They preached
"Believe only Believe." I would
cry out, "Oh Lord, I believe," yet,
my soul was not satisfied.

I came to the conclusion I should
join a church, so I went with some
friends to a Baptist Church, and
one day the Minister asked if any
one wanted to be baptized. I raised
my hand and one week later was
baptized. I approached the Minister
and told him I would like my hus-
band to join the church also. So he
came to our home and talked and
prayed and convinced my husband
to join the Church. After belong-
ing two years, I realized something
was lacking in our lives. There was
no change to speak of in my hus-
band. I wasn't happy. Was this
all that we would get out of Chris-
tianity? I was known as a good
Christian woman, but my soul was
empty. I would cry myself to sleep
at nights. My heart grew heavy.
Ours was not a Christian home,
although we took the children to
Sunday School, and we attended
church regularly. We also began
going to other churches, including
"The Church of Jesus Christ."

One day I said to the Lord: I
have tried to be a Christian and
I have failed, now cause my hus-
band to take the lead, if this
Church is yours, let him be the one
to take the lead, and that was my
only prayer for many days—The
Church of Jesus Christ was pre-
sented to us as the only true church
on earth. I rebelled, I said "how
could there be only one true
Church, or might I say, one true
faith?" Yet I was willing to try it,
if it would make a Christian out
of my husband.

But he wasn't quick to accept
it. He listened to all that was said,
but never said much himself. I
became impatient and discouraged.
One day we went to see a baptism
performed by this Church. How
right it seemed. I wanted to go
down into the stream of water, but

no, I couldn't. I was waiting for
the Lord to bring my husband
first. On our way home, he said
to me: "Eva, you and I are in the
same boat, we are both sinners." I
was offended—"me a sinner, why
I have tried to serve God all these
years." Days went by, the struggle
grew. By now we were only part-
time members in the Baptist
Church. What would we tell them
if we left? I wasn't happy there,
I wanted to leave and come into
this new Church we had found.
By this time my husband was read-
ing the Bible. He even carried the
New Testament to work with him.
I kept watching him for a sign of
a change, and it came. He came
home from work one day and said,
"hurry and get supper, I'm going
to the Elders and ask for bap-
tism." Oh such joy filled my heart,
I was afraid to speak. On our way
to the Elder's home he said to
me: "Now that I am going to be
a Christian I guess you will hate
me." I couldn't open my mouth,
my joy was great. He didn't know
my heart's desire was fulfilled.

When we came to the Elder's
home, my husband told him of his
desire to be baptized. The Elder
asked me if I was ready, I said
yes. So we went down into waters
of baptism December 24, 1941. Af-
ter confirmation we went home. I
was the most disappointed person
in the world. My husband was the
happiest. "Yes my husband was
in the door, I was outside." But
why!—I cried all night for my dis-
appointment. I thought God would
let me know if He accepted me as
one of His own. I received no sat-
isfaction. My husband felt sorry
for me. He prayed for me in the
morning that God would let me
know I was one of His children.
He went on to work and then,
alone I fell on my knees and cried
out "Lord have mercy on me a
sinner, am I accepted of Thee
or not? Let me know." I got up
realizing this was my first act of
repentance and my first time on
my knees. I got back in bed and
fell asleep. About five minutes later
the power of God shook me and
caused me to sit up in bed and cry
out, "Oh the Holy Ghost." Joy un-
speakable came into my heart. My
burden passed away. My soul was
filled. I was new in Christ Jesus.
I was a child of God. I knew it. I
could hardly wait till my husband
came home from work to tell him
what had happened, but when he
came home he spoke the first words
and said, "You are not the same
woman you were this morning." I

said, "How do you know?" He answered, "I know."

This experience happened nine years ago. We have been happy, contented, and sure of our calling into the Lord's true Church. God is quick to hear the cry of repentance. He loves a broken heart and contrite spirit. Sister Moore's address is R. D. 1, Imperial, Pa.

SARNIA INDIAN RESERVE

Ontario, Canada, Feb. 13/51

"This is a personal letter to Bro. Cadman, but it will be good for our readers to read as well."

Dear Brother Cadman:

You will be pleased to know that all issues of the Gospel News that you so kindly sent to us were received, your cards of brotherly greetings are also much appreciated. The oft intended letters, we regret, were not written because of the desperate necessity of continual work with scarcely any leisure. Our nine children, for whom we thank our gracious Heavenly Father, consume a prodigious amount of food. The cost of living inching up all of the time almost frightens us at times, but then we recall that, previous to my obedience to the gospel call of our Saviour, we had to borrow and often had a multitude of little bills unpaid, but now our Father blesses us with an abundance of work with thoughtful employers. This causes us to rejoice and praise His glorious name. Our older children show much consideration for our efforts and do their utmost to help, which recalls to mind the blessed saying "and he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." Our brethren from Port Huron and Detroit have apparently been unable to make any visits to the Reserve for quite a number of weeks and it is, no doubt, due to the fact that we all have to make many adjustments to the economy of living in these perilous times.

If we had an Elder situated here, it would be possible to have regular meetings for which there is a desperate need. To illustrate this, let me make mention of a meeting attended by Brother Mark, that we held under a large elm tree adjacent to my home. Enlisting the aid of neighbors, a platform was built and improvised seats provided; an old fashioned organ was carried by four men to the place of worship and when the meeting

was called, nearly every seat was occupied. Others arrived afterward and the gathering of people were blessed of God as they worshipped Him under the canopy of heaven. Brother Mark was richly blessed as he ministered to these people who are hungry for the Bread of Life. The regret is, that we did not seize on this golden opportunity offered to us by God, to reach hearts with a living example of the love of Christ and thus bring souls to Jesus to be saved by Him. Mention was made, following the meeting which was held in the early fall, that the visitors desired to open their homes for gospel meetings to be held from week to week. God forgive us for neglecting to propagate His gospel to those who desire to know Him better.

This glorious opportunity to serve our Lord is not yet denied to the Church of Jesus Christ here for the influence is still felt. That is indicated in the fact that an elderly brother, Henry Williams, having recovered from a serious illness and thanking God for it, requested that I, as a member of Church, conduct a watch night service at his home. The brother who accompanied me to the Detroit Meeting, brought his guitar that night and melody filled the house as we sang the old time songs, testimonies were given and many humble prayers were offered, as gratitude for blessings received in the past year and as petitions for continued blessings to come. Our Father having put it in my heart to discourse a little in the Indian language, I did so for half an hour or better emphasizing the revelations that I personally have received of Him since obeying the Gospel, I touched also on the divine origin of the Book of Mormon and the rich blessings promised by the Lord Jesus Christ when He visited North America if they would follow Him, obeying His commandments. Mr. Williams' birthday is New Year's Day and Sister Elviria Maness baked a special cake for occasion and following a loving hand-shaking at midnight, refreshments were much enjoyed. The blessings continued to fall and hearts made warm by the presence of the Loving Spirit and music again filled the air and it was with reluctance that I closed the meeting at nearly three a.m.

This is the last meeting that has been held by the Church on the Reservation. Having no authority to call a meeting, I hesitate to jeopardize the future opportunity

by calling one, because our critics would immediately seize on the chance to enlarge on the fact that our Church here is neglected by the Elders.

It is a pity and I feel sad that the words of Mormon in Moroni 7:29 to 33 are being neglected. Consequently, sects preaching strange doctrines hold sway and permeate the teachings of Christ. I'm happy to report, however, that the Salt Lake people were not encouraged on this Reserve and it was a happy sign to me when I read in the News that our Muncey brethren saw the great difference between that and our Church. I close with the hope that God's richest blessings shall attend your comings and goings and that the Church shall be endowed in 1951 with a Godly zeal for the souls of lost men and women and a revival of the spirit of the Good Samaritan who stopped to lift up his fallen brother be kindled by the Blessed Holy Spirit in all of the brethren. Bro. Aylmer N. Plain

ANGUS DELEARY PASSES ON

Brother Angus Deleary of the Muncey Reservation, Muncey, Ont., died at his home on December 20, 1950, and was buried from our Church in Muncey on December 23. He was well up in the seventies and had been very feeble for two or three years. Death has now ended his journey in this world and he has now gone to his rest. Brother Angus was very efficient in the making of ax handles etc., and walking sticks, for a livelihood at his humble home. Some years ago he met up with our brethren who were preaching the gospel to his race of people (Indians) and he was baptized into the Church. I, brother W. H. Cadman, have been at his home many times, and found him to be a humble, inoffensive brother. After spending a long life, such as they were obliged to live on the Reservation, we hope he will find a resting place among the faithful over there.

When well advanced in years he was united in marriage to sister Alice Seth, who survives him. Brother Cotelesse of Detroit was in charge of the service, being assisted by several other Elders. A number of the Indian people on the Muncey Reserve have been baptized into the Church, they are growing old and are fast passing away. May God bless those who still survive.

MRS. PEARL FRAME PASSES ON

Sister Frame of Richwood, W. Va., born Sept. 26, 1901 died on Feb. 3, 1951, aged 49 yrs. and 4 months. She was married to Fletcher Frame in 1919, who along with three sons and one daughter, four grandchildren, four brothers, and one sister mourn her departure. She was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ in May of 1942, and was confirmed a member of the Church by Bro. Charles Ashton, and died a faithful member of the Church.

Funeral services were conducted from the Calvary Methodist Church in Richwood, by Bro. Frank Giovannone who was assisted by Bro. John Olexa of Charleroi, Pa. Singing by Bro. Giovannone accompanied by a chorus of young folks of Richwood. Interment took place in the Richwood Cemetery. The Gospel News extends sympathy to the bereaved family of our Sister.

(Brother W. H. Cadman, president of the Church, extends the appreciation of "The Church of Jesus Christ" to the Calvary Methodist Church of Richwood, for opening its doors for the funeral service of one of our members Sister Pearl Frame.)

ATTENTION EVERYBODY

In 1943 we contracted with the Rodehaver Hall-Mack Company for ten thousand Hymn Books. We had at that time, five thousand printed and delivered to us. We are now out of hymn books and have to turn orders down. To print the other five thousand, it will require considerable money. We have of course several thousand dollars worth of literature on hand including more than a thousand Church Histories, and several hundred Books of Mormon. The latter sells at \$1.00 each, while the history sells at \$2.50 each. Today we have more literature on hand than we have ever had, and it is all paid for. We have on hand, approximately one-third the money that it will cost us to print the five thousand hymn books, which are the balance of our contract in 1943.

As the replenishing of our literature has been left for me to look after, I wish to inform you that I am also consulting other members of the former Hymn Book Publishing Committee.

I am now asking all Branches, Missions, Sabbath Schools, and the General Missionary Benevolent Society of the Church, if possible

to advance us an order for 100 Hymn Books at \$1.50 each with the money so we can handle this deal. You that cannot purchase 100, please do the best you possibly can, for we need the money. Bear in mind, that as you sell these books, your money will be returned to your treasury again. You will not be out anything in the end. Will all officers, such as presiding Elders, Sabbath School Superintendents, and the G.M.B.A. act at once and remit to the General Church Librarian, James F. Campbell, 231 Vine St., Monongahela, Pa. If the Ladies Uplift Circle can help us out any, I will assure you that it will be much appreciated. Sincerely, Bro. W. H. Cadman, president of the Church.

NEWS

(As the Editor has heard it)

Brother L. Waltz who spent considerable time in the hospital with a heart ailment, is able to be home again but is still poorly.

I learn that Bro. Laird of Brandtford, Ont., is confined in the hospital in that city. He has a heart ailment and his condition is very bad.

Sister John Majoros of Miami, Fla., who has been very poorly and confined in the hospital for some time, is at home again and is reported as coming along fine. We are glad to hear the good news, Sister Majoros.

I have received a few lines from Sister Mary McManus of Mazon-town, Pa. She is now about 80 years old and cannot write very good. But she says she likes The Gospel News, and also likes to listen to Bro. Tucker's program over the air and has sent an offer to help both along. She goes to Church at Vanderbilt when able, and she praises God for His goodness towards her.

A card was received this day (Feb. 16) from Bro. Paul Love who is sojourning for awhile at Tucson, Arizona. Also a card was received from Bro. and Sister Gabriel Mazzeo who are visiting in Florida. Brother Wm. (Billie) Tucker, wife and family are also visiting in Florida for a short time.

We have learned that Sister Harry Hendler has been hospitalized on account of a fall on the icy streets. We hope you are soon well again, Sister Hendler.

To you who know Sister Olive Deleary, formerly of the Muncey Reservation, I have received a letter from her and she is very poor-

ly. She is living on a Reservation near Orillia, Ont., and is hardly able to take care of herself, and no one to do much for her. May the Lord bless and care for our Sister. Her address is Mrs. Olive Deleary, 318 Nottawasago St., Orillia, Ont., Canada.

Illimitable Resources

Our Cruse of oil, Might Well run dry,

And time, our barrel Make quite bare;

But these fail not — the reason why?

We are our Fathers care.

Perplexities sore on us press:

We are shut in With-no Way through.

No need for fear, alarm, distress—He knows What He will do.

Griefs Come—like some o'erwhelming Wave:

They threaten to engulf and drown;

But He is there—still strong to save,

And we shall not go down.

Thus through the days, the months, the years.

His great resources we shall find: And we shall be immune from fears

With Peace for heart and Mind. Contributed by Sister May Gadd

Gods Way Is The Best Way

St. John 15-22, 23, 24. "If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin; but now they have no cloke for their sin. He that hateth me hateth my Father also. If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father."

Jesus came to a sinful nation when He came to the Jews. He says in St. John 1-11, "He came to His own, and His own received Him not." And it is written elsewhere that there was no other nation under heaven that would have crucified Him. Yet, He declares in the foregoing that, "If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin." In other words, if I had never come into your presence, it would be much better for you. Yea, His very presence was condemnation to them eternally, unless they would obey Him. According to his words, no other such person as He ever came to them before. He did works among them that no other man ever had done. He says: All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers. From those

words, it is evident that some came before Him professing to be great men, but evidently nothing in their lives to convict men of sin. They were usurpers. And even to the cities which would turn a deaf ear to His disciples as recorded in St. Luke 10, it shall be more tolerable (favorable) in the day of judgement for Sodom than for them. I have often thought upon this matter, a city so wicked as was Sodom, and burned up because God would suffer their wickedness no longer. Yet to those who lived to see the Son of God walking upon the earth, and doing such wonderful works and still refuse to follow Him, there would be more mercy for those of Sodom, than for them who heard and saw Him showing compassion to those who would look up to Him, yea, who was healing not only the afflicted, but the broken hearted as well. He says, if I had not come ye had not sinned. You have heard and seen so much, but for all of this, judgment eventually fell upon them apparently without mercy.

If those mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon, which have been done in you, they had a great while ago repented, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. It will be more tolerable at the judgement for them, than it will be for you, and thou, Capernaum shall be thrust down to hell, apparently no mercy to those who knew, and yet would not do. The words of Jesus are, "If I had not come ye had not had sin."

There was a time when God winked at the ignorance of men but that time was before Jesus, the light came into the world. (That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. St. John 1-9) Now, He no longer winks at sin, but He commandeth all men to repent: No longer is it becoming to men and women to excuse themselves because of what is written of men before the true light came. Bro. W. H. Cadman.

REPENTANCE BY Catherine Poma San Diego, Calif.

O Master, our hearts sing a hymn of praise, A tempest-tossed child at your feet now lays; Long in the evil ones snares he'd lain, "Peace," cried the soul, but in vain. Angels in heaven rejoice to see Thine is the victory; For when he thought You had left him alone, You broke the tempters chain.—

O sing, brother, sing sister, raise your voice, There's feasting in heaven, let us rejoice. Firm stands his name in the Book of Life, Don't you remember the strife? God saw the struggle and then He bade Legions of Angels to aid. That is the triumphal story that's known, Tale of Eternal Life!

Now, after the struggle and victory, Old Satan will try twice as hard to see How many souls he can lead astray. "Watch," says the Lord, "Watch and pray." Riches, he'll offer, and great renown, Can they compare with the Crown That we'll receive, when He calls us His own, Forever and a day? — So sing, brother, sing sister, praise His name, Lord Jesus is waiting for our acclaim. If we obey him naught can annoy, Trust Him, and none can destroy. Let us cling unto each others hand Trying to understand. That for each sorrow on earth, we have known, Greater is Heavens Joy!

Get Away From The Crowd

Get away from the crowd for a while, and think. Stand on one side and let the world run by, while you get acquainted with yourself and see what kind of a fellow you are. Ask yourself hard questions about yourself. Ascertain, from original sources, if you are really the manner of man you say you are; and if you are always honest; if you always tell the square, perfect truth in business details; if your life is as good and upright at eleven o'clock at night as it is at noon; if you are as good a temperance man on a fishing excursion as you are on a Sunday-school picnic; if you are as good when you visit out-of-town as you are at home; if, in short, you are really the sort of man your father hopes you are and your sweetheart believes you are. Get on intimate terms with yourself, my boy, and, believe me every time you come out of one of those private interviews, you will be a stronger, better, purer man. Don't forget this, and it will do you good.

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Don't Tell Me

Don't tell me what you will do
When you have time to spare;
Tell me what you did today
To ease a load of care.

Don't tell the dreams you have
Of conquest still afar;
Don't say what you hope to be,
But tell me what you are.

—Grenville Kleiser.

DR. HATHA YOGA CHANDRA PASSES ON ERIE, Pa.

A phone call from Bro. Mancini last evening, (Feb. 27) informs me that Bro. Chandra died that morning. We have no further news of his death nor burial arrangements, except that I understand that it was his request, that should he die before sunrise, he wanted his body cremated before sunset and his ashes sent to India for final disposal. Hence our understanding is, that whatever service there is will be held in India, the land of his nativity. Since obeying the gospel he has been very anxious to visit his native land, and tell his people of what he found by rendering himself in obedience to the Restored Gospel as taught by The Church of Jesus Christ. Just last Sunday Bro. Behanna visited here (Feb. 25th) and told me that Bro. Chandra was a very sick man, but was still determined to make the trip to India, for which it was said that he had his passports and was going to fly. —I just received word from the Printing shop that I was short one column for the March paper, so I have written this up in a hurry to fill in the space. Bro. Mancini will likely write me an obituary for the April paper.

P.S. In response to a phone call from Sister Mancini, I went to Erie, Pa., on June 25, 1948 where I spent a few days with our folks. While there, and on June 27th, Mr. Hatha Yogi Chandra was baptized in an open stream not far from where Bro. Mancini lives. Due to his aged condition, being born in 1856, Brothers Mancini and Behanna both went into the water and Bro. Behanna immersed him in the water. It was a happy day for the old brother. The place of baptism was a lovely spot deep down in the dell, and the water clear as crystal. Though the weather was very warm, the water was cold. Brother Chandra has arranged a trip back to his native land and is awaiting his passport. He is anxious to tell his people (150,000,000) of what he has found in the restored gospel. He is a wonderful old man, well read, and is a cousin to the late Gandhi of India. (WHC) The foregoing appeared in the August issue of 1948 of the Gospel News. His testimony appears in the same issue. It is well worth turning back to and reading.

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CHRIST'S CRUCIFIXION AND RESURRECTION

Jesus Christ, our Savior, died,
On the cross was crucified,
The cruel cross alone He bore,
For me He did it, that was sure!
How I hope that we'll be good,
For He has shed His precious
blood,
With a spear they pierced His
side,
And upon the cross He died!
When they went to see Him dead,
There they found His empty bed,
Oh, was it not a joyous day,
When the stone was rolled away?

By Sister Bette Sipos
Hopelawn, New Jersey

YES, JESUS HAS RISEN

Much is written at this season of the year always, on the resurrection of Christ as it is recorded in the New Testament. And wonderful is the account that is given therein, yea, wonderful is the story of the disciples who were walking on the way when Jesus suddenly walked with them. How He unraveled the words of the prophet to them concerning Himself, and later they were made to exclaim: "Did not our hearts burn within us? Then the instance of Peter and John out-running each other to the sepulchre to see for themselves.

And we have the experience of Mary when she was made to exclaim: Rabboni. And the account of the great earth-quake when the veil of the temple was rent in twain, and of the saints who came out of their graves and appeared in the streets of Jerusalem.

While the account in the New Testament is wonderful, and I am sure that I would not dare to say anything that would in any way detract from the accounts as given by the humble followers of Christ, both men and women; but I do want to draw attention to some things recorded in the Book of Mormon concerning this great event.

If you will open your Book of Mormon to third Nephi, chapter 8 and read the account of the three days of darkness upon this land (America) while the Saviour of the world was suspended between earth and heaven with the transgressors, you will learn something of the mysterious things of God. In verses 5, 6, 7, it reads thus: "And it came to pass in the thirty

and fourth year, in the first month, on the fourth day of the month, there arose a great storm, such a one as never had been known in all the land. And there was also a great and terrible tempest; and there was terrible thunder, insomuch that it did shake the whole earth as if it was about to divide asunder, and there were exceeding sharp lightnings, such as never had been known in all the land." Meaning this land of America.

Please everybody read for yourselves. Cities were covered up in the earth, some swallowed up in the seas, mountains where there had been valleys and vice versa. The whole face of the land was changed, highways were broken up, the level roads were spoiled many smooth places became rough. Many great and notable cities were sunk, and many burned. "And behold, the rocks were rent in twain; they were broken up upon the face of the whole earth, insomuch that they were found in broken fragments, and in seams and in cracks, upon all the face of the land." (America). And how true that statement is.

In Palestine there was darkness from the sixth to the ninth hour while Christ was on the cross, but on this land of America, there was darkness for the space of three days, there was no light to be seen, neither fire, nor glimmer, neither the sun, nor the moon, nor the stars, so great was the mists of darkness which were upon the face of the land. In this great destruction which occurred on this land, we are told that the more wicked of the inhabitants perished, while the more righteous were spared.

After the storm was over, the earth quieting again after all its groaning and shaking, and the darkness disappearing — daylight returning: Behold, Jesus Christ who died on Calvary's Cross, descended upon this land, yea, on this land we call "America The Beautiful" and shows Himself to those who survived the great destruction on the land. He blesses the people (the fore-fathers of what we call American Indians) even as He did those in Judea and Galilee. Yea, what a wonderful world event was the resurrection of Jesus, as recorded in the "despised" Book of Mormon. Not

much wonder the Poet asks you the question: "Have you read the Golden Bible, Book of Mormon, Book divine? 'Tis a marvelous work, a wonder, Nothing equal in its line."

W. H. C.

South Gate, Calif.

Dear Bro. Cadman:

Just a few lines to the Gospel News (on this great subject of Restoration) surely we will have to start from the beginning of creation to go into this subject. First, let us look at Acts 3-19. Repent and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord and He shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you, whom the Heavens must receive until the times of restitution of all things which God has spoken by the mouth of the holy prophets since the world began. Therefore, we understand that all things shall be restored as it was in the beginning. What a wonderful place to live in when that time shall come. If we can take a view at the creation and understand its true condition our hope will brighten at what is to come in the future. First, let us look at earth as it was, pure. Then, could not a thorn or a thistle grow. I don't think there was either deserts or barren lands, stagnant swamps, rough hills, vast mountains covered with snow and ice (where no sweet flowers the weary landscape cheer) nor plenteous harvest crown the passing years. But the earth was able to produce that for which God had made, for the good of man and beast. There was nothing grown only for the good of man's health and happiness and "Behold I have given you every herb bearing seed and every tree which is fruitful. It shall be for you for meat." From this we learn there was neither noxious weeds nor poisonous plants. Everything was good for man and beast. Flesh was not slain for man to glutton on. The beasts were all in perfect harmony, one with the other.

The lion ate straw like the ox. The wolf dwelt with the lamb. The leopard lay down with the kid. The cow and the bear fed together while their young ones reposed

in perfect security under the same trees. Nothing to hurt or destroy in all the earth and there we have man in all his glory, exalted in dignity and power, having dominion over all the vast creation which God had created and God gave him a garden well watered. In the midst stood the tree of life to which he had access and God communed with him in the cool of the day. Look for a minute at this scene with peace and plenty; the air filled with beautiful birds singing these songs while angels encamped round about. There was no sorrow, no sickness nor death, no wars, no contention or bloodshed. Nothing but peace, life, joy and love reigned over God's creation.

It becomes painful to leave a scene like this and to look at the great change that has come on the earth since man sinned. It affected the whole creation; no longer peace, joy, love and happiness; no more communion with God. Toil and sorrow was pronounced upon them; thorns and thistles began to grow and man made his living by the sweat of his brow. Man was afraid of the crawling serpent. The serpent was afraid lest the heel of man would bruise him. The animal kingdom began to fall on their prey. Hate and murder was their fate. Cain slew Abel. What for? For offering a sacrifice which God accepted. The powers of darkness prevailed and it repenteth God that he had made man. We no longer have the lamb and the lion lying down together. The flood brought destruction to man and beast because of transgression; great curses have been prophesied unto man if he would not serve God. Moses said in the 28th of Deut., "If ye will worship me with all your heart, I will Bless you." The prophets told what would fall on Babylon. It became a perpetual desolation, a den of wild beasts, unclean and hateful birds.

Look at Palestine in the days of Solomon. It was capable of sustaining millions of people besides yielding surplus wheat for other nations but now it is desolate and cannot sustain just a few inhabitants. God can curse a people or bless them according to their diligence in serving Him. Jesus said, "As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the days of the Son of Man." Before the flood wickedness prevailed. In the ark, a place of safety, man and beast were able to dwell together again without any harm. God restored

for forty days peace again. In Romans 8-22 Paul says "For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now and not only they but ourselves also, which have the first fruits of the spirit, even we, ourselves, groan within ourselves waiting for the adoption to wit, the redemption of our body." (Restoration of all things). The Book of Mormon teaches us that when Jesus was crucified the whole creation groaned. The rocks were rent in twain, and mountains were thrown to an exceeding height.

While on a trip to Yosemite Park, we stood on one of the exceedingly high mountains looking down on the valley, 13,000 feet below. I asked a forest ranger when this took place and he said at the crucifixion of Christ. I asked him if he was a latter day saint. He said that he was not but had read the Book of Mormon and combined what scientists have said and that was his opinion. Then when will all this be restored to its proper place? In the time of restitution of all things, says Peter, found in Isaiah 40-4. Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill shall be made low and the crooked shall be made straight and the rough places plain. The glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it. I have not space to quote the 40th chapter but read it dear reader. What must its former beauty have been. Are you longing for a restoration of all things? Isaiah 35th. The barren desert shall abound with pools and springs of living water; a highway shall be there and it shall be called the way of Holiness. The unclean shall not pass over it but it shall be for those, the redeemed of the Lord, not lions or ravenous beasts.

They shall come with songs of joy and sorrow and sighing shall be done away with. Revelations says that every mountain and island was moved. Where? Back to their former place. Next he restores the animal kingdom to their former condition. Isaiah — 11th chapter. The lamb and the lion shall dwell together, the cow and the bear feed together having cleansed the earth and put highways there, and God poured out his spirit on all flesh both man and beast become perfectly harmless as they were in the beginning. Then none of the righteous will sleep in the dust but God will restore every lost

limb or eye or hand and we shall be restored to our former place; no sickness, no sorrow no pain because there will be no blood which is the natural life, but it will be immortal.

We have traced the prophets in restoring the earth and the children of men. We say with the song, "How long wilt thou forget me Lord!" Shall it ever be? How long shall it be that thou shalt hide thy face from me? How long shalt thou take counsel in my soul? Still sad in heart shall be, how long exalted over me, shall be mine enemy? "How we see in these last days that God has restored the gospel again. What does it mean by restored? As it was in the beginning with the same blessings, joy, peace and love. Which is the bond of peace? What has it been restored for? To bring about the restoration of all things. Surely there have been forerunners in all ages. So shall there be a forerunner for the second coming of the Lord. As I quoted, "As it was in the days of Noah, it will be in these last days." Jesus says five were wise and five were foolish, but when God shut the door of the Ark no one else could get in. So it will be when the Bridegroom shall come and the door shut. No one else can get in. How long the gospel restored and the Jews gathering back at 11:30 by Gods clock, 6,000 years have about passed. We are about to enter the 7,000th year. God made the heaven and the earth and all that is there in six days. He rested on the 7th day. (Just a type). Let us look at some of the things that shall be restored. John says, "I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and earth has passed away. There was no more sea. I saw the Holy City, New Jerusalem coming down out of heaven prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

How long my dear brothers and sisters is God going to wait for us to get prepared and adorned ready for the bridegroom. Things have to pass away before they can be restored or out of place. Having restored the earth to the same glorious state in which it first existed; making a new heaven and a new earth He has to have a new people restored or redeemed to their former state to possess it; sweep all wickedness from the presence of the earth and the saints shall inherit their possessions. "In my Father's house there are many mansions. I go to

prepare a place for you that where I am there ye may be also."

The poet asks, "Where is Heaven? Who can tell it? Answer 'yes' ye who only know where. Where abides the Holy Spirit where its fruits and graces show." Eye has not seen neither ear heard the wonderful things God has provided for those that love him but God has revealed them unto us by His spirit. When we are in the spirit we get a taste of heaven. We get a glimpse of heaven; joy begins to fill our bosoms. Sick people call to be anointed. The devil begins to draw back because we resist him. What will it be when we see Jesus face to face. Surely many of these scriptures are a type of peace but many of them will literally be fulfilled.

I no longer marvel when I call to mind that Abraham counted himself a stranger and a pilgrim seeking a better country, a city whose builder and ruler is God. Paul says looking for a more enduring substance, a home eternally in the heavens. I, John, saw the Holy city, New Jerusalem coming down out of Heaven prepared as a bride adorned for her husband and I heard a great voice from heaven saying "the tabernacle of God is with men and he will dwell with them and they shall be His people. Come and I will show thee the bride, the lamb's wife" and he showed me the Holy City just as Ezekial saw it, John saw it. There shall be no curse but the throne of God and the lamb shall be in the midst. How will the saints rejoice to tell and count their suffering o'er, when they upon Mount Zion dwell and view the landscape o'er. There they shall be upon that land fair Zion from above and meet with Enoch's holy band and sing redeeming love.

I hope as I have written these few lines will encourage our brothers and sisters all over the land.

May God bless you.

Your Brother in Christ
JAMES HEAPS

GATHERING IN DETROIT

The Elders and Teachers of Detroit and Windsor have been holding bi-monthly meetings for the purpose of uniting our efforts toward creating better harmony between the Ministry of the five branches. The Lord has blessed us very much in these meetings and much good has come from them. Following is a brief synop-

sis of a wonderful gathering of the Detroit and Windsor Branches which resulted from the above mentioned meetings.

The gathering was held on Saturday and Sunday, February 3rd and 4th. On Saturday we held three sessions in our building at Branch No. 2. These meetings were in charge of the Apostles, Brothers James and Joseph Lov-alvo and T. S. Furnier. The Saturday morning session was in prayer and fasting for brother Frank Ferranti who has been very ill. A very humble spirit of prayer prevailed throughout the meeting. During the recess, Bro. Reno Belogna felt inspired to suggest to the Elders that the afternoon meeting be a sacrament and feet-washing service. The Elders wholeheartedly agreed and the deacons were asked to make the necessary preparations. Just before the service, a sister related an experience which confirmed Bro. Reno's inspired suggestion. She saw two white basins and a hand was pouring water in each basin. At the termination of the service, everyone felt that we had acted in accordance with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Several experiences were related which were up-lifting to brother Ferranti. The Saints of Branch No. 2 served a lunch to the satisfaction of everyone present. We had plenty of time to visit during recess periods and judging from the faces of the saints everyone enjoyed themselves.

The evening meeting was opened by Bro. Robert Watson, Jr., of Windsor. His talk was both inspiring and instructional. The remainder of the time was spent in testimony with a good feeling prevailing. Bro. Marco Randazzo was able to acquire the Roosville High School free of charge and two services were held there on Sunday with a large crowd attending both meetings.

Bro. Randazzo, who will soon be leaving for California, introduced the morning service using for his text a few verses found in II Peter, 3rd chapter. The main thought being "One day with the Lord is as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day." Bros. A. Pietrangelo, Allen Henderson, and Peter Capone followed Bro. Randazzo. A good feeling prevailed throughout the meeting. Bro. Furnier offered a few concluding remarks and the meeting was closed in prayer by Bro. Gorie Ciaravino.

The Saints of the East Side

Branches 1 and 3, took the saints of the Windsor and Detroit Branches 2 and 4 home to dinner. A very outstanding display of love and hospitality on the part of the saints of these two branches was evident. The afternoon service convened at 3 p. m. and after a short singing session, the young people were asked to occupy the time in singing and testimony. A very good spirit prevailed in seeing the young folks stand up for Jesus. We came to the close of two wonderful days and our only regret was that it ended much too soon.

Dominic Moraca

LO THE POOR INDIAN! By FRANK TRIPP

Sagoyewatha was his Indian name; Red Jacket, the white man called him. He was chief of the Wolf tribe of the Senecas; was born near Geneva, N. Y., and lived 1751-1830. As an old man he was answering a missionary who wished to preach among his people. He said:

"Friend and Brother — It is the will of the Great Spirit that we should meet together this day. He orders all things and has given us a fine day for our council for things we thank the Great Spirit and him only.

"Brother, listen to what we say. There was a time when our forefathers owned this great land. The Great Spirit had made it for the use of Indians. He had created the buffalo, deer and other animals for food. He had made the bear and beaver. Their skins served us for clothing.

"He had scattered them over the earth and taught us how to take them. He had caused the earth to produce corn for bread. All this He had done for red children, because He loved them.

"But an evil day came upon us. Your forefathers crossed the great water and landed on this island. They told us they had fled from their own country for fear of wicked men and had come here to enjoy their religion. They asked for a small seat (land). We took pity on them and granted their request and they sat down among us. We gave them corn and meat; they gave us poison in return.

"More came among us. Yet we did not fear them. We took them to be friends. They called us brothers. We believed them and gave them a larger seat. At length their numbers greatly increased. They wanted more land. They

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EDITORIAL

Isaiah 53rd Chapter:

"Who hath believed our report? And to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?"

For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.

He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

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 opened not his mouth.

He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he

shall bear their iniquities.

Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.' The wonderful words of the prophet hundreds of years before the Christ was born.

The Christian world at this season of the year are, in various ways commemorating the sufferings, death and the resurrection of the Saviour of the world. Do we stop to think how terrible was the anguish of his soul? In Luke 22-43 evidently it was necessary for the Father to send an angel to strengthen Him. In the following verse He prayed more earnestly: and His sweat was as it were great DROPS OF BLOOD falling down to the ground.

In the Book of Mosiah 3-7 it says: for behold, blood cometh from every pore, so great shall be His anguish for the wickedness and the abominations of His people. Is it any wonder that the Lord God shook the heavens and earth, and sent darkness upon all the face of the earth? Let us all remember that it is written, that the same God will yet shake the earth again. He is not a respecter of persons, so saith His word.

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wanted our country. Our eyes were opened and our minds became uneasy.

"Wars took place. Indians were hired to fight against Indians and many of our people were destroyed. They also brought strong liquor among us. It was strong and powerful and has slain thousands.

"Brother—Our seats were once large and yours were small. You have now become a great people and we have scarcely a place left to spread our blankets. You have got our country but are not satisfied; you want to force your religion among us.

"Brother, continue to listen. You say that you are sent to instruct us how to worship the Great Spirit agreeably to his mind. We only know what you tell us. How shall we know when to believe, being so often deceived by the white people? You say there is but one way to worship and serve the Great Spirit. If there is but one religion why do you white people differ so much about it?

"Brother—We do not understand

these things. We also have a religion which was given to our forefathers and handed down to their children. It teaches us to be thankful for what we receive, to love each other and to be united. We never quarrel about religion.

"Brother — The Great Spirit made us all. Since he made so great a difference between us in other things, why may we not conclude that he has given us a different religion according to our understanding? The Great Spirit does right; he knows what is best for his children. We are satisfied. We do not wish to destroy your religion. We only wish to enjoy our own.

"Brother — We are told that you have been preaching to the white people in this place. We know these people. We will wait a little while and see what effect your preaching has upon them. If we find it does them good, makes them honest and less disposed to cheat Indians, we will then consider again of what you have said."

So saying, Red Jacket concluded: "We take you by the hand and hope the Great Spirit will protect you on your journey and return you safe to your friends."

SOCIAL EVENING
AT RESERVE HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Maness opened their home on River Road on Wednesday evening for a gathering sponsored by the Missionary Benevolent Association of the Church of Jesus Christ.

Nicholas Petrangelo, pastor of the Port Huron branch, was in charge of the program and led in a song service.

Residents of the Sarnia Indian Reserve present at the meeting sang the hymn, "O For a Thousand Tongues To Sing" in the native language.

Mr. and Mrs. Aylmer Plain provided refreshments including a birthday cake in honor of the first birthday of their son Joseph Barry. Mrs. Plain and her daughter, Susan, assisted Mrs. Maness in serving the company.

—The Sarnia Canadian Observer

THE FAITHFUL FEW

When the meeting's called to order

And you look around the room,
You're sure to see some faces
That from out the shadows loom,

They are always at the meeting,
And they'll stay until it's through—

The ones that I would mention
 Are the Always faithful few.
 They fill the many offices
 And are always on the spot
 No matter what the weather;
 Though it may be awful hot;
 It may be dark and rainy,
 But they are tried and true,
 The ones to be relied on
 Are the always faithful few.
 There are lots of worthy mem-
 bers,
 Who will come when in the
 mood,
 When everything's convenient
 They can do a little good;
 They're a factor in the meet-
 ing,
 And are surely sincere too;
 But the ones who never fail us
 Are the Always faithful few.
 If 'twere not for the faithful
 Whose Shoulder's at the wheel,
 Keep the church a-moving
 Without a halt or reel,
 Sad would be the fate of meet-
 ings
 If they were absent-too;
 There surely would be failures
 If we lacked the faithful few.
 So let each member labor;
 Haste to gather in the sheep,
 The midnight cry has sounded,
 Warning none to be asleep.
 So, then, rejoice Ye faithful few
 When at last your work is done
 And the Lord returns to
 claim you
 He will Smile on every one.

-Selected-
 Jenne M. Hanna
 Port Huron, Mich.

A LETTER FROM ITALY (Translated by Bro. Milano of Cleveland)

Dear Bro. Cadman in Christ Je-
 sus: your beloved Bro. and Mini-
 ster of this new Mission in the land
 of Italy. I endeavor to answer
 your very welcome letter which
 has brought us an infinite joy in
 receiving it. That's true we have
 not met in the flesh, but with the
 spirit we have become acquaint-
 ed and this is due to the call from
 our good Master.

Dear Bro. Cadman, it pleases
 me very much to hear that you,
 the family and the saints are all
 well. I can assure you same of us
 all here. Today we had a very
 good meeting and the Lord has
 manifested with signs and won-
 ders. We have petitioned the Lord
 with fervent prayer in your be-
 half, and no doubt you are doing
 the same for us.

My dear Bro. you tell me that if
 it wasn't for the great ocean that
 separates us, you would have

come to bring us your personal
 greetings. Yes, Bro., we realize
 this and also that you do not
 speak our language. So we have
 to resign ourselves and think of
 the day when we shall all meet
 beyond this life where nothing
 shall separate us.

Dear Bro. Cadman, with our
 prayers we are seeking to make
 straight the great and Universal
 Path of Christian Traditions, and
 so we have drawn closer to the
 cradle of little Christ Jesus trium-
 phant over all the storms, and
 thanks to God, we also feel a re-
 assuring power and a revived
 hope for our future.

Bro. Cadman, I have read your
 letter to the Congregation and all
 have shed tears of joy. Bro., here
 I have a lot of work to attend
 for our Lord, and often I cry with
 sorrow because I can't launch my-
 self fully into this work, for I have
 to labor for the temporal things
 of life, for I have a family to pro-
 vide bread for. All in all, though,
 I thank God for the little I am
 able to do. By the way, in the
 month of April, if God permits,
 I have a long trip to make. It will
 be to the Island of Ponza where I
 have been requested to go, and
 from there I intend to proceed for
 Reggio, a different Province,
 where there are other saints
 who have been left like sheep
 without a shepherd, and are in
 need of assistance. The Lord has
 made me a fisherman of men and
 I have to do like Peter, Andrew
 and the rest of the disciples have
 done on this land.

As I have stated, my heart of-
 ten is grieved because I perceive
 that there are many lost sheep
 whom are looking for the truth,
 and we are the only channel that
 will bring them to the true know-
 ledge of God.

Beloved Bro. I close now with
 the hope of hearing from you
 again. Give my sincere regards to
 all the Apostles, Elders, and to
 all the members. All the Saints
 from here send their best.

Bro. in Christ Jesus,
 G. Azzinari.

"TESTIMONY OF SADIE B. CADMAN" Published by Request

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 flector in Jan. 1907, also in the
 Church History on page 279).

My mind has been drawn to this
 hymn No. 375 (old hymn book) so
 much, it just speaks the senti-
 ments of my heart: "How lost
 were our days, till we met with
 the gospel, The creeds and the

systems seemed powerless and
 vain; We ne'er received precepts,
 so suited to save us, As those by
 the priesthood restored again. In
 the wisdom of men, we had long
 been entangled, And forms with-
 out power encircled us round, But
 now we rejoice in the hope of re-
 demption, And peace to the faith-
 ful doth ever abound."

We can truly say that our days
 were lost until we met with the
 Gospel; and we feel it our duty,
 since we have been brought into
 the truth, to show others the way
 of life, and salvation, and know
 that we must testify to the world
 to clear our garments. For, when
 we were in the world we led many
 to Christ, as we supposed, but I
 have often said, "It was the blind
 leading the blind." When a mere
 child I had a desire to be a Chris-
 tian and said when I joined
 church I wanted to hold to it for
 I saw so many people that would
 be converted every winter or
 when the revival service began,
 and when I was fourteen years
 old I joined the United Brethren
 Church of McKeesport, was
 sprinkled or baptized, as they call
 it, when I was taken in. I was a
 faithful member and worker in
 that Church until 1901 the year I
 heard the gospel preached. I had
 often heard of the Latter Day
 Saints or Mormons, as they were
 called: and knew they held meet-
 ings on Highland avenue, but my
 time was so taken up with church
 duties that I never went to hear
 them. But the time came when I
 was asked to attend a conference
 of the Saints at Monongahela City
 and I did so. And when I heard
 them preach it seemed to be just
 what I had longed for. It was to
 me what food is to a person who
 is hungry. I became interested
 and wanted to go back again and
 did so until I realized my soul
 was being fed with food from the
 Saints meetings and finally I lost
 all desire for the Church I be-
 longed to. I didn't join for almost
 two years after I heard the gospel
 preached first but prayed earnest-
 ly to God and let me see and know
 for myself if this was the true way
 and His true Church. I couldn't see
 that I was a sinner nor why I
 would need to be baptized. I had
 been sprinkled and thought that
 ought to do. But God showed me
 in a dream and I realized I could
 go at once to the water and I felt
 then that I was a sinner. I was
 not persuaded by any person or
 persons as has been said by some.
 But God showed me the way.

Christ told Nicodemus that he must be born again of the water and the spirit. And he himself was baptized, not for sin but an example for us; and He laid down a plan of salvation whereby we can be saved. So I had never obeyed the plan of Jesus. I was converted when I joined the United Brethren church and afterwards sprinkled, but that which was told them on the Day of Pentecost, when they asked, "What they must do to be saved, Repent and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, see Acts 2:38," was never preached to me.

And we read down the rest of the chapter what they received. So it was with me I was baptized on October 22, 1902 and had hands laid on my head, by the Elders of the Church for the reception of the Holy Ghost. And when I came out of the water I felt that I had a clean heart and after the brethren laid hands on my head, I was given such a satisfaction that I realized I had been born again just as Christ had told Nicodemus, I felt too that I had crossed over a line out of the world and can truly say we are in the world but not of it. O Happy Day when Jesus washed my sins away. I have been perfectly satisfied with the Church of Jesus Christ ever since; and know its teachings are pure and true. Not long after I came into the church I was given an experience. I was sitting in church and felt the Spirit of God take hold of me and put my feet on the floor and I realized they were as iron and could not be moved and these words came to me. How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord. Now these are not imaginary. Man cannot give us these things neither can he take them away. But the Lord, Blessed be the name of the Lord, we have had many grand experiences since we came into the truth and know that it is not from man but God. I know I have been given a hope that reaches beyond this world. I have no desire for this world nor the things of this world, but for God and His Church. For if I prove faithful to the Gospel I have obeyed I know it will be well with me. Now I never had this positive evidence before I obeyed the law of Christ, and would just say to all who are earnest about their future to ask God and ye shall re-

ceive; knock and it shall be opened unto you.

Another evidence was given too that I was born of God. We have read that the scripture was written by men of God who were moved upon by the Spirit of God. After I had been baptized into the church of Jesus Christ the Bible was a new book to me. I had been a teacher in the Sunday School and had taken a course of Bible study, but after I received the Spirit of God I read and saw the scriptures as I had never seen them before.

But how could I before I had been born again of water and the Spirit? For spiritual things are only known and understood by the Spirit of God. And at times while working around at my household duties I often feel a hungering and thirsting after the scripture and sit down and rest and receive the promise of the Saviour, "Blessed are they who hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled."

UPLIFT CIRCLE MEETING

On March 17, the General Circle met in the Cadman home in Monongahela, Pa., at 10 o'clock — The weather was nice but owing to so much sickness (the flu) around, many were not able to attend, but delegates came from up and down the river. Reports came from the circles where delegates could not be present, these reports were all enjoyed, especially the little letters that accompany the reports. Our first hour is always given over to the delegates and others present to speak of the goodness of God — which always bring in our meeting a good blessing. Our Sisters always have an experience or testimony to give, after which we proceed with our reports from our 21 Circles. Many letters too are read from different ones that even those who perhaps are not a Circle Member feel at liberty to write to us.

At the close of our morning session a special prayer was offered for a Sister out in Idaho who requested prayer for healing, and a wonderful feeling was manifested. No wonder we sing so often "Blest be the tie that binds." Our routine of business is always a part of our meeting in which our little donations sent in from the Circles helps us to help keep up our donations to keep the Indian Mission work going. This generally amounts to about \$650.00 a year. The Indian Mission has been from the beginning one of our

main objects in helping to spread the Gospel.

Our next General Circle was appointed for Glassport, Pa., in June. We decided to have our anniversary service printed in a little book form, and they will sell for 35 cents each, so all Circles and any one who desires can send in their order, and as soon as they are printed they will be sent out. But please send the money with the order.

These little booklets will be quite a keep-sake, for it will contain the whole service of the day.

A TRIP TO MUNCEY INDIAN RESERVE

By Bro. Dominic Thomas

Brother Editor:

Brother John Romano, Bro. Joe Milantoni and myself made a trip to Muncy on March 4th. Our first stop on the Reserve was at Bro. Brandt's home. He came with us to the Church, and on the way he recounted an experience he had during the night. According to Bro. Brandt, he had been sick with the flu for one week. Saturday night while he was in bed, a person came to him and gently rubbed him — his chest thoroughly. Bro. Brandt did not know whether the person was a man or woman. After the person had completely rubbed him down, the person said, "Now you can go to Church tomorrow." Immediately after this Bro. Brandt perspired profusely. He felt much better and remarked "I feel like a man." We felt much blessed in hearing this experience.

We then stopped to pick up Sister Fisher; from her home we went on to Sister Alice Deleary's home. Sister Schnake was still there taking care of her. We found Sister Alice still very much afflicted. We did what we could to encourage our Sister, feeling very sorry to see her so afflicted. Bro. Milantoni offered up a prayer before we left their home, and the Lord blessed our humble effort.

From there we went to Church, we barely finished our lunch when Sister Nicholas came into Church and asked that an Elder be sent to her husband, Bro. Nicholas. His feet and face were both swollen.

Since we had some friends (Mr. and Mrs. Williams) to pick up who have been attending our meetings, we decided to go there first and bring them to church. Then while Bro. Romano would take over the Sunday School class, Bro. Milantoni and I would go to Bro.

Nicholas's home. On the way to our friends home we stopped in to see Sister Doxstader. She was also afflicted with the flu. We petitioned the Lord in her behalf before leaving. Then we went on to Mr. and Mrs. Williams' home. To our surprise they were not ready to come because Mr. Williams was afflicted with arthritis pains. We both petitioned God in behalf of these two souls, feeling that Satan was desirous to discourage them.

Leaving their home we left for Bro. Nicholas's home. We met Sister Nicholas hurrying home and we gave her a lift. Bro. Nicholas did not look very well — as I mentioned before, both his feet being quite swollen. After conversing a little we all knelt in prayer and Bro. Milantoni asked God to bless us with His Spirit. I anointed Bro. Nicholas according to his request, and the blessing of the Lord and the spirit of prayer filled their humble home. We left soon after to attend the fellowship service at the Church.

We had a wonderful afternoon service. Bro. Milantoni opened with prayer and testimony, and the Spirit of testimony came into our meeting. All that were present bore testimony of what God had done for them.

Included in the afternoon's testimonies were Bro. Bedford Best, Bro. Dan Deleary, Bro. Schaap, Sister Fisher, Sister Best and Sister Schnake. The meeting was very uplifting to us all. Bro. Cliff Best closed with prayer.

Our trips with Bro. Romano have been interesting and educative insofar as learning what it means to try to spread the Gospel or maintain the small mission at the Muncy Reserve.

Since the time of this letter we visited there again last Sunday, and Sister Deleary was much improved and no definite word about Bro. Nicholas could be had since, he had gone to the Veterans's Hospital for a check up.

P. S. These Brethren have certainly exerted themselves in behalf of the Indian saints, and surely God will bless their efforts.

Bro. Cadman

FOR GOD NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE

By James Keller

Christopher Columbus, in a letter addressed to Ferdinand and Isabella, the King and Queen of Spain, revealed the providential guidance which brought about his

discovery of America. Columbus wrote:

"...But these great and marvelous results are not to be attributed to any merit of mine, but to the holy Christian faith, and to the piety and religion of our Sovereigns; for that which the unaided intellect of man could not compass, the spirit of God has granted to human exertions, for God is wont to hear the prayers of His servants who love His precepts even to the performance of apparent impossibilities..."

"Therefore, let the King and Queen, our princes and their most happy kingdoms, and all the other provinces of Christendom, render thanks to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who has granted us so great a victory."

"Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift." (II Corinthians, 9:15).

Pray that you will always render thanks to God for the blessings and favors he has bestowed upon you.

P. S. The discovery of America by Christopher Columbus was one of the greatest events in history. And in America has grown one of the greatest Nations of the world with a population of over 150,000,000 of people. The discovery of this land and the prosperity thereof, not only in the U.S.A. but in Canada, and our neighbors in Mexico, Central, and South America to say nothing of the prosperous Islands adjacent to us, has surely been a marvelous thing. My thought is, could all of this been "overlooked" by the prophets of God while they were on the earth and prophesying of so many wonderful events Surely the prophets eyes were not closed to all these developments. Turn to Genesis 49-22 and 26 inclusive and note the land that Joseph was blessed with, which was beyond the wall. Then turn to Deuteronomy 33-13 and 17 inclusive and read what Moses says of the land given to Joseph. Also take note of Isaiah 29-34, where a people was to brought down and speak out of the ground, and in verse 11 where the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book, which literally came out of the earth in near-by New York State. In this book that came out of the earth, known to us as the Book of Mormon, the prophet Nephi in the first book of Nephi chapter 13, verse 12, he sees the Spirit of God moving upon a man across the seas, and he goes forth upon the water, even unto the promised land. Nephi

lived about 600 B. C., and in vision he sees Christopher Columbus coming to this land of America. A person wonders how it is that this nation of people are so blind, yet all Christian people wonders how it was that the Jews were so blind that they could not see their Messiah in the despised Nazarene. God has moved in mysterious ways, and performed wonders.

A TRIP TO ROCHESTER, N. Y.

On Saturday, March 3, 1951, I made a trip to Rochester, N. Y., and spent the Sunday at Church with our folks in that city. Bro. Ansel D'Amico met me at the Depot and took me to his home. In arriving, I found Bro. Ishmael D'Amico (the father of Ansel) very well considering his affliction. He is still much handicapped because of the stroke which he had some two or three years ago. He looks well and eats well, walks around the house very good with a cane; but he is still speechless which is the sad part of it all. He had always been very active as an Elder in the Church in spreading the Gospel, and has accomplished much good in the days that are now past. Sister D'Amico keeps up very well, but their oldest daughter, Loretta, is not well and was taken to the hospital while I was there. I also visited at the home of Brother and Sister Michael Marinetti. Sister Marinetti is sorely afflicted and is confined to her bed all the time. While there we sang a hymn for her and had prayer at her bedside. I visited another old brother while there, I do not remember his name, but he is feeble and confined to his bed.

I attended Church on Sunday morning and afternoon. Our congregation was not very large, due mostly to sickness. Presiding Elder P. Marinetti and his wife were not able to be at Church on account of sickness. I enjoyed myself in speaking in both meetings.

On Monday at noon I boarded bus and went to Lockport, N. Y., about 65 miles distant from Rochester and attended meeting that night at our church there. Had a nice audience to speak to and enjoyed myself in their pulpit. I spent the night at the home of Brother and Sister Simone. Am sorry to say that Sister Simone is very poorly. She has been confined to her bed for quite awhile. Had prayer at her bedside before leaving her home on Tuesday Morn.

Leaving Lockport at 9:30 a. m. I boarded a bus for Buffalo. Arriving there I had possibly two hours to wait on a bus for Painesville, Ohio. I had learned that Brother and Sister Hil from the Six Nations Reserve in Ontario were in Buffalo. I hunted them up, and had a short visit with them and some of their family. They were very glad to see me, and soon prepared some dinner for me, and by the time I had eaten my lunch, they had a taxi out front to take me back to the Bus Station.

I then boarded the bus heading towards home, but alighted from the bus near Painesville, Ohio, where I spent the night at the home of Brother and Sister Earnest Picciuto, who live about three miles west of town. It was the first time that I was ever at their home. I was made welcome and had an enjoyable visit with the family. The next morning I boarded a bus for home.

W. H. C.

P. S. I received word today (March 20th) that the old Brother I visited while in Rochester has passed on to his reward.

BRO. W. H. CADMAN VISITS LOCKPORT BRANCH

After spending Sunday, March 4th, in Rochester, N. Y., Bro. W. H. Cadman proceeded to Lockport on Monday where a special service was called that evening. Meeting was opened with Hymn, "In the Sweet By And By," followed with a prayer by Bro. Paul D'Amico. We continued with Hymn, "God Moves in a Mysterious Way." Bro. Cadman read for his Text a portion of Scripture taken from the 49th Chapter of Genesis and was blessed with wonderful liberty in expounding the meaning of Jacob's blessings upon his sons, especially Joseph. Through our obedience to the Gospel of Christ we know that from the seed of Joseph (American Indians) the Lord God will raise a Choice Seer who will be instrumental in gathering his seed or nation as well as the other ten tribes which are scattered about upon the face of the earth. Although many in this wicked world believe that the Indian people are hopeless and helpless, we have learned through God's Word that they are the Covenant People of God, and that in the Lord's due time they will have all their blessings restored unto them. It might be well to insert here that the Gentiles through God's mercy have received the

Gospel only to deliver this message unto the Seed of Joseph and if we (Gentiles) prove faithful we will share God's blessings with Israel. A good feeling prevailed throughout his talk and those present enjoyed themselves immensely. Sang Hymn No. 484, dismissed with prayer by Bro. Simone. May God bless Brother Cadman as he continues to be active in his travels for the General Welfare and Prosperity of the Church.

Bro. Paul D'Amico

OSCAR WILSON LOTTIG PASSES ON

Oscar Wilson Lottig of Somerset County, Pa., a son of brother Herman Lottig who was born on June 12, 1930 and died on Feb. 27, 1951 in an accident in the mine. He was the son of Herman J. and the late Alice Caton Lottig.

Services were attended by Bros. Joseph Bittinger and Joseph Shazer. Those who mourn his passing are his young wife, Evelyn, and one child, Nancy Lee, his father, one sister, Mrs. Margaret Cramer and three brothers, Elbert, Bruce and Herman Jr., and other friends. We extend sympathy to the bereaved and especially to the young widow and her little girl. May the Lord comfort them all.

A CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the Brothers and Sisters, friends and relatives for their many acts of kindness and sympathy extended to us during our recent bereavement, in the loss of our wife, daughter, and Sister, Eleanor Meduri; Especially to Sisters Sally Romano, Rose Randazzo, Josephine D'Amico and Caroline Loffredo. By Bernard Meduri, Marco Piersante, Mr. and Mrs. Silverio Criscuolo, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Piersante, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Piersante and Pvt. Mickey Piersante,

DANCING PROTESTANTS

Editor, The Times-Union:

As one picked up Saturday's paper he was greeted with the very serious headlines "National Emergency Proclaimed." This was enough to make anyone think seriously of what the future may hold.

But when one thinks to himself, surely the Church of Christ has something to offer in these dark days, he eagerly turns the page. What a letdown there is when he reads these headlines on the church page "Youth Federation To Teach World Folk Dances to

Leaders of Church Young Peoples' Societies."

It's no wonder a Frenchman is reported in Time magazine as commenting on American protestantism as follows: "One may well ask whether American protestantism is still, in its various forms, a religion at all."

Seems like our Federation of Churches is going to give competition to our local dancing schools. Wonder how they would feel if the dancing school started teaching religion.

Thank God there are still some local churches outside the Federation who seek to carry out the real task of the Church of Christ.

Kenneth White

God will not seek thy race,
Now will He ask thy birth.
Alone He will demand of thee
What thou hast done on earth.

"Persia Proverb"

MRS. ELEANOR MEDURI PASSES ON

Sister Eleanor Piersante Meduri, the daughter of Br. Marco and the late Sister Teresa Piersante was born in Detroit, Mich. August 23, 1926 and passed away in her sleep on February 21, 1951.

She was united in marriage to Bernard Meduri on September 4, 1948. Her mother and one brother, Albert, preceded her in death. She leaves to mourn their loss, her husband, Bernard, her father Bro. Marco Piersante, one sister, Mary Criscuolo, three brothers, Vincent, Joe, and Pvt. Mickey.

Funeral services were held in the Church of Jesus Christ, Detroit Branch No. 3 on February 26, 1951 at 10:00 a. m. with Bro. Peter Capone in charge. Burial at Forest Lawn Cemetery. The Gospel News extends sympathy to the bereaved husband and all others who have been caused to mourn.

HE'S YOUR FRIEND

When life and all its trials
Are very hard to bear,
Remember God is with you,
And go to Him in prayer.

He heals the broken hearted,
And comforts those in need,
His love is everlasting,
He is your friend, indeed.

So take Him at His promise,
And you will ne'er regret,
The step that you have taken,
God's love you'll ne'er forget.

Composed by
Sister Nancy Benyola.

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"FEEBLE MAN"

By Albert Sarver

Feeble man, a voice is calling,
Pleading for you day by day;
Will you stop for just a moment,
Think upon the narrow way?
On that path where Christ has
trodden,
Weary, tired, His trials o'er,
And He reached the heavenly portals,
Opened wide the golden door.

Yes, that golden door is open
And a gentle voice says "Come."
Leave the trials of life behind you,
Weary pilgrims, enter home,
Fast this feeble life is fading,
Soon within the silent tomb
We must lay these mortal bodies,
Oft we wonder just how soon.

But our spirits, ever living,
Will be taken back to God,
There to wait the reuniting
Of these ashes 'neath the sod;
Jesus, bright in shining glory,
Will to earth descend again,
Bringing forth the ones that loved
Him,
Never more to die again.

FAITH

From Holy Writ, we understand,
That faith and works went hand
in hand;
As the body without life is dead
Faith, without works, is also;
James has said.
Some even believe their sins for-
given
And never obey the plan of heav-
en.
Such faith is vain and false as sin,
Without the works we can't obtain.
We first believe the call's from
heaven
And then repent, to be forgiven.
We are buried then beneath the
wave
And rise in newness from the
grave.
Our sins remitted, our conscience
clear,
We then await the promise dear;
The Holy Spirit now seals us
heirs,
Now chosen of God, his love en-
dears.
Oh, gracious God, thou holy one,
We now have life through Thy
dear Son;
The Holy Spirit leads us on
To praise Thy name till we have
won.
By faith and works, Thy people
Lord,

Shall all obtain a good reward.
We then await the promise dear;
Keep us dear Lord, so we shall
stand
In that Great Day at Thy right
hand.

Bro. William T. Maxwell
Contributed by Mary E. Love.

IF LIBERTY BE LOST

By Benjamin Franklin

If disastrous war should sweep
our commerce from the ocean, an-
other generation may renew it; if
it exhausts our treasury, future
industry may replenish it; if it
desolate and lay waste our fields,
still, under a new cultivation, they
will grow green again and ripen
to future harvest. It were but a
trifle even if the walls of yonder
Capitol were to crumble, if its
lofty pillars should fall, and its
gorgeous decorations be all cov-
ered by the dust of the valley.
All these might be rebuilt. But
who shall reconstruct the fabric
shall rear again the well-propor-
tioned columns of constitutional
liberty? Who shall frame togeth-
er the skillful architecture which
unites national sovereignty with
state rights, individual security,
and public prosperity? No, if these
columns fall, they will be raised
not again. Like the Coliseum and
the Parthenon, they will be des-
tined to a mournful, a melancholy
immortality. Bitterer tears, how-
ever, will flow over them than
were ever shed over the monu-
ments of Roman or Grecian art;
for they will be the remnants of a
more glorious edifice than Greece
or Rome ever saw, the edifice of
constitutional American Liberty.

TIME TO SING

"GOD SAVE AMERICA"

Says the New Hampshire Senator

His words as given by the press
as follows: "Let's not only sing
"God Bless America," but the
time has come to sing and pray
from our hearts, "God Save
America" — Well and good, Mr.
Tobey.

It is apparent today, that in our
land of Democracy that crime and
corruption is abounding from east
to west and from north to south.
The press reports Senator Kefauver
as follows: "Senate crime
hearings here have proved that
gangsters from the prohibition era
still can place men who can help
them in choice political jobs."

To the Editor of The Gospel
News, it seems that the deplor-
able condition of the whole affair
is, that we have men occupying
the most honorable offices in our
government as well as some in
the petty one's, that will stoop
and allow themselves to be bribed
for filthy lucre's sake. And another
strange thing is, the so-called
gangster is often one who is in
high station in life and may be
your next door neighbor.

One thing that we Americans
should not overlook, and that is,
wickedness has caused nations to
tumble throughout past history,
and this great American Govern-
ment is not immune from the
same fate. In fact, the word of
God abounds with evidence that
our down-fall is inevitable, unless
as a nation of people we not only
sing "God Save America," but re-
pent of our sins and turn unto God.

The glory of the Kingdom of Is-
rael departed from it because of
sin, in spite of the fact that therein
was born the Saviour of the world.
They were weighed in the balanc-
es and found wanting. No favorit-
ism was shown them, even by a
merciful God. The Saviour warned
the Jews as follows: "O Jerusa-
lem, Jerusalem, which killest the
prophets, and stonest them that
are sent unto thee; how often
would I have gathered thy chil-
dren together, as a hen gathereth
her brood under her wings, and ye
would not! Behold, your house is
left unto you desolate." etc.—Yea,
it was only a few years until the
Roman Army surrounded the be-
loved city and leveled it to the
ground, and the inhabitants scat-
tered throughout the world. We
might try to console ourselves be-
cause of that happening so long
ago. We are more civilized and
more generous today, and that lan-
guage was uttered to the Jews be-
cause they slew their Messiah,
and is not applicable to this great
American people.

Throughout the ages, peoples
have been warned of impending
destruction if they did not repent
of their sins, and one only needs
to read past history in our Bible
to learn that God did not trifle
with men, but when their cup be-
came full, He brought about their
destruction, and sometimes it was
by fire.

The Book of Mormon (though
generally frowned upon) is a warn-

ing to this nation of people, and the destruction of this nation is inevitable unless we turn from our wicked ways and live righteously. As a nation we have not been slow to defend downtrodden peoples of today. A principle to be praised, inasmuch as we have been on the right side of the question. We liberated the colored race from bondage in the south, and surely "slavery" is not of God. But how have we treated the Indian race which we found here roaming unmolested for centuries? Have our past dealings been unquestionable? They have not.

The Book of Mormon is a history of God's dealings with their forefathers upon this land of America, and the Saviour in visiting them after He arose from the dead, warns them and us (Americans) of His decrees concerning this land. Part of the Saviour's words in the Book of Mormon are as follows: "And the Father hath commanded me that I should give unto you this land, (America) for your inheritance. And I say unto you, that if the Gentiles do not repent after the blessing which they shall receive, after they have scattered my people—Then shall ye, who are a remnant of the house of Jacob (the Indian people of America) go forth among them: (among this Gentile nation) 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 flocks of sheep, who, if he goeth through both treadeth down and teareth in pieces, and none can deliver. Thy hand (the Indian) shall be lifted up upon thine adversaries, and all thy enemies shall be cut off."

The foregoing is found in the Third Book of Nephi 20th Chapter. And I have been very brief in quoting from it. The words of Jesus concerning Jerusalem were literally fulfilled, and when we see the signs of the times as they are today is America, (as well as elsewhere) we can expect God's judgments to fall on us as well as it did others. I read in the Book of Mormon that the sword of God's justice is already raised. Only repentance and obedience will save us.

All the legislation and education we can bring into effect will not make a change in the affairs of today, unless we get at the root of our trouble. There are pictures thrown on the screen today

that are not fit for adults to look at, much less our children to see. And to make matters worse, we are bringing into our homes with the medium of "television" today, scenes that are unfit for our children to look at, not mentioning fathers and mothers and men who mount the rostrum Sunday after Sunday and who preach against this sinful world. I happened in a home a short time ago where there was a television set, and there happened to be a wrestling match on exhibition. I want to say that it was the most brutish and sickening thing I ever looked at, and I am past the three score ten mark. I am a minister, and have been for nearly fifty years, but I would not be guilty of setting such an example before my children.

Should we be surprised if the BLOOD of the rising generation is required of this generation of adults? We talk of Greater Education, very well, but in my school days which was sixty years ago, a High School education was a very rare thing, and very, very few scholars obtained one. I have raised four children, they all have a pretty good schooling, (much better than I had) and the institutions of learning were next door to us. What a contrast in the opportunity of learning today and of that when I was in my youth—and with it all, crime in all its forms have increased, might I say a hundred-fold? and it cannot all be laid at the feet of the illiterate. Nay, for lawmakers have become law breakers, and Ministers have turned out to be transgressors.

Well may the New Hampshire Senator declare, and may be a warning to us: Time to sing "God Save America," The Gospel News Editor.

U. S. S. MIDWAY NORFOLK, VA.

I am pleased to receive a letter from Bro. Ring this day. He is the son of sister Martha Ring of St. John, Kansas and used to write to me occasionally when he was in the Pacific, but in his traveling around the seas, I lost track of him. He writes to me from Norfolk, Va. I am reprinting part of his letter which I think is good to read.

Brother Cadman:

I enjoyed Bro. Heaps letter in the January issue of the Gospel News. His lament of the lack of

teachers brought out something that has been paramount with me ever since I joined with Christ. I am referring to the teaching that Christ gave concerning the husbandman that gave each of his servants a talent for them to increase. As you know, the one that ended up with the same one talent was cast out.

I believe that talent to be the spirit which He gives to us when we accept Him as our personal Saviour. If we do not show increase on that talent, or spirit, by giving it to others, and thereby showing increase, then we end up with exactly what was given to us and will be held responsible at the last day.

I do not believe that perfecting ourselves can be counted as increase. What man can see inside of us and know our hearts, if we do not converse upon our beliefs? What man can know that we have a belief to converse on if we do not open the conversation? As I said, I do not see that perfecting one's self can be counted as a gain. What one of us would keep a plant in his garden when it became obvious that there would be no fruit borne by it? It might be the most healthy plant of the group but it would be wasted space to us if it did not show increase.

I know that there is no greater joy in this life than seeing and hearing someone, who I have worked with, stand up and ask to be joined with Christ, I could not by myself, save the soul of this person, but if the seed of faith was planted in him by me for the Lord to nourish, then it is seed that was fruit from the seed that was planted in me, and would be an increase of that talent "of faith."

This is not something that I thought out through wisdom, but was the understanding first given me as I read that parable for the first time. But it is not wisdom to assume, that if we keep that faith within ourselves, then are we not secretly, as the man who raised up his voice to God and said: "I thank thee that I am not a sinner such as that man over there?" We have heard considerable lately of the man who goes among the illiterate people and teaches them by the slogan, "each one teach one." God suggested the same but asked that "each one teach ten." Let us all strive to fulfill the latter and we will all then inherit a choice place in His Kingdom.

Very good, Bro. Wayne. (WHC)
Wayne D. Ring, Jr., Fcc, U.S.S.
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fice, New York, N. Y.

PERRYOPOLIS, PA.

Bro. Editor:

Just a little message for our Gospel News. I thank God for our little paper, the best ever printed. We hope our brothers and sisters whom we visited while on our vacation last Summer in Calif. will forgive me for not writing sooner. I have been sick some since we came home, but I guess if we put our shoulder to the wheel like we should, we could get things done. By God's help we left here at Perryopolis I believe on the 8th of July, was gone over a month.

We went through the Kansas wheat belt, it was beautiful to see — the men and trucks and machines harvesting the golden grain. Thank God for the golden grain and all things. We went over the Colorado Mountains, also the Rocky Mountains; again I say thank God for his beautiful creations. One cannot tell another of it and do it justice. We went through the beautiful salt beds, it surely is something to see, and it causes one to realize how good and kind God is, to place such beautiful and useful things on the earth. We drove only in daytime, took us six days to drive about 3,000 miles to Inglewood, the home of my brother.

We went by way of San Francisco, crossed the Golden Gate Bridge, also the Seven Mile Bridge. Our main object in making the trip was to see God's beautiful Creation and visit my relatives and to find the Church of Jesus Christ, also to find the home of Bro. and Sister Heaps. We knew them when they lived here in the East. We found them, and how glad we all were to meet once more. Bro. Heaps was much surprised to see us on our first visit to their home. We did not get to see Sister Heaps. We went to Church on the Sabbath and met them both and many others of the saints, what a meeting that was, such a kind, loving lot of brothers and sisters. They made us feel at home with them, we thank God for them all. We had the privilege to attend feet washing service with them. What a wonderful day it was, a day of rejoicing with our brothers and sisters in Bell, Calif., in carrying out one of God's great commands. We ate supper that evening with Sister Heaps, they

could not have treated us better, they made us feel at home, the rest all treated us fine and asked us to visit them, we did not get to visit all their homes, but everywhere we went we were treated fine. I thank God for them all. They have a good many Italian saints in the Bell Branch in Calif., they are surely true brothers and sisters in Christ.

We went to San Diego to visit Bro. and Sister Pasquale DiBattista, we found with smiling faces, yet Bro. DiBattista was seriously ill, but they were courageous. God has since called him to His mansion above. May God keep Sister DiBattista under the shadow of his wing is my prayer. And may God bless all the saints everywhere.

We drove near 1,000 miles on our trip and did not have a bit of car trouble. Thank God for that too.

Sister James Marshall

A LETTER FROM STITES, IDAHO

Dear Brother in Christ:

Greetings in Jesus Name. Just received the Gospel News and as I always read it right through before I stop, for there is always good for the Hungry Souls.

I was sure sorry when I read your Editorial to hear you say the subscriptions had fallen off, but dear brother, don't ever think this because it's not the paper that has not pleased the subscribers, but rather I believe many are in the same condition. I am on old age assistance and food and every thing so high, it is hard to make ends meet. I cannot believe that any brother or sister that has the Love of God in their hearts could ever do anything but love that little paper — Now I must tell you of a little experience I had as I was reading Dear Sister Vicky Calabrese letter, and that dear small voice which we so often hear, spoke to me and said, "Why don't you tell your brothers and sisters how the dear Lord heard their prayers and saved you also, when you were at death's door with pneumonia — just a few weeks ago." And never did I feel so ashamed in my life, as I did then. I compared myself to the nine lepers that never returned to thank the dear Lord for the wonderful blessing He bestowed upon them, and I hope you dear ones will forgive me for being so thoughtless — but old age is beginning to tell on me.

I did not know it but dear Sister Converse, who I baptized in the Church 8 or 9 years ago, had written and requested the saints to pray for me, and the dear Lord heard their prayers when I was at death's door raised me up again, for which I praise His High and Holy Name, and I pray God will abundantly bless and protect them for their kindness.

I have received many letters from the dear saints, telling me they were praying for me, which sure was a joy to me. Now, dear brother, I wish you would publish this in the Gospel News for me, so the dear saints will know their prayers were answered and that I appreciate their kindness. I have some people reading the Gospel News and they sure like it. I am enclosing a one dollar bill, wish I could send more. Use it any way you think best. The people around here are beginning to think God is keeping me here for a wise purpose, for I am 84 years old and have been operated on five times, and when I had the pneumonia I had no pain and the Doctor could not understand it, but twice it was the faith and prayers of my dear brothers and sisters in Christ. Remember me to all the dear saints and may God grant you many years to labor for the Church. As ever your brother in Christ.

R. Newby.

(Second letter)

Dear Brother:

I forgot to say that Sister Converse has high blood pressure, and wish you would ask the saints in the next Gospel News to set a day apart to fast and pray for her. I should have told this yesterday, but my memory is so very poor now, I forgot it. And, dear brother, don't get discouraged about The Gospel News, you will find at that day of the great white throne, that little paper you have, has been the instrument in God's hands of bringing many precious souls to Christ.

R. Newby.

P. S. — I ask all the saints to remember the request of Bro. Newby in behalf of Sister Converse, also Bro. Newby needs your prayers too. He is getting to be an old man. I often think of the trip Bro. Costa and I made ten or twelve years ago. I would like to go over that winding road again from Weiser to Grangeville, Idaho. I would also like to attend another wedding dinner on the Res-

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EDITORIAL

I had expected a "write-up" of our recent Conference from one of our Brethren but have not yet received it. However, our Conference met at the appointed time on April 6th and 7th. Two days were spent in business. Representatives were present from various states, including Ontario, Canada. For some reason there was no representation of Elders from California, and New Jersey. Much business was transacted throughout the Conference, including the election of Presiding Elders and General Church Officers, such as President of the Church and his Counselors, Presidents of both Quorums etc. We were kept very busy for two days.

On Sunday morning we had a very large crowd, our Auditorium was packed to capacity, while many on the lower floor who were served with a loud speaker. Bro. Furnier (Second Counselor) led the meeting and gave us a very interesting talk. Taking his text from the Book of Mormon, Bro. V. J. Lovalvo followed him with a good spirit prevailing. Bros. A. A. Corrado and W. H. Cadman were the two final speakers. Time then had gotten around to about 1:00, which I believe all present thought was well spent. I must not forget that we had lots of good singing during the service. Bros. Burgess of Windsor, Ont., and Lovalvo of Detroit rendered us several selections, while the congregation also raised their voices to God in wonderful songs of praise. Prayers were also offered for afflicted ones. After the close of the meeting, a young lady was baptized in the Monongahela River. There was no afternoon meeting, but the M. B. A. held a meeting, in the evening and a nice crowd was present. Johnnie Bickerton had the topic for the occasion and gave a very extensive account of the life of Paul.

Notice: After conference was over, a top coat, light in color and zipper lined was found in the

Church. Also a pair of Ladies black kid gloves are awaiting a call from the owner.

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ervation at Kamiah, for those Indian people certainly set up a wonderful dinner when Chief Harry Wheeler's son was married. I never forgot that trip.

Brother Cadman.

P. S.—Since receiving Bro. Newby's letter I have received a letter from Sister Converse this 26th day of March. She is rather poorly and wants her brothers and sisters to remember her in your prayers. This will not appear until the May paper, so I will mention her case in the April Conference which will convene soon. In the meantime, remember our Sister in your prayers. (WHC)

BROTHER ELDERS, ARE YOU READING OUR LITERATURE?

(I refer you to page 14 of Religious Experiences)

"I will next refer you to the third and fourth chapters of Isaiah: See 3:16, and to the end of the chapter, and including the fourth chapter. Here they are, the same people again, the Daughters of Zion, with a description of their pride and destruction; 'Their men shall fall by the sword, and their mighty in the war. And her gates shall lament and mourn; and she being desolate shall sit upon the ground.' Here is a condition of pride, destruction and desolation, which, according to the first verse of the following chapter, has not learned these foolish women to be wise. Seven women take hold of one man, saying, 'We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel, (sack cloth), only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach.' What monstrous folly! Pologamy to take away reproach, after being evidently one of the principal causes of such a condition as this. Their condition in this life could not, it seems to me, be more miserable. Ha! But, it is the next life they are thinking of. They want to attain to the highest degree of glory, in the future state. That fully explains whose women they are, as there are none other in this world, but yours, that believes in such nonsense. I have one of the Utah peoples books in my possession that declares, 'No man, or woman, separate and single, can attain to the highest degree of glory.' Have you ever reflected upon the restrictions that language

places upon such men as Paul, Daniel, the three Hebrew children, and many others which might be mentioned? It appears that you have not yet learned that what these men of God attained to in this life is some indication of their standing in the next life. Here is another evidence, then, of the bulk of the people called Latter Day Saints and by some, Mormons, being destroyed by God's judgments on account of their wickedness, and reduced necessarily to a few, or a remnant. The remnant, in this case, is called: 'The Branch of the Lord,' which Isaiah declares (see 4:2), shall be beautiful and glorious for them that are escaped of Israel. No person, who has a reasonable understanding of the Latter Day Work can deny, or doubt, that the remainder of this chapter treats upon this same grand and glorious subject as those previously expounded.

Here are evidences then of the aforesaid revelation (declaring that this people have the Gospel purer than any other people) being true and consistent with scripture. God Almighty will not reveal Himself in this age, in opposition to what He has revealed in other ages; not by any means." All members of the Church of Jesus Christ take note to what we have written relative to our faith and doctrine.

President Cadman

A MASTERLY WRITE-UP
By SIDNEY RIGDON

"Messenger and Advocate"

Oct. 15, 1844 — Pittsburgh, Pa.

Bro. J. Gregg—Dear Sir:

Yours of the 14th instant, was received per mail this morning. The intelligence was cheering; these early evidences of the virtue and firm integrity of the saints speaks volumes in favor of their future prospects. What, dear brother, can withstand the truth when its advocates are uncompromising in their attachment to virtue and holy principles. Since the world began, all the dispensations delivered to men of the living God, have been thrown into confusion by the introduction of doctrines and practices which were at war with Godliness, and subversive of all that was good and noble. Hence, the distraction of the religious world. At some times past so great were the departures from truth, by those who professed to be the people of God, that if a Noah, a Daniel, and a

Job, had been among them, they could save their own souls only, and not be able even to save a son or daughter. Such an attempt has Satan made on us, and was maturing his plan, so completely to effect our overthrow, that the few left who could not be corrupted could do nothing more than save their own souls; but the iniquity was discovered before the adversary had gotten the fangs of his corruption so fastened on us that we could not unfasten them.

I have been informed, since Mr. Page published his Bull, and subsequent departure from this place, that he had attempted to teach the doctrine of spiritual wives in this city some time since. This will account for his sudden departure from both this place and yours.

It would seem almost impossible that there could be found a set of men and women, in this age of the world, with the revelations of God in their hands, who could invent and propagate doctrines so ruinous to society, so debasing and demoralizing as the doctrine of a man having a plurality of wives; for it is the existence of this strange doctrine — worse than the strange fire offered on the altar, by corrupted Israel — that was at the root of all the evils which have followed, and are following in the Church, the very mention, of which could not fail to redden the cheek of decency with a blush.

The whole of the revelations of God in all ages, charge the prophets and leaders of the people, with being the authors of the corruptions, which from time to time overrun the people of God. We need not marvel then that like evils have befallen us. The crime of the people was that they loved to have it so, they were not charged with introducing the corruptions, but having pleasure in them after the prophets, and leaders, had introduced them. It is no small degree of satisfaction to me, to find the people resign in the exercise of their just rights, and casting off, not only the leaders, but those who are led by those corrupters seducing spirits which introduce doctrines of demons.

Those who read the New Testament with care, cannot avoid seeing that the apostles have declared that a corruption like that we complain of, was to make its appearance in the last days. See Second Timothy, 3d chapter, from the 1st to the 9th verses inclusive. These sayings which the apostles,

at Nauvoo, have applied to the professing world, are as applicable to themselves as to any others now living, or any others who have lived since the days of Paul. In the 6th verse we are told that "For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts." Now of what sort are those who creep into houses and lead stray silly women? The answer is given in the preceeding verse. Persons that can do that are such as are without natural affection, boasters, proud inventors of evil things, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasure, rather than lovers of God. When we see such men, as above described, they, according to Paul, would do other things, that is, enter into houses and lead astray silly women.

That the Twelve and their adherents have entered into houses and led silly women astray, is a fact susceptible of the highest proof; and we are authorized by Paul to apply all the rest he has said to them. "For if this sort enter into homes and lead astray silly women," what sort? we ask; the before described religionists, for says Paul, "they have a form of Godliness." The conclusion then is, that they effected the ruin of silly females, by, or through a form of Godliness.

Paul says, the corruption he has described was to take place in the last days. Now, from this, the people of the last days are authorized to call any thing of the kind which may make its appearance, it matters not by whom these corruptions were introduced, Prophet, Apostle, Evangelist, or Pastor, whosoever introduces them, has an account to settle with Paul in the great day when the affairs of the universe shall be adjusted before an umpire who cannot err, for either these doctrines and practices are corruptions, or else Paul stands charged with a departure from truth.

From what is said in the 9th verse, the iniquity complained of, was to be a thing conducted in secret. "But they shall proceed no further, for their folly shall be manifest to all men." Nothing can be made plainer than that this abomination of leading silly women astray, was to be a secret thing — carried on privately, and the exposure of it was to put a final stop to their wickedness. "But they shall proceed no further, for

their folly shall be made manifest."

This secret working in matters of religion is, and always has been evidence of corruption. The saints always have been warned against the secret works of darkness; light and truth not only manifest themselves, but also make manifest the secret works of darkness. It is equally plain according to Paul, that no such thing could be carried on, however secretly it might be done, without detection. "For their folly shall be made manifest."

Those leaders of silly women, if they had regarded the scriptures, might have known that their race was a short one, and that their wickedness would be made manifest; for thus had Paul written more than 1700 years ago, and as proof that Paul was inspired behold it has come to pass in our day and before our eyes.

It is a fact, so well known, that the Twelve and their adherents have endeavored to carry on this spiritual wife business in secret, that I hardly need mention it here, and have gone to the most shameful and desperate lengths, to keep it from the public. First, insulting innocent females, and when they resented the insult, these monsters in human shape would assail their characters by lying, and perjuries, with a multitude of desperate men to help them to effect the ruin of those whom they had insulted, and all this to enable them to keep these corrupt practices from the view of the world. I could bring facts which can be established in any court of justice, in relation to these vile abominations practiced under the garb of religion that would make humanity blush. No falsehood too great, and no perjury too daring, in order to conceal these heaven-daring abuses of mankind; but I say in the language of Paul, they shall go no further, for their folly is now being made manifest, and will not cease until it is manifest unto all.

How often have these men and their accomplices stood up before the congregation, and called God and all the holy Angels to witness, that there was no such doctrine taught in the Church; and it has now come to light, by testimony which cannot be gainsaid, that at the time they thus dared heaven and insulted the world, they were living in the practice of these enormities; and there were multitudes of their followers in the

congregation at the time who knew it. These things only tend to confirm the fact that the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints is the true church of God, for we now see in that body fulfilling, what the Apostles and Prophets said should take place in that order of things which God acknowledged. According to both prophets and apostles the true church in the last days would be tried, with all the corruptions which had overthrown all the previous orders, kingdoms, or churches which God had set up; and before she could be exalted to her true glory, to overcome all the inventions of Satan or of man; but more of this in our next.

Dear Brother, through this letter to you, I would call on all the saints into whose hands this may come, to arise and deliver themselves from the corruption, disorder and ruin, that satan through the twelve as instruments; designs to bring upon them, know ye that no strange thing has befallen you, that an attempt is being made upon you by those in high authority, and those who are arrogating to themselves authority in violation of the order of heaven.

Sidney Rigdon.

(To be continued).

P. S. — This article of Mr. Rigdon's is lengthy, but is one of the best exposures of that which befell the Church in the days of Joseph Smith that I have ever read, and I expect to print it all in these columns. It is evident to any observing person or persons, that departing from the word of God is a FATALITY, and from what is written in the Book of Mormon: Jacob 3-5, 6, 7, I regard that the marriage covenant is a very sacred affair with the God of Israel. Surely the same God of today will hold men and women responsible who have made a covenant at the waters-edge, for departing from His word.

(W. H. C.)

St. John, Kansas
April 12, 1951

Dear Brother Editor:

I thought perhaps that you would like to have some good news from St. John since it has been quite some time since anyone has sent in anything from here.

On Easter Sunday the brothers and sisters from Wichita, and Larned; also, some friends from

Larned and Stafford met at the Church here. We had a very enjoyable day. The spirit of God seemed to rest upon the meeting.

Brother Jones led the meeting with prayer and gave us a lesson on the resurrection and its meaning, followed by Brother Sanders and Brother Robinson with the same lines of discourse. Then everyone bore testimony with a good spirit prevailing. Little David Jon Robinson was blessed by Brother Sanders. Then the best of all came toward the close of the meeting. Our sister from Larned, who has been paralyzed for some time, was annointed by Brother Robinson and was able to leave her chair without any assistance and has never used her crutches since. She stood at her seat and asked for us to kneel with her in prayer of thanks to God for his goodness to her and for the first time since she obeyed the gospel she was able to kneel with us.

After the meeting we had a joyous time together praising God for His wonderful power and His mercies bestowed upon us that day.

Sister Blair had been given an experience sometime ago that if she would be annointed by Brother Alex on Easter Sunday that she would be healed. Oh, how great are His mercies and His ways past finding out. Last Sabbath we spent the day in Larned with the brothers and sisters there and Brother Kirkpatrick from Wichita was also present.

We went out to the hospital with Brother Alex to bring Sister Bair in for the services and when she came down the steps of the hospital she looked like a new person. She walked so freely and there was nothing in any way to remind one that she had once been in such a condition that she couldn't walk without assistance and could hardly lift her limbs to take a step. Brother Kirkpatrick could hardly believe it was her for he had seen her so many times when he lived at Larned. We surely have had some good meetings these past few weeks and there is quite a little interest at Larned and we feel that Brother Alex who has labored so faithfully there to try to interest others in the gospel is beginning to see the fruit of his labors.

We enjoyed a short but pleasant visit with Brother Paul Love of Fredonia, Penna. a few weeks ago and his visit has given us

much encouragement. While he was here we were privileged to attend services in Wichita along with Brother and Sister Robinson and a friend from Larned and Bro. Paul. We had very nice time there and the spirit of God was surely manifested in the meeting. We stopped in Hutchinson and Sister Lassiter and her daughter accompanied us to the meeting. We thank God for His goodness to us here. Everyone seems to be in pretty good health so far.

May God bless all the dear brothers and sisters everywhere and may we each be more humble and filled with His love.

Sister Eva Sanders

NOTICE

Please take note everybody, also Branches and Missions, we need money for the printing of our Hymn Books. Will each Branch and Mission send us an order for 100 books if possible at \$1.50 each. Everybody do what you can and oblige us.

Brother Cadman

WORD STUDY

SIN — The word for our consideration this month is a small one, notwithstanding much can and has been written about it. Rightly it should be spoken of as a subject for discussion. It, like other three lettered words, appears frequently in scripture, approximately 400 times, yet in Mark's or Luke's Gospel or in Revelations it is not mentioned. Let us turn to the scripture for a true definition, which tells us that sin is the transgression of the law, and all unrighteousness is sin. Sin, then, and transgression and unrighteousness are synonymous. Sin also is spoken of as darkness which we know is a contrast to light.

Sin had its origin in the garden of Eden, with Adam and Eve, who were so easily beguiled being the first victims. The consequence of their first transgression was that they were thrust out of the garden, thus losing the opportunity of living a heaven on earth accompanied by God's very presence.

Punishment and penalties remained with them, and have continued down through the ages of time, for when Adam sinned he became a fallen creature, prone to do evil. Sad was their fate, and it continues to be so with man, for all come into this world clothed with sinful flesh. Though this be our condition upon entry

into this life, it does not mean that we are without innocence. However, as we attain maturity we become guilty of a few sins or many sins. This is the plight of everyone, for the scriptures declare that all are concluded under sin, (Galatians 3:22). This included even Mary the mother of Jesus, which fact many people deny. (Relative to this fact I intend to write more in my next article, which will be entitled "Original Sin.") Thus we see that sin entered into the world by the first man and continues to plague mankind even until now. Sufferings which is a consequence and punishment of sin have been great. Homes and hearts have been broken, institutions for the infirm and lawless have been filled, wars have raged as the consequence of transgressions. Confusion abounds today, men's hearts failing for fear of what is coming, unwarranted dissatisfaction and discontentment on the right and on the left, all as a result of man's failure to cease from sin.

We learn in the Word of God, that he that committeth sin is the servant of sin. People the world over daily continue to serve sin regardless of foretold consequences, for they love ways of darkness as Jesus said, rather than light. The lust of the eyes and of the flesh and the pride of life, and greed and selfishness on the one hand and on the other, are common failings of people, tragically on the increase. Surely Satan has a grip upon the human family, in spite of world wide evangelization. Better ways of living are recommended not only in God's Word and through his servants but even through other channels. Parents throughout the world, that is generally speaking, are busy trying to impress their children the consequences of indulging in sinful things, but sad to say with little avail. Many young people are resentful of good teaching, and declare that they want to be free to do as they please. Their vision of freedom being pathetically an erroneous one. On entering into this their visualized freedom, they become enslaved to sinful desires and become the servants of sin. Slaves to sin — what an awful picture, the consequence of willful disobedience, fettered to Satan himself, unable of themselves to desist from sinful practices. Dead spiritually, for the scriptures em-

phatically declare that the wages of sin is (spiritual) death.

Sin and iniquity continue to abound, and the hope of the future indeed would be black if it was not for the promise in scripture, that where sin abounded grace did much more abound, that is if man will pay the price. The price being set by the Lord, yet in the reach of all, in fact Paul calls it but a reasonable service. God beckons all, to repent and to mend their ways, and believe on His Only Begotten Son, through whom this "marvelous grace" does much more abound. When we were in darkness our records grew blacker and blacker, but by simple obedience we received this grace, and were accepted into the sheepfold of God. But after our sins have been forgiven what is it that we are charged with, is it not the same charge that Christ gave to the adulteress, when he told her to 'go and sin no more?' Paul also asks, "what shall we say then, shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?" God forbid! If we bear the ensign of truth should it not be unspotted at all times? Yes, indeed, for it represents Christ and His Kingdom.

As we read the Old Testament we get a clear picture of the consequences of sin, as well as the great blessings that they received for obedience. Paul spaks of the writings of old as being beneficial for us if we like to learn from the experiences of others. During the sojourn of the Children of Israel the laws and precepts of God were written on tables of stone. However, today we live in a day and time in which God deals with mankind individually writing his laws, on the tables of the heart. "But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; (and Gentiles), after those days saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people." In the days of old, the Spirit of God was poured out only on a select few, but today this Blessedness is enjoyed by all of His fold. Thus God is able and deals with every one individually, through the leading and reproving of the Spirit. We then have in our possessions as we might say individual laws, somewhat different one from the other, the differences being not of confliction, but rather of more light. Under the law, we notice that most of the com-

mandments were given in a negative manner, that is of what not to do. The intent of it however, was similar as to that of the Gospel, but because of human weaknesses both of leaders and followers, the law was not able to bring about a people that were an honor and glory to the Creator. In the Gospel dispensation we are under the law of Christ, being this better law. In it we receive commands of what we ought to do, the greatest which practically covers all is to love God with all we possess, and our neighbors as ourselves. This being very easy for a spiritual man, for one "born of God."

A little discussion here on the very debatable question, of what deeds are sin and which are not. This question though a needful one, if not rightly handled, genders strife and contention, instead of peace and harmony. To endeavor to enumerate the various things that are transgressions would be an endless task and indeed folly. It is not hard to agree on the greater evils, however disagreements soon arise when we discuss minor misdemeanors. And though we should be without many of these too, our discussions of them should be with prudence, because some have been enlightened more than others, for as was previously spoken, that God's laws are given to us individually. Every effort we put forth in God's service should be toward increasing charity in our midst, for where charity is and "one accord." God also is there, and where God dwells, there is no sin there.

Martin Michalko
Coraopolis, Pa.

Mrs. Isabelle Bartle Passes On.

Sister Bartle died in the Larned Hospital, Larned, Kansas on March 17, 1951. She was born in England in September 1868 making her a few months short of 83 years old. Services were held in the Barber Funeral Home in St. John, Kansas on March 19th, and were conducted by Elder Charles Sanders, and assisted by Elder Alexander Robinson of Larned, Kansas. She was a Sister of the late Bro. Thomas Dixon.

The St. John News has this to say of Sister Bartle: "Mrs. Bartle was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. L. S. Burnett, of St. John, a granddaughter, Mrs. Bruce Nickerson of New York

City; a brother William Dixon of Alexandria, Va., a great-grandson, Master Neil Nickerson of New York City. She came from Pennsylvania to this community in 1906 and lived here the remainder of her lifetime. A beloved woman, highly respected, is gone, and scores of friends mourn her death. Her husband preceded her in death August 18, 1938." Sister Bartle was baptized into the Church about 50 years ago. The Gospel News extends sympathy to those who mourn.

Six Nations Reserve Ontario.

A very encouraging letter was received from Bro. A. Henderson just prior to our recent Conference, relative to their work among the Indian people. Brother Henderson is very much encouraged with his labours and experiences on the reservation. He feels that it won't be long until we will have to provide a place of our own to meet in. The attendance is getting too large to meet in homes. I hope that the Church will be able to cope with the situation by building a Church on the reservation.

We are also informed in the letter that Brother and Sister Beavers have been, and are still very poorly. I believe they were the first ones we baptized there, and they have been very faithful all these years. May the Lord bless them.

I learned at our recent Conference of an 8 year old boy of Brother and Sister Henhawk on the reservation was killed with a car. I have not heard any of the particulars as to how it happened. We are very sorry to hear this I am sure, and we extend our deepest heartfelt sympathy to our Brother and Sister.

I want you all to know that I appreciate news that are sent me relative to the work among our Indian folks. Bro. W. H. Cadman. P. S. I am in receipt of a letter from Nannie Nolon, Palmyra, Tennessee; she is all alone in this little village in the hills of old Tennessee. I have been at her home once. She is the mother of Bro. Parrott of Kentucky. Some of you Sisters might write her a few lines to encourage her along and ease her lonely hours spent by herself. (WHC)

San Diego, Calif.

Brother Editor:

Here it is Monday, April 9, and in our memory lingers the delight-

ful memory of a day well spent in the service of the Lord. You see, to keep in tune with the General Conference, we of San Diego and Los Angeles decided to meet together for a special conference of our own, reaching out our hands for a portion of that blessing which I am sure was bestowed upon you all at the General Conference.

We rented a hall in San Diego, conveniently located and very nicely kept up and came together with a large portion of the Saints from Los Angeles.

In the morning we were led through a series of inspirational hymns by the compelling voice of Bro. James Heaps, very capably accompanied by Sister Margaret Heaps, and while our voices swelled throughout the hall I felt that we were preparing ourselves for the greater blessing to come.

A prayer was offered up by Bro. Rocco Meo and then Bro. Heaps again took charge, this time preaching us a sermon on the living God, miracles and true hope of Salvation. This, we all know, is an old story, but why does it seem ever new — why, upon hearing it, does it lift us out of our temporary dejections? Can it be that on hearing it preached, Satan, with all his hordes, flees? Whatsoever the explanation (and my heart has it's own), it is good to hear the story repeated over and over.

We closed the morning service with more hymns and a prayer by Bro. Charles Breci, preceded by a few well chosen words by Bro. Rocco.

Sandwiches, coffee and a variety of delicious cakes were provided in abundance, after which Bro. Heaps led us through a little while of singing, this time by 'young people.' But how old is the young? It seemed to me we were a mixed age group on the rostrum; time stands still in the sight of God!

Bro. John Dulisse opened the afternoon meeting. How small and insignificant our sacrifices and tribulations seem when the spirit of God flows 'from vessel to vessel.' I can say my cup was overflowing and well did the blessings overflow from the cups of the others present.

We feel as though we were the least among you, as though our shortcomings were more than those of others — as though we were the farthest away from God — and if such great blessings were poured upon us that day, and

the feeling was so glorious to make us, care not one whit about anything temporal, how must it be to be 'over there?' I am convinced that all things have an answer, and in due time we shall know, God helping us.

And so, after the singing of 'Our Church,' a hymn which is among my favorites, both for melody and for the beautiful words it contains, we were dismissed with a prayer by Bro. Breci.

We were asked by Bro. Heaps to give an account of the meeting and we hope it will be to his satisfaction. Relay our regards to all the Saints throughout the Church and may God bless and keep you in His care.

Catherine Poma,

A PARENT'S PRAYER

By Gloria B. Powell

Lord, being a parent is a full time job — one that reflects the wisdom of Solomon, love like Yours, plus the ability to follow through in the shaping of minds and characters which You have seen fit to entrust to our care.

We are raising our voices to ask Your help in the difficult task of bringing up our children in these times of confusion, doubt and mistrust. Hear us when we plead for guidance. As yet all they need is a dry diaper, a bottle of milk, assurance that there will be an answer to their cries. But soon they will need much more — a good example, a restraining hand, discipline.

Help us to administer to the needs of mind and soul as well as those physical aspects dealing with a pair of shoes, a new bike, or the desire for some new toy. Teach us to instill — first and foremost — the belief that there is One to whom they can always appeal without doubting or questioning the whys and wherefores.

Show us how to teach them the meaning of honor, obedience, strength of character, the difference between right and wrong, practice of the Golden Rule and fair play.

Guide us in the knowledge of when to admit, to them, we are wrong, to view objectively their requests for things, large or small, even if we don't heartily approve.

Help us to know when to tighten the reins, when to let them be their own judges as to what is good or bad for them — to always remember that they have minds and wills of their own, not to be superimposed upon by ours just because we hope to help them avoid the trial-and-error method.

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"WITHOUT THE CHURCH"

(By Catherine Poma
San Diego, Calif.)

Without the Church, the world is bleak and lonely, There is no calm serenity, no peace. Without the Church, there are frustrations, only. No hope that sorrowing and tears shall cease. There is no joy, no fellowship together. No One with whom to share all my woes. There is no place to go where I can weather The storms of life, the mocking of my foes.—Where shall I go? The halls of man seem barren; Where once I laughed, there is no mirth, today. Without the Church, there is no Rose of Sharon To bring the smile upon my lips to stay. So do you see, why I shall ever tarry Within these walls, so beautiful, yet plain? For here-in lies the strength I need to carry My soul to freedom from all grief and pain.

NEWS FROM ROCHESTER, N.Y.

Dear Editor,

Through the Gospel News we are able to share the experiences and blessings God bestows on our brothers, sisters and friends throughout the Church. It is a good way we can keep in touch and learn how we are faring in the Gospel. Therefore, we the young folks of Rochester, think you and the readers of the Gospel News, would be interested in our monthly meetings.

For some time now, we have been gathering at the different homes of the young people for informal meetings. Our aim and purpose for these meetings is to discuss what we can do to improve ourselves in the service of God.

We agree that it is the everyday little things that make a difference in our spiritual life. At these meetings we asked ourselves these questions: Are we keeping the Sabbath Day holy? Are we doing our part in participating in our fellowship meetings and feet washing services? Are we reading the Bible and Book of Mormon at home? What can we do to improve our spiritual life? What are we doing to help others? These are a few of the topics we have discussed.

I am happy to write our informal meetings have not been in vain. It has been time well spent. Interest in our acknowledged slackness has thus been aroused. Now we are

trying to improve our individual lives. God has blessed our small effort. His blessings, in turn, encourage us to try harder. Perhaps some day we can sincerely say we have done our best.

Your sister in Christ,
Antoinette Marinetti

LABORING IN THE VINEYARD

I believe that the Saints throughout the church should be kept informed on various activities which take place from time to time. The Gospel News is a good means of communing with everyone.

Last evening, May 3rd, the Elders and teachers of Detroit and Windsor Branches met in our regular bi-monthly meeting, in our church building in Windsor, Ont. A very brotherly spirit prevailed from the very start of the meeting. A number of well-seasoned prayers were offered, and several brothers expressed their desires concerning the spread of the Gospel. Bros. Jos. Lovalvo and Nickolas Pietrangelo gave a very inspiring report about their last meeting with the Indian folks in Sarnia, Ontario. They baptized a new sister there on Sunday. Bro. Lovalvo told us about a little Indian girl who was in need of shoes and we all felt the urge to help. We took a collection and turned it over to Brother Lovalvo. (I wish to detour for a moment and say that if any of our Brothers and Sisters wish to contribute towards the Indian work, you may do so via the General Church. It takes a lot of money to keep these Missions functioning and we appreciate all donations.)

Back to the story of our meeting: Bro. Allen Henderson reported on the success and wonderful blessings he and other brothers have received on the Grand River Indian Reservation. I must say that Bro. Allen has worked very hard and has been very faithful in his labors with the Indian folks. It is no easy matter, our brothers travel better than 400 miles each time they make this trip. The roads on the reserve are rough and our cars are put to the test. They don't last very long if the trips are taken often in the same car. Bro. Marco Randazzo expressed himself and told us that this might be his last meeting with us inasmuch as he plans to leave for California in the near future. I speak for all the Brothers of this vicinity, in saying that we will

miss his smiling face. His sincere and untiring efforts have been an inspiration to us all. May God bless our brother wherever he may go. In closing our meeting, we formed a circle and Bro. Herman Kennedy offered a very humble prayer. I am certain that we could say as Peter, "Lord, it's good to be here. . ."

To the Brethren in the Ministry throughout the Church, we your brethren of this vicinity wish you success and assure you that we stand prayerfully behind your sincere efforts in furthering the gospel work. (Our Missionary fields in this vicinity include: Indian Reservations at Grand River, Ont., Sarnia, Ont., and Muncey, Ont., also at Mt. Brydges, Ont., and in Michigan at Jackson, Lansing, Port Huron and Farwell.) Pray for us, Brothers and Sisters, that we may always have a good report.

Yours in Gospel Bonds,
D. Moraca

Delivered Over WCVI At
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"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world, If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world, And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof; but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever."

This scripture is found in the second chapter of the First Epistle of St. John, 15th, 16th, and 17th verses, and are three wonderful verses of Scripture. There is so much involved therein, and I am sure that I feel my inability to fathom their depths, in fact we are taught that the things of God are understood by the Spirit of God, and Jesus says in St. John 15, 5 "without Me ye can do nothing."

I hope that the reading of these verses this evening will cause some who are so wrapped up in the pleasures of the world to stop and seriously consider. This scripture declares that all that is in the world, lust, pride, etc., shall pass away. If then our lives are taken up with such, it is certain that we shall pass away with the world, for we are commanded not to love the world and its ways, and to persist in doing so, we are

disobeying the commands of God. And I read that sin is the transgression of the law. There is so much today, to allure our minds away from God and Godly things, that it behooves us to be on the watch continually, lest we be led into temptation. Jesus has taught us that He was not of this world, and He taught His disciples to be like unto Him. Hence if our minds are absorbed with the things of the world, if the pleasures of the world are what our lives are taken up with, I might add that we are far away from God and His Son Christ Jesus. Therefore, He told His disciples that if the world hated Him, it would also hate them. And how true that statement proved to be. They suffered even unto death, because they refused to walk in the ways of the world; rather than enjoy the ways of the world for a season, they gave heed to the ways of the Master.

In Hebrews 11, 25, 26, I read that the great man Moses chose rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season: Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward. He forsook Egypt not fearing the wrath of the king. The love Moses had for his people, and of the things of God, was greater, yea far greater than all the riches and pleasures the king's palace could afford him. You know, Jesus says: "If ye love Me, keep My commandments," and He further says: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me." To have our minds absorbed with the things of the world, and try to, or profess to serve God, is trying to serve God and Mammon too, but the Saviour says we cannot do so. We must love one or the other, and despise one or the other.

In Hebrews 11, 35, 36, 37 I read of the cruel treatment afforded those who were not of the world. It says: "They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword; they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; Of whom the world was not worthy." A people so terrible described, persecuted as they were, and the world with all its pomp and glory, was not worthy of those people.

In Second Timothy, third chapter there is recorded prophetic utterances which are worthy of our attention. You know one of the promises of the Saviour was, the

Holy Spirit would lead and guide us into all truths and show us things to come. Before the Apostle Paul obeyed the gospel, he was being led astray, but after his experience on the way to Damascus when he was commanded to go on, one of God's servants comes in contact with him and commands him to "arise and be baptized and wash away thy sins." Paul, after obeying the command of God in being baptized for the remission of his sins, receives the spirit of God in his soul, and is then led into the mysteries of God's grace.

It was the Holy Spirit which led him to see that which he writes of in the third chapter of Second Timothy. "Know this also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves; covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good. Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof; from such turn away. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth." The Apostle certainly describes the condition of our present day perfectly. The world is rampant with these various things, evil things of which he speaks. The professed Christians of today are not excepted in his indictment, for he declares "they have a form of godliness but deny the power thereof." It is not the infidel who is exhibiting a form of godliness and denying His power, but it is among those who bow in prayer and praise, and yet do not what He says.

The general attitude of today, is to refuse to obey the commands of God: "Love not the world and the things thereof" but they love the world and its pleasures; even to the desecrating of the Sabbath Day on the golf links, the baseball fields, and indulging in most every form of ungodliness on the Sabbath Day as well as on all other days. It seems the more we become learned, as a world of people, the farther away from God we become, even as Paul says "ever learning and never able to come to a knowledge of the truth," and the exhortation of Paul is "from such turn away." To all people and especially to

Bible readers. You should know something of the character of God. You should know how He has dealt with the generations of past ages. He has been a long suffering Being. He indeed has been lenient with frail humanity. He has held out a loving arm, through His servants He has pleaded. Sometimes He left His wrath fall, and fall very heavy, even in the days of Noah He only spared Noah and family, eight souls only entered the Ark after all the struggles of His faithful servant. He opened the Red Sea for Israel to pass through and escape their enemies. Yea God was good to Israel, but when they forgot Him, His wrath fell upon them severely because of their murmurings and transgressions in the wilderness. Do we really believe that God is the same today as He was yesterday? Or have we just got into the habit of repeating the scripture wherein it says "that God is the same yesterday, today and forever?"

After all man's impudence towards God, even to the extent that the creature is worshipped more than the Creator, yet in His infinite mercy, He sent His only begotten Son into the world, giving all men an opportunity to live, yea to live more abundantly if they will. Jesus has taught that whosoever will may come and drink of the waters of life freely, etc. But He tells Nicodemus in John 3:5: "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." To be born of God we must meet the conditions laid down by the Saviour. The Apostle Peter was very emphatic in the matter of the laws of the Gospel being obeyed, when in Acts 2, 38 he cries, "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." Jesus Christ had thus taught him, and he, Peter could not be faithful to his Master in commanding otherwise. Therefore the command is very urgent today, love not the world and its sinful ways, for if you do the love of the Father is not in you. Turn from this wicked world and repent and be baptized by immersion in the water that your sins may be blotted out, and that you may receive His Spirit in your souls; that you might love God's ways, and forsake the ways of the world.

You know the Saviour says, "the tree is known by its fruit." Generally speaking, whatever we are most interested in, will make itself

manifest in our lives. For instance, if we are interested in sports, it becomes very evident to those who surround us; if it is strong drink, we cannot hide it; if gambling, it reflects itself in our very countenance, and too, if our minds are all absorbed in piling up riches it is soon made plain to our fellow men. In fact it seems to me that the desires and manner of the lives we live, can be observed in our countenances. Let it be evil or good, it is reflected from our inner-parts to our outparts. Truly Jesus has said: the tree is known by its fruit.

Our Saviour has taught us to: "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." If our desires are not for the carnal things of the world, but that for which is spiritual, it will no doubt be made manifest in the words of James, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, 'To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and keep himself unspotted from the world.'"

Therefore, if we have arisen in Christ, our affections should be set on things which are above, not on things upon the earth. Yea, love not the world nor the things thereof, for if we do the love of the Father will not dwell in us. May the Lord bless you all.

W. H. Cadman

A MASTERLY WRITE-UP

By Sidney Rigdon

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It does not follow, as a consequence, that the religion thus corrupted is false and not the truth of heaven; but the very reverse. What system was it that the apostle guarded the saints of his and all succeeding days against corrupting, assuring them that in the last days a corruption would take place, was it not the true system of heaven? Surely it was. Was it not the system of heaven, where men (monsters) were to avail themselves of their apostolic and prophetic influence, and be lifted up in the pride of their hearts, become proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, truce breakers, incontinent, and abusers of themselves with mankind? It was. Was it not those who had a place

among the saints, who were so far to depart from the fear of God, and the principles of decency, as to be sufficiently daring to put at defiance the laws of man and the holy principles of the institution of heaven, as to enter into houses and lead astray silly women, laden with sins? Need I answer it was. Was it not the true religion of heaven, which all sacred writers both of the Old and New Testament, cautioned the world and all the saints against corrupting, and corrupting by certain defined abominations minutely detailed? All will answer it was. The conclusion then is, that the true order of God, in the last days, was in imminent danger of being brought into reproach and shame, by those who seek to gratify their carnal desires, in defiance of all righteousness, and, with a bold effrontery, claiming the authority of the priesthood, that they might more effectually accomplish their corrupt design, and thereby bring the whole church of God under condemnation before God; and so far sink it in the estimation of all, as to render it odious in the eyes of the world. The true church of Christ, according to the testimony of both prophets and apostles, of olden time, was in this danger in the last days. As to societies which the sacred writer never considered as of divine origin, they never thought of guarding the world against corrupting. Their object, and their only object was to preserve the institutions and ordinances of heaven from abuse: knowing, as they did, that an abuse there would sooner or later prove fatal to the world. What then, Dear Brother, shall we say? What can any man say? Why, the society where those abuses as defined by the sacred writers, made their appearance, has surely a high degree of testimony that it is the true church of Christ in the last days. The corruptions which the sacred writers, of former days, said would make their appearance in the church of Christ in the last days, have made their appearance among us.

Had Paul lived in our days, and looked at the church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, he could not have described it more minutely: the very corruptions have made their appearance, that he said would take place in the Church of Jesus Christ in the last days.

Had not these corruptions appeared among us, we should have lacked one important testimony that we were the true church of

Christ; but the appearance of these corruptions has added a testimony to those who desire to know the truth, that the kingdom is with us in distinction to all others.

It may give us boldness in the faith, and great confidence before God.

We may arise in the strength of truth, and purge these things out of our midst; knowing that the Lord will aid us; seeing we are doing as commanded, to "separate ourselves from all such" workers of iniquity.

By this you and the branch of the church under your charge, will see that they have done well, and may take courage, nothing fearing, for the Lord will be with such to bless them.

It may be, that the saints may not be apprised of the fact, that the scriptures have pointed out the very things which should take place in the last days, in the true church of Christ; and that, a short time before Christ's coming. Let us hear the Saviour while He is yet tabernacled with man in the flesh.

In the twenty-fourth chapter of Matthew, we have the Saviour's own account of the things which should take place, at a time approaching His second coming. We shall confine ourselves to a few of those things which are so plain, as to admit no justifiable objection. After the Saviour had said many things in the hearing of His disciples in reference to His second coming, He gives a warning to the world predicated on the things that should take place preparatory to His second advent into the world. He says this, commencing with the 42nd verse, "Watch therefore; for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But this know, that if the good man of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to have been broken up. Therefore, be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh, who then is a faithful servant—whom his Lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant whom his Lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Verily I say unto you, that he shall make him ruler over all his goods. But if that evil servant shall say in his heart that the Lord delayeth His coming; and shall begin to smite his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; the lord of that servant shall come in a day when he

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EDITORIAL

Announcement of "Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary."

To all our Friends and Neighbors: We will observe the fiftieth anniversary of our marriage on June 27th, 1951. Our home will be open to you all from 2 to 4 in the afternoon, and from 8 till 10 in the evening. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cadman, 519 Finley St., Monongahela, Pa.

Please Take Note: Due to the slow response for orders for our new Hymn Books, I appeal to all Branches and Missions once more to do the best you can, and send us in a Big Order with the money. We are printing 5000 books and we will need money to pay for them. Don't delay. Sincerely, Brother Cadman.

looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, and shall cut him asunder, and appoint him a portion with hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins which took their lamps and went forth to meet the bridegroom, and five of them were wise and five foolish."

Let me ask at what time was all this to take place, and among whom? Could there be two cases which more directly correspond? We think it would be hard to find them. If the Lord had not His eye on the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, in the foregoing sayings, by some strange fortuitous course of events, that church got itself precisely in the same situation the kingdom of heaven is there described as being in; and the whole matter fulfilled directly on their heads. Let the world take the case as it may, I think they must acknowledge that they are a strange set of mere chances.

Have not the hearts of the honest and upright in Nauvoo had many a painful hour of reflection, and many a deep feeling of mortification, at the eating and drinking with the drunken, and the smiting of the fellow servants; if not with

with a rod, with what was much worse, a tongue of falsehood foul and fiendish? I might assert, without fear of exaggeration, that it was so, without one exception, for no righteous being could do otherwise.

Let me particularly call your attention to the fact, that the true church of Christ in the last days was to have a division in it, one unavoidable; it was so said by the Saviour 1800 years ago, and it could not fail. Now sir, if none of these things which have taken place in Nauvoo had taken place, then, indeed, the world might, with more propriety, doubt our being the true church of Christ; but since the scriptures are fulfilling to the letter, on our heads: I think that by proper reflection and investigation, they will change their minds.

But in relation to the division, it may be proper to say a few things. It was said, at the time when the disobedient and cruel servant was cut off, that the kingdom of heaven was like unto ten virgins, five wise and five foolish. Now I ask, who were the wise virgins? Those who continued in the steps of the servant who had been cut off, or those who on the contrary, lifted their voice and wielded their influence against the evils which had caused the Lord to cut him off, and against the corruptions which caused the Lord's displeasure. I think very little reflection will settle this matter to the full satisfaction of every honest inquirer. That which brought death to the servant could not bring life to the people.

It would be a vain attempt, on the part of any members of the kingdom of heaven, in going forth to meet the bridegroom, to expect to be welcomed to the marriage supper of the Lamb, while they were identified with, and engaged in the same practice and practices, with him whom the Lord had cut off for sinning, and sinning unto death in so doing.

To carry out the measures of that servant or prophet, would be to bring death on all who did it, sooner or later.

Now, whatever society in the last days is the kingdom of heaven, acknowledged so by the Saviour himself, must pass through the scene as described by Him in the 24th and 25th chapters of Matthew. This must be done or the scriptures fail.

If then, indeed sir, we, the Latter Day Saints, are the true church of Jesus Christ or kingdom of heaven, then it needs only look and re-

flect, and all may understand that have eyes to see, or ears to hear. Concerning His second Advent He admonishes to all to watch.

"And what I say unto you, I say unto all, watch." Mark 13, 27. The reason for this was, that He would come unexpectedly, as a thief in the night. Now, when was the Saviour coming? In the last days surely. Who then was admonished to watch? He says, all; but of necessity, the people of the last days in particular, in whose day He was to come; and the reason assigned for this admonition was, that the servant who did so should be blessed at His coming; He should be ruler or his master's goods. But the Saviour, foreseeing that this would not be the case, says, beginning at the 48th verse, "but if that servant shall say in his heart, my lord delayeth his coming, and shall begin to smite his fellow servants, and begin to eat and drink with the drunken, the lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, and shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with hypocrites: and there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

(To be continued)

P.S. In not abiding by the word of God, it certainly has caused those, or at least many who profess a restoration of the Gospel to become divided asunder in faith and doctrine. Sidney Rigdon was on the ground and certainly speaks with authority on the affairs of his day. (WHC)

OLD RECORDS

April 25, 1951

A few days ago I received through the mail from Brother Evandson of Jackson, Michigan, a Book of Mormon printed in Liverpool, England in 1841. It was printed "For Brigham Young, Heber C. Kimball and Parley P. Pratt. By order of the Translator," and was entered at Stationer's Hall.

The dimensions of the Book are about 5½ x 3¾ x 1½, pocket size. It has a very nice index in the back of it, and contains 643 pages including the index.

It is the first European, from the Second American Edition. It is bound in leather with stiff backs. It is practically as good as new, I fail to find a torn or loose page in it, which I think is wonderful for a book that is now 110 years old. It was at one time the property of the "Blackburn Mutual Instruction Association Library."

Where this Library is located, is not given.

Brother Evandson: I appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending me this book, very much I am sure. It will be placed in our Church safe with other old books that we now have. I might just add that we have a copy of the first Book of Mormon that was published, dated in 1830. We have a copy of the one published by the Wright Publishing Co. in New York City in 1858, also the one published by the Whitmer people in 1889 known as the Nephite Record, besides we have several different issues of the Utah Church, a copy of the authorized version by the Reorganized Church in Independence, Mo., and we are preserving copies of our own editions; one in English and one in Italian language. We have copies of our hymn books dating as far back as 1851. And we are preserving copies of all our doctrinal literature, which dates back as far as 1863. I would appreciate a copy of the Kirtland Edition of the Book of Mormon for our collection, if it could be obtained reasonable. So thanks to Brother Evandson for the one that was printed in England in 1841. Brother Cadman.

A WEDDING THAT PROVED A BLESSING TO ALL

Clifford A. Burgess

On April 21st four cars from Windsor and one from Detroit, carrying Saints, journeyed to Niles, Ohio, to witness the uniting in marriage of Bro. John B. Ford and Sister Esther Corrado. All present will admit that it was a happy union, and best of all, both were members of the body of Christ here below.

A goodly number were present from Youngstown, Girard, Warren and Niles, Ohio; others had made the journey from Elizabeth, Pa., Detroit, Mich., and Windsor, Canada.

After the wedding ceremony had been performed by Bro. Philip Dreer, the bridal party along with those present, retired to the basement of the church for the reception. It was here in the basement of the church that the writer was approached by Bro. William Di Gennaro, Presiding Elder of Warren Branch, to come to Warren, as a meeting had been scheduled for Saturday evening and he was sure that some of the visiting Elders from Windsor would go to Warren, and this was the purpose of calling the meeting. The writer felt very good in Bro. Di Gennaro's in-

itation and suggested to him that the Brothers would be glad to attend this scheduled meeting (if) in turn Niles and Warren would meet together on the Sabbath so that the visiting Brothers and Sisters could all be in one place on that day. Bro. Di Gennaro seemed well pleased with the suggestion, so we both approached Bro. Daniel Corrado, Presiding Elder of Niles and said he would talk it over with the Elders of his Branch and see what could be accomplished.

The Windsor Elders journeyed to Warren Saturday evening for the meeting and their efforts were not in vain; Bro. Robert Watson, Jr., opened the meeting with a prayer that will never be forgotten, for his text he read from the 6th chapter of Acts. He was followed by Bro. Watson Sr., then Bro. Allen Henderson. The writer was last to speak; it was in the closing remarks that the writer asked the Warren Saints about meeting in Niles on the Sabbath so that all visiting Brothers and Sisters could be together. All present seemed to be in one accord, but some members were not there and this caused a little difficulty which was overcome by Bro. William Di Gennaro who made up his mind to contact all who were not at the meeting.

Bro. Henderson and the writer along with their companions stayed with Brother and Sister Di Gennaro that evening and after a good night's rest and wonderful hospitality, we petitioned God before we left their home, that God would bless us that day, that we might have a taste of what the Saints of old enjoyed on the day of Pentecost. We drove to the Warren church, sang a couple of hymns and closed in prayer, then left for Niles, Ohio. We arrived at the meeting place in Niles before many of the Niles members were there and someone suggested we sing the Hymn "Welcome Best of all Good Meetings"; when the six verses had been sung most of the Niles Saints were assembled to feast on the Manna from above.

The Niles Elders turned the meeting over to Bro. William Di Gennaro who asked the writer and his daughter Dorothy to sing a duet. We chose a song written by Oswald Smith, a Canadian, and music by an American, Bently D. Ackley, "Waiting on Jesus." Brother Henderson was called upon to open the meeting, and in his prayer he told the Lord we were waiting on Him to open the windows of Heaven and pour each one out a blessing that we would feel that

our efforts would be crowned with His Goodness from above. After his prayer Bro. Henderson suggested we sing the Hymn, "There Shall be Showers of Blessings." He read for his text the 3rd verse of the 1st chapter of Genesis and the 17th to the 21st verses of the 3rd chapter of The Acts. Bro. Henderson enjoyed wonderful liberty as well as a goodly portion of God's Holy Spirit, and his discourse which lasted for almost an hour was seasoned from on high. After his sermon he invited those who hadn't made a covenant with God as yet, to think well upon their souls' salvation, remembering they all needed a Saviour, and while the Lord was with us, now was the accepted time.

Bro. Robert Watson, Sr., followed Bro. Henderson and he cautioned the young people to give of their best to the Master, to give of the strength of their youth, and stated he only wished he had met with the Restored Gospel and The Church of Jesus Christ when he was younger. Before he closed he discourse he made an appeal for the young folks to take a stand for the things that were right and he knew God would repay them a hundred fold.

Bro. Robert Watson, Jr., followed and gave a very inspiring talk; related how that when he was a young lad, his parents met with the Restored Gospel and this Church and he didn't want anything to do with it whatsoever. However as time went on, he admitted God's way was the best way and at the age of sixteen, he made a covenant with God to serve Him in Spirit and Truth the remaining days of his life. He stated that he was baptized through the ice in the Detroit River in the month of February and freely admitted it was the happiest day of his life. He told how the Lord had given him a Sister in the Church for his wife and he cautioned the young people present to make sure that before they united in marriage that God was in the matter and he assured them, their uniting would be one of happiness. He extended an invitation to all who were seeking this God whom he had come to know, to not forsake Him, for the time would come when He would forsake them when they would need Him most of all. He asked if anyone present desired to make a covenant with this God who had done so much for him.

The writer was asked to speak, but as the time was getting along, I didn't feel to keep the meeting in too late, as we then had been assembled together three hours.

While telling an experience about my daughter's baptism, I heard a voice say "sing 'Today Is Mine.'" It struck me very forcibly as I had never sung this song before in public. However when I closed my talk, I said I would sing a song if my daughter Dorothy would sing with me. She volunteered but when she saw the piece, she realized she had never sung it before, but she did not hesitate in trying this new song. The song was written by Virgil P. Brock and his wife Blanche, who also wrote the Hymn in our Hymnal "Beyond the Sunset"; at this time I wish to write the last verse of this song.

Today is mine, tomorrow may not come,

My race of life may end at set of sun,

Shall I then hear the Master say "Well Done"?

To-day is mine, to-morrow may not come.

Bro. William Di Gennaro asked Bro. Daniel Corrado to make the the closing remarks after which the writer suggested we close the meeting by using the Hymn, "Is Your All on the Altar." It was at the conclusion of our singing that Joseph Ciarolla took the stand that he wanted to serve the Lord and asked to be baptized. While God was pouring out His Spirit upon us, an invitation was extended to all who had not as yet made a covenant with God and the call was answered by Betty Giovannone, Millie Ciarrochi, Dora Ciarolla and Lena Mollisa. The meeting was closed in prayer by Bro. Frank Di Gennaro of Niles, Ohio.

The meeting dispersed and the majority went to Bro. Dominic Giovannone's farm where the candidates were baptized by Bros. Robert Watson, Jr., of Windsor and Frank Giovannone of Warren, Ohio.

Bro. William Di Gennaro suggested that they hold a meeting in Warren on Sunday evening to confirm the new members and asked the members from Niles, Ohio and Windsor, Canada to stay for the evening meeting. The Windsor Saints desiring to complete a perfect day consented to stay, and after receiving the hospitality of the Warren Saints, we assembled in the Warren Church building along with the Saints of Warren and Niles. The Presiding Elder, Bro. William Di Gennaro of Warren asked Bro. Daniel Corrado, the Presiding Elder of Niles, to preside over the meeting. After opening in song and prayer, the candidates were con-

firmed as members of The Church of Jesus Christ. The meeting was then turned over to the members present, for praise and testimony. It was then we learned that Bro. Joseph Ciarolla who was the first to call his baptism claimed that although he felt good throughout the morning meeting, he said when the writer along with his daughter Dorothy sang "Today Is Mine," he wondered if his life might end at the setting of the sun, and this caused him to exclaim "I want to be baptized today." The testimonies of the Saints especially of the younger members were seasoned by God's Holy Spirit, and it was difficult to bring the meeting to a close.

The meeting let out at 10:00 P. M., and the Windsor Saints started for home, arriving in Windsor between 4 and 5 A.M. Monday morning. However we thanked God for His goodness toward us, and may those who made a covenant with God live a long life to serve Him and help promulgate the Gospel Restored to countless other souls who are still in darkness.

Alma's Miraculous Conversion

Alma, the son of Alma, being a wicked and idolatrous man, joined with the four sons of Mosiah, going about teaching contrary to that which their fathers had established concerning the righteous work of God.

While they were on their mission, going about deceiving the people, there appeared before them an Angel of God. The Angel spoke with a voice of thunder, which shook the earth where they stood. And so great was their astonishment that they fell to the earth. The Angel said unto Alma, "Arise and stand forth. Why do you persecute the church of God, for the Lord will suffer nothing to stand in the way of His church. I come to convince you of the power of God, that the prayers of His servants may be answered according to their faith. Can you dispute the power of God? Can you not see that the sound of my voice shakes the earth? Can you not also see me in front of you and that I am sent of God? Remember the great and wonderful things God has done for your fathers, for they were in bondage and He delivered them. And now, Alma, go your way, and seek not to destroy the church, that their prayers may be answered."

This account, along with the conversion of many of the Saints of God, in all ages of time, remem-

bering also the conversion of Paul, surely brings peace, joy and comfort to us who are fighting for the cause of righteousness in this latter day. We can plainly see that the enemy of God was working hard to destroy the work of the Lord in those days, even as he is doing today. But when the Lord has a work to perform, none can stand in the way. Thus, we see that through faithfulness and the sincere prayers of Alma, the elder, and Mosiah, their sons were converted to the truth. In exercising faith with work, we, the Saints of God, may have our loved ones converted, that they may be stirred up in remembrance of the goodness of the Lord, and to receive of that wonderful eternal life.

Let us remember then that Faith is the victory!

Brother Nick R. Persico
Metuchen, N. J.

CORRADO-FORD NUPTIALS

Miss Esther Corrado, daughter of brother and sister Daniel Corrado of Niles, Ohio and John B. (Jack) Ford, son of Sister Leata Ford, and our late Brother Frank Ford, of Windsor, Ont., Canada were united in marriage in Niles, Ohio on April 21, 1951. The double ring ceremony was performed by Bro. Philip Dreer. Mrs. Wheeler, organist, played several wedding selections and also accompanied Phyllis Corrado, sister of the bride as soloist.

Attending the bride as maid of honor was her sister Rose Corrado, and Otto Henderson, cousin of the groom, served as best man. Daniel Corrado, Jr., brother of the bride, and Howard Jackson were ushers, while the bride's niece and nephew, Patricia Rolando and Dennis Corrado acted as miniature bride and groom. A reception was held after the ceremony and a number of guests were present.

The young couple are vacationing through the U. S. and Canada for one week and will make their home at 2268 Louis Ave., Windsor, Ont., Canada.

Brother and Sister Ford are active members of The Church of Jesus Christ, and I am sure we all wish Jack and Esther a long and happy life together. May the Lord bless and prosper you.

MOLLICA-GENNARO NUPTIALS

Sister Carmella Mollica, daughter of Bro. and Sister Sylvester Mollica of Niles, Ohio and Bro. Joseph Gennaro, son of Bro. and Sister Pete Gennaro were united in marriage on January 6, 1951.

Bro. Frank Gennaro (brother of

the groom) officiated at the double ring ceremony.

Lena Mollica attended her sister as maid of honor and Jean Gennaro was a bridesmaid. Armand Gennaro, his brother, served as best man and the ushers were Philip Mollica, brother of the bride, Joseph Clarolla, and William Gennaro, Jr.

Dennis Mollica, nephew of the bride, was ring bearer and the bride's niece, Elaine Casamento, acted as flower girl.

Esther Corrado, pianist, played several wedding selections and also accompanied her sister, Phyllis Corrado, soloist.

A reception was held immediately after the ceremony and several guests were present.

After a week's honeymoon the couple will reside at the home of the groom's parents in Warren, Ohio.

The Gospel News extends best wishes to the young couple. May the Lord bless and prosper you.

Obituary

(Taken from The Daily Republican, Monongahela, Pa.)

MRS. MARY H. BROWN

Mrs. Mary Hixenbaugh Brown, 75, wife of Joseph Brown, and first president of the Auxiliary to Fredericktown American Legion Post, died at 6:45 p. m., Friday, May 4, 1951, at her home in Middle Street, West Brownsville.

She had lived in West Brownsville the past three years and prior to that time had resided in the Vestaburg community for 25 years. She was a member of the Vestaburg Community Church and the Auxiliary to the Fredericktown Legion Post.

Some of our people will remember Mrs. Mary Hixenbaugh Brown, she was the daughter of the late Bro. and Sister Church Hixenbaugh of Roscoe, Pa.

She was baptized into the Church when a young woman, but after marrying moved away from Roscoe. A year or so ago when sick on her bed and had become very feeble, she sent for me, and along with others of our members we visited her home and restored her into fellowship in The Church of Jesus Christ. We have visited her numerous times since then, and she was always glad to see us come and minister to her. Her suffering

is over and may she now find a resting place in the Paradise of God. Bro. W. H. Cadman.

Vincent Morriale Passes On Rochester, N. Y.

Brother Vincent Morriale was born in Italy April 5, 1879 and entered into rest on March 10, 1951. He is survived by his wife Mary and several nieces and nephews.

Our brother was baptized in the the Church of Jesus Christ on April 18, 1937.

Funeral services were conducted at our Rochester branch by brothers Frank Rosati and Sam D'Amico.

NANCY COSTARELLA PASSES ON

Sister Nancy Costarella was baptized Dec. 21, 1924. She was ordained a deaconess for our small Mission in Girard, Ohio and since her death we have been left without a deaconess. She was always preaching the gospel, in fact up to the last when she was in the hospital, that is all she spoke of when ever she met up with some one who didn't know of the Church of Jesus Christ. She died March 4, 1951 and leaves her husband John Costarella and five daughters and two sons.

Brother John Criscone was baptized Feb. 28, 1926. He was ill for about one and a half years, and was in the hospital for a year or more. He leaves two nephews. He died March 17, 1951.

Brother Cadman, we lost two members by death, but we gained one more, Phyllis Bucci, the daughter of brother and sister Dominic Bucci was baptized on March 18, 1951 and let me tell you there was snow on the ground, but that didn't stop our new sister. We ask you to remember our small mission in your prayers that we may stand firm in the Gospel. By Sister Anne Costarella.

News From Youngstown, Ohio Brother Editor:

We thought you would be interested in the following news: It's not good news for it concerns the passing away of two of our members. First, Sister Mary Marks, age 67, who passed away February 5, 1951 after a period of illness. Sister Marks was one of the pioneer members of our Branch. She was a deaconess for many years and surely filled her position well. The entire Branch misses her good work and testimony.

The second item concerns Janet Theodore, age 8. She passed away April 11, 1951 after a very short period of illness. She is the daughter

of Alice and Eugene Theodore. Sister Josephine and the late Bro. Emedio Theodore were her grandparents.

Both funeral services were officiated by Bro. A. A. Corrado. Hope this note finds all in the best of health. Regards to all. Irene Corrado.

Taken from "Lectures on Faith" By Joseph Smith, Jr.

(Written approximately 1832)

From the foregoing testimonies we learn the following things respecting the character of God:

First, that He was God before the world was created, and the same God that He was after it was created.

Secondly, that He is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, abundant in goodness, and that He was so from everlasting, and will be to everlasting.

Thirdly, that He changes not, neither is there variableness with Him; but that He is the same from everlasting to everlasting, being the same yesterday, today and forever; and that His course is one eternal round without variation.

Fourthly, that He is a God of truth and cannot lie.

Fifthly, that He is no respecter of persons: but in every nation he that fears God and works righteousness is accepted of Him.

Sixthly, that He is love.

An acquaintance with these attributes in the divine character is essentially necessary, in order that the faith of any rational being can center in Him for life and salvation. For if he did not, in the first instance, believe Him to be God, that is, the Creator and upholder of all things, he could not center his faith in Him for life and salvation, for fear there should be greater than He who would thwart all His plans, and He, like the Gods of the heathen, would be unable to fulfill his promises; but seeing He is God over all from everlasting to everlasting, the Creator and upholder of all things, no such fear can exist in the minds of those who put their trust in Him, so that in this respect their faith can be without wavering.

But secondly; unless He was merciful and gracious, slow to anger, long suffering and full of goodness, such is the weakness of human nature, and so great the frailties and imperfections of men, that unless they believed that these excellencies existed in the divine character, the faith necessary to salvation could not exist; for doubt would take the place of faith, and

those who knew their weaknesses and liability to sin would be in constant doubt of salvation were it not for the idea which they have of the excellency of the character of God, that He is slow to anger and long-suffering, and of a forgiving disposition, and does forgive iniquity, transgression, and sin. An idea of these facts does away doubt, and makes faith exceedingly strong.

But it is equally as necessary that men should have the idea that He is a God who changes not, in order to have faith in Him, as it is to have the idea that He is gracious and long-suffering; for without the idea of unchangeableness in the character of the Deity, doubt would take the place of faith. But with the idea that He changes not, faith lays hold upon the excellencies in His character with unshaken confidence, believing He is the same yesterday, today and forever, and that His course is one eternal round.

And again, the idea that He is a God of truth and cannot lie, is equally as necessary to the exercise of faith in Him as the idea of His unchangeableness. For without the idea that He was a God of truth and cannot lie, the confidence necessary to be placed in His word in order to the exercise of faith in Him could not exist. But having the idea that He is not man, that He cannot lie, it gives power to the minds of men to exercise faith in Him.

But it is also necessary that men should have an idea that He is no respecter of persons, for with the idea of all the other excellencies in His character, and this one wanting, men could not exercise faith in Him; because if He were a respecter of persons, they could not tell what their privileges were, nor how far they were authorized to exercise faith in Him, or whether they were authorized to do it at all, but all must be confusion; but no sooner are the minds of men made acquainted with the truth on this point, that He is no respecter of persons, than they see that they have authority by faith to lay hold on eternal life, the richest boon of heaven, because God is no respecter of persons, and that every man in every nation has an equal privilege.

And lastly, but not less important to the exercise of faith in God, is the idea that He is love; for with all the other excellencies of His character, without this one to influence them, they could not have such powerful dominion over

the minds of men; but when the idea is planted in the mind that He is love, who cannot see the just ground that men of every nation, kindred, and tongue, have to exercise faith in God so as to obtain eternal life?

From the above description of the character of the Deity, which is given Him in the revelations to men, there is a sure foundation for the exercise of faith in Him among every people, nation, and kindred, from age to age, and from generation to generation.

Let us observe that the foregoing is the character which is given of God in His revelations to the Former-day Saints, and it is also the character which is given of Him in His revelations to the Latter-day Saints, so that the saints of former days and those of latter days are both alike in this respect; the Latter-day Saints having as good grounds to exercise faith in God as the Former-day Saints had, because the same character is given of Him to both.

Contributed by Sister Eva Bair, Larned, Kansas.

NEWS FROM SARNIA INDIAN RESERVATION

By Bro. A. N. Plain

Brother Editor:—It is with a grateful heart that I write on behalf of our Mission here. Since Bro. Joseph Loyalvo began his Sunday visits in March, our Heavenly Father has blessed his labors and the congregation, whilst it is not a large one, has not diminished and the faithful ones have received blessings each Lord's Day. We had one mid-week service late in March, at the invitation of a small family who had only a few days before moved into their new home.

Bro. Marco Randazzo accompanied Bro. Loyalvo to this gathering. Their messages were very attentively received and the grateful family served refreshments following the service. A Sunday-school was started early in April by Bro. and Sister Loyalvo and the children show their delight by studying their lessons thoroughly and giving prompt answers in classes.

We have a good deal of singing and many expressions of approval were voiced by members of the Port Huron Mission who visited with us the last Sunday in April. Bro. Nicholas Pietrangelo accompanied his congregation and was given the honor of baptizing our dear sister, Mrs. Emily Jackson, aged 74, who is the mother of Sister Elvira Maness. We praise God that His Holy Spirit has led our

aged sister to set ... to the younger people here and it is my own personal conviction that there will be many baptisms this summer for the Holy Spirit is moving to revive the religion of Jesus Christ, which to my understanding is one of loving service to the lost and needy souls who need Jesus.

We covet the prayers of the Saints for the speedy and complete recovery of Sister Maness who underwent a serious operation in the first week in May. At this writing, she has returned home from the hospital. We are also praying much for Sister Loyalvo, for we have received word that she too, is seriously ill.

In my report next month, I hope to have news of services started at Kettle Point Reserve forty miles north of Sarnia. I believe God is opening up a way whereby His Restored Gospel shall be told to our brothers and sisters there. Greetings in the name of our Lord to all our brothers and sisters of our beloved church.

A LETTER FROM NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.

Dear Editor:—A few lines to tell you how much I enjoy The Gospel News. I look forward for it and when I receive it, I enjoy reading it. It seems to bring us closer together. In reading your writings I seem to hear your voice. All I can say is, that I wish it came more often and I hope that God will bless you in this wonderful work.

We are all feeling quite well and hope you and yours are well also. We enjoyed a wonderful meeting this past Sunday (May 6), Bro. and Sister Sirangelo from Florida were visiting here and a nice group, especially of our young people visited us also and the singing was beautiful. To me it seemed like a foretaste of heaven, for I do enjoy singing our beautiful hymns.

We thank God for the many good things He grants unto us, even though sometimes the way is a little narrow and life seems so difficult, but when the dear Lord blesses us, everything is washed away.

My son is on a ten-day leave and God only knows where he will go after this, but I am happy and thankful that he is home now, and for the future—God will answer our prayers. Enclosed find two dollars for the paper. May God bless you and yours with His love and care.

Bro. and Sister Maffeo

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SOMEONE WILL GO

When you whisper, "Oh, how can I bear it?"

"My grace is sufficient," you hear;

"And you know I will never forsake you,"

E'en down through the valley of tears."

Dearest Saviour, alone did you bear it,

The cross, O divinest of men,

Yet you said, "I will always be with you,

I go, yet I'll come back again."

"You'll be with Me," is His precious promise,

"In heaven, there'll be no more fears,

And you know I will never forsake you,

E'en down thru' the valley of tears."

Someone will go down the valley with me,

He will take my cares all away, away;

Someone will go down the valley with me,

And stay with me all the way.

Hymn No. 10, by Sister Martin.

Sister Martin has been confined to her home about all the winter, with a broken limb, the result of a fall on the icy streets. A great deal of her time was spent in bed, but I am glad to report that she is getting around the house now on crutches. I just felt like drawing her attention to this wonderful Hymn, she was moved upon sometime ago to write. (WHC).

GOOD NEWS FROM RICHWOOD, W. VA.

Dear Gospel Readers: After making another journey to Richwood, W. Va., I will tell you of the blessing we received.

Bro. Frank Giovannone asked brother Joseph Ciarolla and I to accompany him; we left on the morning of April 28th, arriving in the evening. We held services at Bro. Waselchuck's home, and nearing the close of the service, his wife, Anna Mae and a Jean Martin asked to be baptized. Really the Lord poured out His blessing, and surely the saying: "God is the same yesterday, today, and forever" is true. We try with all our might to tell others of Jesus, but if it wasn't for His help we

could not succeed. The two candidates were baptized and confirmed by brother Frank.

We then began our journey home, thanking God for the blessings He gave us. We ask each and everyone of you to remember those few members in Richwood in your prayers.

At our own Branch here in Warren, Ohio, on May 12th Rita Mae Molinatto, daughter of brother and sister Peter Molinatto was baptized. We cannot thank God enough for all His goodness and mercy towards us. I pray that those who read The Gospel News will remember all the saints wherever they may be found. May the Lord always bless us and keep us in His care. Bro. Robert Ciarochi.

P.S. I am glad to hear of the success our brethren are having in Richwood. Bro. Cadman.

THE SAME GOD THAT SAID, THOU SHALT NOT STEAL ALSO SAID: THOU SHALT KEEP THE SABBATH DAY HOLY

(Editor)

"At Iowa City, Iowa, ministers of the Baptist, Methodist, Congregational, Presbyterian, Disciples, English Lutheran, and Nazarene churches joined in a refusal to conduct funeral services on Sundays in the future. They also refuse to perform elaborate weddings. Three local florists, four morticians, and workmen at two cemeteries are adding their support of this stand."

P.S. If there is any Church in this world that should sustain the aforementioned Churches, it is the Church of Jesus Christ. The word of God in both Bible and Book of Mormon gives no room for argument or debating the question. James has taught us as follows: "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one POINT, he is guilty of all. For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou are become a transgressor of the law." James 2:10, 11.

In the Book of Mormon, Alma 42:25, "What, do ye suppose that mercy can rob justice? I say unto you, Nay; not one whit. If so, God would cease to be God."

To disobey the law of God in any way, is an act of unrighteousness, and unrighteousness has caused this world to become the Devil's kingdom.

I read that transgression of the law is sin; and I also read that God does not look upon sin with the least degree of allowance. Those who occupy the pulpit preaching that others should obey the law of God, should remember that they themselves must obey.

Brother W. H. Cadman

A TRIP TO FLORIDA

(By W. H. Cadman)

On May 15th our youngest daughter (Grace) and her husband left for a trip to Florida on their vacation, and they would have my wife and I go along with them. An account of our trip might be interesting to our readers, though I do not want to go into too many details, for there was much to see. All our party had been in Florida before, except myself. It was my first trip farther south than Cherokee, N. C.

We went down the eastern coast via Savannah, Ga., and from there on to Jacksonville, Fla., where we stayed over night, having stayed at Richmond, Va., our first night. On leaving home it was my desire not to travel on Sunday anymore than necessary. So we planned to spend our two Sundays among the Indian people if possible.

We arrived in West Palm Beach on Saturday evening, and after arranging for a place to sleep for the night and having some supper, we started out to hunt up Bro. and Sister Sirangelo. They live out of town a few miles, but we found them without too much trouble, though we did take them by surprise, yet it was a pleasant one. We were glad to see each other again. We spent possibly two hours at their home, and two very pleasant hours they were. You know our brothers and sisters always make you eat something whether you are hungry or not, and with the lunch, they served us watermelon, just pulled off the vines out of their garden, and it was relished by us all. Just think, Bro. Sirangelo planted the seed last January and had a melon for us in May.

Well the time passed around very quickly, and before leaving their home we bowed our heads in prayer to our God, with hearts filled with gratitude for the fellowship we have with one another. We learned from them that Brother

Schultz was leaving that night for Washington, D. C. on business, and that Sister Faragasso was in New Jersey, so the next day (Sunday) we went on to Fort Lauderdale and drove out to the Seminole Reservation and attended church with the Indian people, a privilege which I enjoyed very much. They are an interesting people, and they were much pleased to have us call on them. Before the Minister started with his sermon, he invited us up front to introduce ourselves, after which, the speaker with a few welcome remarks, said it was encouraging to them to have us call, and also they needed encouragement. Their services were all in their own language. They have a very nice church and are of the Baptist faith. The women folks were all dressed in long skirts, and their dresses were of "many colors." We talked some with each other after the services were over, my wife especially, had a long talk with an Oklahoma Indian Lady Missionary worker, who along with her husband are working among the Seminoles.

Leaving this place we drove to Miami where we obtained sleeping quarters, and spent four nights there. While there we visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lynch, formerly of Monongahela, Mrs. Lynch being a sister of brother Geo. Neill of this place. They live in a Trailer Court, they were glad to see us and we spent a pleasant evening with them, also asking the blessing of God on their babe which had been born unto them since moving to Florida. We also spent one evening at the home of Bro. and Sister John Majoros, Sr., they themselves are visiting here in the north at present, but we found two of their daughters at home and we had a pleasant evening with them.

On our last day in Miami, we drove out onto the Florida Keys. In doing so we passed through the tomato growing country of Florida. I presume that is where our early tomatoes come from. There are large shipping houses at various places. We drove half-way out on to the Keys, some places the water is close up to the highway on both sides, while at other places it is wider. In going as far as we did, we crossed about four short bridges from one island to another. Just beyond where we stopped, we were told that before you reach Key West, that there is a bridge seven miles long. It is a wonderful trip.

Returning to Miami which was

about 150 miles, we spent the night in our rooms again, and left the next day on our return trip north via the Gulf Coast.

Our first night was spent at Sarasota where Grace's husband's father and mother located when they came here from England nearly forty years ago. His father was a Minister of the Methodist faith, and had helped to build a church in the town, which he wanted to see, which was a fine brick structure. His oldest sister was also born at this place. So he naturally felt interested in the town of Sarasota.

Our next night (Thursday) was spent in St. Petersburg. In reaching this city we were obliged to cross seven miles of water on a ferry boat. Something new for some of us including two of our grandchildren who were with us.

St. Petersburg is a wonderful place, but I will add that there is much contrast with the west coast of Florida and its east coast. The east coast is magnificently built up and is referred to as a "play ground" for younger ones, while on the Gulf Coast it is more commonly built up and the older folks go there to spend their time in a more quiet way. In St. Petersburg especially, the streets are wide and the sidewalks are lined with seats for people to spend their time unmolested.

Leaving here we were of course heading for Cherokee, N. C. But before I go any farther, I wish to recount part of our trip. When we left Jacksonville, we went to St. Augustine. To me and I think us all, it is a very interesting place, mostly because of its antiquity. The Spanish settled it in the 16th century, the British had possession of it along in the 17th. Flags of several different nations have flown over it, and as we all know, now Florida belongs to the Stars and Stripes. It is the oldest city in the U. S. The oldest school house is there, and we were in it. Life-size statues of scholars are sitting in their seats, likewise the man-teacher at his desk. Very impressive indeed. In the city there are one or two squares reserved as a park. In it stands a building (all open sides) which was used for the public auctioning of slaves. Yes, human beings without any consent of their own, were placed upon the block and sold to the highest bidder, even as we today sell a mule or a horse. Too bad that this wonderful land of America was ever so desecrated. There is much more that could be related concerning

St. Augustine, but space will not permit it, but the Fort built by the Spanish is still in a good state of preservation. It is a very large affair, the walls are from 12 to 16 feet thick. We walked through it, and were in the dungeon where twenty Indians were once held as prisoners and they all escaped therefrom. It is the oldest Fort in the U. S., and a massive affair.

Reverting again to our visit to St. Petersburg, we headed north via Macon, Ga., for Cherokee, N. C. We arrived there on Saturday evening, and after having supper in a restaurant owned and operated by an Indian Lady whom we had met on a previous visit, we obtained sleeping quarters at the "Mountain Tree Boundary Court"—a fine institution built, owned and operated by the Cherokee Indian people. It is an up-to-date structure and has the endorsement of the AAA association. It has been built since my last trip to Cherokee.

On Sunday morning we went to the Rock Springs Baptist Church on the Reservation where we had been before, and renewed our acquaintance. They were glad to see us. They have a white man as their preacher, and we enjoyed his sermon. The rest of the day we spent visiting around the Reservation. We left the next morning (Monday) for home via Lexington, Va., visiting the tomb of the noted general, Stonewall Jackson. We arrived back home the evening of May 29th none the worse for our trip.

You will no doubt have noticed that I have said very little if any, about the country we passed through. Well, there is some wonderful country in the south. It is true that in Florida there is much of it that we would call waste land. Yet there is so much of it good, that to me it is a wonderful land. I walked out into the orange and grapefruit groves, trees hanging with golden fruit, some of it almost touching the ground. The various species of palm trees are very attractive—especially the way they are lined up in the streets and parks. Daytona Beach, a natural speedway for automobiles, the sand is hard and the cars barely leave tire marks. The huge waves of the Atlantic rolling into shore continuously. Surely the God that created the universe is the God of all things.

In driving along the various waters, fish could be seen jumping out of the waters, apparently the waters were alive with them. The

cities are all wonderfully built and painted in various colors, so clean looking. The beauty thereof makes one ask the question: What can Heaven be? I mean of course for beauty. For conditions in Florida as well as other places are not too Godly. The Gulf Coast of Florida is much different than that of the Atlantic Coast. It is more of a place where people retire to, for quietness to live out their days. While the buildings are not so large and magnificent, yet the Gulf Coast is beautiful. At one place the highway was so close to the water, we stopped and gathered up some shells off the sandy shores, and took some pictures at water's edge.

Coming up through Georgia via Macon, we passed through pecan nut country, very large groves — many groves of nothing but pecan trees, evidently a paying crop to raise. The pecan tree is a lovely shaped tree. Also the many and large peach orchards, account for the by-name of the state. It is advertised on the auto licenses as "The Peach State." The tobacco fields are large and many as well. The large tobacco store houses in the cities speak loudly for the immensity of the tobacco business in the southern states. Though to me, it seems like waste energy in raising tobacco. It may be used to some good in some respects for what I know, but it is certainly damaging to the health of men and women. It is a common thing to see old women about ready for the grave blowing smoke into the air, and it is just as common to see young mothers with a babe in their arms, and two or three little tots at their side, puffing at a cigarette. What a degrading condition for mothers, yet the stronger sex, men, have set the example for them. I read that: "To the pure all things are pure." Surely we must not use that saying in justification for eating or drinking that which degrades, and also that which is injurious to health.

After all, this land of America is a land blessed by the All-Wise God. But, should we take liberties in the exercise of lusts and of our carnal desires, we shall suffer the consequences thereof. I often think of the words of Paul found in Romans 11-33, 34. "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are His judgements, and His ways past finding out! For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or hath been His counsellor?"

P.S. There is one thing I must

not forget to mention of this wonderful country. That is: One night we slept in Columbia, the next morning we passed through Norway, and then through Sweden, and had a late breakfast in Denmark. A great country is the U.S.A.

A MASTERLY WRITE-UP

By Sidney Rigdon

Messenger and Advocate

(Continued from last issue)

This servant, according to the Saviour, was to be one who should make his appearance in the last days, and was one of the all whom He warned to take care lest an awful fate awaited him; and if he did not receive the admonition, he should be cut off. He was warned minutely, not to eat and drink with the drunken, or smite his fellow servants; for if he did he should be cut off. To whom then, in the last days, can this apply? Whoever it is, or was, it was one the Lord acknowledged to be His servant, and He cut him off, because he refused to obey Him. Persons acquainted with the affairs at Nauvoo, will need no comment on the above words of the Saviour.

What was to take place when this disobedient servant was to be cut off? We are told in the 25th chapter, "Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps and went forth to meet the bridegroom, and five of whom were wise, and five of them were foolish," etc.

Mark this, that at the time when this cutting off of the servant took place, two things immediately took place, or was to take place. The going forth to meet the bridegroom, and a division in the kingdom of heaven, or the true church of Christ. No doubt can remain, but that the servant here spoken of, had been sent of the Lord—was, actually, the Lord's servant, but a disobedient one. And what follows in the 25th chapter, shows that this cutting off was to have an immediate effect on the church. Immediately after this mournful event—for surely it must be so to every thinking man—preparations were made for going forth to meet the bridegroom; it was then found that there were many without oil in their lamps; the consequence was, that a division took or was to take place at that time. Let us ask, a division in what? The answer is given, in the kingdom of heaven, or the true church of God.

Dear Brother, I ask you, through this letter to you, all the saints, acquainted with the facts as they

exist, to lay this case alongside the affairs of Nauvoo; and then reflect and consider.

But as the scriptures abound with evidence on this subject, I will invite your attention to some of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah, which only confirms what we have before written. In the 3rd chapter of his prophecy, commencing at the 16th verse we have a description of Zion. "Moreover, the Lord saith, because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched-forth necks, and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet, therefore, the Lord will smite a with a scab the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, and the Lord will discover their secret parts. In that day the Lord will take away the bravery of their tinkling ornaments about their feet, and their cauls, and their round tires like the moon. The chains, and the bracelets, and the mufflers, the bonnets, and the ornaments of the legs, and the headbands, and the tablets, and the earrings, the rings, and nose-jewels, the changeable suits of apparel, and the mantles, and the wimples, and the crisping pins, the glasses, and the fine linen, and the hoods, and the veils. And it shall come to pass, that instead of sweet smell, there shall be stink; and instead of a girdle, a rent; and instead of well set hair, baldness; and instead of a stomacher a girding of sackcloth; and burning instead of beauty. Thy men shall fall by the sword, and thy mighty in the war. And her gates shall lament and mourn; and she, being desolate, shall sit upon the ground. And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, we will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel; only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach."

A few remarks on the foregoing quotation, will place the subject, in a point of light, so clear, that "he who runs may read."

What the prophet here said, he said about the daughters of Zion: "Moreover," the Lord said, "because the daughters of Zion are haughty," etc. All then that he says afterwards, he says about the daughters of Zion, and none others. He says, "they walk with stretched-forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go." The representation given of them, is that of pride, haughtiness, and shameful wantonness. In the preceding part of the 3rd chapter he gives us a clue to the way they got

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EDITORIAL

Take Notice: July 28 and 29 (Saturday and Sunday) have been set aside for all our people that can, to gather at Detroit and spend the two days in worship. Everybody welcome, but all should remember that a gathering of this kind will cost money; the renting of a place suitable for such an occasion, besides the supplying of food to appease our hunger will have to be paid for. Everyone attending, should be prepared to help bear the financial burden. It will be a big job for the saints in the Detroit area to take care of, so we that attend should be prepared to meet the financial obligations that will be incurred. I presume that you will be notified later as to where it will be held.

means to enable them to gratify their corrupt desires. In the 14th verse we have the following remarkable sayings: "The Lord will enter into judgment with the ancients, (or elders) of His people, and the princes thereof; for ye have eaten up the vineyard; the spoil of the poor is in your houses. What mean ye, that you beat my people, and grind the faces of the poor? saith the Lord of hosts."

The prophet here charges the ancients or elders of the people, with spoiling the poor, eating up the vineyard, and having the spoil of the poor in their houses. The awful use made of this spoil of the poor, is but too clearly set forth. It was wasted on their lust. In consequence thereof, the daughters of Zion were to walk with stretched-forth necks, and wanton eyes; they were to have the spoil of the poor in their houses, and riot on the labors of others; and to finish their corruption and abomination, seven of them were to lay hold of one man, and say, we will eat our own food, and wear our own apparel; only let us be called by thy name to take away our reproach. This is the order of things, which I think has never existed but once, since the spread of Christianity in

the world. That a collection of fe could be got together, capable of such extraordinary conduct must be a matter of astonishment to all; but the prophet said such a thing would take place, and that too, in the Zion of God; and God would enter into judgement with them for it.

Let me here remark, that wherever this thing did take place, that society was one the prophet called Zion, or the people of God. No people on earth could go so far into corruption as apostate saints. Paul said of the Corinthian church in his day, that they had abominations among them which were not so much as named among the gentiles, that a man should have his father's wife.

Comment on the foregoing would be unnecessary, if all the saints were acquainted with facts as we are. Let all who are acquainted with Nauvoo, for years past, just read and think. Let me ask, did not their eyes see the streets paraded by females, haughty and insolent, riding, parading and gallanting, not even to military trainings excepted, until one of the principal officers of the military gave them an open rebuke. Has it not been, and is it not now considered a reproach by many, not to be united to some man as a wife, though he should have half a dozen at a time? If it is not so, then they do not believe the doctrine they teach themselves.

When these things are closely examined there is so near a resemblance between the description given of the daughters of Zion by Isaiah, and what has taken place in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, that the conclusion is forced on the mind, that he, the prophet, had his eye on that church, and actually called that church Zion. But what gives this still greater force, is, that if the things spoken by Isaiah do not transpire in the church of Latter Day Saints, then it is not the Zion of the last days; and their preaching vain, and their faith vain; for these things will take place in the Zion of God, in the last days. But now for the other side of this picture, for Isaiah does not stop here.

In the 4th chapter, 2nd verse to the close of the chapter, we have the following: "In that day shall the branch of the Lord be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel. And it shall come to pass that he that is left in Zion; and he that remaineth in Jerusalem

shall be called holy, and every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem: When the Lord shall have washed the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof, by the spirit of judgement, and the spirit of burning. And the Lord will create upon every dwelling-place of Mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for upon all the glory shall be a defence. And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the daytime from the heat and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain."

In the 2nd verse, the prophet says, "In that day shall the branch of the Lord be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel."

We ask, in what day? Not the day when the daughters of Zion were rioting on the spoils of the poor, walking with stretched-forth necks, and wanton eyes, mincing as they went; when seven of them were laying hold on one man to take away their reproach: that was a day of transgression, when the women ruled over the people of Zion; when the poor were spoiled, the people beaten, and their faces ground. No beauty or comeliness in that day; but there is a day, notwithstanding all this corruption, when the whole Zion of the Lord, which had been rioting in abominations, and the spoils of the poor, shall be beautiful and glorious. No, gentle reader, no, but the BRANCH of the Lord—that which is escaped of the Israel of God—those that fled these corruptions, and left them who were practising them, this branch shall be beautiful and glorious. When will it become beautiful and glorious? When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion? See verse 4th. What filth will the Lord wash away? Their prudery, seven of them clinging to one man, their pride, and their wantonness, their rioting on the spoils of the poor. When the Lord is doing this with the spirit of judgement, the branch of the Lord that has escaped, will be becoming beautiful and glorious.

(To be continued)

P.S. We must all remember, when reading this article, that the writer, Sidney Rigdon, was on the ground and could see and hear for himself as to what was going on in Nauvoo and in the Church at that date. (WHC)

WORD STUDY

ORIGINAL SIN—Solomon in his writings implies that man should be upright because of manifold manifestations that God had given man up until then. Indeed man should have been that way for God truly visited Israel many times in wonderful divers ways, by speaking to them and by revealing himself. But he states in the last verse of the 7th chapter of Ecclesiastes that instead of being upright that "they have sought out many inventions." By inventions he did not mean the natural improvements that the world has experienced in its progress, but rather I believe inventions of new doctrines, new dogmas, etc. One of these inventions is the doctrine of Original Sin, which has been accepted by many.

In man's endeavor to progress he has by many inventions (that is material) accomplished wonders. Each generation seems to improve upon the attainments of the preceding generation. Thus the ingenuity of man in this respect has been a blessing. However such is not the case in the spiritual. In fact it works contrariwise, and so instead of becoming a blessing, it is anything but that. It is, though, not hard to see why, for with the natural, man improves upon a product of man, but in the spiritual man as he is guilty of the above accusation by Solomon, tries to improve on God's work, and principles, etc. So it is in the case of the theory of original sin, some one tried to improve on a principle laid down in scripture, in which it clearly states that children are not guilty of a sin or sins of their fathers, (Adam being the first father). This invention has been accepted by many and is an effective instrument in accomplishing great lucrative gains, but this is about all that those that believe in this doctrine can boast of.

Let us examine a few scriptures that definitely refute a doctrine that children are born guilty and have original sin. In one scripture we read that "The wages of sin is death." In II Chronicles 25:4 we read: "The fathers shall not die for the children, neither shall the children die for the fathers, but every man shall die for his own sin." This was written hundreds of years ago, nevertheless this principle stands yet today as true doctrine. It is not hard to accept this true doctrine, which is that every one is guilty of his own sins, and his alone. Let me here use a simple illustration. If you were the own-

er of an automobile and you loaned it to a friend, then this friend would take your car out and would begin to speed and to go through red lights and stop signs and in general would drive recklessly. If an officer gave chase viewing all these things including the fatal crash of your friend, could he hold you guilty of the laws that your friend broke? I am sure that if he tried you would cry injustice! And rightly so. Why then should we think to dare to compare God to an unjust officer? But let us check further and compare further certain parallels. Though you could not be held guilty of the laws that your friend broke, yet you could be held responsible for any property damage done by him. The same holds true spiritually; you and I are not guilty, and never were guilty of Adam's original disobedience, howbeit we do suffer individually certain consequences of sin. Suffering consequences of sin and suffering being labeled guilty unrightly are two different matters. For we all must suffer more or less in this life because of the sins of others, for even Jesus suffered for the sins of the world. Each man will be asked to give an account of his own sins, and not another's.

At the conclusion of the sojourn of the Children of Israel there were only two (Caleb and Joshua) permitted to enter into that promised land plus all that were under twenty. Deut. 1:39, "Moreover your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, and all your children, which in that day had no knowledge between good and evil, they shall go in thither, and unto them will I give it, and they shall possess it." How false and contrary does the theory of original sin appear alongside of this verse! In Romans 5:13 we read "but sin is not imputed when there is no law." Need we any more comments, are these not enough, are they not conclusive proof that the doctrine of original sin is spurious, being the product of an emulated mind and not of a God fearing, meek and lowly man?

Let me here comment somewhat on another doctrinal invention, and that is the belief that Mary the mother of Jesus was divine and lived a sinless life, all of her days. It is indeed a noble thought to have of her, but there is no truth in it. This also is another illustration of man's attempt to improve on a Godly principle, and in so doing instead of it remaining truth it falls into falsity. In the scripture we read that all have sinned and have come short of the

glory of God. By all it definitely includes Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as all other mature persons that ever walked this earth, excepting of course Jesus alone. By Mary's own words we easily see through the truth of the matter, for she herself declared her own state by the spirit. When she visited Elizabeth she by the spirit spoke "My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit doth rejoice in God my Saviour." Luke 1:46, 47. By the spirit as we see she spoke that God was her Saviour. If God then was her Saviour what else can we conclude but that it was manifest to her that she too was a sinner? Religionists call this part of the scripture the "Magnificat." It indeed is a wonderful portion of the scripture, more wonderful though when we view it in the light of truth.

Jesus on various occasions spoke concerning his mother, brothers and sisters. He addressed her rightly from the cross when he said "Woman." He also placed her rightly when he said that not only was she blessed, but all that heard the word of God and kept it, would be similarly blessed and more. On another occasion as he stood before the multitude, and was told that his mother and brothers desired to speak to him, to them he said as he stretched forth his hands "Behold, my mother and my brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother." There is no doubt that Jesus loved his mother dearly, as well as she loved not only him, but God and righteousness. However even she had her shortcomings as is manifest in the scripture where it tells of Jesus staying in the temple when he was twelve, and his folks had gone a whole day's journey. After returning and finding him among the doctors, she scolded him with "Son why hast thou dealt thus with us?" May I ask here, needed he a scolding? I do not wish to use this to cast reflection on Mary the mother of Jesus, but strictly just to disprove false doctrine. For I do believe that the blessings and favor she enjoyed were indeed great, and that her chaste life with piety and good works is a noble example of what womanhood should be. If only half of those that worship her would endeavor to be like her, the world would truly be in a far better condition.

It is astounding that so many have allowed themselves to be led

astray by these inventions, or as is referred to in the New Testament as "doctrines of men." Verily the prophet did not warn in vain to "cease from man whose breath is in his nostrils," or another that said that "cursed is the man that puts his trust in the arm of the flesh." Contrariwise how wonderful it is to be freed from erroneous doctrines, and to have seen the light, and to have received the Spirit of God, to be led and taught by it. Brothers and Sisters of the Church, we indeed have much to be grateful for; let us then be constant in our services to Him, by giving Him our whole heart, and with diligence and perseverance endeavor to do better each day of our lives for only such servitude is befitting our Maker, the God of yesterday, today and forever.

Martin Michalko
Coraopolis, Pa.

One of a Series of Three Sermons
Delivered Over WCVI,
Connellsville, Pa.

By Bro. W. H. Cadman

In a series of five broadcasts by me over this station in March and April last, I dwelt upon the apostasy of the Church, or rather the Christian world apostatizing from the true order of the Gospel as established by the Saviour. And for one to claim that the true order of the plan of redemption was no longer upon the earth, it becomes the duty of any one making such claims, to produce evidence of a restoration of the Gospel back to earth again, or be accused, and justly accused of presenting unto you, a God of partiality — a God who is a respecter of persons. I believe that God is the same yesterday, today and forever, and likewise, Jesus Christ is the same "yesterday, and today, and forever." Heb. 13-8. In past ages of time it has been evident that God has pursued a course least expected by men. In fact it has been an outstanding characteristic with God, in order that we may not worship Him merely by what we see with the eye or hear with the ear, but rather as the Saviour has said: that those who worship Him, must worship Him in spirit and in truth.

Any one acquainted with their Bible will readily observe that Jesus being born into this world as He was, in order to redeem man from a lost and fallen state, was wholly unexpected on the part of His people, the Jews, for He says I came unto my own, and my own received me not. And, it was not

that they did not believe; for He says in John 14, "Ye believe in God, believe also in me."

Let us examine God's word some, for as one of the prophets has said, "Come let us reason together." In as much as we are believers in the Bible to be the word of God which points out the way of our redemption, and especially today when everywhere they are crying out, Christ is here and Christ is there and the Saviour says, believe them not. Does it not behoove us to examine the chart of salvation, and with what intelligence God has given us, get together and as the prophet has said: reason together? Let us take note of what Paul says in Hebrews 1-1, 2: "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets. Hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds." When we read the scripture, we learn that God spoke to His people through the prophets, he spoke to them by angels, and by heavenly messengers in various ways. When they worshipped Him faithfully, He spake to them in abundantly blessing them in ways absolutely needful for their welfare, both for time and eternity. When they would forget Him and transgress His will He spake to them in wrath, which was also for their good in this world as well as for the world to come. Hence the character of God is made manifest so vividly, that it does seem that we mortals should be able to reason together on the plan which the Lord has laid down for our salvation. And, as it is evident that His people reconciled themselves to the unexpected, their Messiah was born of a Virgin, let us consider the possibility of God moving in a way least expected by the masses of our day, for surely the Christian world is divided asunder in these turbulent times. Yea, times of wars and rumors of of war. We should not be surprised should God move in a way unexpected by us.

The Church of Jesus Christ believes in a restoration of the Gospel of Christ back to earth again. And the Apostle Paul has said: "If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed." I take from Paul's teaching in Galatians first chapter, that it is possible to preach a gospel other than the Gospel of Christ Jesus.

The most conspicuous mortal engaged in the restoration of the Gos-

pel was Joseph Smith, Jr. He was born in the year 1805 at Sharon in the state of Vermont. When he was about ten years old, his father and the family moved to Palmyra and later to Manchester, a town not far from Palmyra in New York State. Soon after this he says there arose an unusual excitement on the subject of religion in the community, and his father's family was mostly converted to the Presbyterian faith, while he himself was partial to the Methodist. He was young but still not so young but what he could detect the spirit of strife and confusion which existed with the various denominations of his day. He felt that it was impossible for him to decide which of the different churches were right, so he did not join any of them.

In these circumstances his mind naturally became aroused, and being interested in the welfare of his soul he began to read his Bible, which I might add is in accord with the teaching of the Saviour wherein He says: "search the scripture for in them ye think ye have eternal life." Whether consciously or otherwise, as to the Master's teaching, he was searching the scriptures to learn if possible, who was, or where was the right Church. His own reason taught him that all could not be His Church when they were so much at variance with each other. At this juncture may I ask: let us reason together, for we are taught that a house divided against itself cannot stand. Even Jesus asked the question relative to satan being divided against himself, "how then shall his kingdom stand?" The Lord Jesus Christ certainly taught a unity and oneness of spirit to be with His people.

While the young man Joseph Smith was reading his Bible one day, he read in the Epistle of James first chapter, and while reading the 5th verse, "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 gave him a spark of hope. Here is a wonderful promise to all men, no restrictions drawn as to who we might be, poor or rich, learned or unlearned, famous, or ostracized by men. It is the promise of God to all men, and especially to him or all who lack wisdom in the great plan of salvation. We sing a hymn so much, and wonderful it is: "Standing on the Promises of God." Joseph says that never did any passage of scripture come with more power to the heart of man than this did at that time to his. He then stands on

the promise of God. He lacked wisdom as to what Church to join, and he retires to the woods and approaches his Creator in prayer. Jesus taught: "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." He also teaches us in effect that if we ask in faith there is nothing impossible, even to the removing of a mountain.

The young man tells us in his testimony that when he bowed in prayer out in the woods, that he had a terrible struggle with the enemy of his soul. He was surrounded with the powers of darkness, and for a time thought he was doomed to destruction. You know that is the mission of the devil, to destroy. He is not in the world for any good, he even fears and trembles for he knows he will get his just dues at that great day, and he wants to get everybody else in the same boat if possible. Joseph tells us that suddenly a light shown upon him brighter than the sun and he found himself delivered from the enemy which had held him bound. Nothing out of the ordinary in this experience is there? Let us reason in this matter, did not Paul have a similar experience on the way to Damascus? Did they not have to lead him? Was he not stricken blind? Surely the Lord moved in a way least expected by Saul of Tarsus. Here is the young man Smith earnestly seeking his God, and he learns from Him in a way least expected. He says: As the light shone down on him, a Personage appeared, whose glory was beyond expression, and a voice spake unto him, saying "This is my beloved Son, Hear ye Him." Nothing too strange about this is there? Let us use our reason a little bit, were not Peter, James, and John just ordinary men at the Transfiguration of Christ? Yea, they were just weak mortal creatures, and without the assisting grace of God they would never have been able to carry on. If the devil could have had his own way, he would have made havoc of Peter, he would have sifted him as wheat. And the Saviour prayed for him.

The object of Joseph in approaching God in prayer, was to find out what Church was right. Why did he want to know such a thing? Because he was conscious of the fact that Jesus only established one Church, for He says I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father but by me. It seems to me that any reason-

able minded person must give the young man credit in as much as he went to God in prayer to find where was the true Church. To whom else could he go when they were crying, Christ is here and the other crying Christ is there. For all that Jesus was so cruelly treated and so despised, yet Peter had to proclaim: To whom shall we go, thou hast the words of eternal life. The voice which spake to Joseph Smith told him to join none of the Churches, for their creeds were an abomination in His sight. There is no doubt but what Saul of Tarsus got the surprise of his life when he learned that Jesus, Him whom he was persecuting so relentlessly was Lord of heaven. Likewise Joseph would get the surprise of his life to learn that the Christian world was so far astray from God, their creeds being an abomination unto Him. Yet when he relates his experience he was treated with scorn by the spiritual advisers of the day. It reminds me of the Apostle Paul when he was brought up before the kings and rulers of his day: He exclaims, I was obedient to the heavenly vision. Joseph Smith while almost ostracized by those who should have lent him a helping hand, was obliged to exclaim: I have seen a vision. In the words of him who is sometimes styled the silver-tongued-prophet, I say: Come let us Reason Together. Joseph Smith was undoubtedly used in the Restoration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

It is true that he was treated as a bad man, yea, he was accused of most everything except that which was good; and was adjudged as one not fit to live. I plead with my hearers tonight, not to be quick in passing judgement, but stop and consider the fact, that many a poor man has had to pay with his life for testimony he bore. In the days when Jesus was on earth He reminded many that they garnished the sepulchres of those whom their fathers had slain. He was adjudged not fit to live. Take Paul, one of the greatest men of the Christian era, he was accused of turning the world upside down. He was adjudged as not fit to live. You know he testified as to seeing a vision, and learned that Jesus had arisen from the dead. Likewise, history records a tragic death for many faithful servants of God. They were falsely accused and adjudged as not fit to live. May I ask? Can we expect anything better for a true servant of God today? Joseph Smith may have fallen short

at times. He may have done things he should not have done, but did not Paul do likewise? He himself says, I did things I should not have done, and left undone things I should have done.

Joseph Smith was put in jail because of things alleged that he had done, and along with his brother, they shot him dead. Does that prove him wrong? He is not here today to speak for himself, but he has left behind him one of the greatest books of all time, not excepting our Bible. The Apostle Paul in his day said: that God in these last days hath spoken unto them by His Son. So hath he spoken to us in these last days through the Book of Mormon from the dust, as spoken by the prophet. May I ask, come let us reason together?

BARLETT-RING NUPTIALS

Miss Darlene Ring, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne D. Ring of St. John, Kansas, and Mr. Cleo R. Bartlett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Bartlett of Stafford, Kansas were united in marriage in the Methodist Church in St. John on Saturday, May 26th. The Rev. M. S. McMillan, pastor of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Stafford officiated for the double ring ceremony. Darlene is a daughter of Sister Martha Ring, and also a granddaughter of the late brother and sister John A. Morgan of St. John. She is also a graduate of the St. John High School and has been employed as deputy County Clerk for the past five years. Mr. Bartlett is a graduate of Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Pa., and has been teaching school for the past two years, and will teach in the St. John High School this next fall. After a week's wedding trip the young couple will be at home in St. John. The Gospel News extends its best wishes to the young couple.

PALENO-MARINETTI NUPTIALS

Sister Elsie Paleno, of Detroit, Michigan, was united in marriage with Mr. Michael Marinetti, Jr., of Rochester, New York. The ceremony took place at twelve noon, March 24, 1951 at the bride's home with Brother Nicholas Pietrangelo officiating.

A reception was held in the evening where everyone was cordially invited. The witnesses were Joanne Frammolin, and Brother Paul Francione of Rochester, New York.

Due to Sister Nancy Marinetti's illness a lovely reception was held in honor of the bride and groom

in Rochester, where many relatives and brothers and sisters of that vicinity attended.

The newlyweds spent their honeymoon in Niagara and then in Rochester, New York. They will reside in Detroit at the bride's home. We wish them the best of luck and happiness in the future.

NEWS FROM SARNIA, ONT. June 12, 1951

Bro. Editor: The Sarnia Indian Mission has been enjoying the Ministry of several brethren from Detroit during the enforced absence of Bro. Joseph Lovalvo, because of the illness of Sister Virginia Lovalvo.

Many heartfelt prayers went up before our Heavenly Father for her soon and complete recovery, we love her sincerely and great was our joy when Bro. Joseph returned for our Sunday gatherings, telling us that we will have Sister Virginia in our midst again in the near future.

Bro. and Sister Furnier came one Sunday and Bro. Kennedy was here twice. When Bro. Marco Randazzo ministered to us one Sunday, it was to inform us that it was probably his last visit for sometime to come. We pray often that his family and he will enjoy the journey to the new field, and that our Father will so bless his ministry there, that Christ's glory shall be abundantly seen by men and His precious Name be praised. Last Sunday, June 10th, Bro. Joseph was accompanied by Bro. Dominic Moraco and the Holy Spirit's presence was clearly manifest as we worshipped in Sunday School and regular preaching service.

Tentative plans were mentioned for a Sunday-school picnic, also, the Detroit gathering in July was brought to our attention, and if God wills, many of us will try to attend. I think Bro. Joseph intends to train some of our children to sing there, just as they do in Sunday-school now.

Sister Maness, who underwent an operation some time ago, praises God that her recovery has been so speedy, she is able once more to do as her heart desires for her family, and we have witnessed God's answers to prayer in that home, for which we give Him all the glory. Bro. Aylmer N. Plain.

MT. BRYDGES, ONT. June 11, 1951

Brother Editor: Sorry I didn't get this subscription money sent sooner, so am sending it directly to you.

Am missing the beautiful poems of Catherine Poma in the recent editions of the Gospel News. Hope to see more soon for I cut them all out to save.

I was able to get to church recently for the first time in eighteen months. It was wonderful to be back and meet with the saints again and to hear some good sermons. Sincerely, Sister Velda Barclay.

NEWS FROM LOCKPORT, N.Y. By Paul D'Amico

Brother Editor: This past Sunday, June 10th, the glory of God was in our midst throughout our services. We had two candidates for baptism and after quite a silence we went back to the waters of baptism. Florence Eberhart of Lockport and John Ramella of Niagara Falls were baptized in Bond Lake on Sunday and confirmed members of The Church of Jesus Christ. It did my heart good to take these into the waters and it is my prayer that God might call many more into the fold. Love to all. Bro. Paul D'Amico.

Obituary

SISTER BERARDINO PASSES ON

Sister Mary Berardino, aged 58, of 326 S. Truesdale, Youngstown, Ohio, died on May 31, 1951. She was born August 26, 1892 in Pacentro, Italy. Sister Mary was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ since March 25, 1920. She had been ill for six months.

Besides her husband, Brother Rocco Berardino, she leaves six daughters: Mrs. Travis Perry, Mrs. Stephen Koss, Lydia, Eva, Margaret, and Elizabeth, and four sons: Joseph, Ralph, and Elliot, of Youngstown, and John with the Marines in California; also three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at our Church building June 4, with Brother A. A. Corrado officiating and Brother Vincent Clemens assisting. We had a nice attendance of Brothers, Sisters, and friends. Sister Ritz.

SISTER NANCY MARINETTI PASSES ON

Sister Nancy Marinetti of Rochester, N. Y., passed away on May 23rd after a long period of suffering. She leaves behind her husband,

Bro. Michael Marinetti, four sons, four daughters, nine grandchildren and five Sisters. I was requested to conduct the funeral services on May 28, with Brother Randazzo of Detroit assisting me. Paul D'Amico.

PS. The last two times I visited in Rochester, I visited Sister Marinetti on her sick bed. It has not been long since she was a stout-hearted looking woman, but she was stricken down and suffered much. To her family consolation should be yours. Her suffering is now over, and the faithful will find a resting place in the Paradise of God. Bro. Cadman.

"Husbands, Love Your Wives"

"Wives obey your husbands" is oftentimes quoted, but you do not hear so much about "Husbands love your wives." I wonder why! Are husbands partial? Are they all one-sided? Are they unthoughtful of her who bears their children?

Let's see what the Apostle of Jesus Christ has to say about this as found in Ephesians 5 beginning with verse 25. "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the Church, and gave himself for it; That He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word. That He might present it to Himself a glorious Church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself."

According to the Apostle, a husband should love his wife, even as Christ loved the Church. I read that Jesus purchased the Church with His own blood. Surely He must have loved the Church when He would die for her. Do husbands love their wives to that extent today? Or are they selfish and more concerned about having their wives held in obedience. The love of Jesus is so intense for the Church, that He would have her without spot, wrinkle, or blemish. Are husbands so much concerned about their wives today? Jesus loved us all even when we were sinners, and died for us. I believe that if all men loved their wives as Christ loved the church, there would not be so much business for the Divorce Courts of today. All men should remember, that as far as the teachings of Jesus Christ and His servant Paul are concerned, obedience and virtue are as much required of the stronger sex as of the weaker. (WHC).

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H O M E - C O M I N G

When I've completed here my term on Earth,

And I am ready for the soul's re-birth,

I'll leave upon this land my every care,

And meet my Saviour over there.

I'll fix my eyes upon that golden shore. . .

And Jesus' smile shall be my only oar;

And when I'm close enough to hear His voice,

Oh, then, I truly shall rejoice.

Chorus

Oh, Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Sing!

The very heavens with my song shall ring!

A day of days this coming home shall be,

The great day set aside for me!

He'll come and meet me . . . maybe in the air?

And bring me raiment, oh, so very fair;

And when I'm gloriously thus arrayed,

He'll lead me to a table laid.

Around the table shall be faces, new,

And yet, somehow, I'll recognize them, too.

They'll raise their voices in a joyous hymn. . .

And I shall sing along with them.
Catherine Poma

G.M.B.A. in Detroit, Michigan

The semi-annual meeting of the Missionary Benevolent Association took place on Saturday, May 19th, 1951 at the church building in Detroit, Michigan, Branch No. 3. There was a delegation present from California, Kansas, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Canada, and New York.

After business was disposed of a very interesting program was presented in speech and song concerning the Life of Christ.

The General M. B. A. will be held the second Saturday in November in Glassport, Pa.

Sec. Sis. Ruth E. Akerman

God's Attitude Towards Sin;
What Attitude Do You Take?

Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. I John 3:4—Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Rom. 12:9—These six things doth the

Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth DISCORD among brethren. Prov. 6:19 to 19 inclusive.

In the Book of Mormon, "And he said: Thus saith the Lord God—Cursed shall be the land, yea, this land, unto every nation, kindred, tongue, and people, unto destruction, which do wickedly, when they are fully ripe; and as I have said so shall it be; for this is the cursing and the blessing of God upon the land, FOR THE LORD cannot look upon SIN with the least DEGREE OF ALLOWANCE." Alma 45:16. Bear in mind all readers, I have quoted the WORD of GOD as it is written. It is further written that God is not partial and changeth NOT.

In the Doctrine and Faith of The Church of Jesus Christ, pamphlet No. 1 on page 6, it is written: Repentance is a Godly sorrow for our sins with a FIXED determination to SIN NO MORE.—Harmonious with Jesus, wherein He says: "Neither do I condemn thee, but go and SIN NO MORE." (WHC)

AN ACCOUNT OF MEXICO TRIP

Elder W. H. Cadman,

Thought I would drop you a few lines to let you know that we have returned from Mexico after three months stay in that country. During that time we visited many of the archeological sites and made a seventeen day trek into the jungles to make an effort to contact the white Indian people there. We had quite an experience and were fortunate in being able to bring back over three hundred color-slide pictures of the places and people we visited. Our journey took us into Guatamala and Yucatan, where we met with many of the Mayan people and some of the wild Lancandonos in the jungle who still hunt with the bow and arrows.

We were able to get within 15 to 20 miles of the walled city of the white Indian people, but the second day out from civilization, the rains of the tropics started to fall in torrents, and the rivers soon became raging torrents, which were

dangerous to cross. We crossed two rivers, one in Indian dugout boats and the other on mules in swift water that was belly deep for them. When we got to the village of the Lancandonos, the chief there refused to let his people guide us further into the jungles as we would have to cross another river, high in the mountains that was too dangerous.

So we had to return disappointed and discouraged without reaching our objective. However, we found many evidences that these people really exist there, and the guide we had, provided for us by the people of Yucatan, was able to describe the people there and their city just as we heard it here. We hope by next Winter to make another effort to locate these people, and will give lectures and show our pictures this Summer and Fall to help raise funds for that trip.

While in the jungles both Sister Wheaton and I contracted the dysentery, which weakened us considerably, making us very ill and causing us to lose considerable weight. We thought that we had checked it, but evidently we still carried germs and virus in our systems, for we were constantly feeling fatigued. We held up till we delivered our report here at Independence to a goodly gathering, and had started a series of meetings for the local Church of Christ. Feeling worn-out we consulted our physician and he had us go to the hospital for treatment, and advised cancelling of our series of meetings. This we did, and spent several days there in bed. Now we are around again, and are planning a trip east to carry on our work in the field. Thought perhaps you people there might enjoy seeing our pictures and hearing our experiences, so take this opportunity of offering to come there if you so desire. We have many pictures of the great archeological sites in Mexico, in beautiful color, showing the ruins of great cities which give mute testimony of an advanced civilization such as described in the Book of Mormon, as well as some artifacts, and pictures of marvelous and ingenious workmanship in gold and precious gems. There is no believer in the Book of Mormon and Restoration of the Gospel, but whose faith in them will be enhanced by seeing them. Our faith in the Book of Mormon was greatly strengthened

by our experiences, and our desire is to give support to all who believe in the divine authenticity of it.

We expect to be in Eastern Canada about the middle of July, and from there go east into New York, if our time will permit. During that period we may be able to work in a couple of lectures for you, if desired. We have made no admission charges for these lectures but the people have been generous with their free-will offerings to help us along the way, as we have our car and personal expenses to take care of while thus travelling.

Hope this finds every thing okay with you and yours and that we may hear from you again in the near future. I presume you received our note last winter thanking you for your contribution to the funds of our trip. It was such help as that which made it possible for us to go and bring back so much information beneficial to all believers in the Restoration. A letter addressed to our home here, will reach us any place in the country as our mail is forwarded each day. Clarence L. Wheaton, 204 West Sea Ave., Independence, Mo.

A MASTERLY ARTICLE

By Sidney Rigdon

Messenger and Advocate

Nov. 1, 1844 Pittsburgh, Pa.

(Continued from last issue)

Here we might indulge ourselves inquiring into the situation of this Branch of the Lord that is to become glorious. Mark, they were those who had escaped—who had fled from the corruptions of the polluted daughters of Zion. This is the branch that is to become glorious. The very fact of their having escaped, supposes that at one time they were in the midst of those who had corrupted their way before the Lord; and under such circumstances, must have much experience, having been acquainted, not only with the things which were according to the will of God, but also the corruptions, which caused the Lord to enter into the judgement with those who had corrupted their way before him. They had an opportunity of knowing what was, and what was not displeasing to the Lord. They had seen the Zion of God before it was corrupted, the peace, the joy, the union which prevailed, the good will which reigned; and they had seen it after it was corrupted; and could see and feel the change, the great change, which took place after the corruptions complained of

by the prophet had crept in, and men and women began to riot on the spoils of the poor, and have stretched-forth necks, and wanton eyes. In all these matters, they were the best judges, and the only competent judges on earth. They had seen prophets lead the people astray, and enter into houses and seduce silly women, laden with sins.

Man may read of these things, and say in their hearts, they are evil, but a man who has seen them with his eyes, and heard them with his ears, knows something about them, that no other could know. He is better prepared to guard himself and others against these, and all other abominations, than those who have never had the same experience could be.

The people who have been made to feel the effect of these corruptions, are prepared to withstand prophet or apostle, who may make such attempt again. The spirit of those who are thus corrupted, he is able to detect at first sight; having once seen it manifested, he always knows it afterwards. Thus qualified, and thus prepared, the branch of the Lord which had escaped was in every way qualified to become beautiful and glorious; and, if we can credit Isaiah, none others were, for it was the branch which had escaped the corruptions he had there described, that should become beautiful and glorious, and after that branch had become beautiful and glorious, the fruit of the earth was to become excellent and comely for them.

Let the saints and all others reflect on this. The whole glory of the world, if we are authorized to credit Isaiah, which is to come to pass in the last days, is to begin with a branch of the Lord, which is escaped from the corruptions of those with whom, at one time, they were connected, a people who had so far departed from all the principles of truth and decency, as for seven of their women to take hold on one man and be called by his name; a people that could riot on the spoils of the poor, and grind their faces; and all this under the garb of religion. If you can find any such branch as that, know that it shall be glorious, for the Lord, by the mouth of Isaiah, hath spoken it. And all those who wish to be sharers in the glory, let them be partakers with this branch, and they cannot fail, or the scriptures fail.

That the things here spoken of by Isaiah, were to take place in the last days, is manifest from what he says in the last part of

this 4th chapter. It is there said, after the Lord has purged away the filth of the daughters of Zion, he will create upon every dwelling-place of Mount Zion and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night; for upon all the glory shall be a defence. And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the day-time from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain.

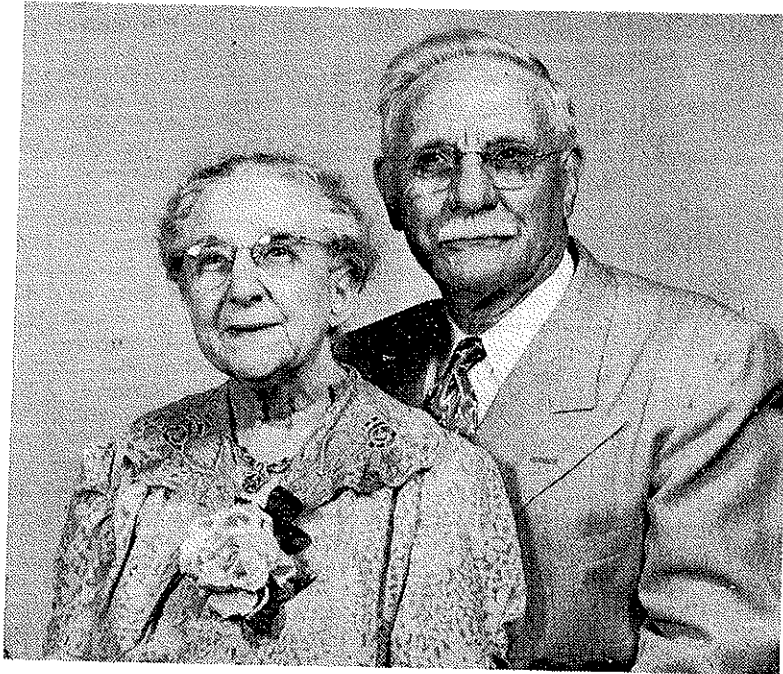
All who are at all acquainted with matters and things as they now exist, or have existed, since the days of Isaiah, know that no such things as the above have existed since his day, but if his testimony is true, they are to exist after the Lord has purged away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and purged away the blood of Jerusalem, by the spirit of burning and the spirit of judgement. And this purging, and this burning, is not to take place until after the branch of the Lord has escaped; for it is through this branch that all the glory is to come.

Then indeed, in the true Zion of God, in the last days, there were to be systems of corruption, wanton women, and dissolute men, that were to corrupt themselves and cause the judgements of God to be revealed against them, and to cause a separation, and a branch to go forth from them, which in the end is to become beautiful and glorious. This the prophet says was to take place in the Zion of God; and it is only in the last days it can take place.

Now if the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, is the Zion of God, then fellow saint and sinner, the whole story of the spiritual wife system is told; and that it is the true church of Christ, let the corruptions of that body speak for themselves. He that hath eyes may see, and he that hath ears may hear, and he that hath a heart may understand, for the very corruptions which Isaiah said should take place among the daughters of Zion, have taken place in that church, not only the corruption, but the separation also, and all the rest will doubtless follow.

Now let me call the attention of all the saints to the facts already disclosed. We have seen by the writings of Paul that in the last days, in the church of Christ, an apostacy was to take place, that men were so far to depart from the true faith, and to be so completely led by seducing spirits, as to go into houses and lead astray silly women, laden with sins, and

Brother and Sister W. H. Cadman, June 27, 1951



We take this means of thanking all those who remembered us on our 50th wedding anniversary with gifts, cards and telegrams.

that too, under the sanctity of religion. This thing has actually taken place in the church of Latter Day Saints.

Isaiah says that in the Zion of God the men would become oppressors, and live on the spoils of the poor, and the women would become wanton, and seven of them would take hold on one man, to be called by his name, the same as to become his wife. This also has taken place in Nauvoo. The Saviour said that before His second advent he should have an evil servant whom he had appointed to give meet to his house in due season, who, instead of so doing, would go to eating and drinking with the drunken, and to smiting his fellow servants, and that He would cut off that servant, in an hour when he did not look for it. This also has actually taken place, not only the eating and drinking with the drunken—smiting the fellow servants—but the cutting off also, and that at an unexpected hour; for that servant did say, not long before his death, that he would live five years from the time he delivered the prophecy, but behold in an hour unexpected, he was cut off. The Lord said that at the time, or in the days preparatory to His coming, that the mighty men of Zion should fall in the war. This has also taken place. Let the reader ponder these things in his heart, for one thing

is certain, and that is, that what the prophets, apostles, and the Saviour himself said, should take place in the last days in the Zion of God, has taken place in the church of Latter Day Saints, be they, or be they not the church of Christ; and to finish the whole, it was said that among the things which were to take place, was that of a division in the church. This is now taking place before the eyes of all living, and a branch that separated was to become beautiful and glorious. Time will determine this.

It may here not be amiss while on the subject of division, to attend to some of the Saviour's words, in addition to those already noticed. In the 13th chapter of Matthew, beginning with the 25th verse, to the 35th inclusive, we read as follows: "Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, the kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field; but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence hath it tares? He said unto them, an enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, wilt thou that we go and

gather them up? But he said, nay; lest, while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say unto the reapers, gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn."

"Another parable put he forth unto them saying, the kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field; which indeed is the least of all seeds; but when it is grown it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches, thereof."

The Saviour put forth three parables, The kingdom of heaven, according to the first, was likened to a man that sowed good seed in his field, but while he slept an enemy came and sowed tares in the field, both of which, the owner of the field said, should grow together till the harvest, and at the time of the harvest, the reapers were to gather the tares, and bind them into bundles to be burned; but the wheat was to be gathered into the barn. This parable the Saviour explains to His disciples, see the 37th verse, and onward. He that sowed the good seed, was the Son of man; the field, the world; the good seed, the children of the kingdom; the tares, the children of the wicked one; the enemy that sowed them, the devil; the harvest, the end of the world; and the reapers, the angels or messengers.

P.S. Elder Rigdon handles this subject masterly in my opinion. (WHC)

The Second of A Series of Three Sermons Delivered Over WCVI at Connellsville, Pa. On Jan. 14, 1951
By W. H. Cadman

In my talk last Sunday evening, my closing words were "come let us reason together. These words are found in Isaiah 1-18, and if you will read the chapter carefully, you will learn that he is speaking to his own people, Judah and Jerusalem. You will also learn that they have become an evil people. Hence the prophet appeals unto them: Come now let us reason together. The object of this appeal would be without doubt, that they discover the errors of their ways and correct themselves, and keep their feet on the narrow way, which would lead them to the Christ, for he says in chapter 9—verse 6, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given: and

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EDITORIAL

THE ZION OF GOD: Therefore, woe be unto him that is at ease in Zion - - - Possible to be at ease in Zion is it not? Woe be unto him that crieth all is well! - - - It is emphatic from the foregoing; that all is not well in Zion. But the laborer in Zion shall labor for Zion; for if they labor for money they shall perish. - - - Possible for the laborer in Zion to labor for money, is it not? Wherefore, if they should have charity they would not suffer the laborer in Zion to perish. - - - Possible for the laborer to perish in Zion, is it not?

And awake, and rise from the dust, O Jerusalem; and put on thy beautiful garments, O daughter of Zion; and strengthen thy stakes and enlarge thy borders forever, that thou mayest no more be confounded, that the covenants of the Eternal Father which He hath made unto thee, O house of Israel, may be fulfilled. - - - It is evident that the daughter of Zion has been confounded, and there is no promise that she will not again be confounded, unless she awake and rise from the dust.

It is evident that the people of the Restored gospel are very much as is the world. Are they not concerned about their beautiful homes and its furnishings? Have they not said in sense, if not in word: the time is not yet? Is it not evident that they are at ease in Zion? Is it not time to awake up and become a standard for all men to follow after? Surely it is plain to all readers of the Book of Mormon, that the true church must carry the gospel to the Lamanite people.

the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

The prophets of the Lord, and especially Isaiah, seemed much concerned about the welfare of their people, for they realized that their hopes must be centered in Him, their promised Messiah. For them

there was no other way of deliverance from sin, except in and through this Wonderful Counsellor, the Mighty God. In speaking of his people Israel, "We all like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." Even though the prophet was much concerned for the welfare of his people, yet he sees, according to his own utterances, that Israel would go astray. We read that when Jesus did come, His own received Him not, but He says I will build my Church.

In building His Church, it was not a matter of wood and stone or other material things, but it was built with the precious things of Heaven as taught by Him. The Sermon on the Mount, known as the Beatitudes, being the fundamentals and life of the institution known as His Church; where all people should find a resting place for their souls. No strife, nor contention within its portals, inasmuch as its 'habitants abided in the beatitudes, yea, within the precious stones that formed its walls, placed there by the Wise Master Builder, even Jesus the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world. The Church which He built was likened to a city on a hill, which could not be hidden.

In my previous discourses as referred to in my talk last Sunday evening, I quoted much scripture to support the contention that the Church was overcome by the evil power, the same power that led Isaiah's people astray, to such an extent, and even as Christ has been preached now for nearly two thousand years, yet strife and contention abound throughout Christendom in the day in which we now live; the will of God not yet being done in earth as it is in heaven. Instead of nations (Christian or otherwise) beating their swords into plowshares, they are now doing as the prophet Joel predicted, beating their plowshares into swords and their pruning hooks into spears. Yea, preparing for greater wars than ever.

In spite of all the edifices, we have built; and you, both Protestants and Catholics have filled the world with the finest kind of structures, which have cost millions upon millions of dollars, where to some extent Christ is being preached, and yet to no avail as far as creating peace in the world. As for the Spirit of Christ and brotherly love in the world, Christian or heathen as you may wish to term it, there are no visible signs of us beating our swords into plow-

shares and spears into pruning hooks and learn war no more, as the prophet said the nations would eventually do: Evidently another gospel has been, and still is being preached in our great edifices. Yea, a different Gospel than what was preached by Paul and Peter. The Gospel that was taught by them did bring the souls of men and women to repentance and obedience and in some instances they even sold their possessions and lay the proceeds down at the apostles' feet. Not much wonder Mr. Wesley was made to exclaim, "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." And then in the anguish of his soul he cries out: Where shall I wander now to find, Successors they have left behind. Personally, I believe that the signs of the present time indicate very strongly that an apostasy has taken place with the Church since the days of the Apostles of Jesus Christ.

It is written of Roger Williams who is referred to as the founder of the Baptist Church in America as follows: "He (Roger Williams) conceived that the apostasy of Anti-Christ hath so far corrupted all, that there can be no recovery out of the apostasy till Christ should send forth new apostles to plant the Church anew." It is further written of him that he left the Church and for years had nothing to do with it, and he declared that the imperfections could only be removed by God speaking from heaven and restoring the new apostles and organizing a Church as in the first century. I might add that the formation of the Church as given by Paul in Ephesians Chapter 4 had apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. Their purpose was "for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the Ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ, that we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive," etc. I have quoted you the words of the Apostle Paul. I know not of any greater authority among men. He was aggressive in righteousness, zealous in the service of God, and faithful to the trust invested in him until he was silenced by the executioner's ax,

which history records took place in Rome.

Now if it was necessary for the Church to have Apostles, Prophets, etc., in the days of Paul and his colleagues, that is his brethren in Christ, and which was established by the Saviour Himself, for He said: I will build my Church, which He adorned with the wonderful gifts as mentioned in First Corinthians, chapter 12, and in verse 24 Paul says: "For our comely parts have no need: but God hath TEMPERED the body (His Church) together, having given more abundant honor to that part which lacked." I ask: if these things and conditions were necessary in the Church at the beginning, to bring all to a unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God; how can we come to that state of perfection in any other way than that which was planned and established by the all-wise Master Builder, yea, even Christ Himself. You know, I like the words of the poet wherein he says "My Jesus hath done all things well."

There is an old saying as follows, "there are none so blind as those that can see, but won't see." Surely then, if we still possess our senses of seeing and hearing, we can readily observe that there is little or no contrast between Christianity and non-Christianity today. Instead of Christians obeying the command as given in Second Corinthians 6-17, "Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you." They in general have become a part of the world because of mingling therewith. The command for the followers of the humble Nazarene to keep themselves from being unequally yoked together, and to be separate from sinners is just as much a command, as the command, "Thou shalt not steal and thou shalt not commit adultery," etc.—There is but one God and He has commanded as I have quoted from His word. I read that He changeth not. Is it much wonder then that a "voice came from heaven saying: Come out of her my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and ye receive not her plagues." The plagues will plague the Christian world as well, if they allow themselves to be partakers of this sinful world, for it is written, "Ye cannot serve God and Mammon too."

I appeal to my hearers again: Come now let us reason together, for in the language of Job, 14-4, I ask: "Who can bring a clean thing

out of an unclean? not one."—The same cause will produce its own kind. If we sow evil we shall reap evil, and if we live righteously we shall be rewarded with righteousness or that which is good. Seeing then, the conditions are, as I have endeavored to convey, how can this Christian world of today, Protestant or Catholic prepare a bride for the Saviour to come to, and wed? Yea, how can a clean thing come out of the unclean? Naturally when a young couple become betrothed to each other, the bride wants to appear at her best when the wedding day comes, and as a rule she is gorgeously robed and is beautiful to look upon.—In her appearance she desires to be free from all blemishes. The Church then as His bride, must and should appear as "not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." How can the good of all Churches as is claimed by many, ever be prepared as the bride of Jesus Christ? It is a fact that cannot be successfully disputed, that those who are the good of all, are divided asunder on the very simplicity of the plan of salvation as designed by the Master Builder. We are taught that a house divided against itself cannot stand. It is necessary then that the instance which John sees in Rev. 14-6, 7 shall come to pass.

"And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgement is come; and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters."

To all who are serious about their soul's salvation, the foregoing is a very significant passage of scripture. No one will dispute the fact, that while John was on the earth in the flesh, but that he was carrying out the injunction of the Wise Master Builder, that is, preaching the gospel to the inhabitants of the world; and for the testimony of Jesus, he was exiled on the island. And while there, he experienced as in Rev. 1-1, 2, 3, "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: Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and all things that he saw. Blessed is he

that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand." Yea, the time is at hand when the judgements of God are fast falling on this sinful world, and, because of the apostasy the gospel was no longer on the earth, but it was in the hands of the angel of God, and the command was given to all people to worship the God who created heaven and earth, and all things therein, which is evidence that they were not worshipping the true God, but were worshipping an imaginary God, one that has neither body, parts, nor passions. Such a God does not exist. Let us all remember that God in all ages has sent angels to minister unto man.

OBSERVATIONS

Applications for marriage licenses, 57; divorces granted, 43; divorce suits filed, 25. Marriages, 57; divorces possible, 68; at least highly probable, the account balanced. That was the record for one day in — no, not Hollywood, California, or Reno, Nevada, but Allegheny County, Pennsylvania; the date, Thursday, June 21, 1951. The facts in themselves are so shocking that further comment is not needed.

The above article, "Observations," is not taken from a "Periodical" devoted to righteousness, but to the current news of the day. Whether the Editor is a devoted man to the service of God, I know not; but this much I believe is justifiable on my part to say, that he sees the horrifying conditions in this so-called Christian country in his following statement: "The facts in themselves are so shocking that further comment is not needed." It is terrible indeed, yet Allegheny County, Pa., is but one small spot in our country. Matterless of who of the MANY churches is the fair-bride of the Saviour, the fact remains in the words of Jesus Christ whom all claim to follow: "That from the beginning it was not so."

To all churches who believe the Book of Mormon to be a revelation from God in these last days, and which is to become one with the Bible in exposing false doctrine etc., the Book teaches you that more than one wife is abominable in the sight of God, and that He delights in the chastity of women.

The Saviour also declares in III Nephi 12-32 that whosoever shall put away his wife for any other cause except fornication; that is she may be faithful to her husband

as to her marriage vow and be put away for another cause, yet if she marry again she commits adultery and he that marrieth her commits adultery also. This conforms with the words of the Saviour in Matthew 5-32, and it certainly is in accord with the Apostle Paul, wherein he teaches that the marriage covenant is binding until death dissolves it.

To all people of the restoration, it is very plain in III Nephi 27th Chapter, that you are not the TRUE Church of Jesus Christ, unless you are built upon His gospel. His word certainly defines His position as to the marriage ties. It is true that the Kingdom of Jesus Christ cannot be held responsible for divorce conditions in this world, but it certainly will be responsible for that which is allowed to be within its own realms. According to the Book of Mormon, the professors of that time sought to excuse themselves, because of the doings of prophets of old. The same spirit has entered professors in the restored gospel since the angel flew to Cumorah's Hill. (WHC)

JOSEPHS IN THE SCRIPTURE An M.B.A. Topic

The name Joseph is a Hebrew word and means "he will add." I find in the scriptures and in bringing forth of the Book of Mormon many men named Joseph who really have added important events and interesting reading for us. The first man in the Old Testament to have the name of Joseph is the son of Jacob and Rachel. The first account we have of Joseph was when he was 17 years of age. He was the favorite son of his father, Jacob. Being as Jacob loved his son so well, he made him a coat of many colors. This caused his brothers to grow jealous of him, and they would not speak one kind word to him. This feeling became worse, for Joseph told his brothers some of the dreams which he dreamed from time to time. Then, one day when he was out in the field, his brothers decided to throw him into a pit, but some slave dealers came along, and the brothers sold Joseph to them. Joseph was taken to Egypt, and lived in the house of a rich man for a number of years. His master liked him very much, but one day a lie which was told him about Joseph made the master so angry he put Joseph into prison. While Joseph was in prison, the king of Egypt had a dream, and finding out that Joseph could tell the meaning of dreams, called upon him to help

him. Joseph explained it to him. The king was so grateful to him that he made him a ruler.

This Joseph we can see had many, many good qualities in his life that we could pattern after. He is the only Joseph recorded in the Old Testament. Next we go to the New Testament and we find the first Joseph here to be the husband of Mary, the mother of Jesus. This Joseph was also the son of a Jacob. He was a very kind and thoughtful husband to Mary, especially when they fled to Egypt. The scripture doesn't give us much about Joseph, but it was quite an honor to be considered worthy to care for the boy Jesus as a father.

The next Joseph we find is called Joseph of Arimathea who was an important man in the story of Jesus. He was the man who went to Pilate and begged the body of Jesus. He wrapped Jesus' body in linen cloth and put it in the tomb.

Next we come to another Joseph who was instrumental in bringing forth the record known as the Book of Mormon. This man has been prophesied as one to whom was delivered a book and told to "Read this" and he said, "I am not learned." He didn't have much education of the world but he was used as an instrument in the Lords hands. This man was Joseph Smith. At the age of fourteen he became greatly disturbed over all the religious revivals that were taking place in western New York and Pennsylvania. He wondered which of these churches was right. At home, he had been taught to read the Bible, and while reading it one day, he came upon the fifth verse of the first chapter of the Epistle of James:

"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." On a spring morning he went into the woods of his father's farm to pray. After kneeling down, he saw a pillar of light over his head, above the brightness of the sun, which descended gradually until it fell upon him. In the light appeared two heavenly personages in the form of men, who announced themselves as God the Father, and His Son, Jesus Christ. The boy found his speech and in conversing with them was told that none of the churches then organized were right. The story of his vision caused him to be singled out for ridicule among his companions and neighbors. On the night of September 21, 1823, after having retired for the evening, he prayed earnestly for more light and understand-

ing. His room grew light, and there stood a personage clothed in white who announced himself as Moroni. Three times that night Moroni visited him, and again the next day, telling him among other things of the ancient record deposited in the Hill Cumorah. Four years later, the young man was permitted to take the record from the hill. After translating this record, the resultant book proved to be a history of the Nephite and Lamanite nations of early America, ancestors of the American Indians.

In this record which Joseph Smith was instrumental in bringing forth we find another Joseph, the son of Lehi. Lehi's blessing upon each of his sons was great but the blessing upon Joseph, his last-born was truly great. Lehi, before he died, said to Joseph, "Blessed are thou, Joseph. Behold, thou art little; therefore, hearken to the words of thy brother Nephi and it shall be done to thee even as I have spoken. Remember the words of thy father." Joseph obtained a promise of the Lord, that out of the fruit of his loins the Lord God would raise up a righteous branch unto the house of Israel.

Now we come to another Joseph in the Book of Mormon—Joseph, the Choice Seer. We as a people have long looked forward to the day when this scripture will become a reality. Lehi quoted the prophecy of his forefather Joseph that the Lord would raise up a Choice Seer from among his descendants who is to be great like Moses. His name is to be Joseph and as Moses was used to deliver Israel from Egypt, so will Joseph, the Choice Seer, be used to deliver Israel in the latter days, even to bringing them to a knowledge of the Gospel of Christ.

I think that you will agree with me that men by the name of Joseph have lived very interesting lives and have given us a good topic to study.

By Sister Irene Bickerton

A TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

On Saturday, June 25th I accompanied Bro. Alvin Swanson of Export, R. D., Pa., to Washington to visit and spend Sunday with the few that have obeyed the Gospel in the capital city of our country.

On arriving at the home of Sister Stephens, we found our folks all very well, though Sister Stephens is not too well herself. We held meeting in her home on Sunday morning and afternoon, and all were active and I believe all enjoyed themselves. Like some oth-

er places, they are obliged to meet in their homes. To rent a public place, rent is very high. Their number is small, yet I was agreeably surprised to learn of their efforts in building up a fund for the purpose of providing a place of their own to worship in. Bro. Swanson makes the trip frequently, and is doing what he can to establish the Church in the Capital City.

While in Washington we looked up Mr. Dale L. Morgan, the author of the Bibliography of The Church of Jesus Christ, published in The Western Humanities Review, Vol. IV, No. 1 Winter 1949-50, and of which the Church obtained 1000 copies of a reprint of the article, of which nearly all have been sold.

Personally, I was very glad to meet Mr. Morgan. He is a professional writer and historian. He received his education in the University of Utah and I believe is well fitted for the vocation he has chosen. He was ready and eagerly answered the many questions Bro. Swanson and I asked him, though our conversation was carried on with pencil, as his hearing is very bad.

He has written four books which he says have been very successful, and he is now writing a very complete history on Mormonism, the smaller church's therein, as well as the larger ones. He will not make the mistake which he says other historians have made: that is, only recognizing the larger churches, such as the Utah, and the Reorganized Church in Independence, Mo.

It is a big job he has undertaken, but I believe he is competent to handle it. He expects it will take him from four to six years, which will consist of several volumes down to date.

Mr. Morgan's father is deceased. His mother and all his people are members of the Utah Church. He himself is not a member of any church, but is agnostic. He is a great-grandson of the late Orson Pratt, who was very prominent in the church in the days gone-by. He says, "My brain partly is in the keyboard of a typewriter." We had about two hours interview with him, and enjoyed it very much.

After leaving Mr. Morgan, we had dinner at the home of Sister Day and her husband in S. E. Washington, formerly known as Congress Heights. We then spent the rest of the afternoon in the Library of Congress, and in the Capitol. Spent some time in the

Senate Chamber and in the House of Representatives, and after coming out, Bro. Swanson remarked that "our presence did not seem to disturb them in the least." We left on the midnight train for home. (WHC)

A WONDERFUL THOUGHT

In a letter I received from Sister Heaps of South Gate, Calif., and dated July 13, 1951, she was presented with a "thought" and ask me to publish it in The Gospel News. It is as follows: "I had a wonderful thought presented to me this morning and if you like it please publish it in the Gospel News, and I would like to hear from all who want to take part in this work, and if we keep in touch with each other about our efforts and results, I am sure it would be uplifting to all concerned."

Every Wednesday morning at 10:30, daylight time here (in Calif.) we open our prayer meeting (those who can come fasting) after singing a few hymns we go to prayer at 10:45 or 11 o'clock. We continue in prayer until all have taken part. We have a good turn-out each week and God is working with us and answering our prayers. Now my thought this morning was to ask all the saints everywhere to join us at this hour. If not in a group, each one at home or at work (as some do here in silent prayer) and I feel sure if we can form a chain of prayer at that time united throughout the Church, we would see wonderful things happen everywhere. I feel we need to get in earnest to pray for all the saints that we may awake from our sleep and step out on the promises of God, and get to work in earnest for the spreading of the Gospel in these days of distress and trouble everywhere.

If you are on fast time, then it would be 3 hrs. later than here or 1:30 p. m. If you are on standard time it would be 12:30 noon. I would like to see us together in spirit at the same time and I believe with all my heart, that those who do it will all be blessed. And others for whom we pray, our loved ones, the backsliders, the sick ones, the sinners in the streets, the afflicted and oppressed everywhere, prayer can reach them all. And WE all need prayer. I hope you are all well and enjoying the blessing of God as we are here. It is wonderful to be in His service." Your Sister in Christ, Margaret Heaps, 9320 San Carlos, South Gate, Calif.

NEWS

Brother and Sister Patsy Rogolino of the Stelton Mission in New Jersey visits friends in West Virginia, and preaches the Gospel to them. They report a very nice trip and a wonderful time among their old friends. While there they obtained four subscriptions for The Gospel News. . . . No doubt you have sown some good seed. (WHC.)

According to the reports from New Jersey, our folks have had many visitors from Pennsylvania, also from Detroit, Mich., which has been very encouraging to them. Among them were Brother Charles Ashton who has been a very sick man for several months past, and while he is much better at this date, yet he is not very strong. The writer says: "We are very thankful to God that the privilege was given to Bro. Ashton to make the trip, and that we saw his face and heard his voice again. We praise God for sparing his life. Many teachings and much food was given us by our older brethren. Hoping our brothers and sisters may return again." Sister Iva Fisher.

I believe it was on July 1st that the writer attended meeting at the Jefferson Church at West Elizabeth, when two converts were baptized, a Mrs. Briggs and a Mrs. Thomas went through the waters of baptism. It had been a long while since any one had been baptized there. Brother Kirschner of the Monongahela Branch is in charge at the Jefferson Church, and with the assistance of his brothers and sisters, we are glad to see so much interest stirred up in that part of the vineyard.

On July 12th, the 89th anniversary of Sister Mary Tucker's birth, her son Harry, aged 57 years, was baptized here in Monongahela. It was sometime since we had an occasion to meet at the waters edge at this place, and we were glad to see Bro. Tucker make a covenant with his God.

The day following the baptism, the family of Sister Tucker gathered at the home of Bro. and Sister Teman Cherry in honor of her 89th anniversary. The writer and his wife were both present on the occasion and a pleasant evening was spent. Sister Tucker is one of the oldest members of the church and she is very feeble.

Lovell-Bickerton Nuptials

Carol Louise Bickerton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bickerton, of West Elizabeth, and Jack Russell Lovell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Perry

Lovell, Knox, Pa., were united in marriage Tuesday evening, June 26th, at a candlelight, double ring ceremony in The Church of Jesus Christ in Monongahela by Bro. W. H. Cadman, the maternal grandfather of the bride. Singing by brother John Majoros of Bentleyville, accompanied at the piano by Ralph Furlong of West Elizabeth. The bridesmaids were Dolores Parnaham, of Clairton, and Louise Johnson of Monongahela, roommates of Carol at college. Irene Bickerton, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Best man was John Bruger of Knox, and the ushers were twins, Jack and Jim Litton, of Irwin, schoolmates of Jack.

Carol Louise and Jack are both graduates of California State Teachers College, California, Pa. Carol has been teaching in Jefferson Twp., while Jack has been teaching industrial arts in Knox, but is now in the Air Corps, stationed at San Antonio, Texas, where he is taking officers training.

After a reception at the bride's home, the couple motored west. Jack will remain after July 3rd at San Antonio and Carol will return home to teach again this fall. The Gospel News extends best wishes to Carol and Jack.

Zimmer-Reed Nuptials

Miss Patricia Ann Reed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Reed of New Eagle, Pa., and Mr. George Allen Zimmer, also of New Eagle, were united in marriage in The Church of Jesus Christ, Monongahela, Pa., on June 30th at two o'clock. Bro. Joseph Shazer of Vanderbilt, Pa., uncle of the bride officiating.

Miss Janet Kirkpatrick sang while Miss Newanna Fleming (both from Dawson, Pa) accompanied her at the piano. Miss Ramona Bove was maid of honor, while Mr. Thomas (Eddie) Reed, brother to the bride was best man. At the conclusion of the wedding service the party retired to the home of the bride where a reception was held, and where more than a hundred guests were received. After which the young couple left on a wedding trip to Virginia Beach.

Patricia is a graduate of the Monongahela High School, and is employed at the Liggett Spring and Axle Co. of East Monongahela, while George Allen is employed with the Monessen Southwestern. He also served from 1943 to 1946

with the U. S. Marine Corps. We extend the best of wishes to George and Patricia.

NEWS FROM MUNCEY, ONT.

Bro. Editor:

In response to your request that we write you occasionally in regards to the Muncey Mission, we submit these few lines for your perusal.

Whereas in the past we have visited Muncey on Sundays, we are attempting to spend more time there, and so, have spent a few week ends with our wives along with us. Our activities have consisted of visiting among our Indian brothers and sisters, holding a few meetings on Saturdays and visiting homes of people who are not members of the Church. Our goals have been to encourage our people, interest others, children as well as adults, in the restored gospel.

We feel that God has blessed us in our efforts, and we hope as time passes by, we will become more proficient in working for the Lord. His blessings have been in this wise that He has comforted us when we needed comfort, given courage when it was lacking, has heeded our prayers in behalf of the afflicted, and further, has blessed us with many visitors by brothers and sisters from various parts of the Church including Bro. and Sister H. Jackson and Sister Rose Corrado from Niles, Ohio, Bro. Alex Robinson of Larned, Kansas, Bro. and Sister Joseph Calabrese from Lorain, Ohio, and others from Windsor, and Detroit. May the Lord bless them all for their desires and efforts.

We urge the saints everywhere to pray for the work among the seed of Joseph (Indian people) for we feel that their prayers would be of much assistance to those who are laboring in the various branches of this work.

Prayers might well be offered for success among our Sunday School children, for people to whom the gospel is introduced, for our elderly brothers and sisters that God would continue to bless them. Bro. George Nicholas is back from the hospital and is feeling much better. We are grateful to God that he has once again spared brother George, for he was at the brink of death.

Your name has been mentioned by the saints often as a prospective visitor here in Muncey. Perhaps you could arrange at your convenience a visit to these parts. It would surely be appreciated. This

in brief is our reaction of the Muncey work. We trust that you and yours are in good health and that God will bless you according to His loving kindness. We remain your brothers in Christ, Dominic Thomas and Joseph Milantoni.

P. S. While I appreciate the good news that comes from the various parts of the vineyard, I want you brothers to know that I appreciate very much to receive the news of the labors among the Indian people. It will be 19 years this fall since I along with some others made our first visit to Muncey and baptized three Indian converts. My interest in them is still the same, and if I should not be on the Reservation by the time this paper reaches you, I hope to be soon after. Brother Cadman.

A LOVELY DAY

On Wednesday, July 11, 1951 a group of sisters and their families of the Youngstown and Girard Ladies Circle met at our home for an all day picnic and evening meeting.

The Sisters, three brothers and children arrived about 1:30 p. m. The afternoon was spent in visiting and games and preparation for the evening meal, which was served on the lawn. Since we did not have picnic tables, we made them of hay bales and table boards, which served the purpose very well.

The Ladies served supper about 4:00 to about 30 in all. We enjoyed the many good foods which are most frequently seen on picnic tables and an extra treat was home made noodles (made by Sister Theodore) served with tomato sauce and delicious meat balls. The meal was finished by eating watermelon on the porch, because by that time the usual picnic rain had started.

After the nourishments for the body were all cleared away, we assembled in the house for the souls refreshing. Several hymns were sung and a season of prayer, followed by a lesson from First Nephi 13th in the Book of Mormon, taught by Brother Ritz. We had a very nice time in every way. We enjoy having the saints gather in our home, and hope that the future will bring more times like this one, for I cannot think of a better way to spend a few hours of leisure time. Seems to me that time spent with the Saints of God is time well spent. May God bless the Ladies Circle and Saints every where.

Sister Ethel Cadman.

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THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST, MONONGAHELA, PA. Office 519 Finley St.

BY AMOS WELLS.

Tall was my camel and laden
high,

And small the gate, as a need-
les eye.

The city within was very fair.

And I, with my camel would
enter there.

"You must lower your load,"
the porter cried;

"You must throw away that
bundle of pride."

"Now, said the Porter, to make
it less

Discard that bundle of selfish-
ness."

I obeyed, though with much
ado,

Yet still not I nor my camel
got through.

"Ah, said the Porter, "Your
load must hold

Some little package of trust in
Gold."

The merest handful was all I
had,

Yet, "Throw it away," the Por-
ter bade.

Then Lo, a marvel! The camel
tall

Shrank to the size of the Por-
tal small.

And all my true riches — a
vast estate

Easily passed through the nar-
row gate.

You see, the root of the evils
that kept me out

Was that bundle of Gold I told
you about.

The love of money made me
poor, but tall,

The love of God made me rich,
but small.

Contributed by Margaret Heaps

SLIPS OF THE LIPS

If you your lips

Would keep from slips.

Of these five things beware:

Of whom you speak,

To whom you speak.

And how, and when, and where.

M. B. A. Gathering
At Aliquippa, Pa.

A district gathering of Pennsyl-
vania branches of the M. B. A.
was held at Aliquippa, Pa. on
Saturday eve, July 14, 1951. Un-
fortunately, however, the Glass-
port, Pa. branch was the only

visiting M. B. A. represented in
attendance including a few visi-
tors from nearby McKees Rocks,
Pa. The Aliquippa young people
presented a program in recog-
nition of our 175th anniversary of
independence. A sketch, entitled
"America, land of promise, land
of liberty," was given, tracing
the source of our land's blessings
of liberty and prosperity, refer-
ence being made to the blessing
of Jacob and Moses upon Joseph
and his land; also the language
of Isaiah 33rd Chap. An album
of choice verses from the Book
of Mormon also was read, prop-
hetic of Columbus' discovery of
America, the colonizing of these
shores by the Pilgrim Fathers
and the founding of this great na-
tion. Also given was an album of
quotations from noble, God-fear-
ing and freedom-loving men,
pointing up their instrumentality
in colonizing this land and event-
ually, through much sacrifice
and shedding of blood, winning
their independence and founding
a new nation, in direct fulfillment
of Book of Mormon prophecy. Ap-
propriate songs, including the
national anthem, were sung. The
Glassport young people favored
us with a couple of selections as
well as a solo by Sister Florence
DiBattista. Refreshments were
served after the program. I
might also add that Brother Ish-
mael D'Amico and his wife have
taken up temporary residence
with their daughter and son-in-
law here. Brother D'Amico can
get around a little with some
help, however, he is still unable
to speak. We trust that the Lord
will sustain him during this try-
ing time and speed his recovery.

Greetings, Brother T. Ross

A Trip To Kentucky

Brother and Sister Bittinger,
and myself left on July 19th for
a few days missionary work in
the neighborhood of Madisonville,
and Nortonville, Ky., where
Brother and Sister Parrott and
Sister Raynal lives. We arrived
at their home on Friday after-
noon July 20th. We had a very
nice trip via Cincinnati, Ohio,
and Louisville, Ky.

As to be expected there is gen-
erally some things happen that
one does not expect; it was that
hot down there that we could not
enjoy the trip as we should of

done. However, we held three
meetings on Sunday, one on Sat-
urday night, and a visit to the
home of a Mr. and Mrs. George
Hight between the Sunday after-
noon and evening meetings, which
was really the equivalent to a
meeting. Mr. Hight is in very
poor health and had requested us
to anoint him when we came
down there. We enjoyed our-
selves very much in their home.
We sang hymns, had prayer and
anointed him, and had a special
prayer for Mrs. Hight at her re-
quest. We really enjoyed our-
selves in their home.

We enjoyed ourselves in meet-
ing at the home of Bro. Parrotts.
We had four meetings in their
home with some neighbors pre-
sent, and we enjoyed preaching
the Gospel. In our afternoon
meeting I was called to the Tele-
phone, as there was a call from
home informing us of the death
of Sister Majoros, and that they
wanted me to attend the services.
This of course cut our visit a
little short, for we started home
on Monday morning, and arrived
home on Tuesday afternoon.

We enjoyed the trip very much
with the exception of the heat. It
certainly was hot in Old Kentuck-
y the few days we were there.
On coming home we crossed in-
to Indiana and we soon ran into
a rain which was welcomed by
us. Bro. Cadman — A Sabbath
well spent brings a week of con-
tent, and prepares for the toil of
tomorrow. But a Sabbath profan-
ed, what ever be gained, is
certain a fore-runner of sorrow.

A General Church Gathering

A large gathering of The
Church of Jesus Christ was held
in Detroit at the East Detroit,
Mich. High School on Couzens
Ave. July 28, 29, 1951. In the ab-
sence of Bro's Wm. H. Cadman,
President and Charles Ashton
1st. Counsellor, Bro. T. S. Fur-
nier 2nd. Counsellor took charge.
He read correspondence from
both Bro. Wm. H. Cadman and
Bro. Charles Ashton notifying us
that these brethren did not think
they would be able to be in at-
tendance at our gathering. Bro.
Alma Cadman was called upon to
introduce our service. Sang
Hymn "I'll Praise my maker,"
prayer was offered by Bro. Alma

Cadman followed with hymn "My God thou see'st me." Bro. Alma gave a good talk explaining about God and the Lord Jesus Christ, that they are light and love and in as much as we dwell in this knowledge only, can we function pleasing in the sight of God.

Bro. T. S. Furnier made a few remarks, then doxology was sung and meeting closed with prayer by Bro. A. A. Corrado. Afternoon service convened at 2:30 sang hymn "What was witnessed in the Heavens," prayer by Bro. Traves Perry. Followed with hymn "The Gospel Restored." Bro. Perry in his opening remarks explained the Hymn we sang "What was witnessed in the Heavens." A garment and handkerchief were anointed for Bro. George Nickolas and grandson of Muncey Ont. Indian reservation. There was a good spirit in the anointing. Sang hymn

"My Country Tis of Thee." A prayer was offered for sister Mary Criscolo, who is afflicted with Polio, also for Bro. Shuster of Glassport Pa. Bro. Paul D'Amico gave a very touching testimony concerning the end of the last war, tongues were spoken, the words being "this is the servant of God hear ye, him," Bro. Dominic Bucci gave a wonderful talk on truths, its effects, and what it will do for those who embrace it. Hymn "Safe in the arms of Jesus" was then sung. Testimonies were given by the following brethren, Sam D'Amico, Dan Corrado, Vincent Clemente, Sang hymn "How happy are they who their Saviour obey." Closed with prayer by Bro. Alfred Dominico. Evening session started with hymn "Good night and good morning," prayer by Bro. Joseph Benyola, followed with hymn No. 166. Bro. Benyola in introducing this session spoke on the topic, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word which proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Bro. Robert Watson Sr. spoke next, his talk was soul invigorating. Bro. Dominic Moroco spoke next, mentioning about the father of Lamoni, when he had heard about the true way to serve God was willing to give up everything, that he may obtain this true salvation. Sang hymn "Sail on" a prayer was offered for the sick by Bro. Herman Kennedy. Bro. A. A. Corrado spoke in the Italian language, with a good spirit being manifested, sang hymn

"One there is above all others."

Bro. Vitto Buffa spoke a few words on behalf of the Gospel, also offered prayer that God would heal Sister Marietta Ruzzi, who has been seriously afflicted. Bro. V. James Lovalvo, spoke on bearing crosses, he was followed by Bro. Frank Giovannone. Sang hymn "Blest be the tie that binds" and the meeting closed with prayer by Bro. Anthony Brutz. Sunday morning service hymn "Praise ye the Lord," prayer was offered by Bro. Alma Cadman followed with hymn "On mountaintops." Bro. Alma Cadman read a portion of scripture found in Isaiah 2nd chapter 1st to 6th verse, proclaiming a greater day, a better day wherein days to come when the Lords house shall be established on top of the mountains and all the nations will say come ye and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and He will teach us of his ways. Sang hymn "O who that has searched." Bro. Joseph Lovalvo spoke about A b r a h a m, through him because of his faithfulness, all the nations of the earth would be blessed. Sang hymn "Longing for the gathering." Bro. Paul D'Amico spoke in the Italian language a good spirit being felt. Sang hymn "Turn us again Lord." Meeting came to a close with prayer by Bro. Frank Giovannone. Sunday afternoon meeting was introduced with hymn "Give of your best to the Master," prayer by bro. Anthony DiBattista, followed with hymn "America the beautiful," several Brothers and Sisters were anointed, also a handkerchief was anointed for the granddaughter of Br. and Sister Leopoldo, sang hymn "Abide with me." The whole body of the priesthood present joined in a circle to pray for all who are sick whether in the church or not. There was a divine feeling in our midst and we hope God will visit all His dear ones so we can go forth in the strength of the spirit to serve Him, where in we may have his gifts imparted unto us. There was special mention made of Bros. Wm. H. Cadman Isaac Smith, Ishamael D'Amico and Charles Ashton and a devout prayer that God will visit these Brothers and relieve them of all their sufferings, and that they may be completely endowed with His spirit to continue faithful service in this church to the end, as they have here to fore done. Hymn "Only trust

Him," was sung and our gathering came to a close with prayer by Bro. Vincent Clemente.

Brother Mathew T. Miller P. S. Since receiving the above article relative to the gathering in Detroit, I have received a Bank Draft for \$324.11 which is a Free will Offering from the meeting. It is to be equally divided between the needy in stricken Korea, and the Kansas flood sufferers. — Very thoughtful on the part of our brothers and sisters I am sure. Bro. Cadman.

A MASTERLY ARTICLE

By Sidney Rigdon

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(Continued from last issue)

This parable, as explained by the Saviour, shows the fact, that the last kingdom or church that the Christ was to set up in the world, and if so, it must be the kingdom spoken of by Daniel, was to be corrupted, and in consequence the Lord's messengers were to make a separation in it. There were tares, and there was wheat in it which had to be separated from the other. After this separation the kingdom of heaven was to be like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his garden, which is indeed, the least of all seeds, but when it is grown is the greatest of herbs so that the fowls of heaven come and lodge in the branches thereof. This was to take place after the tares were separated — after the division had taken place.

He spake another parable. The kingdom of heaven is like leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, until the whole was leavened. This also was to be after the tares were separated. If any should doubt this, let me ask could a society, that was like tares and wheat, produce this effect, leaven the whole lump change the nature of the whole world and bring it into subjection to the will of God, when in itself there was corruption, and material only fit to be burned? All will answer it could not. no society or order of things could change the nature of the world as leaven changes meal, and cleanse it so as to render it fit for the society of heaven, while it had a mass of corruption in itself, such as the kingdom of heaven was to have, when it had tares as well as wheat in it. The separations must take place — and then the kingdom might

tower as the mustard stalk, until the fowls of heaven might lodge in the branches thereof; and then, and not till then, could it leaven the whole lump.

What more need we say then, to let all the saints see the precise situation of the church at present, and what awaits the whole church in futurity. The branch which has escaped after the separation is complete, become beautiful and glorious, and the tares be prepared for the burning.

The corruptions which have spread and are spreading in that apostate and corrupt branch of the church at Nauvoo, is one of the strong evidences which go to prove the church of latter day saints to be the true church of Christ: for in it are fulfilling the words of the prophets, of the apostles, and of the Saviour of the world. All are fulfilling to the letter.

The church has now reached an interesting and important point in prophecy — the period where the holy writers begin to date its prosperity. It had, according to all the sacred writers, to pass a severe scene of trial and affliction, before its prosperity could come, corruptions must infect the head itself, before it could be prepared to go forth and meet the bridegroom. And the Lord had to show His disapprobation of the corruptions introduced, by cutting off His evil servant. After that it had to pass the severe trial of separating the wheat and tares — which is now especially going on — before it could tower and spread so that the fowls of heaven could come and lodge in the branches thereof; and like leaven, the whole lump. After all this work of trial, affliction and purification, then comes the time when the separated branch, which has been enabled to pass the ordeal, and neither faint by the way nor get corrupted, to become beautiful and glorious, through the triumph of which, the fruit of the earth was to become excellent and comely. Well then may the saints lift up their heads and rejoice, seeing the prophecies of both the old and new Testament are fulfilling before their faces, and they, the honored men, whom the Lord has chosen, that the words of the prophets might not fail, and the testimony of Jesus be fulfilled in the eyes of all living, that all might be left without excuse at

His coming. Well may they gird up their loins and prepare for the coming of the bridegroom; for behold He cometh according to His word. The way is preparing and the day approaching. The things long since spoken of by all the holy men of old are now passing before our eyes; the mustard seed is planting — the leaven is about being put into the meal — the branch is separating, and all things are now making ready.

All opinions about the Saviour's coming are vain, unless they are founded on the fulfillment of the ancient prophecies.

Everything there said, preparatory to His coming must be fulfilled, before He comes. It is equally so with regard to the church of Christ in the last days, all things spoken of by the prophets must be fulfilled. The corruptions which they said should be introduced into it must defile it. When Christ said that in the days preparatory to His coming, He would have an evil servant — for so He called him — and that he would cut him off at an unexpected hour, this must take place, or the words of the Saviour fail.

So certain then, as ever Christ was to raise up a man in the last days to lay the foundation of a great work, just so certain it was, that that servant would be cut off; for he that said one, said the other. As sure then as ever there was to be any true church in the last days, so sure it was that it would be corrupted, for the same spirit of prophecy indicted one that did the other; and so certain as the church of Christ in the last days was corrupted — and that was as sure as it existed — so sure it was, that part of that corruption was the leading of silly women astray and so sure as the true church of Christ was to exist in the last days, so sure, by reason of the corruptions in it, it was to divide, and sure as it divided the branch was to become beautiful and glorious.

Why then, if we claim to be the church of Christ in the last days, should the things which have transpired be matters of surprise or fear. The various systems in the world which lay claim to be the latter day work of God, to prepare the way of the son of man, are all founded

on principles at war with the prophecies, and in opposition to them; the work of God in the last days was to be a work through which all the prophecies which had preceded the time its commencement in the world, that had not been fulfilled, should be fulfilled. We then have this claim to be the true church of Christ, that the prophecies are now fulfilling in our midst, that the very things of the Saviour, prophets and apostles, said should take place in the last days are taking place with us, and no where else. What higher evidence then, that we are indeed the church of Christ in truth? If this is not giving to the world the testimony that we are the true church, I know not what could do it.

The saints then have but one thing to do in relation to these abusers of themselves with mankind, that is, turn away from them and be separate, and touch not the unclean thing, but let those be clean who bear the vessels of the Lord. Separate, ye saints of the most high, from the sink of corruption, that the branch of the Lord may be glorious; for it is the separated branch that shall become beautiful and glorious, and through whom the Lord will bring peace to the earth, and though the separated branch should, at first, be among the societies of the world as a grain of mustard among seeds, yet, it shall grow and tower until the fowls of heaven come and lodge in the branches thereof; or though it should be in comparison as the leaven which is put into the meal with the meal itself, yet, it will not cease until it has leavened the whole lump.

Thus hath the Lord spoken, 'and he that hath ears to hear, let him hear.'

Sidney Rigdon.
(The End)

An Excerpt From

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"I was at Nauvoo, Ill, during all the time that Elder Sidney Rigdon was here on his last visit to that place and am well acquainted with the cause of all the difficulties that existed, and now exist between him and the twelve and their adherents. It was said

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EDITORIAL

NOTICE:

The meeting of the General Ladies Uplift Circle will meet on the third Sat. Sept. 15 at 10 o'clock at West Aliquippa, Pa. All are welcome.

Mrs. Mary E. Wilson, Sec.

Four baptisms took place at the Bittner Mission on August 19. Brother Bittinger has been holding meetings in Uniontown, Pa., and we are glad to know that his efforts are not in vain.

to me by many that they had no objection to Elder Rigdon but his opposition to the Spiritual Wife system."

(Signed by) Joseph K. Newton

It is also said, or written of Mr. Newton that "his character stands too high for truth and veracity to be impeached by any man."

P. S. I wish to add here that I have heard praise of Elder Rigdon's writings on the subject which I have printed in this paper, by brethren and sisters in the church. I wish also to say, that I have sat under the voices of our old brethren, now deceased, treat on this scripture relative to seven women taking hold of one man, and they applied it even as does Mr. Rigdon who was on the ground floor at the time.

I further wish to add, that it has been reported to me at various times of Utah Elders apparently trying to under-mine the faith of some of our members by claiming that Elder Rigdon was separated from the Church.

That probably is true, separated from the Church by men who's eyes were full of adultery. Even their very head, Brigham Young by name, in the year of 1852 publicly avowed and defended the doctrine of spiritual-wifery, and it is generally understood that his children was born of 19 women. Mr. Rigdon simply refused to be led by those kind of men. This is not meant to reproach the Church in Utah, but all that read, may understand our position.

President W. H. Cadman.

A Letter From
S. Demetrio Corone
Cosenza, Italy

June 17, 1951

Dear Bro. Cadman in the Lord: I write this letter to you and to all the Latter Day Saints of America to inform you that though the grace of God, I am enjoying good health, together with the rest of the Saints scattered in the various localities of Italy. Hope all of you Saints of the blessed land of America also be enjoying perfect health.

Dear brethern, as time goes by my soul is increasingly rejoicing in the Lord, and I feel a greater gratitude towards my maker, for He surely has moved in a very mysterious way when He saw fit to stretch forth His mighty hand even towards us in this land of Italy. and, as one of His chosen Ministers, I have now launched myself fully into the field with all my heart, and with zeal I intend to preach the glad tidings to the weak and heavy laden. By the way, just recently I have been in many villages and have contacted people living in isolated places, with the hope of bringing new souls to the fold of God.

I am sure you will rejoice to hear this, a good news: One of our beloved brother Iorio Nicola, a native of a town called Buccino of the Prov. of Salerno, while here for a short visit, He sowed the good seed, may the Lord bless him abundantly for the good affection he had in doing so, and so he sent for me, and in one single day, we have baptized ten new souls.

Brother Iorio Nicola will board ship to return to the U. S. A. the 19th inst. when he returns among you, he will tell you all about me and my activities. So now dear brothers and sisters, beloved of the Lord, I want you to know that the Church I preside over, the first one to be planted in Italy, after a slow start is now on the increase and we are now consolidating on the excellent results attained in these past three years and we foresee new and greater gains for the near future. We always have a good crowd attending our Sunday Services and a good attendance for all classes. Thus, the dream of the humble and sincere Christians is beginning to be fulfilled and their efforts crowned with success.

So now brethren, I feel like saying to you, courage, go on. yes,

we want to go on and on, for great will our reward be, if we prove ourselves faithful to the end.

In closing I want you to know that as scattered as the Saints are here, and with the number of new converts, makes it almost "impossible" for me to contact 'em all; for I am alone in the field and many a times, too, am unable to move for lack of money. If you could help just a bit in this, it would help a good cause, and the Lord would recompense you. May God Bless you one and all.

Yours truly, Bro. in Christ Jesus, Giuseppe Azzinari. — P. S. In reading this letter, it causes me to think upon Paul in his traveling and preaching to the Saints in Rome. (WHC)

The above letter came to me written in Italian, unable to read it, I sent it to Brother Milano in Cleveland, Ohio, to translate for me. I am publishing it in the Gospel News, no doubt it will be good for all to read, and especially our Italian Saints to learn from their native land, how GOD is blessing their people. Brother Milano informs me that he has been writing to his brother, a school teacher in Noventer Vicentina, North of Italy about the Gospel and the saints in Italy. He also says that his brother was much afflicted some time ago, the Dr. had no hopes of him. Brother Milano had a handkerchief anointed and sent it to him, and his brother was made well. He has now traveled almost 1000 miles to the place of Bro. Azzinari and was baptized by him on July 29th. I think of the old hymn we have sung so much "God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform. He plants His footsteps in the sea, and rides upon the storm."

(WHC)

San Bernando Valley
California

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Sometime ago I was told I could write to the Gospel News of my accepting Jesus Christ, as my saviour. I am only too glad to tell others of my happiness and joy since Jesus came into my heart.

I will start from when I was a little girl. I have always loved to go to church and I was brought up to go to church every Sunday. But when you grow older you grow away from the things that are best for you. I went to church

occasionally until we decided to move to California. We went to several different states following the fruit harvest, which is a pretty hard life for anyone, especially for a young girl. There were seven of us including my mother and father. The years went by and we never went to church or even thought about going. Now I look back and think how it was, and how much happiness we missed by not knowing GOD. More years rolled by and in the year 1947 I was married. How happy I was because I would have a home and not have to move around so much. We were happily married, but we never went to church. I now have three of the sweetest children God ever gave to anyone and I receive much happiness from them. I am determined to bring them up to go to church and to love God. In January of 1951 my beloved grandfather passed away. Something seemed to happen to me. I got to thinking about God more.

Then one day I came home from the store and as I came up my driveway there came a lady. She had such a kind face I thought. She said her name was Mary Dichiera. We talked a while and she asked me what church I belonged to and I said none but I have a feeling in my heart that someday I will want to. I told her that I had lost my grandfather and it had drawn me closer to God. She asked me to come to her church, the Church of Jesus Christ. I told her that I would. My grandmother had taken my grandfather back to Arkansas for burial. She came home in the later part of March, and she wanted me to take her to a church, so I took her to Sister Mary's Church.

She had told me not to expect much because they were just holding services in an old chicken house. But when I went through those doors I knew God was there. It seemed he took my hand and said welcome back my child. The people were so wonderful to me. So kind and most of all very humble in the house of GOD. They gave their testimony's, some of which were in Italian. I could not understand their words but I could get the feeling. Brother Meo was a fine preacher I thought on that first day, and since then I have come to know God through his wonderful preaching of the word of God. On the third Sunday, I went

to church with my mother. We were singing an old hymn with the refrain "Draw Me Nearer", and God heard me and he did draw me nearer. I LAID MY head in my mother's lap and I could not stop crying. When I did stop crying my heart felt as free as the birds that fly in the sky. But even then Brother Rocco did not force me. He said if I felt that I wanted to be baptized to tell him. But I told him that I wanted to wait because I wanted to be sure that God had accepted me, though in my heart I knew he had. All the next week I was so happy. And the next Sunday I was baptized in the Church of Jesus Christ. And Oh! What a wonderful feeling of joy. There were many people at my baptism. I was a little afraid and wished there were someone else with me, but I was the only one to be baptized that Sunday. The water looks so cold and dirty I thought to myself. But as I was led into the water I felt nothing but the hand of God, for he walked with me all the way. And I was not afraid of the water because it cleansed me. When I came up from the water my hands flew to my heart and I said "Thank you God, Thank you Father" over and over for I could not thank him enough. We came out of the water and I saw that everyone was so happy for me. We went back to the church and I was accepted in the Church of Jesus Christ.

I have had many trials and I know I will have many more but I will put myself in God's hands and I know he will take care of me. And no trial that I may go through will change my love for God. I truly thank him for bringing Sister Mary Dichiera to tell me of her little church, and also I am thankful to God for giving us preachers like Brother Rocco Meo, who preaches the true gospel of GOD. And I will always be thankful to all the dear people in my little church in the San Fernando Valley for being so nice to me.

This is my testimony. I hope someone will get some good from it, because it comes straight from my heart.

Sincerely,
Sister June Jones

Testimony From Back in 1880
While attending meetings in Uniontown, Pa., recently, I was

handed some testimony of our deceased, Sister Cummins, the mother of Sister Cromlish of Donora, Pa. Sister Cummins passed on about 25 years ago.

Her testimony is as follows: Dear brothers and sisters in the Gospel of Christ. I thank God for His mercy to me in bringing me to meet the Church and the Saints of God.

My companion and my family moved from a farm in Green County near Carmichaels, Pa., to Mt. Pleasant, Pa., about the year of 1880, came to the home of Bro. Samuel Nutting, an Elder in the Church at that time. He began to talk about the Church and the Mormons. I said: Sam don't mention Mormons to William my husband, for he thinks they are an awful people. Then he asked us one Sabbath to go to Church with him. I went, they had a wonderful meeting. I thought, well this is the 'True Church.' They met at the home of Bro. Solomon King, with brother and sister Norman Wright, brother Jacob Myers, brother George Brown and others. Bro. Arthur Bickerton often met with us. I have seen Bro. Arthur lifted off his feet by the spirit and his face shine like the sun. I was baptized, also my companion, and some time after, he became an Elder. It was at the Hawkeye Branch. I saw many healed in the Branch.

My son took sick with what the Dr. called Black Diptheria. One night he got so bad, I had to prop him up in a rocking chair so he could breathe. I ran and called my husband and said go quick for Bro. Myers, Jimmie is choking to death. This was two o'clock in the morning, he started for Bro. Myers who lived eight miles from Mt. Pleasant up in the mountains; and on his way he met Bro. Myers and Bro. Brown. Brother Myers had to pass Bro. Brown's home. He stopped and awoke him and said: Come on, we are wanted at Cummins home. Then they met Wm. my husband. They came and anointed my son. He was healed instantly. He looked up at me and said: Mother I felt the swelling go out at the ends of my toes. Many other healings were performed in this Branch, and in my home. I thank God for the Gospel and everything the Lord has done for me, and may we all live the life of Christ.

Sister Cummins

MISSION UNFULFILLED

By Brother John Mancini

Saturday, July 21, 1951, a Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ missionary visited me at my home. We had quite an interesting conversation dealing, of course, with the Restoration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and the Numerous incidents that had taken place which has divided Latter-Day-Saints into many factions, etc. During the course of our conversation, this missionary told me of the interest that a Hindu professor who had been in the United States exhibited in the Restoration of the Gospel. After returning to his native land, he meditated on this extraordinary phenomenon that had taken place in that an angel had visited a young man and acquainted him with a history recorded on gold plates of an ancient race of people. The supernatural aspect of the matter greatly impressed the man to the extent that he has requested all available literature concerning this subject of the other Latter-Day-Saint factions. He has spoken to many of his people about this matter also. What the outcome may be, time only will answer. I do know this — the Hindu people are taken up with the supernatural revelation concerning the setting up of the Church of Jesus Christ in these last days. No wonder God moved first among our people and led us to our late Hindu brother — Bro. Dr. Hatha Yogi Chandra. The following is Brother Chandra's experience:

"June 24, 1948. My name is Hatha Yogi Chandra, origin Aaron, ninety-two years old and of India. I started out one and one-half years ago to make an exclusive investigation for the salvation of my soul. There came to my home, 1262 West 10th Street, December 1945, two Utah Elders and brought to me what they called the New Gospel to mankind. I did not take it seriously, took it theoretically; so many have that claim. I read part of the Book of Mormon and threw it aside. In December 1946, I had another surprise — two missionaries came to my home and had dinner with me. We sat down and one (these were girl missionaries) of them went into details as to the Restoration of the Gospel. They invited me to come to their church. I accepted their invitation. A voice said to me within myself, 'Make your investigation and I will be with you.' They

have continued to hold cottage meetings with me every Wednesday for one and one-half years ever since."

"Now I diligently visited the Church every Sunday and bearing my testimony until Feb. 8, 1948. I was confined to my bed of affliction. Then a voice came to me and said, 'Now this is your true investigation.' I was seriously sick for seventeen weeks. About one-half dozen members came to visit me and had prayer for me. I will say the Elders and President were faithful to me, but the other members thought, 'he is just another old man — live or die.' But previous to this getting sick, the Lord Jesus spoke to my soul and the abomination against my soul of my past life had been forgiven and to go on in peace and sin no more; you are free to receive the gift of the Holy Ghost which He had given authority and power to administer — the proof of His glory. I got up and went to church again as I was directed. I had asked several times in the past one and one-half years, 'when would I be baptized?' They always put me off by saying, 'it was not time yet;' 'I would have to quit smoking and drinking coffee' which I had done for ninety years. I give up July 4 everything which I thought an abomination to my soul."

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

I visited the church. I felt as though they were holding something back from me. It seemed to me they were forcing their respect to me and trying to cover up something else."

"I have a very true friend who came here and nursed me back to health. The Elders would come on days of cottage meetings and instead of coming to me and asking questions, would go to her and deputize her confidence to me and ask her if I were drinking coffee, etc. Within myself having the depressed feeling, I called Elders down and asked them why they had such little faith in me and not wanted to baptize me. I think they were far from wanting to baptize me. I felt badly because I thought they were trying to show me the right way, but instead caused me to be depressed. I thought they were trying to make a fool of me. They were not only trying to deceive me, but 150 million people whom I intended to carry this truth to whom are as much interested in the welfare of their soul as I am; who have been living in darkness as well as myself and who have longed for True Spiritual Light."

"I know my Father in Heaven has answered me as I went into profound meditation and asked His guidance and He said, 'I will send you and answer.' While I was in this profound meditation, I saw two men — one tall with thin white hair, and the other dark and short with brilliant eyes and mind. It was so realistic to me, and not knowing them at the time, I jumped off my bed to greet them, and to my surprise, I found no one. I was so surprised and wondered what I had done. I looked at the clock and it was 3:30 in the morning. These two men said, 'I have come to baptize you in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.' I asked them, 'who are you?' The answer, 'we are the Elder and Apostle of the Church of Jesus Christ, the true church of the Gospel.' Behold, the next day these two men put in their appearance at my home. Although I knew Evangelist Mancini slightly, the other gentleman I never saw and was introduced to him as Brother Mancini's father-in-law, Apostle Charles Behanna. They offered me baptism which was my desire."

"Then I knew again the Lord had answered my prayer as He has said, 'I will send you an answer to the request you had made.'

At this point I might add that it was at one of the Latter-Day-Saint's services that I met Brother Mancini, his wife and little boy first. It happened to be one of their testimony meetings and Brother Mancini took the opportunity to get up and express himself and tell who he was and what Church he represented. I was very much impressed with the short talk he gave and at the time remarked that he seemed to have much more than these people. This is my testimony in My Lord Jesus Christ. Amen."

"I shall conclude with this prayer as follows:

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

(Signed) Hatha Yogi Chandra"

Well can we say at this point that God could have said to us." I revealed my will unto my own people of my Church first, but they received it not." Brother Chandra's greatest desire was to carry the Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ to his people. All preparations had been made several times. Expenses involving many thousands of dollars had been taken care of and every time he was stricken down in his bed of afflictions because I firmly believe of the disunity regarding this great mission. He not only was going to take the Gospel to his people but a large fortune awaited him in his native land which he had to make personal appearance to claim.

At this point I will draw your attention to the hymn composed by Brother Alexander Cherry —

"When the Angel Moroni came to Joseph

To reveal unto him the great plan

That the Gentiles must shortly be gathered

Somewhere on Joseph's promised land;

Then the saints cast in their treasures

And their tithes and offerings to God

But Satan got in his labors,

And changed the commands of the Lord."

Therefore, instead of Zion being established on this promised land, division, contention, strife, and disunity has taken place among the people of the Restoration of the Gospel declaring, "Lo Christ is here and Christ is there." So when will man learn that God's way is not man's way, and that he will work out his plan in His own way. Alma, the son of Alma, in the 29th Chap. declares in his enthusiasm that he wishes that he could have the voice of an angel and speak to all nations over all the earth but then on reasoning the matter out in the 7th and 8th verses he says "Why should I desire that I were an angel that I could speak unto all the ends of the earth? For behold the Lord doth grant unto all nations of their own nation and tongue to teach His word, yea in wisdom all that He seeth fit that they should have; therefore, we see that the Lord doth counsel in wisdom according to that which is just and true."

The cry of "crucify him" crucify him" has arisen many times. Spiritually he has been crucified by those that have sentenced him and have gained their objective; what have they gained? "Whence received I these wounds? In the house of my friends." "Beware what ye do with these men lest ye find yourselves fighting against God."

Peter denied the Saviour, yet the Saviour after His resurrection sought them out at the sea of Galilee and gave Peter the invitation that if he loved Him, the Master, to feed His sheep — not a word mentioned about the denial at the judgement hall of Pilate. Not a word was said to the others about deserting Him and no one with courage to defend Him at the Mock trial. Yet the Master knew that with patience, long suffering and perseverance, He could make great spiritual leaders out of these

frail men full of mistakes. What would we have done with a brother or brethren that had denied the Saviour or His Church and had turned their back upon them? Wouldn't we have immediately separated them from the Church? The argument may be brought up that Peter and his brethren had not received the Holy Ghost yet. In that case we should work with people that have repented and have been baptized until they received the Holy Ghost. It may be harsh to say that Paul, the Apostle, was a murderer and laid the Church waste, permitted many saints to lose their lives and drove others from pillar to post. Did God destroy Paul? Why no, but he stopped him on the road to Damascus, reasoned with him and showed him his folly and made one of the greatest men of the Christian era out of him. Such long suffering and patience! God does not look on the outward appearance of man or his past deeds but looks down into the heart of man and there detects and sums up his great possibilities. Well may we say with the poet, "God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform." The poet continues, "Blind unbelief is sure to err, and scan His work in vain, God is His own interpreter, And He will make it plain." Paul writing to the Romans Chap. 11 — 33-34 verses. "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God how unsearchable are his judgments and his ways past finding out. For who hath known the mind of the Lord or who has been His counsellor." The wisdom of God and this foresight is so far reaching that many times it is impossible for our puny and sometimes carnal minds to comprehend, although it is possible through constant prayer and fasting to attain to the depth of some of God's plans, that is that part that He would have us to know if we are interested enough to find out. It behooves us therefore to take the advice of the Saviour in St. Matt. 8 Chap. verse 5 — "Judge Not lest ye be judged."

Shortly before Bro. Chandra's death when I visited him he seemed to sense it would be our last meeting for after I had prayer with him he held my hand for a long time and while doing so kept praying to the Lord to bless me and my work here and all my family etc. He was very very humble. When I received word of his death I felt good in the thought

that I would be able to greet Bro. Chandra with that same hearty hand shake I had felt in parting when we meet over there. The ashes of the late Bro. Dr. Hatha Yogi Chandra have been taken to India to be scattered on the Sacred River Jumma, one of the five sacred rivers of India. Therefore, in the future, let us be careful that our judgment might be just lest we find ourselves fighting against God.

An Experience

On the night of July 14, 1945, I had the following dream:

In my dream I found myself entering a large garden enclosed by a high wire fence. In one quick sweeping glance I observed that the garden would produce and was in the stage of producing an abundant harvest, but I noticed that everything seemed to be in an alarming state of neglect. In my hand I found that I was carrying a container filled with a white chemical.

Upon looking around I saw Brother Albert Sarver standing near so I said to him, "Look, Brother Sarver, all I have to do is just put a little of this chemical on the plants and it will immediately destroy any kind of insect."

In my dream it seemed to be getting dusk or late evening. I looked first to one end of the garden and then to the other. I began to reason within myself — I thought, "If I start on the one end it will be dark before I am able to get to the other side and vice versa if I start on the opposite part it will be dark before I could get started on the other end," in other words I concluded it would be too much for one to finish the entire garden before total darkness would halt the work.

While in this moment of deliberation I saw Brother W. H. Cadman with a group of saints who were observing what I was trying to do. Brother W. H. Cadman seemed to discern my thoughts; he stepped forward and said, "Come on, let us all pitch in and in five minutes we will be finished." In other words I realized that it would take the help of all to accomplish the work before it would get dark. At this instant I awoke from my dream.

Brother John Mancini

INDIAN RESERVE SARNIA, ONT.

Dear Bro. Editor: Our Lord is

surely blessing the work at Sarnia Mission. We have had two open-air meetings at a friends' home, the first was attended by eleven car-loads of visitors from Detroit and Port Huron. Bro. J. Lovalvo, N. Pietrangelo and Thurman Furnier gave impressing addresses. It was the first time that this friend, James Joseph, had listened to the Restored Gospel as preached by the Church of Jesus Christ. Secs trying to serve God as such, have attempted to persuade him but the Truth prevailed and he invited a second meeting to be held there. Praise God for the blessed Truth for it shall make us free. Last Saturday Aug. 11th was our Sunday School picnic, the children had a joyful time. It so happened that a large industrial concern had a picnic for their employes on that day at the same park. Bro. and Sister Maness together with Sister Jackson labored untiringly to make our picnic the success it was.

On the following day, that is, the 12th, we had the second open-air service. Bros. V. James Lovalvo and Joseph Lovalvo in charge, a wonderful address was delivered by James Lovalvo and a good spirit prevailed all through the meeting. Our Sunday School pupils are making progress in the study of the Holy Scripture and Bro. Joseph Lavalvo had captured their interest so that all children take part in singing and reading and memorizing the words of our blessed Lord.

Brother and Sister Barclay of Mt. Brydges, Ont., attended with many others from Detroit and Port Huron. We pray unceasingly that the prejudice against the Book of Mormon shall be overcome with the love that Jesus said we are to have towards the lost. Bro. Aylmer N. Plain.

SISTER MAJOROS PASSES ON

Mrs. Susan Majoros aged 64, of Miami Florida, died at the home of her daughter Mrs. Esther Crisswell in Pittsburgh on July 22 at 3 p.m. She was born in Czechoslovakia in 1887 and came to this country with her parents when about six years old. She was united in marriage to John Majoros almost 50 years ago in Bentleyville, and their long married life has been spent mostly in that community, until in very recent years they took up their residence in Florida. Her friends and acquaintances are many, which is very much in evidence by the

many and beautiful floral contributions presented at her deccase.

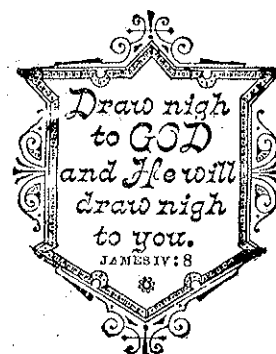
She leaves to mourn her passing, her husband, Bro. John Majoros, eight daughters, Mrs. Susan Shernit of Steubenville, Ohio, Mrs. Irene Griffith of Monongahela, Pa., Mrs. Esther Crisswell of Pittsburgh, Pa., Mrs. Ruth Shernit of Cleveland, Ohio, Mrs. Lillian Bassi of Charleroi, Pa. Mrs. Thelma Blasko, Mrs. Norma Dubirsky, and Miss Nanetta all of Miami, Fla. Three sons, John and North of Bentleyville, Pa. R. D. 1 and Richard of Pontiac, Mich., ten grand children and four sisters namely Mrs. Katie Vancik of Charleroi R. D. 1, Mrs. Margaret Kreuger, Mrs. Anna Secora, Mrs. Mildred Sidel all of Pontiac, Mich.

Sister Majoros, along with her husband, was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ in the spring of 1910, and she has striven these many years to be faithful to her God. I might add, that I was at her bed-side a few weeks ago and found her to be very cheerful. She has raised a large family and her toils in life have ceased, and may she now find a resting place in the Paradise of God.

W. H. Cadman

BRO. DENSMORE PASSES ON

Bro. John Densmore of the Roscoe Branch, aged 73 passes on to his reward. He was baptized into the Church on August 30, 1950. Services were attended too by Bro. John Ward and he was assisted by Bro. Henry Johnson. Young folks of the Glassport Branch furnished the singing. Bro. Densmore lived at Crescent Height, and due to his illness was unable to attend Church services. He leaves his wife and several children to mourn his departure. May the Lord bless them. Our brother has now gone to reap the reward that will be his.



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PRAYER

In times when I've felt low and blue.

I'm sure you've had these moments too—

The things I do for consolation
And one sure way towards soul's salvation

When there seems trouble everywhere

I take it to the Lord in prayer!

When I grow weak or become forlorn

And my whole being feels like its old and worn,

Friends become inimical and hostile—

Even loved ones classify me as nill

But what a blessed assurance when I'm prepared

To rejoice when I take it to the Lord in prayer!

I know that if you listen to me
And do what I have done, you'll see

That burdens can really be easier to bear—

And troubles and sorrows cum-bered with care

Will vanish continuously in the air

If you'll just take it to the Lord in prayer!

Praying to God is a means of communication

With a Supreme Being, from whom we receive salvation.

Of course we know it's of great significance

That we must all be unostentatious

If we want to be with God up there;

So take it to the Lord in prayer!

Sister Mary Belle Benyola

Hopelawn, New Jersey.

SMALL — YET BIG

"The size of a thing is not always the measure of its destructiveness. We look at a big steamship and exclaim, 'What a huge instrument of destruction' Yet the tiny germ called the tubercle bacillus is so small that it is said that 900 can find room on the point of a small sewing needle, and these germs destroy more lives each year than the mightiest war ship could possibly do in action."

Have you heard people talk of

some sins as "big sins?" Perhaps they are thinking of murder, bank robbery, and such. But there are other sins that are just as sinful, and perhaps do more harm for they lead to these so-called big sins." For instance, jealousy, envy, evil speaking, backbiting. People have been known to commit murder because they were jealous of their victim. How much strife has come through envy — and evil-speaking! People's reputations have been ruined for life sometimes because of someone's idle tongue and heart set to imagine evil. And anyone would far rather be robbed of money or any of their possessions than lose their good name. The Bible says, "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold."

Bring all the sins in your life — big, little, great and small to the Lord Jesus. His Blood is as powerful to cleanse one as the other. And He delighteth in mercy — Intermediate Young People.

QUAKE SHAKES PART OF THREE EASTERN STATES

Quoting from The Daily Republican, Monongahela, Pa. "Father Joseph Lynch, head of Fordham University's seismograph laboratory in New York, said the subterranean disturbance originated in Connecticut. He called it a 're-settlement quake.'

Lynch said a massive ice cap which had settled on an area from New England southward to Long Island pushed down on the earth's surface. It melted 5,000 years ago but the depressed crust only recently has begun to recover. 'It is like the creaking of stairs,' Lynch said. 'Long after someone walks on them, the boards are snapping in place.' The Fordham priest said such earthquakes may be expected periodically."

It seems that our best learned men always have some way to explain away the mysterious things that happen. Apparently they do not want to admit that the God who created all things, "and upholding all things by the word of His power," Hebrews 1:2 is still

the God of the universe, and who is still controlling this world in such away that His Divine will shall come to pass. Yea, even the small sparrow does not fall without His notice. America is a very wicked place today, and I am rather inclined to feel that the Lord is giving us hints of what to expect, unless we change our ways.

In Matthew 24 beginning in verse 4, the humble Master says: "Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars see that ye be not troubled: for all these things MUST come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows."

The press further states that the "Quake rattled windows, knocked over glassware and dislodged pictures from walls. It shook buildings along its narrow snake-like course which extended from the foothills of the Berkshire Mountains in Connecticut through the Ramapos and Skagmunk ranges in New Jersey."

The word of God as revealed in the Book of Mormon acquaints us with the fact, that more than a mere shaking will take place with us on this land, if we do not mend our ways.

HOW PRECIOUS IS GOD'S WORD?

Let His Word Answer

In the third chapter of First Nephi, an account is given of Lehi receiving a command from the Lord for him to send his son's back to Jerusalem to obtain the record of the Jews which were engraven upon plates of brass, and which were in the custody of one Laban — Reader — please bear in mind the obtaining of these plates was the command of God. It was not a trifling matter.

In the fourth chapter of First Nephi, we read that the man Laban was delivered into the hands of Nephi, and in verse 13 we read "Behold the Lord slayeth the

wicked to bring forth his righteous purposes. It is better that one man should perish than that a nation should dwindle and perish in unbelief."

Thus far, we learn that the written word of God was more precious in His sight than the life of Laban. Yea, the Lord God in order to protect a nation from perishing in unbelief, He would have a man to be slain. If such a course on the part of God was necessary, and I for one dare not question His acts; what position will man be found in who has the word of God and abides by it not? Is it all sufficient to repent and be baptized for the remission of our sins? Jesus has said that he that endureth the end shall be saved. To endure to the end, those who obey the Gospel must obey the commands of God, allowing the consequences to be what they may. Am I wrong? In the fifth chapter of First Nephi 17, 18, 19th verses, I read: "And now when my father (Nephi speaking) saw all these things, (the things written on the plates) he was filled with the spirit, and began to prophesy concerning his seed — That these plates of brass should go forth unto all nations, kindreds, tongues, and people who were of his seed. — Wherefore, he said that these plates of brass should never perish; neither should they be dimmed any more by time. And he prophesied many things concerning his seed."

In the Book of Mosiah first chapter (which I presume is about 400 years since Lehi left Jerusalem) and verse 3 I read: "And he also taught them concerning the records which were engraven on the plates of brass, (plates of Laban) saying: My sons, I would that ye should remember that were it not for these plates, which contain these records and these commandments, we must have suffered in ignorance, even at this present time, not knowing the mysteries of God. "For it were not possible that our father, Lehi could have remembered all these things, to have taught them to his children, except it were for the help of these plates;" etc.

It was necessary then, for God to have a man slain in order to preserve His commandments that had already been revealed to man and written, that his servants might teach them to their children. I might ask the question, does believers in the Bible and

Book of Mormon realize how precious the word of God is? I read in II Nephi 29th chapter where Gentiles shall say: A Bible; A Bible We have got a Bible and there cannot be anymore Bible. O fools, they shall have a Bible; It came forth from the Jews, Gods Covenant people, but what thank they the Jews for the Bible? All Latter Day Saints will cry out, we have the Book of Mormon, yes bless His name we have the wonderful Book of Mormon in which it teaches the chastity of men and women, might I say, greater than our Bible? Pardon me for reversing the question: What do Latter Day Saints mean? yes, we have the Book of Mormon. It teaches that man should have one wife and concubines none. And Jesus Christ teaches that if a woman is put away for a cause aside from adultery, she becomes an adulteress by remarrying another, does not the man become an adulterer as well? Did not the Nephite people travail much (suffer) in order to preserve their records which contained the wonderful things of God which took place among their people? Is it not generally understood that the prophet Isaiah is referring to some among Latter Day Saints, when he says: "Ye shall leave your name for a curse into my chosen?" "Yea, might, I ask again, what do Latter Day Saints mean when they say they have a Book of Mormon? What shall the book profit them if they abide not in its teachings? Let all believers in the Book of Mormon beware, for it declares that God does not look upon sin with the least degree of allowance. It teaches that He is no respecter of persons. His judgements will fall upon you for your transgressions, as well as upon those who do not believe the Book of Mormon. When I speak of L. D. S. I mean believers in the Book of Mormon. W.H.C.

Visted Eight Indian Reservations

Brother and Sister Bittinger and my wife and I left our homes on August 21st on a trip to visit among the Indian people, and also among our Church people where we had opportunity. Our first stop was on the Allegany Reserve in New York State at Red House and Salamanca. I had passed through here before, but had not called on any one there. This time we called on several people including Mr. and Mrs. William Bomberly — Indian friends of Brother

John Mancini. They are a very nice old couple and we were glad to make their acquaintance. Beside calling on some others, we went to a Factory where I learned that a Mr. Bowen worked. I met him about 20 years ago on the Cornplanter Reserve in Pennsylvania. He came out to our car and we had quite an interview with him. We then drove to Gowando, N. Y., where we put up for the night.

The next morning we started for the Cattaraugus Reserve where I have visited several times in the past. We made several visits on this reserve, and really enjoyed ourselves in talking to the Indian people. We learned that the Utah Elders were very active among the Indians on this reserve. I learned that they have quite a following there, yet there is much opposition to them, too, on account of polygamy and spiritual wife doctrine, also other matters. One man whom I gave a Book of Mormon to some years ago, was very frank in expressing himself to us against such doctrines. He sees it is so much at variance with the teachings of the Book of Mormon. It is too bad that such doctrine has to be carried to the Indian people and especially by a people well enough learned to know better. In calling at one home, we were sorry to learn that the husband and father of the family had passed on since our last visit there, Mr. Ray Jimmerson whom I met in 1931. His widow was glad to see us again, and I learned that she enjoyed reading the Gospel News which had been sent to her. The first time I visited their home there was twin boys in the cradle just six weeks old, they were home at this time but were in U. S. uniforms. Time makes changes.

We left this reserve and headed for the Tonawanda Reserve also in N. Y. We were disappointed here. The folks that we expected to visit were not at home. This being Wednesday, we drove on to Rochester, N. Y., and attended meeting that evening with our folks there. They were glad to see us again, and we had a very nice stay with them. The next morning we drove to the hill Cumorah, a spot that I have a warm feeling for. We went out into the Grove where the boy Joseph Smith went to pray. We sang that old favorite hymn, "An Angel Came Down from the Mansions of Glory. And

told of the record that was hid in Cumorah," and then bowed our heads in prayer. We then started for Lockport, N. Y., where we attended meeting with our folks and spent the night with them. We were made welcome in their homes and enjoyed our short visit.

We then started for the Tuscorora Reserve where I have enjoyed myself many times in preaching the gospel, and where I have had the pleasure of baptizing some converts in the years that have gone-by. We visited several homes while there and some that we would like to have seen were away from home.

Leaving here we went via Niagara Falls into Canada, and then on to the Six Nations Reserve near Brantford. We arrived at the home of Bro. and Sister Beavers on Friday evening. They were glad to see us again. After eating supper with them, we spent the evening at the home of Mr. Miller and we had a very pleasant time with them, conversing upon things concerning the coming forth of the Book of Mormon. We stayed all night at Bro. Beavers home, and the next day drove to Ohsweken, a village at about the center of the Reserve where Bro. Hill and other members of the church live. Everybody was very busy on this reserve for it was harvest and threshing time. The Indian people have raised a big crop of grain this year. Both Bros. Hill and Richard Isaacs had raised big crops. Fruit trees were laden heavy with fruit of all kinds. Canada is a wonderful country. We had meeting all day on Sunday. Sister Laird with some of her family was conducting Sabbath School in the Morning. Our afternoon meeting was in the home of Sister Lewis, some of the folks were there from Lockport, N. Y., and we had a wonderful meeting. We visited a Miss Emily General on Monday morning before leaving the Reserve. She is a very bright lady, and is a school teacher, but was obliged to either give up Indian rights and become a Canadian Citizen or give up teaching school. She gave up teaching rather than sacrifice her standing as an Indian.

I admire her courage. We spent possibly 2 1-2 hours with her, had quite a talk with her concerning our mission and presented her with a Book of Mormon and other literature before bidding her goodbye.

We then drove to Brantford, where we stayed all night at the home of Bro. and Sister Laird. We had a pleasant visit with them. Bro. Laird is not at all well. Leaving there, our next stop was at London, Ont., where we had a short visit with our aged Sister Gadd. She was very glad to see us, but of course is not too well and is living all alone. Our next stop was on the Indian Reserve at Sarnia. We arrived at the home of Bro. and Sister Maness about 4:30 p.m. It was not long until Sister Maness had us set down to a big supper which was enjoyed by us hungry travelers. They seemed to feel highly honored in having us call on them. They have a nice roomy home and we arranged a meeting therein for the evening. They soon notified others of the Indian people besides phoning to Port Huron, Mich., and had some of the folks from there to come over as well. We had a nice crowd for the meeting which was opened by Bro. Bittinger and we had a very pleasant time together. The Maness home is on the banks of the St. Clair river, the stream that connects Lake St. Clair and Lake Erie with Lake Huron. Large Ore steamers are continually passing in front of their home. At the close of the meeting we crossed to the U. S. side with the folks from Port Huron and attended meeting in their Church in Port Huron the next evening, which was Wednesday.

The next morning (Thursday) we returned to the Canadian side and drove about 40 miles to the Kettle Point Indian Reserve. It was our first visit to this place. It is on the southern shore of Lake Huron. We drove through the reservation and observed that there was not much land under cultivation. They seemed to have comfortable homes and living contented. We stopped at one home and formed some acquaintance, making known our mission, and left some literature. Returning back to Port Huron, we ate an afternoon meal at the home of Bro. and Sister Sommersville. We found our brother and sister had been saddened because their only child, Will, had been inducted into the U. S. service the day before. We had a nice visit with them and left them hoping all would be well with their son.

We then headed for the Devine Church in Detroit as my wife wanted to meet with the sisters there that evening. We were a lit-

tle late in arriving. At the close of this meeting I found myself to be very sick, had eaten something somewhere that did not agree with me, however, the next night I was able to occupy the pulpit at the Devine Church and enjoyed the evening. After spending the night at Bro. Fred D'Amico's home, and Bro. and Sister Furnier coming over the next Morning and visiting with us until noon, we went to Windsor, Ont., in the afternoon (Saturday) and after having supper with Sister Ford, we visited the Essex County Sanatorium where there is a number of Indian people confined with T. B. Sister Ford visits them quite often and administers to their wants in many ways. We who have health and strength have much to be thankful for. We saw three little Indian boys on the broad of their backs with T. B. of the bone. Two of them I believe were a thousand miles from their homes. We visited at the bedside of Dorothy Frogg, an Indian girl who is a long ways from her home. I had met her before and she was glad to see me again. Her letters have appeared in these columns. She asked about different ones of you who have written to her. She wanted to be remembered to you all. She is not getting along too well but she was bright and cheerful. We had a prayer at her bedside before leaving her. May I ask you all to remember those poor people in your prayers? You know prayer changes things.

Returning to the home of Sister Ford and getting a night's rest, we left the next morning for services on the Muncey Reservation (Sunday) we arrived in good time and visited the homes of some of the Indian folks. We were very glad to see Bro. Nicholas looking so well again. He had a very hard siege of it, but the Lord has spared him with us for awhile. Sister Nicholas looked very well, though they are getting older. Two of the brethren from Branch No. 2 of Detroit were present and may the Lord bless their efforts. Said Branch of the Church have bought themselves a car (station wagon) for use on the Reservation. It cost them 900 dollars and they have worked hard to pay for it, gathering waste paper and selling it, and from what they told me, they are doing well.

They gather up all who want to come to the meeting, and see

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EDITORIAL

NOTE: The Saints in New Jersey are holding their semi-annual gathering on October 28. They extend an invitation of welcome to all that can come.

An excerpt from Roger Babson's column. Sept. 14. "I despise the commercial exploitation of brutality, as it exists in prize fighting. So far this year six fighters have died from injuries received in the ring in the United States alone. Surely, commercial prize fighting is something the country could well do without. It comes to me as a shock that an estimated 40,000,000 Americans turned on their radios or televisions to hear or watch the Ezzard Charles-Joe Walcott bout. We boast that our civilization is superior to that of ancient Rome because we do not have the bloody gladiatorial contests. Yet, doctors know that many prize fighters suffer with serious injuries which are not public knowledge."

P. S. The Editor naturally supposes that among the 40,000,000 listening in and looking on, there would be some sinners. I am wondering how many of them were professed Christians, I mean all those who profess to follow and love the Lord Jesus Christ, for He says ye cannot serve God and Mammon too.

to it that they get home again. I am glad to see that spirit with my brethren, for the prophets did not only predict the return of Israel back to the fold again, but said that Gentiles would become "nursing fathers and mothers to Israel." The great and strange work of the last days is being fulfilled, is it not? Well we had a good meeting in the Muncey Church on that Sunday afternoon. A very nice crowd of Indians and Pale Faces worshipping God together. I must not forget to say that a very good work is being carried on at Muncey also at Sarnia, and on the Six Nations Reserves.

After leaving Muncey, we went out on the highway and got some supper and then returned to the

Reservation again to a Camp Meeting that Indian people were holding. They wanted me to stay and speak for them that night, but it was late then and their meeting had not started yet, so we headed for home and found lodging at the home of Brother and sister Best, Route No. 3. They gave us good beds to sleep in and a good breakfast the next morning. Thanks to brother and sister Best. We then continued on our way home via Buffalo and passed through the Cattaraugus Reservation again and had a nice visit with a Mr. Jimmerson, and arrived home about 12:45 on Tuesday morning. We had a very nice visit and trip among the Indians, some of the dispersed of Israel.

Bro. W. H. Cadman

A LETTER FROM ITALY

August 12, 1951

To Mr. President Cadman
(U. S. A.)

Dear Brother in Christ Jesus: Ever since my brother Mario Milano of Cleveland has led me in the resplendent way of the truth, my soul is filled with a radiant light which emanates from the Omnipotent God, our true and only Father, Amen. My brother had intrusted me with a very important and delicate mission which I have fulfilled in accordance to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ. I have been to St. Demetrio Corone in Calabria to meet with brother Giuseppe Azzinari, who has baptized me, and with the rest of our Church, with the express purpose to find out how the Church functioned among those faithful, and what is the necessary thing to be done for the spread of the same in Italy.

I can assure you that Minister Azzinari is very active and worthy of the office intrusted to him. A man of little culture, but possessed by a great faith in God and assisted by a Divine Light which illuminates him and guides 'em to give a great future to the Church of Jesus Christ in Italy and particularly in the Southern regions.

Even though Italy is considered the "fortress" of Catholicism, the spread of our Church here is very promising. In fact there are at least 40 per cent of the Italians who for many reasons are contrary to the catholic priests, because in them they can see clearly that they have falsified the truth

and out of religion they have speculated politically and economically, for personal gains. These and many other bad examples the priests give us every day, have caused a great percentage of the faithful to lose faith, though still believing in God everyone his own way. To regain these souls to the truth of Jesus Christ, we need a lot of men of good-will to preach the true Word of God, according to the unadulterated Gospel.

It is then necessary to appoint some Minister wherever there is already a small nucleus of baptized, that they may not be left similar to lost sheep and augment in number. In Provincia of Salerno, where Azzinari has baptized 10 brothers it is necessary to elect a Minister on the premises to take care of worship Services every Sunday, same as it is done in St. Demetrio, to be able to get other adherents. For the choosing of new Ministers, you can, for the time being, rely on brother Azzinari, because I have had occasion to understand his candid thoughts and his deep interest in the matter.

At Ponza there's another nucleus of baptized and also to be baptized, who were waiting for Minister Azzinari, but who was unable to go because of lack of necessary funds. He derives his livelihood from hard labor of the field (as it is with the rest of our brethren in St. Demetrio), and there remains nothing for him to spare for the spread of the Word of God in places far from his home. He, like me and all the rest of the brothers has made complete surrender of himself to the Omnipotent with all the strength of his faith, and knows no limit in his personal devotion, but he suffers when he cannot go on account of lack of funds.

Another necessity to give greater impetus to the spread of our Church in Christ Jesus is to provide places to dedicate for worship. The first one could build at St. Demetrio, because they now are meeting in a modest room out in the country. If they were in town, they would obtain many more converts, and the reasons are obvious. A house offered by a sister residing in the U. S. A., for worship, couldn't be secured because it is being occupied by a renter who cannot be put out on account of legal-right by the law.

They would like to build a Church with their own labor free, that's understood, but they do not have the financial possibilities to buy the materials they do not have. Wherever Churches are built, there will be many adherents.

To do this, I understand, many means are necessary. But for now or later on, things could be done in a modest way and this could be started where there are at least one hundred converts. St. Demetrio will soon be the first town to have this number and surpass goal as soon as they shall have a place of their own.

Give the means to Minister Azzinari to go out especially during the winter months, when he is not engaged in the work of the fields, in this I could assist him, too, reaching as far as Naples or Rome. In these parts of the Northern region, I shall not fail to do a preparatory work among friends and acquaintances, to organize in due time. Here we have to overcome many difficulties of various nature, but with the help of God, all shall be done. In fact, I begin to meet with the approval of many, because God enlightens us and makes us convincing in as much as we speak the truth.

So there's a need of Bibles, pamphlets and whatever there is to be distributed to those that seek and love the truth. The best organization in Italy, are the Valdesian Evangelical, of whom, if you ask me, I will give you all the information when I will learn everything about them. In this (it is my own guess since all the Evangelical Churches have originated in the U. S., it would be wise if they would become one, because one is the objective, though they may differ in many ways. If the Church of Jesus Christ is to be brought back to its origin, why shouldn't they all be in one accord. Prophet Smith has commenced this work for the redemption of mankind, giving the name back to His Sole Owner, "Jesus Christ." It is up to you, then, to take the initiative and God may assist you, and enlighten you to be with you in such enterprise, if you find it advisable.

It would be very wise if within a year a Church member would come to Italy to visit these brethren to see with his own eyes what to do to give greater impetus to the propagation of the

Faith. They should speak Italian rather correctly in order to be understood in every province of Italy, in as much as here we have too many dialects and among the humble, many illiterates.

As one of the baptized in the Church of Jesus Christ, I give all my strength for the just cause and for the unadulterated truth of God our only Lord and Master.

When I shall be commended by you, you will find me always ready to serve you and my true God with all my heart.

Summary is as follows: 1. New Ministers; 2. Bibles and other publications; 3. Places of worship; 4. Some, but adequate funds for Missionary work, and the selection of men of integrity and not speculators. Every beginning is hard, but with the help of the Omnipotent, even in Italy the great miracle to see the people return to the Commandments of Jesus Christ, is possible. Amen.

I take this opportunity to send to you all Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, of America, many regards and best wishes for many blessings of the Lord. I beg you to pray for me and I will pray for you. Yours Bro. Emidio Milano, Noventa Vicentina, Via Zanettina, Vicenza, Italy.

NEWS FROM LOCKPORT, N. Y.

On Sunday August 19, 1951, many saints gathered at Lockport to spend the day with us. All of the Rochester Branch including two car loads from Detroit and two cars from Erie, Pa. Brother and Sister Ramella were with us from Niagara Falls; also Sister Josephine Azzinaro from New Brunswick, N. J.

Before our morning service, Brother Nicholas Pietrangelo of Detroit offered a special prayer on behalf of Brothers Vincent Clemente and Ishmael D'Amico; also Sister Florence Eberhardt of Lockport.

Morning worship was opened by Brother Joseph LoValvo of Detroit with Hymn "Still Sweeter Every Day." Followed with prayer by Bro. LoValvo. We continued by singing Hymn "On Mountain Tops" Bro. LoValvo read from his text a portion of Scripture found in the 15th Chapter of St. John, "You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you." He also entertained us with a number of experiences which he and other brethren received while out on missionary work. A good feeling prevailed

throughout his talk. Sang Chorus: "Blessed be the name of the Lord."

Brother Pietrangelo followed speaking primarily of how Christ died to give life Eternal to all, "If we accept Him." He also mentioned of experiences received in the Gospel which brought joy to all who heard.

Bro. Paul D'Amico concluded the service with a few words in the Italian language, Sang Hymn, "When the Saints Come Marching In." Sister Mancini of Erie, Pa., favored us at the piano during the day. The closing prayer was offered by Brother John Mancini of Erie, Pa.

Our afternoon services was opened by singing Hymn, "Willing to take the Cross was He." Prayer was offered by Brother Patsy Marinetti of Rochester. Continued with Hymn "Rejoice Ye Saints of Latter Days." Brother Mancini bore testimony to the Gospel of Christ and gave many encouraging remarks to us as a people. He also read a portion of Scripture from the 1st Corinthians, 1st Chapter.

We then sang Hymn, "Love Lifted Me.", after which the service was opened unto all for testimony. The blessings of God continued to accompany us. A number of hymns were sung, and a number were annointed because of their affliction, including Brothers Charles Behanna and Ansel D'Amico. Our meeting was brought to a close at a late hour but was greatly enjoyed by all present. Hymn, "Near to the Heart of God" was sung for dismissal; closing prayer offered by Brother Pietrangelo.

Bro. Paul D'Amico.

Visiting In The East

Brother and Sister Joseph Lovalvo and family of Detroit visited New Jersey and other points in the East. While in the East, a series of meetings were held, and on August 26, four baptisms were performed. It would appear that the text chosen by Bro. Lovalvo was: "Come unto me all ye that labor, and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." etc. We can say that the Lord was in our company, and we could surely sing "The Spirit of God like a Fire is burning." Meetings were held in New Brunswick, Metuchen, Hopewell, N. J., and in Bronx, and Brooklyn, N.Y. Many visitors were present.

On Saturday evening August 25, the Lovalvo family were guests at the home of Bro. and Sister Joseph Benyola of Hopelawn. A very pleasant evening was spent in singing and in prayer. Iva Fisher.

While enroute from the east to their home in Detroit, the Lovalvo's called in Monongahela and spent Sunday Morning Sept. 2 with the saints here. Bro. Joseph occupied the pulpit while here, and from what I have been told by some who were present, a very refreshing time was enjoyed. I understand that they left here to spend the afternoon with the saints in Glassport. (WHC)

Davy, W. Va.

To The Church of Jesus Christ

Thank you so much for the Gospel News which I received yesterday. I am glad to read it and I let some of my friends read it also. Brother Patsy Rogolino of Stelton, N. J., was at my home recently. I was well pleased to have him in my house. I have known him for many years and he always had a good heart, and shares with people whom stand in need. May God bless you always.

Sam Pompee

Wichita, Kansas

In a letter received from Brother Kirkpatrick of Wichita, informs me that Sister Joy Clements was baptized in St. John, Kansas on August 26, 1951. Bro. Alex Robinson officiating. We are glad to hear the good news. Also that a car load of our folks from Detroit, paid them a visit on their return trip from California.

(WHC).

From Italy

In vision I saw a sign written in big letters. It read as follows: "Forsake the world, and look to the things pertaining to the heavens above." Sister Azzinari

It came to pass while I was returning home from the farm, about the hour of the vesper, a man stopped me on the way and asked me, "What Church do you belong?" I answered and said, "I belong to the Church of Jesus Christ." He said to me, "Fine, now do you know me?" I said no. He said to me, "I am John Divine." and so he disappeared.

Sister Carmela Russo

Good To Read

Dear Brother Cadman,

For quite some time now, I have been wanting to write a few lines to you. So now it seems I cannot procrastinate any longer, but rather it is impellent that I

do so.

Now then, brother, the Spirit of God has led me to write these few lines and so I have to say to you: "as a member of the Church of Jesus Christ," I realize you have carried a great load all of these years, so I believe it is high time, for us members, to share this burden, for we are told to be our brother's keeper. Yes, Brother a great responsibility rests upon us all, and especially when we come to realize how close we are to the great day when the Standard of Our Lord Jesus Christ must be raised to all nations, kindreds, tongues and peoples. Yes, brother, we are told the world is waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God; and the dreams given to some of our faithful brethren are a shining example that in the near future the Church of Jesus Christ will have to launch herself into the world to preach the Gospel in power to all men and then indeed, we shall find a brother and a friend. O may God bless every one of the Saints, that we may realize how great is the task entrusted to us in these latter days. And as we hear our beloved brethren from over-seas pleading to us for help, I feel a great compassion towards them for they appear to be like sheep without shepherd. Also the harvest truly is plentiful, but the labourers are few.

Now then, brother, I feel the Church should send out some capable Missioners wherever the harvest appears to be plentiful. But in order to do this, we must realize and keep in mind that we will have to put our shoulder to the wheel. I mean to say, we must put our hands in our pockets, and contribute enough so that those who are appointed for this work may have enough for themselves, while away, and for their families.

There's no sin if we take a vacation every year, or waste money on foolish things, or on many luxuries, which do not profit us Spiritually, but if we have to sacrifice (if we want to call it sacrifice) a little for the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, I presume some would think it a sin to contribute money for Missionary work. Well brother we must be broad minded like the Saints of old, who not only gave all they had for the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in their day, but they gave even their own

lives for the Gospel. I attended our last July conference at Detroit, Mich., and though there was a good feeling, when practically all of those who were sick asked to be anointed, still it only proved one thing to us: That is, we are not close enough to our God and also our words have to be substantiated with more good deeds. Yes, Our God prefers that we do less talk, and more decisive deeds if we want the lame to walk, the blind to see, and all manner of affliction disappear at the Lord's command. I would like the Saints to take some good advice which comes to us from St. Paul. He says: "But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil; which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. I sincerely hope, brother, that the Saints of the Most High God may not be victims of the thirst for riches that today prevails among men. A proverb says: "A contented mind is a perpetual feast." And who should be more contented than the Saints of God who have found the pearl of the great price "The Church of Jesus Christ."

Yes, brother we the Saints should regard ourselves the most fortunate people on earth, because we have found life eternal when we found the Church of Jesus Christ. So, brother, I mean it, I hope our people will awaken to a greater sense of responsibility. For it is up to us we that have the true knowledge of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to see to it, that the "Gospel" is preached in these the "Latter Days."

Enclosed you will find my contribution which I intend to continue, if God shall give me life, for the next ten years.

I remain sincerely yours,
 P. S. This letter is written by a lay-member of the church, and I do not think that he expects it to be printed in these columns. But I believe it is good for all to read. I have eliminated a large paragraph which is personal to me, also his name. The brother has sent in the letter, a contribution which exceeds away-yonder the ten dollars per year that the Church has requested each member to give so as to take care of greater missionary activities. You know in my working-days, when we took a vacation, we did so at our own expense, now most working people get paid while vacationing. A good time to remember the Church with more help for missionaries to preach the Gospel, is it not? (WHC).

FROM NEW JERSEY

Dear Beloved in Christ:

With emotions that nearly deprived me of the power to hold my pen, and with trembling fingers that make the words I write almost illegible, I sit down to make known to you the extraordinary event, which has and will mark that day as the most worthy to be noted among men.

It is well known that Jesus, after his resurrection, which was declared to all men by infallible proofs, gathered once more His amazed and adoring disciples about Him, and taught them, with immortal wisdom and eloquence, the great truths appertaining to His Kingdom, which He now appointed them to extend throughout all the world.

On the fortieth day, my dear Brothers and Sisters, He was to go to the Father's house to mansions not made by hands. If we follow Him we shall know the way. Through temptation He has first trodden it, through suffering death and through resurrection from the dead. So must all those that love Him, follow this path. To those that love Him the gates of the tomb open wide to the world of life Eternal.

I'm sure that the people knew His mission, but yet I'm also sure that they refused to open their heart, because of jealousy and self pride, but yet how did they receive Him? Christ was shunned for His voluntary poverty, despised for His humble parentage, hated for His holiness, tried before His tribunals for crimes unknown to Him, scourged and spit

upon, mocked and buffeted, and finally crucified with thieves, as if His enemies would render His death as ignominious as it was capable of being made!

But behold the issue! See, when he had paid the debt of sin for us, the change in all things. He awakes to life, He bursts the tomb, He walks forth from the sepulchre, Angels are his servants.

After forty days on earth, unfolding to His disciples the mysteries of His Gospel and the splendor of His Kingdom, He ascends visibly to Heaven at midday, in the sight of His disciples.

Such, my beloved in Christ, is the appropriate crowning event of the extraordinary life of Jesus, both Lord and Christ. His ascent from this earth into heaven, not only is proof that He came from God, but that God is well pleased with what He has done in the flesh.

If there is any one thing He taught which was not true, either of the Father or concerning Himself, He would not have received a welcome back to the Heavenly abodes. All that Jesus said of Himself is therefore true.

We must believe, or we can have no interest in the Kingdom which He has gone to prepare for us, and which we can enter only as He travelled through it, through humiliation, suffering, death, the tomb, resurrection, and also ascension. Thus did he truly say, "The way I go ye shall know."

His Kingdom is therefore clearly not of this world, as He told the Roman Procurator, Pilate, but it is from above. To it He has triumphantly ascended. An ascent which David clearly foresaw in vision, when he wrote, "God has gone up with a shout, he has ascended on high."

There is now no condemnation to them who believe in Him and accept Him; for in His body He bore our sins, and with His precious blood, as that of a lamb without blemish, cleaned them forever away.

He is the end of the law and of the Prophets, the very Shiloh who should come and restore all the things, to whom be glory, power, dominion, majesty, and excellency evermore. May God the Father be with you always, and may bless you with a special blessing from on high.

Your fellow laborer in Christ.

Bro. Nick Prisco

ROSS-KANGJA NUPTIALS

Constance Kangja, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Kangja, of Aliquippa, Pa. and Joseph Ross, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Ross, also of Aliquippa, were united in marriage in the Church of Jesus Christ in Aliquippa, Pa., Saturday afternoon, August 25 by Brother John Ross, the groom's brother. The singing was rendered by a young women's sextet and piano accompaniment by Betty D'Antonio, all cousins of the groom. Ann Barber was the maid of honor and the bridesmaids were Nellie Miller, Pauline Celich, Dolores Casoli, Angela Antonni and Jime Shaffer. Anthony Ross, the groom's nephew, was best man. Edward Mazzoca, Charles DiLisio, Frank Musante, Alma and John Ross, Jr., nephews of the groom, ushered. Margie LaRocco was flower girl and Secontine DeFelice Jr., nephew of the groom, was ringbearer. After the reception the newlyweds motored on a wedding trip through southern Ontario and New York State. Both are Aliquippa High School graduates. We extend best wishes to Constance and Joseph.

DELUCA-D'ANTONIO NUPTIALS

Deborah DeLuca, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis DeLuca, of Aliquippa, Pa. and Anthony D'Antonio, son of Mr. and Mrs. Angelo D'Antonio, also of Aliquippa, were united in marriage in the Church of Jesus Christ in Aliquippa, Thursday afternoon, September 6 by Brother John Ross, cousin of the bride and brother-in-law of the groom. Miss Elaine Williams was the vocalist with piano accompaniment by Betty D'Antonio, cousin of the bride. Sue DeLuca, the bride's sister, was maid of honor and the bridesmaids were Sue and Diana D'Antonio, sisters of the groom, and Philomena Palmer. Fred D'Antonio, the groom's brother, was best man. Ushers were Matthew DeLuca and Anthony Ross, brother and cousin respectively to the bride, and Nick Ross. Following the reception, the newlyweds left for a wedding trip through Ohio and Indiana, including a stop at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky, where they visited the bride's brother, Private David DeLuca. We extend all good wishes to Deborah and Anthony.

**MRS. IDA P. OSTRANDER
PASSES ON**

Mrs. Ida P. Ostrander, 61, of Miller Hollow Road, Coal Valley, Pa., died at her home at 4 a.m. A member of the Church of Jesus Christ, Glassport, she was the wife of Bro. Charles Ostrander.

Arrangements are in charge of the Finney-Bekavac Funeral Home in Clairton, where friends are being received and where services will take place Monday at 1 p.m. with Orrin Thomas officiating. Interment will be in Richland Cemetery.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Ostrander is survived by three daughters, Waneta at home, Mrs. Martha Moore and Mrs. Emma Brandt, both of McKeesport; three sons, Charles Ostrander, Jr., Joseph at home and Matthew of McKeesport and two brothers, Louis Gilbert of East McKeesport and Edward Gilbert of Greensboro, Pa. The Gospel News extends sympathy to the bereaved family.

**Florence Weaver Eberhardt
Passes On**

After a period of illness Sister Florence Weaver Eberhardt passed away at the Lockport City Hospital on August 28, 1951. Born in Coventry, England on October 6, 1881, Sister Eberhardt immigrated to this country in 1909. She was baptized in Bond Lake on June 10 of this year, 1951. Sister Eberhardt is survived by two sons, three daughters, Ronald H. Weaver, Mrs. Dora Branch, Mrs. Gladys Moore of Lockport, Mrs. Irene Dock of Toledo, Ohio, Oliver L. Weaver of Detroit Michigan; one sister, Mrs. Rose Baird of Newark, N. J. Also 16 grandchildren. Funeral services were held at the Church of Jesus Christ, 339 Ontario Street, Lockport, N. Y., with Brother Paul D'Amico officiating. Interment was at the Forest Lawn Cemetery in Buffalo.

**PLEASANT TRIP TO
GRANDRIVER, ONT., CANADA**

My wife and I and our little boy, together with my wife's parents enjoyed ourselves immensely with Brother and Sister W. H. Cadman, and Brother and Sister Joseph Bittinger on August 26, 1951. After passing through Rochester and Lockport enroute to many Indian Reservations Brother Cadman told me of their intentions to be at Grandriver on this day. We met there as promised and enjoyed ourselves immensely

with the Lamanite Brethren and Sisters. It was indeed a treat for me. I had not visited Grandriver since 13 years ago.

Bro. Paul D'Amico

**WILLIAM CROSBY
PASSES ON**

Bro. Wm Crosby of Youngwood, Pa., died at the Westmoreland Hospital on Saturday morning July 21, 1951. He was born in Sept. of 1867, making him a little short of being 84 years old. He was baptized into the Church by Elder William T. Maxwell on August 21, 1887, which is now 64 years ago. His long life has been spent in Westmoreland County in the neighborhood of where he died, was a farmer by occupation, very active in the affairs of the County; consequently was very well known.

He was married to Sadie Maxwell, the eldest daughter of Bro. William Maxwell who survives him along with three sons and one daughter, 16 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren, one brother and one sister.

It has not been very long since I met Bro. Crosby and while he was a very well preserved man for his age, his mind very bright and was very talkative, yet his acts of recent times indicates that he felt that his time on earth was growing short. He sold his farm recently and attended to other matters which indicated he was preparing for a change. He was laid away to rest from his late home in Youngwood, Elder Lawrence Dias of Erie, Pa., officiating. I understand that he requested that I take part in the services with Elder Dias, which I would gladly have done, but I happened to be away from home at the time.

Bro. Crosby has now passed on to reap the reward that is his, and may God bless his beloved wife, Sadie and all his children.

Bro. W. H. Cadman.

**Tobacco Seriously Enslaves
By William James Robinson**

Most persons do not realize how firmly tobacco enslaves its users. Let me urge you to consider seriously what Professor Richet said. He received the Nobel Prize of \$50,000 in 1913 for physiological research and, remember, no ordinary man ever receives that prize. He said:

"Tobacco is pernicious. Tobacco is noxious. It contains dangerous gases — oxide of carbon, hydrocyanic acid, and nicotine fumes and yet I live in the midst of these poisons. Instead of breathing the pure, free, health-giving air, I injure my appetite, my memory, my sleep and the action of my heart by breathing these noxious vapors. To excuse myself I cannot even claim, like many smokers, that tobacco is harmless, since I am aware that it is harmful, exceedingly harmful.

"In my case, my mania for smoking is a fresh and unexpected proof of man's incorrigible folly. Tobacco is a Stupid habit to which I am enslaved, while all the time fully realizing my stupidity. And because I am more fully alive to it than other men, I am more to blame.

"Weird mania! Absurd aberration! I have fettered myself with this habit with no better excuse than universal folly. A stupid slavery from which I lack courage to break away." (quoted from "The Cigarette as a Physician Sees It," by Dr. Daniel H. Kress).

No one can imagine that Professor Richet began smoking with the idea of being so seriously enslaved — fettered by this habit. But we can easily imagine that he said, as many young people say, "If I find it is hurting me, I will quit it." If he did think that way, he found that quitting it was not easily done.

Everyone who begins smoking is likely to be as seriously enslaved as Professor Richet was. There are multitudes of superior men and women, in all walks of life, even ministers of the gospel, who are as seriously enslaved as he was, and their intelligence is reduced 10 to 23 per cent. The only safe thing to do is never to begin the use of tobacco, but to abhor it with all the Power you can command.

Herald of Holiness.



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Thanksgiving Season

The sun that declines in the far
western sky
Has rolled o'er our heads 'til the
summer's gone by,
And hushed are the notes of the
warblers of spring
That in the green leaves did ex-
ultingly sing.

The changes for autumn already
appear;
A harvest of plenty has crowned
this glad year;
While soft smiling zephyrs, our
fancies to please,
Bring odors of joy from the
fruit-laden trees.

As the summer of youth passes
swiftly along,
And silvery locks soon our tem-
ples adorn,
So the fair smiling landscape
and flowery lawn,
Though lost in their beauty,
their glory has come.

Oh! When the sweet summer of
life shall have fled,
Her joys and her sorrows en-
tombbed with the dead,
Then may we, by faith, like good
Enoch arise
And be crowned with the just
in the midst of the skies.

Descend with the Saviour in glo-
ry profound,
And reign in perfection when
Satan is bound;
While love and sweet union to-
gether shall blend,
And peace, gentle peace, like a
river extend.

Hymn No. 207 in the old Saints
Hymnal.

THANKSGIVING

By Bro. Thomas Ross

It is fitting for the people of
this great nation to pause and re-
verently observe our annual Amer-
ican tradition of Thanksgiving. Let
us be thankful to the Hand of
Providence for our many material
blessings, our many comforts and
conveniences, all of which contri-
bute immeasurably to making our
nation increasingly prosperous and
great. Too, it behooves us to thank
God for the precious freedom and
liberty we enjoy. What a sacred
privilege to be free to worship
God as one feels moved upon or

directed; to attend the church of
your choice without fear of intimid-
ation, persecution or interference
from any source. Let us thank
God for the Pilgrim Fathers whom
He led to these shores in A. D.
1620 and who, after many untold
hardships, succeeded in colonizing
this land, thus opening, as it were,
a haven for many other Europeans
who chose to follow them in quest
of religious freedom. Let us also
thank God for the Founding Fath-
ers whom He inspired to declare
their independence and who, after
much sacrifice and shedding of
blood, succeeded in winning their
freedom and founded a new na-
tion. Truly the Hand of Providence
has smiled upon this American na-
tion from the time of its origin
and founding until now. However,
let us bear in mind, that if we
expect to continue enjoying the
blessings of liberty and prosperity
upon this land, we must possess
a spirit similar to that which
prompted the Pilgrim Fathers to
leave their mother country and
settle upon these shores, namely;
a spirit to worship God freely and
truthfully. Therefore, let us return
thanks to God, the source and
fountain of every good gift and
may we witness to Him our grati-
tude by obeying His will.

South Gate, California

Dear Bro. Cadman,

Just a line to you and the Gos-
pel News to let you know we are
getting along fine and hope that
everything is okay there. I have
been wanting to drop a line for
a long time but was just too busy.
We are enjoying the good blessings
of this Promised Land and surely
God has been good unto us.

I notice you have been travel-
ing quite a bit. May God give you
good success in your labors as the
closing days come upon us. Give
my best to all the Bros. and Sis-
ters as I cannot write to all of
them and pray that God's bless-
ings will be upon them.

We have about finished a nice
kitchen on our church. We can use
it for a Sunday School room and
many purposes. It is going to be
a blessing to us in more ways
than one. Well Bro. Cadman, you
can print these few lines I have
written to you in the Gospel News.
Now my thought is 2nd Timo-

thy: 2:15 "Study to show thyself
approved of God, a workman that
need not be ashamed rightly di-
viding the word of truth." It is
too bad that we have so many
people that are not dividing the
word of truth right. We have noth-
ing to be ashamed of if we divide
the word of truth right, for Jesus
says "Ye shall know the truth
and the truth shall make you free.
So, if we want to be free it is
better to know the truth. Jesus
says "I am the way, the truth,
and the life. So many people are
in bondage because the truth has
not been divided right. We as min-
isters ought to divide the truth in
such a manner so people can un-
derstand the truth, Paul tells us,
"A man knoweth the things of a
man by the spirit of man, the
things of God by the spirit of God
that is in us, so if that is the
truth and we believe, it is no won-
der we have so many interpre-
tations of the truth or the word
because if a man has never been
born of the spirit how can he right-
ly divide it? Paul tells us "Faith
cometh by hearing and hearing by
the word of God." But how shall
they hear without a preacher and
how shall he preach unless he be
sent or called before he is sent.
Then if he rightly divides the
truth he must be called of God
and then sent to preach, and again
Paul puts it nicely when he says
I came not unto you with entic-
ing words of man's wisdom but in
the demonstration of the Holy
Ghost, for I neither received it of
man neither was I taught it of
man but by the revelation of Je-
sus Christ and when he had been
away from the general church for
14 years he taught the self same
Gospel because of the Holy Spirit.
For the spirit does not teach you
one thing and me another. When
we disagree on the truth it is be-
cause one of us has departed from
the spirit of truth, then truth right-
ly divided brings liberty if not, it
brings bondage. Stand fast there-
fore in the liberty wherewith
Christ has made us free.

THE LAW & GRACE

The law was given by Moses but
Grace and truth came by Jesus
Christ. It is not meant that there
was no law before Moses. There
was the unwritten law and God
said to Adam "Thou shalt not eat

of the tree of knowledge of Good and Evil but the law mentioned in the word always means the law of Moses written because of transgression. There is no law against doing good, written or unwritten. The law from Sinai to Calvary dominates and characterizes the people under that dispensation, just as truth and grace dominates or gives that peculiar character to the saints of God from Calvary down to this time. Not in any dispensation does the scripture mingle these two principles LAW & GRACE. Law is a ministry of judgement and condemnation; Law is God prohibiting and requiring; Law curses and grace redeems from that curse; Law kills, grace makes alive; Law shuts every mouth before God, grace opens our mouth to praise the Lord. Law puts a great and guilty distance between man and God. Grace makes the guilty come nigh to God. Law says an eye for an eye, grace says resist not evil whosoever smiteth thee on one cheek turn to him the other. Law says hate thine enemy, grace says love your enemies, bless them that despitefully use you, Law says do and live, grace says believe and live. Law never had a missionary. The law was just for Israel. Grace is to be preached to every creature. Law utterly condemns the best man. Grace freely justifies the worst. Law is a system of probation. Grace is of favor. Law stones an adulteress. Grace says neither do I condemn thee go and say no more. Under the law the sheep dies by the hand of the shepherd. Under grace the shepherd dies for the sheep. Everywhere the law and grace is in sharp contrast.

Let us look now in the scripture and see how the law deals with us and teaches us of grace or Christ. Hebrews 10:1 says "For the law having a shadow of things to come and not the very image of the things can never with those sacrifices make the comers perfect. If they could have made one perfect they would never have ceased. But it is only a remembrance of those things. But he said on one occasion, in burnt offerings and sacrifices my soul had no pleasure. Then said he "Lo come I come to do thy will. Oh God he taketh away the first that he may establish the second by which we are sanctified through the offering of the Body of Jesus

Christ once and for all. Hebrews 10th chapter 1-10 And by one offering he hath perfected them that are sanctified and having a High Priest over the house of God, let us draw nigh with a true heart holding the confession of our faith without wavering, rightly dividing the word of truth.

What is grace — It is unmerited favor or it is something that we did not merit. Titus 3:45. But after that the kindness and love of God our Savior toward man appeared according to his mercy he saved us, that in the ages to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace, in his kindness toward us through Jesus Christ. But God commendeth his love toward us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.

What is the purpose in grace? Ephesians 2:8,9. For by grace we are saved through faith and that not of yourselves it is the light of God, not of works lest any man should boast. Acts 20:32 And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace which is able to build you up and to give you an inheritance among all them that are sanctified. Hebrews 4:16. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of Grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Grace saves, justifies, builds up, redeems, forgives, bestows on us an inheritance, gives standing before God, provides a throne of grace to which we may come boldly for mercy and grace and help. It teaches how to live and gives us a blessed hope. Paul tells us the preaching of the cross is to them that don't believe foolishness, but to us which are saved it is the power of God. I would like to rightly divide this word saved. Paul says to us which are saved. The word saved does not mean eternally saved but it means we are saved from our sins. The word saved in this and other verses means redeemed or converted or purged from our sins. The angel said his name shall be called Jesus for he shall save his people from their sins. When we are born again and converted and a change has taken place in our hearts we are saved from sin. If we endure to the end we shall be saved eternally. Let us rightly divide the truth Paul says unto us which are saved, it is the power of God. Now Paul had not yet gone to heaven, he must have been saved here. From his sins is what it

means. So many of our own people have been misguided by this word SAVED. I hope I have made it plain so we can all see alike and rightly divide the word of truth. For by Grace are we saved, through faith and that not of ourselves. It is the gift of God. On the Day of Pentecost they cried out men and brethren what Shall we do? The answer was, repent every one of you and be baptized for the remission of your sins and ye shall receive the Holy Ghost and many other words did he testify saying: Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

May God bless all our dear brothers and sisters all over the world.

Your Bro. In Christ

9320 San Carlos

South Gate, California

P. S. The writer evidently forgot to sign his name to his article, but obviously it is Bro. Heaps.

WORD STUDY (Continued)

CURSE — A simple definition for this word is that evil is put upon or comes upon a person, or thing. It is generally understood that evil that comes supernaturally or for a definite purpose is accepted as a curse, differing somewhat from evil that comes through natural courses.

The comments which I wish to make on this word are more or less a continuation of thoughts which could have been included in my previous article, "Original Sin", for they link together very nicely. In my previous article I pointed out that those who believe that babes upon entry into this world, come into it with "original sin", upon them do err. Let us here discuss a little of what a person is in possession of when he does come into this world. In his favor first of all as I said before and I again repeat that he has a clean record, and should he die before his record is marred he would have eternal salvation assured him. Then to his disadvantage is the body that he is given for this earthly stay. It is flesh and blood, the very same that Adam was in possession of when he was thrust out of the Garden. Adam as I have spoken of previously was a fallen creature upon his expulsion from the Garden, with an imperfect body, for this was the curse upon it. A child upon entry into this

world is also in possession of such a body, though evils have no attractions in infancy, yet they always come in later years. It is in one sense of the word an unhappy picture, nevertheless true, all because of the disobedience of mankind's first parents. Solomon also knew what he was speaking of when he wrote that the day of one's death was better than the day of his birth. Ecc. 7:1. However the Lord did not forget little children, so that in Christ's teachings we learn how the Lord wants us to properly provide (spiritually) for children. So then instead of taking a child in it's infancy to the church to be baptised, it should be taken there even as Jesus was in his infancy, to be presented to the Lord. A special prayer should be made in behalf of the child, that the curse which so strongly distracts from God, may be minimized in it's life.

That this curse that draws men and women into wrong and iniquity, continues to exist today, can be easily proven. For no one should disagree with the fact that because of human nature it is always easier to pick up bad habits than it is to pick up good. For instance when people are brought to live and work together because of a change of conditions or circumstances, they have every opportunity to learn from the mistakes of the others and then try to imitate the good. But invariably the opposite happens, generally each emerges with more bad habits than originally. Many however do excuse themselves by saying it is human nature to act thus, and are unwilling to accept the fact that the nature which we call human nature is a curse upon man. For this reason the Lord recommended a new birth, that man might receive a new nature, a blessed or divine nature. With such a nature a person then is prone more toward good than toward evil. He is able to sing with the poet "Prone to love thee Lord I feel it, prone to serve the God I Love." While we were in sinful ways, while we were in possession of the cursed nature, truthfully we should have sung, "Prone to wander Lord I feel it, Prone to leave the Lord above." It is not hard to agree to these things for we see this in our lives on the right and on the left, for

men and women as they grow up in life instead of improving their ways, generally pick up various bad habits along the way.

The picture painted thus far may appear dark, however the rays of light do shine for each and every individual who will open the windows of his heart for the Lord has died and spilled his blood that we may be forgiven of our sins that is when we forsake them. He has left his Gospel and has promised to shield if we will but obey His Gospel. He has also promised a portion of his Spirit to lead and guide and keep and teach. He has promised blessings temporal and blessings eternal. However in spite of all that God has provided and promised down through the ages of time, as an armor against the enemy of our souls, mankind has failed greatly. He has erred oft. However erring is not the worst misdemeanor that the Lord frowns upon, but rather a combination of sin and the justification of it. Even as Jesus told the hypocritical Pharisees, "but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth." (John 9:41) Self justification breeds additional sin, and a compilation of sin many times brings added curses to the human family. In the days of old the Lord promised the children of Israel that if they walked in his ways that he would give them many blessings, and contrariwise if they walked disobediently, there would be divers curses following them. These blessings and contrariwise cursings are enumerated in Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28. These as a warning to every wise hearted man, for though we live not under the law yet the essence of God's principles remain for he yet today does bless his obedient children and punishes disobedient ones. In fact Paul infers that blessings go first to the Jews "and then also to the Gentiles." The wrath of God also goes first to the (disobedient) Jews, and then also to the (disobedient) Gentiles. In other words God holds those more responsible who have been "chosen" who have received more light, who have been called to be a light and an example in this dark world. It is without doubt marvelous the many great miraculous blessings that God gave the Israelites, however the Lord was emphatic in his charges to the children of

Israel. I often think of the great blessing or promise that God gave to Abraham, because of him pleasing God. God promised that he would bless his seed down through the ages of time. Do we not see this taking place today among the Jewish people, for many of them are blessed with great talents in various fields, and financially in whatever they put their fingers on? (sad to say though that many of them feel that God is blessing them because of their own individual endeavors and righteousness, not realizing that it might be otherwise). However while we see many Jews blessed and especially so in this land, we have also seen that many thousands have suffered unheard of tortures, privation, etc. Indeed it was appalling to read of the sufferings they endured at the hands of cruel merciless men, more or less a curse without equal. Is there a logical answer to such an unusual picture? Great blessings coming to some, and on the other hand great evil coming upon others. There is no doubt in my mind that which their forefathers desired at Christ's crucifixion is coming upon them. The Jews cried "His blood be upon us and upon our children," thus their inane wish is coming to a fulfillment. Many have cried, why does God permit these things? Many cry, injustice, etc. I do not disagree to what is a seeming injustice, that is in the deeds of man. But we should realize that God's justice is commended in allowing these things, and generally is manifest in time to come. Paul the apostle said that "all things work together for good, to them that love God." We should be ready to accept all things that God gives, or allows.

We can find much light on this matter if we with diligence search the Word of God. In many parts of the scripture the Lord promised that he would turn curses into blessings and blessings into curses. (Nehemiah 13:2, Deut. 23:5, Malachi 2:2) Is it not very possible that any Jews that have suffered innocently, in our day and time, as well as all ages of time, will have that "curse" turned into a blessing — at the resurrection? And likewise the self justified Jews that have been blessed here on earth, who have failed to give God the glory and

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EDITORIAL

The semi-annual Conference met in the Church on South Forest, Youngstown, Ohio, on Oct. 6—Saturday Morning with Elders gathered from various States, namely: many places throughout Ohio, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Florida, and Ontario, Canada. President Cadman and both his Counsellors were present. The business of Conference passed off very much as usual, some interesting experiences were related by various Elders in their Missionary work, both among the Indian people and Gentiles. Morning and afternoon meetings were for the Elders only, but in the night session members were permitted to be present. In the night session, Bro. Iorio of Warren, Ohio, gave a short talk of his recent visit to Italy where he gave his testimony of the Gospel, and sending for Elder Azzinaro who came and baptized a number of converts in his home town.

There seems to be an opportunity for our Elders to preach the Gospel in Italy. We have now two, if not three Elders there.

Sunday morning meeting was held in the Cheney High School Auditorium, and a very large crowd were present, possibly 500 people were seated. Our services were introduced by Elder Henderson of Windsor, Ont., and a very good spirit was in his subject. He was followed by Apostles Joseph Lavalvo, Samuel Kirschner and John Penn. Bro. Burgess of Windsor was at the piano while the audience sang praises to God.

We had present with us Walter Tecumseh Morgan and his wife. Mr. Morgan is a Cherokee Indian from Oklahoma but who now lives in Youngstown. He is not a member of the Church, but we have known him for several years. He is a well learned man, and a talented speaker. He gave us a short talk concerning his race of people, and in his speaking he said: "The Indian people would sooner see a sermon than hear one." That remark will be readily understood by brethren who have preached among the Indians, for the race has been deceived very much by

the white man. Mr. Morgan is not only a talented speaker, but is a lovely singer, and before sitting down, he sang the 112th song in the Saints Hymnal—"Some Day He'll Make It Plain." I believe all enjoyed hearing Mr. Morgan and meeting both him and his wife.

Alma To His Son Helaman

Alma 37, 44—"For behold, it is as easy to give heed to the word of Christ, which will point to you a straight course to eternal bliss, as it was for our fathers to give heed to this compass, which would point unto them a straight course to the promised land."

In June 1829, "Joseph Smith, Oliver Cowdery and myself (David Whitmer) received this commandment through the stone, "Behold, I give you a commandment, that you rely upon the things which are written (then at that time, June 1829) for in them are all things written concerning my Church, my gospel, and my rock. Wherefore if you shall build up my Church, my gospel, and my rock, the gates of hell shall not prevail against you."

I expect to continue with a few articles with the thought of "What Do Latter Day Saints Mean?" in the light of what is so plainly written in both Bible and Book of Mormon. This has been in my mind for sometime past.

—EDITOR.

WORD STUDY

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praise that is due him, who have been unthankful, will have their blessings turned into a curse—at the resurrection. As I write these things of the Jews I am reminded of the scriptures that say that Christ professing Gentiles are considered spiritual Jews. This illustration can be applied to them also. Jesus told his innocent sufferers to "rejoice for great is your reward in heaven." Matt. 5:11 to the ones that fared sumptuously, without being grateful, he will say, "Depart from me into everlasting damnation." Of such even David wrote, "they have their portion in this life." Ps. 17:14.

There are also other thoughts that come to my mind, in commenting on this word, and that is the cursing and swearing that goes on day after day in this Christian professing world. Men and women both have accepted this habit as, just a habit. They fail to realize that they are breaking one of the Ten Command-

ments of God. In my opinion I believe that anyone that continues in breaking any one of the commandments is not worthy of participating in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The scripture says of such an one, that "he eateth and drinketh damnation to himself." (1 Cor. 11:29)

If ministers of this land knew what percentage of their flocks are guilty of this sin, they would be shocked. It is time indeed to realize that God will not bless when people continue to curse. If we want blessings and peace in this world we have to begin at home to clean and correct, and to altogether cease from cursing. I cautioned a man once about his language, and he sharply retorted "There's no use of living, if a man can't curse once in a while" Is it any wonder that Isaiah wrote that the darkness of our day and time would be gross darkness?

However the Lord has his arms outstretched, still calling unto one and all, to repent and to come unto him. Now is the accepted time, today is the day of salvation. Harden not your hearts for this favorable condition may end any day, for there is promised a day of God's wrath. It will be directed toward those who have pleasure in sinning, who will continue to procrastinate and to defy God. Come what may though the wise man will harken even unto a still small voice, and all those who have left sinful ways will easily be able to abide by what David recommended, (Psalms 109:28) "Let them curse but bless thou."

Martin Michalko
Coraopolis, Pa.

A Trip to Idaho

October 9th, 1951

Dear Brother Editor:

I will write you a few lines about our trip for the little paper that has meant so much to all of us, and trust that while I have not the ability to express myself as others have that these few lines will be of help to some as the little articles by the other brothers and sisters have been to me. It is a joy to read of their experiences and to know that it matters not where we are. He gives each his portion in due season.

When Brother Dominic Moraco and Brother Dominic Thomas were here this summer on their way home from their trip to Cal-

ifornia, they told us of Brother Converse's desire to be baptized. as Brother Newby is well up in years it was deemed necessary that someone should go and take care of this. I said I would go if I had someone to go with me to help to drive. Brother Robinson said he had a weeks vacation that he could take if we could make it there and back in that time. We left the home of Brother Robinson at 7 a.m. on Wednesday, September 26th and arrived at the home of Sister Converse on Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. and ate our supper there and spent the night with them. We had traveled 1600 miles and were pretty tired. On Saturday we went to Brother Newbys home at Stites, Idaho and spent the night with them.

On Sunday Brother Converse was baptized by me, and confirmed by Brother Newby who made a very nice confirmation prayer. We held our meeting in Brother Newbys home. There were a nice group present including a few Indian people. We had a very nice meeting together.

Brother Newby has been getting around on crutches for sometime, he is a great deal better than he was and gets around with one crutch very well. He asked about you and I gave him your letter to read which pleased him very much. The two that are in Idaho, Sister Converse and Brother Newby are the ones that Brother Costa was instrumental in bringing to a knowledge of the gospel. They are dear saints and like may of God's people, they do not possess much of this worlds goods but are possessed with a greater treasure than any worldly possession. This treasure, man cannot give nor take away. It is the love of God that is spoken of by Moroni and also by Paul in the 13th chapter of I Corinthians. We stayed Sunday evening at Brother Newbys home and left for our homeward journey on Monday morning.

I remember the trip you and Brother Costa made some years ago and how treacherous you had told us the roads were to travel and in a way dreaded the trip. It was a very hard trip and the roads were bad but it was a wonderful trip. Indeed when one traverses this wonderful country that we have been so fortunate to dwell in, it surely brings one

to a faint conception of the greatness of our Creator and oh how little and insignificant we poor weak mortals are. I often thought of the expression of Nephi in the 12th Chapter of Helaman, verse 7: "Oh how great is the nothingness of the children of men, yea even less than the dust of the earth." I never fully realized how true it is until I made the trip to Idaho. The scenery was beautiful and the trip was indeed enjoyable.

On our homeward journey we stopped in Salt Lake City and attended a concert in the tabernacle. It is a wonderful place and they have a beautiful pipe organ but the music played was a disappointment as it was mostly classical, and one would naturally expect it to be all sacred. We also visited some relatives of Brother Robinson in Salt Lake City, we left there at 3:30 and stopped in Craig, Colorado for the night. We left there at 5 a.m. the next morning and drove to Larned, Kansas that day, having traveled 625 miles. I stayed there all night arriving in St. John the following morning. We had traveled over 3,000 miles on our trip and feel that if God had not been by our side we would never have been able to have made the trip.

Brother Charles Sanders

News From Cleveland

Brother Editor: Of late we have had many saints visiting our Branch here in Cleveland. First: Bro. Gorie Ciaravino and family visited us. He delivered a wonderful discourse and the blessing of God attended us all day.

Bros. Reno Bologna, John Romano and another brother from Detroit spent a Sunday with us. Bro. Bologna delivered a very interesting sermon in which we were blessed. The afternoon service was introduced by Bro. Romano and truly we had a wonderful day in the Lord. Sister Angeline Biscotti prepared a nice supper for the brethren, and after supper they left for Detroit.

The following Saturday, Brother and Sister Ashton, along with Brother and Sister Andrask and brother Henry from McKees Rocks, Pa. arrived at Brother Biscotti's home. On Sunday morning the saints of the Girard Mission came to Cleveland to

spend the day with us. Bro. Domenic Bucci gave a very interesting sermon, followed by Bro. Ashton. The Spirit of God accompanied their discourses. The afternoon fellowship service was the best we had for a long time, and surely the day was well spent in the service of God, especially that we had our beloved brother Ashton with us. May God bless him with many more years of health.

On Sunday Sept. 9th, the saints of Lorain came to Cleveland to spend the day in praising God together with us. The Sunday morning service was introduced by Bro. Biscotti with a very nice topic, "I was glad when they said to me: Let us go into the house of the Lord." And throughout the day we were blessed so much with glorious manifestations of the Love of God in our midst, and the gift of tongues were made manifest, and we truly felt to sing the hymn: "The Spirit of God like a Fire is Burning," so we spent a glorious day in singing praises to God with the saints from Lorain. We thank God for His wonderful love and ask the saints to come again.

Sister L. Perlioni

P. S. On Sunday Sept. 16th, we had Bro. Alma Cadman from Monongahela, Pa., and Brother and Sister Raymond Cosetti from Youngstown. We enjoyed their company during the entire day.

Readers of The Gospel News

Better than a year ago I received the following letter from A. O. Armstrong. For some reason I did not feel like publishing it, but in thinking upon it this day, (Oct. 5, 1951) I feel like publishing it in The Gospel News. The vision contained therein is a wonderful experience. Bro. Armstrong writes to me as follows:

Priestly, B. C. Candaa
Feb. 19, 1950

Dear Editor:

Just read Bro. Newby's letter in the Gospel News which Bro. Cadman has sent me. So this letter is to Bro. Newby and others who were scattered abroad 1915-1925.

I note he says he has tried several different factions of the Restoration, of which Christ designates the number as ten whom he calls virgins, who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom, five of whom made

an acceptable journey — they were allowed to see the marriage, etc.

I often hear of Bro. Newby through other factions, and it may be that he has struck oil-bearing rock, and I hope so, as he may have been instructed by the Spirit as have others; but for me, I am in the investigating stage as yet, and I will give for my reasons, an article written in two Church papers, namely: the "Zions Advocate" and the "Arimat" No. 8 volume 1. I cannot locate the Advocate issue so I cannot quote from it. On page 29 (A Remarkable Vision) a Brother who with-holds his name sent in the following vision. (Editor) Arimat:

A Remarkable Vision

I was in the little Church on Enoch Hill, Independence, Mo. one prayer meeting night; Brother Bullard in the chair, A brother arose and related the following vision, as well as can be remembered, He said:

"I was in the Spirit for the Spirit of God was upon me, and it was very dark, the darkness being so intense that it could be felt with the naked hand — The Lord spoke to me out of the darkness saying: 'Come and I will show you the harvest of the world.' Immediately I was caught away by the Spirit, and carried over the largest wheat field I ever saw. It covered the whole world, and it was very ripe. I beheld it for the spirit of God was upon me and my eyes could penetrate the darkness. I beheld that the grain was shelling and I heard the kernels rattle down through the straw to the ground and was lost. Great sorrow possessed me for the wheat that perished, and I said: Oh, Lord, why cannot this field be harvested that the wheat perish not? The Lord answered: 'My horses are not fit.' I said surely some of them must still be fit, as they would not get into such a condition so soon after the crop was planted. The Lord answered: 'Come with me and see.' Then I was carried in the Spirit to a barn full of horses. The barn was poorly lighted and the horses decrepit. There were horses on both sides, two and two in a stall.

As we passed down the center on our tour of inspection, the first teams were very old with hair off in places, and I

saw at a glance that they were unfit for work. Then I saw some that were old, but still might be used, when on examination they were springhalted so bad, that they moved with great difficulty. So we passed on down the line; the sore shoulders and other blemishes were appalling. Finally we came to the last few horses which seemed to be serviceable, but by no means perfect. I had seen such horses give service and I said, can not I try to save some of the crop with these? 'Their feet was rotten' said the Lord, and I replied surely not, and the Lord said, 'look and see.'

I stepped in between the best team and caught up one foot and took the foot between my legs, as a blacksmith would do and with my pocket-knife, began to dig out the foot, which seemed to be filled with dry-rot. I kept paring the diseased portion away until I reached the coffin-bone, and I saw with a shock that this, the best horse, was useless, and I dropped his foot to the floor when the horse put his weight on it, the hoof slipped up on the fetlock joint rendering the horse in a state of collapse. At this I reeled to and fro and would have fallen to the ground had not the Lord caught me and supported me, saying: 'Sorrow not, for I have another barn, come and see.'

I said my sorrow is too great, I cannot even stand alone, whereupon the Lord linked His arm in mine and led me faultering out of the barn some distance. Having received some strength, I looked back at the old barn and I saw a sorry looking sight — the barn was leaning at an unsafe angle, the boards were kicked off in many places where the horses had been quarrelling among themselves.

Being overcome with grief I would have fallen again had not the Lord caught and strengthened me, saying, 'look' and immediately ahead of us was a brand-new barn painted red with white trimmings, the doors open from which light flooded out. We entered this magnificently lighted and clean learn full of horses in pairs on either side in rows. Each horse weighing about 1600 pounds, and was a lovely dapple grey with silver main and tail, a russet halter with brass mountings that dazzled the eye. While

I looked on, overcome with joy and wonder, the Lord said, 'I will give you six of these to drive.' I examined one of the horses that was mine to drive, I untied the connecting line at the manger, and the horse backed out into the aisle, did not need a command. I moved the line and the horse moved with the action of a hackney.

The words of the Lord were still in my ears, 'I will give you six of these to drive,' and my joy was so great it is beyond description. I wept much for joy and the vision passed while I was still encompassed with joy."

Now if any of the sheep are still alive on what is designated as every high hill, let them take comfort that we will all meet again in the same house-hold whose builder and maker is God.

Your Brother in Christ
A. O. Armstrong.

P. S. To me this is a wonderful experience, and apparently it happened during the time when the Reorganized people were having much discord, which resulted in many of their people leaving their church. Bro. Armstrong evidently was among them, and at present is not associated with any organization of L. D. S. May his investigation not prove in vain.

Bro. Cadman

A GLORIOUS MEETING

Dear Gospel Readers: At this hour while I find myself meditating about the wonders of God, I thought I would sit down and write about a glorious meeting which took place recently in our Branch, West Side No. 2, Detroit. To our surprise that Sunday morning we had three visiting brothers from Cleveland: Bros. Ventura, Milano, and Ernest. The meeting was opened by Bro. John Romano. A very interesting subject was brought forth concerning the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Then Bro. Domenic Thomas followed: while he was expressing himself, the spirit of God was flowing from vessel to vessel, and being that he had just returned from a visit to California, he stressed the points of the love of God, how wonderfully the saints received them in their homes.

He then related an experience he heard on their way back home when they stopped at St. John,

Kansas. A brother from St. John, before he obeyed the Gospel asked the Lord to show him if the Church of Jesus Christ was the true Church or not. Being that he worked in a hospital, he dreamed that he was in the same hospital. On one side was a chapel, three ministers were on the rostrum, two from the world and one, an Elder from The Church of Jesus Christ. While he was trying to understand what they were saying, a man went up to him and said: I will take you closer to them so you can hear what they are saying. As he went towards the first Minister, he looked in back of him and noticed that he was trying to preach from a blank book, but nobody could understand him. He then went to the second Minister, and when he looked in the book, it said: First convert thyself, and then convert thy brother. As he went to the third, whom was an Elder of The Church of Jesus Christ, it said "Speak with the truth, and the truth will make you free." The brother awoke and was convinced that this Gospel is the only true Gospel upon the earth.

As Bro. Thomas continued speaking the blessing of God did increase and our hearts were filled with joy. That Sunday Morning when we separated, we could hardly wait to return to the afternoon meeting. In this meeting, Bro. Straccia, First Counsellor of the Branch, invited these three brothers from Cleveland to sit on the rostrum, giving them first preference to express themselves. Bro. Ventura expressed himself first in the way of testimony, how thankful he is to have found the gospel; also how the Lord visited him in different ways. Truly we can say that Bro. Ventura caused a wonderful spirit to be made manifest in our meeting. Bros. Milano and Ernest followed him. Meanwhile our hearts were swelling with joy. Truly we can say that the Lord Jesus Christ was with these three brothers, for we felt the evidence of the Spirit.

Being that we have a paralyzed sister in our Branch, Bro. Brutz was promoted by the Spirit of God to have this sister anointed. As Bro. Brutz arose from his seat, he referred us to the sick man who never had the chance to jump into the pool of Bethesda, when the angel stirred the waters. While this sister was being anointed, Bro. Straccia spoke in the gift of tongues, where-by the interpretation was that God would take care

of this sister. Many wonderful testimonies were related by the spirit of God, filling the presence of the Lord in our minds. Bro. Straccia then related a dream which he had the night before, in which the Saviour appeared to him, and kissed him. The dream indicated that the Lord surely was going to make His appearance. Our meeting finally came to an end by singing Praise God. At the end of the song, Bro. Straccia continued singing in an angel's tongue. Brothers and Sisters, I cannot express the joy and blessings of God which were felt in our hearts. When Bro. Straccia ceased singing, I was inspired by God to form a ring. All that were in the meeting formed a circle by clasping their hands. Brothers and Sisters, we felt as if it were in days of old—the day of Pentecost. We could not let go our hands, and while we were under the influence of the spirit, various ones expressed themselves again. We then separated from each other singing "Till We Meet Again."

May God bless each and every one who are striving to do their best in this Glorious Gospel, causing The Church of Jesus Christ to rise triumphantly to the skies. Then we can surely sing with the spirit and understanding: On Mountain tops the Mount of God In Latter Days shall Rise, Above the Summit of the Hills and draw their wandering eyes etc. May God Bless you all is my prayer. Sister Anna Carlini.

WHY INGERSOL WAS AN UNBELIEVER

Paul Gilbert

Ninety-nine times out of a hundred, unbelief on the part of children from Christian homes, is due to inconsistency and unbelief of one or both of the parents. Billy Sunday said one time in Chicago: "I have always felt sorry for Bob. He was the son of a minister, but his father married four times, and three of his wives were living when he married the fourth. It was no wonder Bob thought that there was no reality in religion, brought up in such surroundings."

P. S. I never heard this about Bob Ingersol's father before; what an example for a man — and a professed Minister of the Gospel to set before his child. I have always understood that Bob was a kind hearted man, but he certainly would have a hard time to reconcile his "Minister fathers"

conduct with the teachings of Jesus Christ. Well did the Saviour say: the tree is known by its fruit. Well may it be said, "Consistency! Consistency! Thou art a jewel."

(WHC).

II Samuel 12:10, 14; Romans 2:24; Isaiah 52:5

Disregard of the Lord's Day, of church vows, of prayer and communion through the Word, may seem to be incidental "infirmities," but they are producing a generation of unbelievers.

—Publisher Unknown.

SISTER ANN PARLOR PASSES ON

Sister Sarah Ann Parlor, the third child born to the late Bro. and Sister Wm. Cadman, died at her home in the evening of September 23, 1951. She was born on October 13, 1860, making her a little short of being 91 years old. She was baptized late in 1896. She lived near the Church in the Jefferson Village near West Elizabeth, Pa., for many years where she attended Church as long as she was able to go. As to her faithfulness in the service of God, her manner of life in the many years she resided at Jefferson, will speak for itself. The services were in the charge of Bro. Samuel Kirschner, and he was assisted by Bro. Charles Ashton. The little Church was well filled with friends and relatives who came together to pay their last respects to a faithful friend and neighbor. Interment was in the Monongahela Cemetery.

To mourn her passing, she leaves five sons and one daughter Harry of Smithfield, Pa., Wilbert Robert, Ralph, Clyde and Mrs. Elizabeth Toye all of Jefferson. Also a number of grandchildren and great grandchildren. Surviving her, also are three brothers and three sisters, Joseph Cadman of Richesville, Pa., W. H. and A. B. Cadman of Monongahela, Pa., Mrs. Mary Love of Sharon, Pa., Mrs. Ruth Griffith, and Mrs. Elizabeth Davidson of West Elizabeth, Pa. Many viewed her remains in the Drum Funeral Home and extended their sympathy to the bereaved family. The Gospel News extends sympathy to all of you. Her husband, Wm. Parlor passed on some years ago.

ANDREW EVANS PASSES ON

Mr. Andrew Evans of Charleroi, Pa., the husband of Sister Julia Evans died at the Charleroi-Mon-

essen Hospital on October 3rd, had he lived until Nov. 7th he would of been 66 years old.

He is survived by his wife, Julia, two daughters, Mrs. Harry Clemens of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Mrs. John Olexa of Speers, Pa., one son Andrew of Belle Vernon, Pa. and a number of grandchildren. Friends were received at the Melinchak Home for Funerals in Charleroi, where the funeral services were conducted by Brother Walter Anderson of The Church of Jesus Christ at Eldora, Pa., on October 6th. Interment in the Monongahela Cemetery. The Gospel News extends sympathy to the bereaved family.

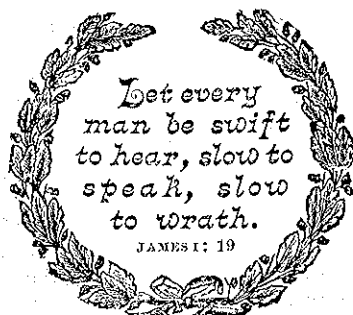
"HAPPINESS"

Happiness is a habit — a by-product of right thinking and living.

We pass this way but once. We cannot retrace our steps to any preceding milestone. Everytime the clock strikes it is both the announcement of the hour upon which we are entering the knell of the one which is gone. Each night memory balances the books and we know before we sleep whether the result is on the right or on the wrong side of the account. The older we grow the more we realize that life is worth the living. We think too little of the fun there is in it. We are too miserly of laughter. We do not appreciate as we ought the man or the woman who can make us forget while we are amused. We cannot help the past, and that man is a fool who lives in it. Today is a better day than yesterday.

The secrets of happiness and longevity, in my judgment are to cherish and cultivate cheerful, hopeful and boyant spirits. If you haven't them create them. Enjoy things as they are.

A ragged Turkish peasant was



standing in a field, clothed in bits of old carpet. He was laughing hilariously at a well clothed party. The combination of color and humor made him a thing of beauty, if not a joy forever.

Let us never lose our faith in human nature no matter how often we are deceived. Do not let deceptions destroy confidence in the real honest goodness, generosity, humanity and friendship that exist in the world. They are overwhelmingly in the majority.

"RULES FOR HAPPINESS"

Live a simple life

Be temperate in your habits

Avoid self-seeking and selfishness

Make simplicity the keynote of your daily plans — simple things are best.

Spend Less Than You Earn

It may be difficult, but it pays large dividends in contentment

Keep out of debt

Cultivate economy, prudence, and self-denial

Avoid extravagance

Think Constructively

Train yourself to think clearly and accurately. Store your mind with useful thoughts.

Stand porter at the door of your mind.

Cultivate a Yielding Disposition

Resist the common tendency to want things your own way

See the other person's viewpoint.

Be Grateful

Begin the day with gratitude for your opportunities and blessings

Be glad for the privilege of life work.

Rule your Moods

Cultivate a mental attitude of peace and good will.

Give Generously

There is no greater joy in life than to render happiness to other by means of intelligent giving.

Work with Right Motives

The highest purpose of your life should be to grow in spiritual grace and power.

Be interested in others

Divert your mind from self-centeredness. In the degree that you give serve and help, will you experience the by-Product and happiness.

Live in a Daytime Compartment

That is live one day at a time.

Concentrate on your immediate task.

Make the most of today.

Have a Hobby

Nature study, walking, gardening, music, capentry, stamp collecting etc.

Cultivate an avocation to which you can turn for diversion and relaxation.

Keep Close to God

True and enduring happiness depends primarily upon close alliance with Him. It is your privilege to share His thoughts for your spiritual nourishment and to have constant assurance of divine protection and guidance.

Depend upon yourself

Make your judgement trustworthy by trusting it.

You can develop good judgement as you do the muscles of the body by judicious daily exercise.

To be known as a man of sound judgement will be much in your favor.

Proverbs: 16-20

He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good: and who so trusteth in the Lord, happy is he.

Elaine Sechez, Erie, Pa.

MY THANKSGIVING SONG

But for the grace of God I'd be today

An orphan child upon some foreign shore.

Not knowing what it means to laugh and play . . .

Upon my frightened heart the scar of War.

But for the grace of God I could not share

The blessings of a land so rich, so great,

My life would overflow with dark despair

What would I not do to escape my fate?

But for the grace of God I could not live

With peace of heart and mind, bursting with love . . .

And understanding all of this I give

My humblest thanks to Thee, O God above.

—CATHERINE POMA.



That ye might have life

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ASK THYSELF

'Tis Christmas once again, and what can I

Say unto you that's not been said before?

The Christmas shopping's done and with a sigh

The gifts have been delivered to each door.

There's holly on these doors as if to say

"We, too, believe that for us Christ was born,"

And one may well perceive that on this day

All jealousy and hate, from man is shorn.

The principles that Christ taught long ago

"'Tis best, by far, to give than to receive,"

Are held in high esteem by friend and foe,

And in each heart is no wish to deceive.

Now.... this I ask.... and He shall answer last

Who knows the workings of the hearts of men....

...Why is it that when Christmas day is past

The jealousy and envy starts again.

Catherine Poma

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO EVERYBODY

Christmas Greetings: Before another Gospel News is published, the Christmas season will have passed on, and another year will have been ushered in; reminding us all that time is passing swiftly by. In commemorating Christmas Day, we should do so in honor and memory of Him whose birth was heralded by the angels of God 1951 years ago.

THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

By Bro. Idris Martin

The birth of Christ is one of the most important events in the history of mankind. It was prophesied by many Prophets and was promised in God's covenants with Israel, to redeem man from his fallen state.

But even with all the prophecies known to them, there were only a few in Israel who were actually waiting to welcome the Savior into the world. His coming was heralded by Angels to the

shepherds on the hills outside of Bethlehem and God had made it known to the Three Wise Men from the East. But it was many days before Bethlehem and the country round about heard that the Babe, who was born in a manger, was to be the Deliverer of the people.

In Jerusalem at the Temple, it was proclaimed by aged Simeon and the very old prophetess, Anna, that this was surely the redeemer of Israel and the promised salvation. "A light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of thy People, Israel."

And then became a time of terror. For the wicked King Herod, thinking his natural kingdom was in danger, began to kill all the baby boys in the city, in a vain attempt to eliminate the successor to his throne. But God had warned Joseph and Mary in time and they fled into Egypt. So the exact time of the birth was not known to many nor did it seem important, as even today there are different times to celebrate the birth of our Saviour.

In the Western part of the world it was not so; the exact time of the birth meant the difference between life and death for thousands who believed in the prophecies of Samuel, the Laminite, who had said: "Behold, I give unto you a sign, for five years more cometh, and behold then cometh the Son of God to redeem all those who shall believe on his Name, and this will I give unto you as a sign, 'For behold there shall be a great light in the heaven, inasmuch that in the night before he cometh there shall be no darkness, inasmuch that it shall appear unto man as if it were day. Therefore there shall be one day and a night and a day as if it were one day and there were no night, and behold there shall a new star arise, such a one as you have never seen.'"

Although many believed Samuel, they were few compared to the great number who would not believe and were stirred up to intense anger and resentment by the stinging words of rebuke, which condemned them for their wickedness. So a serious contention arose between them, and the unbelievers proclaimed that if the signs did not appear exactly as they

were predicted, those who believed would be put to death. So on the last day of the fifth year, there was a great anxiety and sorrow among the people of the Lord. Nephi, the spiritual leader of the people, prayed all that day for deliverance and the Lord spoke to him and assured him that the signs would appear that night and on the morrow the Savior of man would be born.

We can imagine the joy and happiness shared by the good people that evening when the sun went down and it did not get dark. They had been spared in their natural life and been reassured in the promise of Eternal Life.

C-H-R-I-S-T-M-A-S

When I was but a youngster, Christmas meant one thing — that I'd be getting lots of toys that day.

I learned a whole lot different, when Mother sat me down and taught me to spell Christmas this way.

C-is for the Christ child, born upon this day.

H-is for Herald Angels in the night.

R-means our Redeemer.

I-means Israel.

S-is for the Star that shone so bright.

T-is for Three Wise Men, they who traveled far.

M-is for the manger where he lay.

A-is all he stands for.

S-means Shepherds came.

And that's why there's a Christmas Day.

By Rosemary Clooney

NEWS FROM CALIFORNIA

October 7, 1951

Brother Editor:

Today we had another one of our small 'Conferences,' this time held in Bell, California, a small town near Los Angeles.

The drive there is about three hours distant from San Diego, and the highway is along the ocean and very picturesque. We had a very nice trip and met together with a good representation of Saints from San Diego, Los Angeles, San Fernando Valley and even Modesto, Cal., the latter being in the person of our beloved Brother Marco Randozzo and his cousin.

After greeting our brothers and sisters, many whom we had not seen since leaving Detroit, we settled down to the meeting. We sang hymn No. 106 after which Brother James Heaps suggested that the Sunday School meeting be turned over to Brother Marco who gave us an inspiring talk, urging us to lay up our treasures in heaven where moth and rust will not corrupt, etc. We truly felt the blessings of God, especially when Brother Dimetrio Turano told of having seen the Lord in our midst, placing a white necklace about the shoulders of the elders and then walking through the meeting giving each of us a white flower.

Brother Rocco Meo gave us a short talk affirming Brother Marco's sermon after which we sang hymn No. 81, and closed with a prayer by Brother Louis Biscotti. Thus the Sunday school time was taken up.

By this time the building was fully occupied, and after a few moments Brother Heaps opened the service with hymn No. 414. As usual he gave a wonderful talk on several subjects, speaking of the prodigal son and entreating with great earnestness the children of the Saints to remember the blessing with which they were blessed as babies, and to make their covenant with God, for the Gospel needs young people like you; we are getting old.... He recounted once more his experience as a boy and how he came to obey the Gospel. We have heard this story before, but it never fails to move us.... We, too, have children. We sang several lovely hymns and closed with a prayer by Brother Randazzo.

By this time we were hungry and the sisters served us a delicious lunch. They have a nice kitchen right in one wing of the building, outfitted with chairs, tables and a large stove, making it very convenient.

After lunch, Brother Charley Breci, our minister from San Diego opened the afternoon services with hymn No. 30, reminding us that God wants obedience and the love in our hearts.... He needs no sacrifices, and then he left the meeting open for testimony. May we, in our weak moments, remember our testimonies, thereby gaining strength from them.

We closed the meeting with communion and with the singing of hymn No. 133.

At the close of the service Broth-

er Heaps asked us to assemble outside the building and took several group snapshots of those who remained (several had gone home earlier in the day). We had a quiet ride home, marvelling at the majestic serenity of the mountains, the unceasing motion of the sea and in admiration of all God's handiwork. Surely, He is the Greatest Artist of all time.

Catherine Poma

A TRIP TO THE WEST COAST

Bro. Don Bucci, of Youngstown, Ohio, my son Donald, and I left Detroit after the gathering for St. John, Kansas and the west coast. On our way we stopped in Carthage, Illinois and visited the jail house where Joseph and Hyrum Smith were killed. Then on to Nauvoo, Illinois and saw the once thriving city of the early Saints and the homestead of Joseph Smith. It was quite thrilling and a wonderful feeling to see these places where the early Saints and Joseph Smith once trod.

We arrived in Independence, Mo. late in the evening and after visiting a few places, we went to the Temple Lot Church. Their meeting was about to conclude. There we met Elder Case and had a very interesting talk. He informed us that he has met several of our Brethren.

Continuing on our way, we came to the flooded areas. The results of the flood were terrible. May the Lord comfort and help them that are in need.

We arrived in St. John Thursday afternoon and went to the home of Sister Martha Ring. They were very happy to see us. We spent three days there visiting the Saints. We reestablished the M. B. A. there on Saturday afternoon. The Sabbath day was enjoyed by all with the Spirit of God prevailing in our midst.

Leaving St. John, we continued westward. In Colorado Springs, we visited a place called "The Garden of the Gods." It was indeed a beautiful place. From there we continued on to Salt Lake City, Utah. After we visited many historical sights and the beautiful Mormon Temples, we continued on.

We arrived in Las Vegas, Nev. early in the afternoon. Being that the temperature in the desert was very hot, we decided to drive through the rest of the desert at night. So, we spent the rest of the afternoon visiting Boulder

Dam and looking around Las Vegas.

Here in this city, we noticed that slot machines were placed in practically every building. Here gambling of all sorts and all other vices are permitted. I exclaimed to Bro. Bucci — "The Devil and his Angels have surely captivated this place."

Leaving Las Vegas, we continued on to Barstow, Calif. Here we located the home of Bro. and Sister John Berardino. Although it was quite late they received us gladly and we stayed there for the night.

Leaving Barstow, we drove on to San Bernardino and had dinner at the home of my cousin.

Arriving in Los Angeles, we went to the home of Bro. Louis Biscotti. We spent about four days in L. A. and had a wonderful time visiting the Bros. and Sisters. On the Sabbath Day, we gathered with the Saints of San Fernando Valley and a wonderful spirit prevailed. Bro. Rocco Meo presides here. It is approximately 32 miles (a 64-mile round trip) from Bro. Meo's home in Los Angeles and he goes to the Valley three times a week. May the Lord bless him in his efforts. We also enjoyed the climates in the Valley.

Continuing on to San Diego, we visited several of the Saints here and we stayed at the home of Bro. and Sister Breci. Here in San Diego we met Bro. Dominic Morroco, his wife, Bro. Dominic Thomas, his wife and mother-in-law, all from Detroit. Our stay in San Diego seemed to be very short although it was three days.

Visiting the Saints in Calif. was indeed a blessing. Their display of kindness and hospitality was indeed the Love of God. May the Lord bless them all.

Coming home-ward, we took the southern route because I wanted to make a stop in Temple, Texas and visit some relatives of my brother's wife.

We arrived in Youngstown, Ohio about four days after leaving California. Leaving Bro. Bucci at his home, I then continued on to my home in Warren.

We wish to thank the Saints of St. John and of Calif. for their kindness and hospitality towards us. We certainly did enjoy this trip and it was the love of the Saints that made it so joyous to us. May the Lord bless you all. We also want to thank God for our

safe return home, for we saw several accidents on the highways.

Love in Christ
Brother Frank Giavannone

S. Demetrio, Italy
September 23, 1951

Dear Brother Cadman:

With our October Conference approaching, our thoughts are centered on you thinking that you be all gathered in oneness of mind and heart, and with this thought in mind, we the Saints of Corone are praying that God may overshadow this General Conference with showers of blessings. Amen.

We want you to know today, Sept. 23, for the first time in the history of our Church here, I've had the privilege to officiate at the wedding of a young couple and I must say we were overwhelmed with the blessings of God.

In fact, while the ceremony was being performed, a sister present had a vision in which she saw a hand descending from heaven and as it was coming down, it stopped and rested on my shoulder, and this seems to have culminated the great blessing that fell upon us. Blessed be the name of God for ever. amen.

So the Ceremony was indeed solemn besides of being a great success because it was performed in the presence of over two hundred people. I must add; when the ceremony was over, tears were visible in the eyes of all.

However, Bro. Cadman, I must say to you, the Ceremony had to be held out in the open because the meeting place was too small for such a crowd.

Yes, in our town and elsewhere, there's much Spiritual work to be done, and many would like to join our Church, but they won't do it for the time being, for the simple reason we don't have a suitable place to meet in. But as soon as the Lord shall provide us with a more decent place in town, then all those whose names are written in the Lambs Book of Life, they all shall come to obedience.

Dear Brother Cadman,

I don't know how to thank you for the fifty dollars you send me through Brother Mazzeo of New Brunswick, N. J. So now that I have this money, I shall leave immediately for Ponza, to see the brethren there for they have been waiting for me for the past year now, but couldn't do it for reasons already known to you.

May God recompense you and all the Saints fifty fold for what you have done for the good cause of the Lord.

We have the Gospel News and we all have rejoiced immensely to see you and your companion in the picture. It has been admired by all.

May God bless you abundantly at Conference.

All sent their best to you and to all the Saints.

Sincerely yours,
Brother G. Azzinari

A CARD FROM MODESTA, CAL.

Dear Bro. Cadman:

I just got back from a General Gathering at Los Angeles. Had a very nice time. We are having the blessings of God here at Modesta, have had two baptisms since coming here. We are meeting in a home and when it gets too crowded, we meet out-doors.

We hope to find a meeting place. It looks as though I am going to stay here for awhile.

Love from Marco

IT IS WRITTEN

In a short article in the November issue of this paper and which was signed by the Editor, he says: "I expect to continue with a few articles with the thought of 'What do Latter Day Saints mean?' in the light of what is so plainly written in both Bible and Book of Mormon. This has been in my mind for some time." I will add too, that when I use the term "Latter Day Saints" I mean believers in the Book of Mormon. It is possible then, that I may tramp on some of their toes, for they have become divided in faith even as non-believers of the Book of Mormon.

In the beginning or in the days of Joseph Smith and his colleagues they were divinely instructed to "rely upon that which was written." And the heavenly counsel given to them at that time was necessary for the Lord God is not a trifling being, for His character is made manifest very much through-out the scripture, and certainly, Jesus Christ while here on earth, revealed the divine nature and character of His Father who dwells in heaven.

Let us take note of some things that are written of Jesus while He dwelt in a tabernacle of clay. In Heb. 2:10 "For it became Him, (Christ) for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to

make the captain (Christ) of their salvation Perfect through sufferings." And we must remember that Jesus taught His disciples to be "perfect, even as your Father which is in the heaven is perfect." We must also remember that before Jesus began to teach, that He was first tempted by the Devil with three major things. In each case the Saviour answered the Devil by what was written. He did not enter into a controversy with the enemy of His soul. I will add here, that, had adherents of the Restored Gospel in the past as well as in present times, abided in what is written both in the Bible and Book of Mormon, they would not of been stricken with the division and strife as they are today. Yea, a condition to be regretted.

Most all L.D.S. except the Utah Church are in harmony with the scripture found in Jacob 2:27, "For there shall not any man among you have save it be one wife; and concubines he shall have none." Matterless of who is responsible for the revelation to practice polygamy, it cannot be disputed but what there has been a departure from 'What is Written' in that respect.

There is much division among L.D.S. concerning the personages of God and His Son Jesus Christ. Some claim that there is and was but one person. I might ask; are they relying upon that Which is Written in the Bible and Book of Mormon wherein it teaches that Jesus Christ created this world. In John first chapter, He is referred to as the 'Word', and the Word was made flesh, etc. The Word in this instance has no reference to the written word whatever, but is a translation from the originals which refers to God's Son.

In John 17:5 "And now, O father glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was." In Genesis 1:26 "And God said. Let US make man in OUR image after OUR likeness, etc. You will observe that the plural is used here three times, and Jesus in plain words says he was with the Father before the world was. Likewise in the confounding of the language in Genesis 11:6 "And the Lord said, Behold the people is one." I will add, not one in person, but one in purpose. In verse 7 (Commanding some one)

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EDITORIAL

This is Thanksgiving Day—a day when we all should stop and think of how good the Lord has been unto us all, and especially in lieu of present world conditions. In the midst of the turmoil throughout the world today; we as a nation of people are wonderfully blessed with everything necessary for our comfort in the material things of life, and, including the freedom of gathering in our places of worship without being molested. There is no question but what the Lord was with our fore-fathers in their political struggle in order that we might have the freedom we now enjoy. Are we grateful to him for this freedom and the multitude of blessings that are ours today? I hope the members of The Church of Jesus Christ will find time this day to gather in their Houses of Worship and give God the praise for His wonderful consideration of us all—yea for all praise belongs unto him. And, not forgetting our boys in far-off Korea, and the camps which they are in. The Monongahela Branch is holding services three nights this week.

NOTICE: The Ladies Uplift Circle will hold their General Meeting at the home of Bro. W. H. Cadman on December 15th at 10 a.m.

A week's meetings in Windsor, Ont.: Being requested to come to Windsor to hold a week's services, the Editor left home on Nov. 9th arriving there the next morning and then on to Muncey where he spent Sunday with our Indian saints where he enjoyed worshipping with them once more. Returning to Windsor where he occupied the pulpit for six nights in succession endeavoring to encourage everybody along the Narrow-Way. The meetings were nicely attended too and some of our folks from Detroit were present every night. A song service preceded the speaking each evening. The speakers' theme was: the falling away of the Gospel and the restoration thereof. A very nice week was spent.

On Saturday after the services, the Editor (Bro. W. H. Cadman) along with Bros. Burgess and Henderson went to the Grand River Reservation and spent Saturday

night and Sunday with our Indian folks there. We had a very nice time there. Our Sunday School was well attended, two classes of Children, also a class of adults and a short talk by Bros. Burgess and Cadman. The afternoon meeting was held in one of the Indian member's homes. While in Brantford on Saturday we called to see Bro. Laird and we found him very poorly. Sister Laird though, was at her post of duty with the Indian children at the Sunday School. We also called on a dealer in Brantford and arranged for woven-wire to fence the two or three acre plot that we had purchased on the Reservation for a burial plot.

Returning to Windsor on Sunday night in the midst of a big snow storm without any mishaps and, after having a night's rest I went to Detroit and went to the Sarnia Indian Reservation on that night (Monday) with Bro. Joseph Lovelvo, where we held a meeting with our Indian folks in the home of Bro. Maness. A nice crowd was present and we had a very nice evening in worship. Bro. Lovelvo had baptized an Indian lady there on the previous day. Evidently a very nice work is being done on this reservation. It is about 75 miles of a drive to Sarnia, Ont. It was after midnight when we got back to Detroit. The next night (Tuesday) I attended a joint meeting of the Detroit Sanits at our Church known as Branch No. 1. The building was well filled and I believe all felt that it was good to be there. At the close of the meeting, Bro. and Sister Thomas of Branch No. 2, took me in their car to the R.R. Depot where I boarded a sleeper for home, where I arrived none the worse for my busy trip, except a slight cold. I extend my deepest appreciation to all the saints I contacted on this trip, Windsor, Detroit and of the three Indian reservations which I visited.

Bro. W. H. Cadman

IT IS WRITTEN

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Let us go down." Here again the plural is used, more than one to go down. If as claimed by some, the word us in these instances could be angels, then it would be tantamount to saying that angels had power, even as God. If that be true, then God is not the sole Creator of the world.

We have a remarkable instance in the Book of Mormon, Book of Ether, third chapter which occurred about 2200 B. C. In verse 16 "Behold, the body which ye now behold, is the body

of my spirit, and man have I created after the body of my spirit; and even as I appear unto thee to be in the spirit will I appear unto my people in the flesh." This is Jesus Christ speaking about 2200 years before Christ was born, and He appears in the body of His spirit, and then in verse 17 Moroni says: "it sufficieth me to say that Jesus showed himself unto this man (brother of Jared) in the spirit, even after the manner and likeness of the same body even as he showed himself unto the Nephites." We gather from this, that Jesus, in manifesting himself to the Nephite people in the same body, but in the LIKE- of the body of His spirit; not in the same body, But in the LIKE@ NESS of it. What a wonderful man in faith the brother of Jared was. He was not contending for the faith once delivered to the saints, for the Lord says to him: "and never has man come before me with such exceeding faith as thou hast" No, Jared was not contending for faith, he was contending for an object, and because of his faith he was rewarded.

In Second Nephi 31:14 the voice of the Son speaks unto Nephi, then in verse 15 which was about 600 B. C. a voice from the father saying: "Yea the words of My Beloved Son are true and faithful." After Jesus had ascended into heaven, I read where Stephen sees the glory of God and Jesus standing on the right hand of God. And I have already referred to John 17:5 where Jesus prayed that he might be glorified with the glory He had with His Father before the WORLD was.

Let all people who profess a Restoration of the Gospel remember that the word of God is as a handboard pointing us to heaven; and it is made plain therein, that Jesus Christ was, and is, since and before the world was.

W.H.C.

SIDE BY SIDE

No matter how stormy or rages the tide,

God and His Son are side by side.

The Son of God came on this Earth

To give us life, and a new birth He suffered for us on Calvary's Cross,

The Father has showed us, what it cost.

Let us be faithful unto the Lord And do our best in following the word.

For them together, will be my guide

For if I fail, where will I hide.
The time is at hand cannot you see?

The Father and the Son is the living tree.

Till the day I die, with him I'll abide.

To walk with the Father, and the Son, side by side.

John Nicosia, Los Angeles, Calif.

OUR SISTER'S EXPERIENCES DETROIT BRANCH No. 1

Bro. Editor:

Thank God for the mercy He has on us in these last days, that He called us into the Gospel of Christ and also thanking Him for the Ladies Uplift Circle. As for myself I have received an up-lifting in many ways, while holding our meetings in Detroit Branch No. 1. The Lord has made His presence felt many times in tongues and interpretations. While reading our lesson in the Bible, sister Mary Di Donato had the following vision. — 'On Monday night we were having our Ladies' Circle Meeting, and we were reading in the Bible about the resurrection of Christ, when Mary went to the tomb and didn't find Him there. I looked at the three sisters that were sitting at the head who are President Vice President and Teacher, and it seemed they all appeared to me as though their faces were all the same, then I turned to all the other sisters, and they appeared too, all as one face.' I was then prompted to tell this experience, and as I was telling it to my sisters; Sister Marietta Ruzzi spoke in tongues and sisters DiFalco and Lucy DiAronio had the interpretation which was at that moment, "we were all of one heart and spirit, even as Mary was to see the body of Christ, so did we at that moment have the desire to see Christ."

This was enjoyed by everyone in the meeting. Also the Ladies Circle meets in fasting and prayer every Thursday morning, and the Lord has, and is blessing us in our gathering and some of our brothers who are now working meet with us too. Many times the heavens open with His blessings and we can't part from one another. Sister Ruzzi had the following vision: "I asked the Lord if this work of fasting and prayer was acceptable to Him, on account of having heard of murmuring about this work. So it

seemed that I was going to Church and in the Church building, I met Bros. Cadman, Ashton, Furnier, Piertrangelo, and Isaac Smith, and I was going to sit in the front row with the Sister, when Bro. Cadman called me to sit in my chair as President of the Ladies' Circle. Then Bro. Smith spoke and said to me: "see the people, I saw a gathering of people, then he said; Sister Marietta, we have to do the work, but you sisters have to help because my days are short, so continue to work because it is pleasing before God."

We hold our meeting every Thursday and we pray as God leads us too. Now these two visions were read in our meeting, and the Sisters requested that they would be sent to The Gospel News, so all could enjoy it. The sisters of Detroit Branch No. 1, extend their love to all the members throughout the Church.

Sincerely

Secretary Josephine Buffa.

HORMELL-PALFREY NUPTIALS

Dear Bro. Cadman:

On October 20th, Mr. John V. Hormell of Charleroi, Pa., and Miss Edith Mae Palfrey of North Charleroi, Pa., were united in marriage. Brother Gus Martin officiating at his home in Uniontown, Pa.

The attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Hugh R. Jones of Monongahela, Pa. The bride wore blue net, with matching picture hat and mitts and was very lovely. The matron of Honor was also lovely in pink net with matching picture hat and mitts.

We wish Jack and Edith the very best of health and happiness.

The new Mr. and Mrs. Hormell were attendants at the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Jones a year ago last summer, at Brother and Sister Martin's home. Mr. Jones is the grandson of Brother and Sister Martin.

Hertha Jones

NEWS FROM NEW JERSEY

On Saturday, October 27, 1951, Brother James Lovalvo arrived in New Jersey at the home of Brother Joseph Benyola. Upon hearing the news of his arrival, a number of the young people gathered at the home of Brother Benyola on Saturday evening. A very enjoyable time was spent speaking and singing with Brother Lovalvo.

Sunday, October 28, was the day scheduled for the semi-annual gathering of the Eastern Branches and

Missions, which was held in Fireman's Hall in Franklin Township, N. w Brunswick, New Jersey. Brother W. H. Cadman arrived with a busload of the brothers and sisters from the Bronx, New York. A very large crowd was gathered, including Saints from New Jersey, and from Brooklyn and Bronx, New York. Brother Robinson of Philadelphia was with us also. Sunday's meeting was opened by Brother Lovalvo. The theme of his sermon was on the 4th chapter of St. Luke concerning the temptation of Christ. Brother Cadman then gave a brief talk in coherence with what Brother Lovalvo spoke. Bro. Lovalvo sang Hymn "I Have a Friend in Heaven" and the meeting was dismissed.

The afternoon meeting was opened and conducted by Brother Cadman. His main topic was the Church of Jesus Christ being the "Ark of Salvation" in this latter day as compared with the Ark that Noah had built when he was warned by God that the world was going to be destroyed. Brother Cadman stressed the fact that we must all work diligently now and prepare ourselves for the future. The remainder of the meeting was devoted to testimony and numerous brothers and sisters gave thanks to the Lord for his tender mercies bestowed upon them. Also present was a Pentecostal Minister and he spoke concerning how he was in favor of the Doctrine of the Church of Jesus Christ.

The M. B. A. convened at 7 p.m. and a brief program was presented consisting of congregational singing, duets, quartets, and solos, and also how the Gospel was first preached in New Jersey and New York. Brother Cadman sang the Hymn "The Handwriting On The Wall." Brother Lovalvo sang several songs, and also after singing Hymn "Then Jesus Came" he gave a brief talk and told of an experience in connection with this hymn. The blessings were so great this day, it seemed as though we could not get enough spiritual food, for after our evening meeting was dismissed, a few young people gathered at Brother Joe Benyola's home where we heard wonderful testimonies by both Brother Cadman and Brother Lovalvo.

Monday night our local M. B. A. had its semi-annual business meeting with Bro. Cadman and Bro. Lovalvo present. Brother Lovalvo gave an encouraging talk to all the young folks and sang Hymn

"After The Night." After the business meeting terminated, a large crowd of young people gathered at the home of Brother Gabriel Mazzeo. Brother Lovalvo and Brother Cadman were with us and we had a very enjoyable time in singing hymns. Bro. Cadman sang two solos, namely, Hymn "Let Us Pray, Gladly Pray" and Hymn "Twenty-Third Psalm." Brother Jimmy also sang several solos, one of them was "The Lord's Prayer."

Tuesday evening a meeting was held in the Hopelawn Church and was introduced by Brother Cadman. Before he commenced to speak, Bro. Lovalvo sang Hymn "Remember." Brother Cadman then gave a very encouraging talk concerning our zealousness in serving God. Bro. Lovalvo then spoke concerning how our life with Christ is comparable to purchasing an insurance policy. He stated when we make a covenant to serve Christ, it is likened to buying an insurance policy, and our premiums are paid, not with gold, or silver, but we receive the love and companionship of Jesus Christ forever in the Kingdom of Heaven.

After the meeting the young people again gathered at the home of Brother Joseph Benyola to converse with Bro. Lovalvo and Bro. Cadman. Both Brothers answered many requests and Brother Cadman recorded Hymn No. 153 and Bro. Lovalvo made several records for us, in order that we may play them and remember the wonderful time we had while they were with us.

Wednesday night, October 31, Brother Cadman visited the New Brunswick Church and Bro. Lovalvo visited with the Saints in Bronx New York.

The theme of Brother Lovalvo's talk was "Faith without works is dead." He stressed the fact of a little humble woman who sits in her corner, hardly noticed by anyone and never has much to say, but whenever some one is sick or needs help, she is always there ready and willing and yet no one knows about it. This, he said, is real faith. He also pointed out how the other person who has a great deal to say and seems ever so humble, will turn his back on those who are in need of help. This is faith without works. He also told us a very interesting experience of how a young sister was healed of a terrible disease because of her faith in God. The blessing of

God were great among us that evening.

The theme of Bro. Cadman's talk was that he learned a great deal from the brothers and sisters throughout the church during his travels. One of the outstanding remarks of the meeting was that any man who could not accept teaching could not be expected to be respected as a teacher. He also cautioned the saints to draw closer to God.

We want to thank these brothers for their untiring efforts to meet the many requests we made while they visited with us. Of course we thank God from the bottom of our hearts for the privilege and honor to have them with us for a few days. We enjoyed their company immensely and have been blessed exceedingly by God.

We understand Bro. Lovalvo was expected to return to California, and we pray that God will bless him both temporally and spiritually during his life on the earth. Also we pray that Bro. Cadman will be an encouragement in preaching the Gospel wherever he goes, as he has been to us. We extend an invitation to them to come back again for the blessings of God have been showered down upon us abundantly during their stay in New Jersey.

Sister Mary Belle Benyola
and Sister Marie Calabro

THE LAST OF A SERIES OF THREE TALKS DELIVERED OVER WCVI AT CONNELLS- VILLE, PA.

In my talks thus far which of course, includes the series of talks I made over this station a few months ago, I believe I have made it plain, that the Church of Jesus Christ believes there was a complete apostasy of the Church which was established by our Saviour. Yea, contrary to the general belief of today, we believe the gates of hell did prevail against the Church, but it did not prevail against the principle of which made known unto Peter, that Jesus was the Christ the Son of the living God.

I will quote again Rev. 14-6,7; "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come

and worship Him that made the heaven, and the earth, and the sea, and the fountains of water."

The Christian world has worshipped as they now are for centuries, they have built much, helped all classes of people, and their leaders are among the best learned; and there is no question but what the Father of Mercies has blessed them very much. I cannot see it in any other way, but what God blesses His creatures in as much as they sincerely worship Him, even though they may be in error as to the true plan of redemption. On the other hand if they wilfully worship Him in ignorance, the same woe that was pronounced upon the Pharisees and Sadducees, will be the lot of professing people of today; for Jesus said that it was not every one that called Him Lord, Lord, that would enter the kingdom of heaven, but he that does the will of my Father which is in heaven. It is often said, that ignorance is bliss, and I believe in many ways it is, but as I understand the Saviour, He requires obedience in order to enter the kingdom of heaven. He declares in St. John 3-5, "that except a man be born of water and the spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God." I know not of what source or power to appeal to, to offset His ruling, for He declares that all power is given Him in heaven and earth. Therefore, His word is final.

The protestant world of today, (much more than in the days immediately following the reformers) will accept you into their fold most any way you may wish, merely a confession of faith, or baptized by sprinkling water on your heads, or pouring it on, or by being immersed if you insist on it being done; but the necessity of being immersed is set aside by most protestant Churches. Hence the authority to enforce compliance to the command of Jesus Christ is sorrowfully lacking. It is not to be wondered at, for nine chances out of ten, the servant who is ministering has not been immersed himself, and does not believe it necessary. Hence a pitiful condition exists with professed Ambassadors of Christ. They cannot enforce the commandment of Him who said, "I am the way the truth and the life." And on another occasion the master said that: he that climbeth up in some other way, is a thief and a robber. If we

come His way, it will make us wise as serpents and harmless as doves; not leaving us in ignorance but enlightening our minds and souls to understand His great purposes in the great plan of redemption, which was brought to pass by the shedding of His blood on the cross.

In Romans 1-16, I read of the gospel where Paul says; "It is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first and also to the Greek." I take from this that the gospel will save, if we believe and obey, otherwise if we do not obey, it will be condemnation to us.

Jesus certainly made it plain when He commissioned His disciples to preach the gospel as recorded in St. Mark 16-15, 17, 16, 18, "Go ye into the world, and preach the gospel to every creature, He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not (consequently is not baptized) shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them: they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." Such was the gospel the Saviour taught His disciples to preach. And Paul taught the same gospel, and he declares the gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. He also says in Galatians 1-8, "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed."

Please all bear in mind that Paul taught obedience as well as to believe.

Now the instance I have referred to in Rev. 14:6-7, of an angel flying in the midst of heaven having the everlasting gospel to preach unto the inhabitants of the earth. The gospel has come down through the ages. No wonder it is referred to as everlasting. I read that it was preached to Abraham. I read of the Church in the wilderness. It could not be the Church of Jesus Christ and be void of the gospel. Hence the gospel undoubtedly was preached in the wilderness. I read in Hebrews 4-2, "For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them," meaning those in the days of Moses and the prophets. I read in Genesis 6-9 that Noah was

perfect and walked with God. How could he be perfect without obedience to the gospel? It is obedience to the gospel that brings perfection. And I read in First Cor. 10-1, 4, that they were baptized in the sea, and they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. I read in First Peter 3-20 "that while the ark was preparing, wherein few, that is eight souls were saved by water." It does not say they were saved by the ark, but saved by water. Again I read in St. Luke 13-28 "There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and yourselves thrust out." Jesus says unless a man is born of water and the spirit, he cannot see the kingdom of God. The prophets must have obeyed the gospel for the scripture is very positive that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. Hence the angel flies in the midst of heaven with the everlasting gospel, the gospel that had been preached from the beginning; for there is only one gospel that will save the soul. Let him be accursed that preaches any other, saith Paul.

Now for the days in more modern times. Let us have faith in the fact that God is still the same. A babe was born into this world in the year of 1805. His parents names were Smith, they named their babe Joseph, so he became known as Joseph Smith. Had his parents been named Brown, then it would of been Joseph Brown, but his parents name were Smith, consequently their children names were Smith. As Joseph grew to manhood, and when but a very young man, he became much interested in the welfare of his soul. We have praise for the young of today, whose hearts are turned to their God in their youth. And let us remember that it is the command of God to remember our Creator in the days of our youth. Joseph, in attending the revival services which were being conducted in his community, was simply obeying the command of remembering his God in his youth. If we are not prejudiced, we will give the boy credit for doing so. And too, as there has been much said, derogative to his parents, yet the very fact that his mind was turned heaven-ward, should re-

flect honor to them for raising a boy who honored and feared God in his youth. Him not being satisfied with the spirit which was prevailing among the Christian people of his day, he searches the word of God, and the results are he goes out in the woods on his father's farm, and kneels down in prayer. While doing so, the heavens were opened up and the Father and Son's presence was with him, and a voice speaks unto him. He was seeking for knowledge and understanding, seeing the strife there was among the Christians of his day, he wanted to know for himself, who was right that he might join up where he could save his soul. Can Christian people of today consistently find fault with his procedure? Was not his doings in accord with the teachings of the Saviour, wherein He tells us to enter our closets and shut the door? Joseph went into one of nature's quiet places, no earthly being to molest him, and there he poured out his souls desire to his God and his prayer was answered. Let us give praise to God for His never changing attitude. I like the words of the Poet wherein he says, "Vainly we offer each oblation, Vainly with gifts would His favor secure; Richer by far is the heart's adoration, Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor."

The young Joseph who was sold into Egypt by his cruel brethren, was loved of God, and the story of his life is wonderful to read. Through trying experiences he bore up and preserved his honor. Joseph Smith was born and raised up in this fair land of ours. God loved him, Yea, God loved him to the extent that He sent an angel to visit him, and the angel instructs him concerning the Marvelous Work and a Wonder that the Lord was about to perform among men, when the wisdom of the wise men would perish, and the understanding of the prudent men shall be hid. Yea, the vision of God directs him to a spot on a hill not far from his home. No doubt he had trodden on the spot many times in romping over the hills which surrounded the place of his boyhood days. But on this particular occasion an angel of God met him there at this place, of which he had seen in a vision. Yea, a stone was protruding out of the earth, and under it was a hidden treasure, concealed for approximately 15 hun-

dred years. He says he raised the stone which happened to be the lid of a stone box which contained a wonderful treasure, yea a record of God's dealings with a people that immigrated to this land of America 600 years before the Christ was born. The angel did not permit him to remove it at that time, apparently the youth so much loved of God, needed some tutoring and instruction before such a valuable treasure was entrusted in his hands. As commanded, he visits the place annually for four years, meeting the angel and receiving instructions, each time, when at the end of four years in 1827 that wonderful treasure was delivered to his care by the angel of God. The angel that was to fly in the midst of heaven with the everlasting gospel.

The treasure happened to be a record which was hidden up many centuries ago by a prophet named Moroni, approximately 400 years after Christ. It contains a history of God's dealings with a people who were warned to leave the land of Palestine just prior to the Babylonian Captivity. They crossed the sea in a boat they built and they became a great nation of people on this land. They reached their zenith at about the time of Christ. Like other nations they forgot God and transgressed His will and degenerated. Columbus landing on these shores found their descendants here whom were named Indians. Jesus Christ after He arose from the dead appeared to them on this land of America; established His Church among them in fulfillment of St. John 10-16, "And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: (meaning those of Jerusalem) them I also must bring, and they shall hear my voice) (people on this land shall hear him) and there shall be one fold and one shepherd." The American Indians are a part of the House of Israel, and there is much prophecy in our Bible which show that all Israel shall have their lands restored to them again. This land which we call America was given to Joseph who was sold into Egypt. He is the progenitor of the people who inhabited this land prior to its discovery in 1492 by Columbus. The record which was given to Joseph Smith by the angel of God, of which he translated by the gift and power of God is now what we call the Book of Mormon. It

is plainly referred to in Isaiah 29-11. Its coming forth is the beginning of a marvelous work and a Wonder upon this land which will result in the destruction of this Gentile nation, unless they repent and turn back to God. My counsel to all men is to give the Book of Mormon careful study. The everlasting gospel has been restored to earth again. May God bless you all, and may you be made free from all prejudice that may possess your soul of which learned men of today are very much responsible for. Seek God for yourself, the spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. Amen.

CIRCLE ANNIVERSARY MEETING

The West Elizabeth Circle celebrated its nineteenth anniversary with a meeting held in the Jefferson Church, November 8th. This also was the eleventh anniversary of the Coal Valley Ladies Circle. The theme of the meeting was Thanksgiving. The meeting was opened with hymn, Welcome Best of All Good Meetings. Poems on Thanksgiving were given by Sisters Sara Mancini, Carol Lovell, Ruth Ackerman, and Elizabeth Davidson. A solo by Nancy Surace and a trio by Ethel Crosier, Mabel Bickerton, and Carol Lovell was given. Bro. Samuel Kirschner gave a short talk on, Why we should be Thankful? The minutes of the last anniversary meeting were read by Sister Hannah Skillen. Testimonies were given by sisters of the Coal Valley, Rock Run, Monongahela, and West Elizabeth Circles. Offering taken up during the meeting was given to the Circle's Missionary Fund. The meeting was closed by repeating the Circle's Pledge, followed with a prayer by Bro. W. H. Cadman.

THE G. M. B. A. IN GLASSPORT, PA.

The General Meeting of the Missionary Benevolent Association met in Glassport, Pa., in the church building on Saturday, November 10th, 1951. Delegates were present from Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York.

The officers for the coming year were elected.

The meetings for the coming year will be held as follows. the May Meeting, the third Saturday of May at 2:00 p.m. in New Brunswick, New Jersey; the November Meeting, the second Saturday of

November at 10:00 A. M. in Vanderbilt, Pa.

After the business was disposed of the Glassport Local gave an interesting program, and the visiting local gave selections, which were enjoyed by all.

Sister Ruth E. Ackerman

HIS MYSTERY

I've known the calm and inner peace

That only God, the Father, gives, I've felt the desperation cease

At just these words. . . "He lives, He lives."

I've known the beauty of an hour Filled with His love and mercy great,

And as refreshing as a shower Are blessings that I contemplate.

I've known the sweet tranquility That in that hour, none can offend,

And tasted deep humility That only He can comprehend. I've felt the tears course down my cheek,

In reverence and gratitude; I've feasted day and night and week

On that Celestial Angel Food.

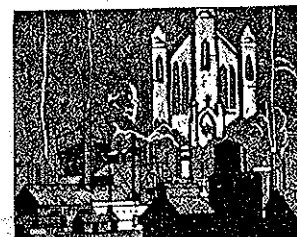
I've been in ecstasy divine That gripped me so I fain could talk . . .

And glory surely will be mine If in His footsteps I shall walk. But . . . this one thing I've been denied . . .

And God alone can fathom why, . . . A loved one's presence by my side

To share those blessings from the sky.

Catherine Poma



Like any other going concern, your Church property is subject to upkeep expenses. . . . ARE YOU BEARING YOUR SHARE ?