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AN OLD HYMN

Come let us anew,
Our journey pursue,
Roll 'round with the year
And never stand still
'Til the Master appears.

His adorable will
Let us gladly fulfill,
And our talents improve,
By the patience of hope
And the labor of love.

Our life is a dream,
Our time as a stream
Glides swiftly away,
And the fugitive moment
Refuses to stay.

O, that each in the day
Of His coming may say,
"I have fought my way through:
I have finished the work
Thou did'st give me to do."

O, that each from the Lord
May receive the glad word:
"Well and faithfully done
Enter into My joy,
And sit down on My throne."
—By Charles Wesley

THE PASSING OF 1951

The year of 1951 with all of its sorrows and sadness, wars and rumors of war along with its many blessings and joys has now passed on, and never more to return. The things that we may have left undone are now past history as well as the things we did, that we should not have done. We are now entering the year of 1952, what it has in store for us, time will prove. But might it not be well for all to take time to think of the past to the extent that we might not leave too much undone to mourn over when the year will have taken its flight one year hence. "The Gospel News" wishes you all a Happy, a Prosperous and a Blessed New Year. Let us all remember the words of the poet: Work for the night is coming. Work thru the morning hours; Work while the dew is sparkling; Work 'mid springing flowers; Work when the day dawns brighter. Work in the glowing sun; Work for the night is coming. When man's work is done — May we give every flying minute something to keep in store: Yes. Work for the night is coming. When man works no more. Brother Cadman

THE MASTER IS COMING

They say: The Master is coming to honor the town today, And no one can tell at whose house or home the Master may choose to stay. And I thought as my heart beat wildly, what if He should come to mine; How would I strive to entertain or honor the guest Divine?

And I straight way turned to toiling, to make my house more neat, I swept, and polished, and garnished and decked it with blossoms sweet. I was troubled for fear the Master might come ere my task was done, and I hastened and worked the faster, and watched the hurrying sun.

But right in the midst of my duties, a woman came to my door. She had come to tell me her sorrow, and my comfort and aid implore. And I said I cannot listen or help you any today; I have greater things to attend to, and the pleader turned away.

And soon there came another — a cripple, thin, and gray — and said, Oh let me stop and rest a while in your home I pray; I have traveled far since morning, I am hungry, and faint, and weak. My heart is filled with misery and comfort and aid I seek.

And I said, I am grieved and sorry but I cannot help you today, I look for a great and noble guest, and the pleader turned away. The day wore on more swiftly and my task was nearly done, and a prayer was in my heart that the Master to me might come.

And I thought I would spring to — greet Him and serve Him with utmost care; When a little child stood by me with a face so sweet and fair. Sweet, but with marks of tear-drops and his clothes were tattered and old, a finger was bruised and bleeding and his little bare feet were cold. I said I am sorry for you, you are surely in need of care, but I cannot stop to give it. You must hasten elsewhere. And at those words a shadow o'er his blue veined brow. Some one will feed and clothe you dear, but I am too busy now.

At last the day was ended, and my toil was over and done. My house was swept and garnished, and I watched in the dark alone. Watched, but no footfall sounded, no one paused at my gate, no one

entered my cottage door. I could only pray and wait. I waited till night had deepened and the Master did not come. He has entered some other door I cried, and gladdened some other home. My labor had been for nothing and I bowed my head and wept. And my heart was sore with longing, yet spite of it all I slept.

Then the Master stood before me, and His face was grave and fair; Three times today I came to your door and craved your pity and care. Three times you sent me onward, unhelped and uncomfortable, and the blessing you might have had is lost, and your chance to save has fled.

"Oh Lord, Dear Lord forgive me. How could I know it was thee." My very soul was ashamed and bowed in the depth of humility. And He said, the sin is pardoned, but the blessing is lost to thee, for comforting not the least of mine you have failed to comfort me. Selected and contributed by Sister Virginia Loyalvo.

COMMANDMENTS ARE NOT GIVEN IN VAIN

First Nephi 3:7 — "And it came to pass that I, Nephi, said unto my father; I will go and do the things which the Lord hath COMMANDED, for I know that the Lord giveth no commandments unto the children of men, save he shall prepare a way for them that they may accomplish the thing which he commandeth them." We read that Nephi obeyed the Lord.

Second Nephi, 1:9 — "Wherefore, I, Lehi, have obtained a promise, that inasmuch as those whom the Lord God shall bring out of the land of Jerusalem shall keep His COMMANDMENTS, they shall prosper upon the face of this land; (now known as America) and they shall be kept from all other nations, that they may possess this land unto themselves. And if it so be that they shall keep his commandments they shall be blessed upon the face of this land, and there shall be none to molest them nor to take away the land of their inheritance; and they shall dwell safely forever." — One must conclude that Obedience is better than sacrifice.

Jacob 2:34 — "And now behold,

my brethren, ye know that these COMMANDMENTS were given to our father, Lehi; wherefore, ye have known them before; and ye have come under GREAT condemnation; for ye have done these things which ye ought not to have done. Verse 35, Behold, ye have done greater iniquity than the Lamanites, our brethren. Ye have broken the hearts of your tender wives, and lost the confidence of your children, because of your bad examples before them; and the sobbings of their hearts ascend up to God against you. And because of the STRICTNESS of the word of God, which cometh down against you, many hearts died, pierced with deep wounds." — Not only in ancient times, but in modern times as well, has faithful men and women died with broken hearts because of the unfaithfulness of their husbands and wives, and children's confidence been broken, and at the same time their fathers and mothers professing to keep the commandments of God. I read in God's word, First Peter 4:17—"For the time is come that judgement must begin at the house of God: (The Church is it not?) and if it first begin at US, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? Verse 18, and if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? Verse 19 Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator." Surely it is not sufficient only to be baptized for the remission of our sins, but the commandments of God in all things must be obeyed.

"IT IS WRITTEN"

SO SAITH THE SAVIOUR

Jesus answered the enemy of all Souls by, "IT IS WRITTEN" — a very good maxim for all professed followers of Him to adopt as their guide; for while the promise is, "that the Spirit will lead and guide into all truth and show us things to come," yet it is also written that many spirits have gone into the world, and we are commanded to try them, for they are not all of God.

It has been the many spirits that have gone abroad which has caused so much division and strife relative to the plan of redemption of which Christ died for. It has been said by many Latter Day

Saints, (I mean believers in the Book of Mormon) that the Book of Mormon is a key to the understanding of the Bible, and in fact, the book teaches that many "plain and precious things have been taken from the Bible," and that one of the parts the former book has to play, is, in being one with the Bible, they will confound false doctrine and make plain the "way of salvation."

The coming forth of the Book of Mormon has often been spoken of as "later revelation from God." I readily admit that to be true, and I will add that I fail to find it in contradiction to what is already written in the Bible, yet the fact remains that believers in the Book of Mormon are becoming divided even as did the reformers who revolted against the mother church in their day.

In the coming forth of the Book of Mormon and the restoration of the Gospel to earth again, it has made very prominent a very important principle, (along with others of course) yea, the principle by which God has dealt with His servants in all ages of time, and that is, Revealing His Will to Man. We are taught in both books that good comes from God, and that evil comes from that fallen one, known as the Devil. The Saviour refers to him as a "liar" from the beginning, and, it is his purpose to deceive the very elect if possible. Among the many spirits which have gone forth into the world, is the spirit of false-revelation which has certainly played havoc with many — they have allowed it to take them away from that which was already revealed to man — yea to God's servants, who spake as they were moved upon by the Holy Ghost. Common sense should teach man, at least those who have some degree of intelligence, that the God of the universe — (Him who changes not, and Him who cannot look upon sin with the least degree of allowance) will not reveal in any way, that which would conflict with what He had already revealed unto His servants of old.

The Saviour says, "If Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how then can his kingdom stand? May I ask, if God is the author of all the professed REVELATION among believers in the Book of Mormon, how can His kingdom stand? If then there is any UNITY in this world today, it should be found in the in-

stitution that bears the name of His Son Jesus Christ — Him, who in the crucial hour of temptation, silenced the enemy of His soul by answering: It Is Written.

May I ask: why do so many believers in the Bible and Book of Mormon lay aside the plainness of the word for that which they claim has been revealed to them? The doctrines of Baptizing for the dead, of plural marriage, and the divorce evil that is fast creeping in among believers in the Book of Mormon, is certainly not of God nor is it in accord with the words of Jesus, wherein He says: IT IS WRITTEN.

W.H.C.

WORD STUDY

BABYLON —As we study the scriptures it is interesting to note that many incidents that happened in the Old Testament have a striking parallel in the New Testament. Those of the New are definitely much greater. For instance we read that the world was destroyed by water and that in the days to come that it will be once again destroyed, this time by fire. We read further where Joseph saved his people from extermination by famine, he in a sense was a saviour, that is of their natural lives. Jesus the Son of God, later came as the Saviour of the world, not only for his own people, but for as many as would accept him. Joseph was betrayed for money as well as was Christ, Joseph for twenty, and Christ for thirty pieces of silver.

The deeds of Moses also typified a greater work which was effected by the coming of the Son of God. Moses in the hands of God was a liberator and leader of his people, leading them on to an earthly promised land. Christ later became the "greater" liberator and leader, saving and guiding to an eternal promised land. We read also that man suffered a death for disobedience, and a second death (in the hereafter) is again promised for disobedience. We also read that the light of the "law" is compared to the light of the moon which is the lesser light, while the light of the Gospel is accepted as that greater light, even as the sun above is that greater light.

There are yet other incidents that we could refer to that happened, both in the Old and New, but this much should suffice for our lesson. It is also interesting to note that each one of these

"firsts," pertained to the natural and the seconds refer to the spiritual. With this thought in mind let us examine something that is going on today spiritually that is also a definite parallel to an occurrence recorded in the Old Testament.

We read in the Old Testament that the great-grandson of Noah was king of the people that dwelt in the land Shinar. But while they became great and industrious, they were plagued with ideas which displeased God. "And this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. Go to let us go down and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. So the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of the earth; and they left off to build the city. Therefore the name of it is called Babel; because the Lord did there confound the language of all the earth;" We read further that in later years the Babylonians once again rose and became powerful, even to such a degree that they were able to take captive the children of Israel. However, in due time the Babylonians were destroyed, fulfilling the promise that God gave to his people that the time would come, the cry would go out that "Babylon is fallen, is fallen." (Isaiah 21:1). This was a natural or physical Babylon and it typifies a spiritual Babylon that exists today, whose end also is predicted, and the time will soon come when the cry "Babylon the great, is fallen, is fallen," will once again be heard. What is this spiritual latter day Babylon that must fall even as the first Babylon fell?

We read of the first Babylon that previous to their great wrong they were of one speech, and because of displeasing God, they were confounded and scattered. A like matter happened spiritually for we read that in the beginning of the Church of Jesus Christ, the people were of one mind, and of one accord. They spoke the same language—figuratively, in spite of the fact that in it were men of many nations. They also as the first Babylonians became industrious and progressed. Being industrious and zealous was a virtue, and their first years were blessed for this, and their structure (church) arose year after year. However in the building of it they too became lofty with ideas that were foreign

to the doctrine of Christ. With displeasure God once again scattered abroad. This scattering occupied quite a lengthy period of time. We understand that it lasted for a period of 1260 years and is commonly referred to as the dark ages. With the scattering came a division, which was followed by confusion, and with the ushering in of the reformation the conditions worsened, in spite of the fact that an honest effort was made to correct conditions, that the world might have purity of doctrine, and if possible oneness of believers. But strange enough that instead of unifying, there came just the opposite with increased differences as time passed on, thereby increasing the confusion. It is very evident that the job was more than a mortal man's task, one for only God Almighty to tackle. The Lord did undertake this job, effecting a Restoration over a century ago. The Lord looked down and saw the plight of man and saw a need, and did do a work that was a marvelous work and a wonder. He saw a futile effort being made to rebuild his house, for even the Psalmist realized that "except the Lord build the house they labor in vain who build it." Psalm 127:1. But lo and behold even the Restoration did not bring a decrease to the confusion that existed, for many of the Restoration people are also guilty, for they, too, as time passed on gave to the world doctrines that are foreign to Christ's doctrine, in spite of the fact that the church and Gospel restored, was effected in purity and with explicit intent by God to bring about unity in this religiously confused world. Paul writes about the condemnation of those who in the name of truth, work unrighteously. "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;" (Romans 1:18). There is no doubt in my mind that Paul realized that this condemnation would be upon every Christian professing man and woman, and too that the condemnation would be greater to those who have been more enlightened, and who have accepted the "whole truth" of our day and time, who work unrighteously.

As we talk and compare these various incidents, it is significant to note that, after the scattering of the Babylonians at the building of the tower, that they once again became a powerful people. What

may I ask does this typify today? It is indeed strange but true that as the former so the latter. After the first scattering, their posterity rose to power as we said. Today likewise after the second scattering, their posterity also will become that second Babylonian power, and not only they but all who will side and line up with them. It will no doubt soon come, for it has already started, and has many supporters. The supporters are all those that crave for lust and power, while at the same time they trample truth and principles. That such a condition exists and is on the increase is very evident, for today immorality is condoned by many, integrity is measured by the size of a man's bank account, profanity esteemed, etc. Gross darkness has covered the earth. Sad to say though that while these things are happening, many today—pathetically too many of these guilty ones believe all of these things to be all right, thus putting light for darkness, and darkness for light, even as occurred in Isaiah's time. (Isaiah 5:20).

The call has come to all mankind "come ye out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins and that ye receive not of her plagues." (Rev. 18:4). I can and do once again thank God that I heard that call, and was able to make the decision. Each and everyone of you my brothers and sisters no doubt can say the same, and can glorify the God of heaven, for this invitation, for it was a call out of darkness into light. Let us though, however, endeavor with all our strength to "stay out of her," and to do that altogether. Let us if we have accepted godliness, refrain from becoming even just a little worldly, or even to condone worldliness. In God's Word I read that "Friendship of this world is enmity with God," and "Ye cannot serve God and Mammon." And while we remain out of the world, it is good to realize that we have not only been taken out of a place, but that we have also been placed into a place; yes, into the Church of the Blessed Lamb of God, which we realize is the Kingdom of God on earth. It is a kingdom of righteousness and peace, and like all other kingdoms it must be built, which building cannot be accomplished by hope and wishing alone, but rather by honest untiring efforts of every individual who enjoys its blessings.

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Editorial

Did the American people ever hear of so much corruption as there is in Government circles today? Conditions in Washington and Harrisburg are a disgrace, and of course it is not confined to these cities alone, for it seems that we have disgraceful happenings throughout this "fair land" in high places as well as low. We talk about education, yes and "higher education" — our schools are among the best in the world and it is generally supposed that the ones occupying official standing in our government, are those pretty well learned, yet how they do fall when tempted by the mighty dollar. From what we read in our daily papers, it appears that they are lying and contradicting one another. Yes, what a spectacle we have in Washington, and yet, our capital city does not have a monopoly on the corruptions that are.

It is time the American nation of people were awakening and learning of the prophetic utterances in the Book of Mormon, concerning the fate of this nation of people, unless they repent and turn back to God. Read the 8th chapter of Mormon and you will learn of our ultimate end, unless we do forsake our wicked and corrupt ways and learn to walk righteously. Moroni is made to exclaim: "Behold, I speak unto you as if ye were present, and yet ye are not. But behold, Jesus Christ hath shown you unto me, and I know your doing." And even as the prophet Isaiah in the 53rd Chapt. of his writings gave such a graphical account of the life and sufferings of the Christ, so has the prophet Moroni in the eighth chapter of Mormon given just as a graphical account of the wickedness of the Gentiles of today, and especially on this land of America. He further says: "O ye pollutions, ye hypocrites, ye teachers, who sell yourselves for that which will canker, why have ye polluted the holy church of God? Why are ye ashamed to take upon the name

of Christ? Why do ye not think that greater is the value of an endless happiness than that misery which never dies — because of the praise of the world?" In fact, in the last verse of the chapter the prophet Moroni goes on to say: "Behold, the sword of vengeance hangeth over you; and the time soon cometh that he avengeth the blood of the saints upon you, for he will not suffer their cries any longer."

The discoveries made upon this western hemisphere, prove the fact, that once a highly enlightened and civilized people inhabited this land of America — that, cannot be successfully contradicted. The prophet Moroni was among those people, he is one of the fore-fathers of what is now known to us as American Indians. Yea, what a foolish nation of people we have been thus far, in casting aside the Book of Mormon as a thing of naught. It is the key to our welfare as a nation of people. In compliance to its teachings, it will bring about peace to us, on the other hand, to continue to ignore it as a thing of naught, as we have done thus far, it will be our doom as a nation. The book abounds with warnings to us, "Such as WOE be unto us Gentiles." The capital city of our country better wake up, before it is everlastingly too late.

NOTICE to all readers of The Gospel News: I wish to acquaint you with the fact that the Subscription List to our paper has fallen very low. So many of our members are ignoring the expiration notice of which we stamp on the paper. It is possible that some articles printed may not have pleased you, but that is to be expected of any paper. I am endeavoring to be just and fair, and am spending much time for the success of the paper, but without your support, too much cannot be expected. Editor.

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Untiring efforts, and righteous living will doubtlessly be rewarded in various ways. You and I, brothers and sisters, and all God fearing men today can be delivered from famine and destruction, as of old, and we, too, may be privileged to see the day when the cry will once again go out, that "Babylon is fallen, is fallen."

Martin Michalko,
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November 22, 1951

Dear Brother Cadman and Brothers and Sisters throughout the entire Church:

In this season of Thanksgiving, my thoughts turned to that which is dearest to my heart. My mother, Louise DiBattista, and my husband, George Staczko, and I are grateful and thankful with the profundity of our hearts that we are in the Church of Jesus Christ, and are in a family of saints who have given us much consideration both naturally and spiritually.

It is one year since my father, Patsy DiBattista, passed away and our hearts have grieved not only because of his death, but of the excruciating pains he endured the last year of his life. However, we are happy for the testimony he left. He was faithful unto the very end. Even in his declining days he blessed the Lord and praised Him for the marvelous and glorious Gospel. My father hoped that he could have visited each branch of the Church, and commune with the beloved saints once more. He voiced his thanks unto God for the love that the saints displayed, and we the family also gave much thanks.

Now we wish to express our sincere gratitude to God, above all, and then to the saints everywhere for all of the prayers and kindness on our behalf. We hope the Lord will open the windows of heaven and bless each of you.

We ask again an interest in your prayers because there is still much affliction in our home. As you know, my husband was in the hospital for tuberculosis, and now there is a possibility that he will have to return for treatment. Our hearts are heavy, and we know that only God can help in this matter. Therefore, remember us so that we may be strengthened above all in faith, and then to have strength restored to the body.

Our desire and hope is always in the Church of Jesus Christ. It is our complete life; and we hope, through God's help, to remain faithful unto the end of our days.

Again we thank you and pray that God will bless you all.

Receive our love in Christ from Sister Louise DiBattista, Brother George Staczko, my son, George Pat, and from your Sister in Christ.

Jeannette Staczko

San Demetrio Coroone,
Italy

Dear Brother Cadman: Prompted by the Holy Spirit and with love in my heart I come to you with these few lines hoping they may find you and all the Saints well. As for me and the fold of God, which has been entrusted to my care in these parts of Italy in these the last and most perilous days of all times upon the face of the earth, I can assure you we are all well.

True, my beloved bro., I write in Italian to you, since for me to write in English is quite difficult, but I know Brother Milano will translate my letter, as he did with my previous ones, and I trust the Eternal God may cause this letter to bring to your kind heart, a deep-felt joy. Amen.

Dear Bro., I inform you that, with the help of God, I have concluded my missionary trip to the Island of Ponza. I have also visited the Saints in Prov. of Salerno. I will say: My visit, especially to Ponza, was necessary to help put things in order there. So, with the help of God, I have returned back to my home safe and sound. I had to travel a distance of over 400 miles and, in this trip, too, the Lord has been my company. I do thank Him with all my heart, because while I was on the train, going from Cosenza to Naples, about midnight, a terrible storm arose and it suddenly became so violent that it sounded like a hurricane. In fact three of the cars were sent off the rails. Consequently, when the train stopped, we found ourselves over a bridge at least 200 feet high, but the Mighty hand of God did not permit his servant to suffer harm.

However, brother, the Missions in Italy are steadily increasing in number. True: Just yesterday I had a baptism. Indeed, here I have much work to do for the Lord, and many souls desire to come to obedience. The reason they stay away now is because we are not permanently located. Now, Brother, please bear with me patiently. First of all, I hope you have taken the necessary steps to help us with our work here in Italy because, as I have stated herein, many want to obey the Gospel, but they won't for the simple reason we don't have a good place to meet in. I was thinking, if each would contribute one dollar, I would go right ahead and buy the land, because as for the

labor and material we might be able to manage it ourselves. I'm sure that if this would be done, hundreds would be saved from sin and death, and we would be recompensed when we appear before the bar of God. That's four years now I've been preaching the Gospel and most of the people tell me: As soon as you build the Church, we are going to render ourselves obedient to the Gospel. I've been in Rome to confer with the President of the Department of Worship and he told me to go ahead because no one would stop us from preaching the Gospel since it has become constitutional to have freedom of worship. So none can hinder the work of the Lord. Amen.

All send their best to you.

I am sincerely yours,
G. Azzinari

LETTER & TESTIMONY FROM NEW YORK CITY

Dear Brother Cadman:

I am writing a few lines to express my love and gratitude to you and all the brothers and sisters of The Church of Jesus Christ and our Lord who so meekly bore our sins in His own body. Oh how my heart is lifted up since the last gathering in New Jersey; everyone was so well pleased with that service. May God ever bless you all and keep you in good health to finish the work you are doing is my prayer. I was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 12, 1893. The following is an account of my entry to The Church of Jesus Christ.

After many Missionary trips and suffering in "Church of God in Christ" and seeing so many different Spirits on this earth, it brought me back to the time when I was nine years old, when I prayed to Jesus to ask Him where was His Church. So as the time went by after so many ups and downs, I went to Brooklyn, N. Y. There for sometime I was forced by poverty to live in a room in a cellar at 356 Clifton Place, where the water from rains settled in the front and back yards, which made it very damp, and the rooms were on the bare ground, which gave me a very bad cold and sorrowful spirit. So one day I was very sick, only a few more moments, as the Doctor said I had a heart murmur, and I felt unusually funny. I even tried to pray but it seemed my prayers were earth bound and did not penetrate to God's throne.

I was frantic, so I cried much.

My husband would come in and go out, making fires for the building, so he came in and said to me, there is an old Italian man sitting out there on the steps of The Church of Jesus Christ and he said, "why don't you come into The Church of Jesus Christ. If you like, you stay, and if you no like, you go ahead." So this amused me and I said: Church of Jesus Christ. As my reason opened up I could see this was the place for me. So on Sunday I went to the Church, everybody welcomed me to come in with a different welcome than I had received, and the first experience I saw that day in the ministry, on their heads where lights around them, and as they would move this light was steadfast on their heads and a voice said to me, "this is my church, not the church of man." The brother who asked us to come in was our late John Brunetti who was faithful to give me encouragement. I came to the Church the next Sunday and asked to be baptized on March 29, 1942 at Hopelawn, N. J., in the Atlantic Ocean. That day was one long to be remembered, because something unusual happened. It was a day with a sleet and ice and snow, and the Ocean with it's fierce waves rolling and very cold. One of our brothers walked up and down on the sandy shore, praying as he went, and I noticed the waves were silenced also the snow and wind. May the Lord ever bless him whomsoever he was. The brothers and sisters then sang that song, "According To Thy Precious Word," page three in our hymn book. Oh sisters and brothers we have something to thank God for. I have lots of experiences I will tell in another writing, seeing visions and hearing the brothers talking to me from the other side.

I needed everything to confirm His word in me as a Seer of the Lord. I am waiting on that Joseph, the one who is to come and have that great power given him from our Lord to bring all Nations to the Lord. Pray for me. Your Sister in Christ, Ida Hazel Gidas. 62 E. 101 St., New York 29, N. Y.

News From South Greensburg

By Nina D'Angelo

Dear Brother Editor:

It isn't very often that we here in South Greensburg send anything to you to be printed in the "Gospel News," but there are times when God pours down His blessings upon us and we cannot

keep it to ourselves. This past Sunday was one of those times.

We had some visitors from Glassport and Monongahela, among whom were Brother Samuel Kirschner and Brother Anthony D'Battista.

I did not have the pleasure of meeting with the Saints during the morning service, but when I got there for the afternoon service, I was told that there had been a baptism. We were happy enough to see the faces of our visiting Brothers and Sisters, but our hearts were overjoyed when we heard of our young Brother, Daniel Todaro, being baptized. We stop and think of how wonderful God is to call the young into the Church. I can look back just 6 short years ago when I first obeyed the Gospel at the age of 14, and at that time we had no young people in our branch; today we thank God for He has called quite a few. It's wonderful to see the young forsake the things of the world and take up the banner of Christ and follow Him. Life is short and it behooves us all, both young and old, to observe and obey the humble commandments of Christ.

To our elder Brothers and Sisters whom we love dearly, and whom we could not get along without; I ask you to pray for the young people in the Church that God might lift them up spiritually and do a great and glorious work among them.

May God Bless us all.

News From Rochester, N. Y.

On Sunday, October 28, 1951, we of Rochester entertained a large number of out-of-town brothers and sisters and friends. They were members of the Church from Lockport, N. Y., Bros. Biscotti and Ranari from Cleveland and Bro. Buffa and his son John and family from Detroit.

Bro. Biscotti opened Sunday Morning meeting. He gave an inspiring talk on verses from the book of Job and from the book of Micah. Bros. Buffa and Paul D'Amico continued the service, speaking in Italian in order to satisfy the many visitors present.

A hot lunch was served to all in the Hall of our church. This allows more time for each one to intermingle with one another.

During the afternoon service, a former member of the Church in Rochester was reinstated in the Church by baptism. Bro. Chris-

Trovato performed the baptism in Lake Ontario. We enjoyed the fellowship of the brothers, sisters and friends.

Sister Antoinette Marinetti.

THOMAS GALANTE PASSES ON

Brother Thomas Galante died in the Central Hospital, Thursday noon of October 4, 1951, after a very brief illness. He was born on September 8, 1899. He was baptized on February 16, 1950 and after eight months of faithful service in the Church of Jesus Christ, God chose to take him to his reward. The services were in charge of Bro. James Loyalvo.

MRS. VERDIE GIBSON KOVICH PASSES ON

Sister Verdie Kovich of Brownsville, Pa., departed this life on October 20, 1951 in the Brownsville Hospital. She was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ in August of 1914 and for years has been a member of the Vanderbilt Branch of the Church. The funeral services were held in the Flatwoods Church by her pastor Joseph Shazer of Vanderbilt being assisted by Bro. Charles Ashton of Coal Valley, Pa. It was a very large funeral, Sister Kovich being well known in that community. Interment was in the Flatwoods Cemetery.

She leaves to mourn her passing, her husband and four sons, and several grandchildren. Three sisters, Mrs. T. S. Furnier of Detroit, Mrs. Della Lowther of California, and Mrs. Gladys Hillen of Smock, Pa. Two brothers, Wade Rigger of Detroit, and Winfield of California. Sister Kovich had always borne a bright testimony in the church. She has now gone to reap her reward. May the Lord bless the bereaved family.

United States Army
December 16, 1951

Dear Brother Cadman,

I'm writing this letter to tell what is in my heart. First: my Lord and Saviour and His Church, The Church of Jesus Christ and all the brothers and sisters and their children. Bro. Cadman, tell all the brothers and sisters to pray, not for me only but all of us, don't forget the saints children who are in the service. It makes it hard for us to be away from the Church, and away from home. If the brothers and sisters have a brother of their Branch who is in the service, write to him,

wherever or whoever he might be. He will surely appreciate mail from them. I mean words of encouragement, words of life, etc., that it might keep us nearer to the Church.

Brother Cadman, I'm writing for all the brothers who are in the service, for I know they feel the same as I do. I'm sending this letter hoping that all of you will pray or us, for we are always praying for you all.

Your brother in Christ,
Pvt. Joseph Faragasso, US 51147038
Btry. B, 84th F.A. BN. U.S.A.H.
Post Ward 7, Fort Dix, N.J.

NEWS FROM IDAHO

Sister Sarver has received a letter dated Dec. 13 from Sister Converse in Idaho. She is not very well herself, and is mourning the death of her sister of somewhere in Canada, whom she has not seen for 25 years or more. She also says that Bro. Newby has to go to the hospital. He is 84 years old and we hope all will go well with him. She asks that we might not forget them out there in our prayers. May the Lord bless and comfort them all.

DO YOU BUY BIBLES?

If so, I have been selling Bibles for better than ten years for a prominent Bible Co. The discount they allowed me, was very good up until now. I have placed the discount in the General Missionary Fund of The Ladies Uplift Circle, and it has amounted to several hundred dollars, and, I have not made any great effort to sell.

Due to the changes that are rapidly taking place these days, they have cut the discount allowed me about one half in two.

Therefore in behalf of the Church, I have taken the matter up with one of the oldest Bible Companies in existence, and if our people will get behind me in this matter, the money we are now placing in the hands of retail dealers, will go into the church in one channel or another. I am offered one half more in the way of discount than the aforementioned company is giving me.

I can furnish you French Morocco Bound Bibles with Concordance, Center Column references and other Bible helps, for as low as eight and nine dollars plus \$1.00 for thumb index if you want it. Of course I can furnish Bibles at a

higher or lower cost. Postage will be prepaid. All Bibles are to be sold at the list price; to not do so the penalty is forfeiture of agency.

All churches have their own Book Stores, and it is a profitable business for them, or they would not operate them. Why not us? Get behind our own agency and have this discount go into our treasury, instead of in someone else's treasury.

If the Ladies Circles in the different Branches of the Church can get orders for, say four or five Bibles, I will forward them the discount allowed me, if they wish it; providing it is used for the Church in some way. I can furnish Oxford or Scofield Bibles.

Sincerely,

W. H. Cadman,
519 Finley St, Monongahela.

LETTER FROM CALIFORNIA

By Bro. James Heaps

Dear Brother Cadman:

Just a few lines to the Gospel News, the paper that is close to our hearts and which keeps us in contact with one another. Hope you are all well. My thought is that I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation. First, it is from God and anything that is from God is good. It involves our moral status as well as our spiritual status. It brings us from the beginning of creation to the end of time. It has solved the problem of immortality not by argument but by demonstration and has guaranteed to us a like immortality not only of the soul but of the whole man, spirit, soul and body, for even these bodies of ours shall be changed in a twinkling of an eye.

There is nothing in the gospel that causes us to blush or drop our heads in the face of man. We don't have to apologize for believing the gospel of Christ. Paul takes his pen and writes to a few Jews who lived in Rome telling them he was not ashamed of the gospel of Christ and was going to visit them. In Rome, the center of the world's political power, was the throne of the Caesars. Paul who never wanted to build on another man's foundation, how could he hope to tell the people of the gospel, the world seat of empire, religion and learning. What hope had he preaching a crucified Christ which still held the masses in the shackles of superstition. Under the very throne from whose authori-

ty went forth the sentence of death against Christ himself, branding Him an imposter and a traitor. No doubt these things ran through Paul's mind for once he himself branded Him an imposter and a traitor. We as ministers and lay members know how He was branded as an imposter, and called a winebibber; that He ate with publicans and sinners but Jesus said the gospel was built on a rock, one foundation. The Brahma will tell us that for four thousand years they have worshiped and his ancestors have worshipped on the banks of the Ganges. Claims have been made that go back millions of years to their ancestors, but thank God we trace our beginning approximately 6,000 years ago when God spoke the word and the word had power to create and bring forth and Christ joined himself to the race by a clean descent from Adam so that the gospel was in the beginning. "Let us make man" said God, in the beginning. Paul said the gospel was preached the same to them as to us. They did eat that spiritual meat. They drank of the rock that followed them and that rock was Christ. Abraham believed in Christ and rejoiced to see His day.

We read that no sooner did man fall than there was a redeemer to redeem him even though it had to come through a sacrifice. The Book of Mormon says they worshipped Jesus and baptized in his name before He took upon himself flesh. Confucius, and Mohammed were only teachers but Jesus was a saviour. No other could say, "I am the way, the truth and the life." No other philosopher or teacher down through the ages could give life. No one could heal the broken heart. No other man could say, "Come unto me all ye that are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest." No other man could say, "Lazarus, come forth." Therefore, I am not ashamed of this kind of a gospel, and men before Christ, as the prophets looked forward to the time of His coming to earth.

Let us compare the Bible and Book of Mormon to other books. Where is the man who can improve on the sermon on the mount. All our moral laws come from the Bible. They tell us of man's mistakes and sins but they tell us how to improve ourselves and live godly lives. They do not justify us in our sins but show us a

way to work out our own salvation. Some are ashamed of the gospel of Christ because men sinned, especially under the restoration when men went into polygamy, but neither the Book of Mormon nor the Bible uphold men in sin. The Book of Mormon says that a man shall have one wife and concubines he shall have none. Who can improve on that teaching? Before Jesus came into the world the Old Testament proclaimed Him a Jehovah God. In the beginning, He, God, proclaimed Himself as God of love, holiness, mercy, righteousness, truth and mercy. When God gave the law to Moses, He descended in a cloud and gave the law to the people. What man or teacher has been able to improve on them until Jesus Himself elaborated on them and said "The law says a man shall not commit adultery but I say unto you he that looketh upon a woman to lust after her has already committed adultery in his heart. The law says, an eye for an eye but I say unto you if they shall smite thee on one cheek turn to him the other." The law was only a schoolmaster to lead us unto Christ but when the great teacher and saviour came He set all things in order as far as law and obedience was concerned. Nineteen hundred years of study have only served to increase His glory and teachings so that even Napoleon declared, "I search in vain to find one equal to Jesus Christ, or anything which can approach the gospel; neither history nor humanity nor the ages nor nature afford me anything with which I am able to compare or by which to explain it."

These are not the testimonies of his disciples but testimonies of those who rejected Him so the moral basis of the gospel is found in the law, in the ten commandments. In keeping these ten commandments, there was life. In disobeying them it was death. These ten commandments still stand unrivaled. In the law we see the trunk of a tree but in the gospel the tree of life. The sermon on the Mount dug up its very roots and exposed the hidden life to view. The law deals with action; The Sermon on the Mount with character. Who has ever assumed to revise the Sermon on the Mount in order to eliminate that which is not good. We are not ashamed of the doctrines of salvation. The

gospel is the power of God, atonement, regeneration and resurrection. The gospel is a history, a doctrine and life; history back of its doctrine; doctrine growing out of its history, and life springing from both. All natural religions show us man seeking after God if happily they may find him, but in the gospel we see God seeking after man. Illustration: There were ninety and nine that safely lay in the shelter of the fold but one was out on the hill away far off from the Shepherd's care; He left the ninety and nine to go and seek the one that was lost. The religion of the world never cared for the leper. Even the Jew had no dealing with the Samaritan but Jesus said "Come unto me all ye that are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest." What a difference! Who could be ashamed of the gospel. Jesus is just and yet the justifier of the ungodly in forgiving sin. He establishes and magnifies the law. This is the very heart of the gospel. There is no doctrine of vengeance but the doctrine of love; to win and bring back the prodigal son who has by sin come under just condemnation, for we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God. By the gospel, man, a wanderer and alien from God becomes a son filled with the mind of Christ, living and walking in fellowship with Christ, by the holy spirit. The doctrine of the resurrection from the dead has solved the problem of immortality not by argument but by demonstration and we shall have a body fashioned like unto His glorious body. By these great doctrines of the gospel we have a true knowledge of God.

Paul's great speech on Mars Hill to the people of Athens, seeing the inscription to the Unknown God stirred his heart to proclaim unto them a God who made the heavens and the earth, the fountains of water, dwelleth not in temples made with hands, as though he needeth anything but giveth to all men life, breath and all things and has made of one blood all nations and hath determined the times appointed and the bounds of their habitation for in Him we live and move and have our being. There was a time when God winked at their ignorance but now commands all men every where to repent. While it thus equalizes all men, there are positions where man is placed and

must be content therewith. The master must remember that the servant is also a free man in Christ and the servant must remember to give due honor to his master. The wife is obedient to her husband and the husband must reverence and love his wife as his own body. Children must obey their parents in the Lord and parents see that they provoke not their children to anger. The poor must discharge their services to the rich patiently giving due and honest labor for wages and the rich must not keep back the laborer's hire nor grind their faces to the ground for God is the avenger and will exact it of them. In conclusion, let me say again, that I am not ashamed of this kind of gospel.

9320 San Carlos
South Gate, California

Things Work For Good

Dear Brother Editor:

While reading the following scripture, I felt to meditate somewhat upon it. And through my meditation I thought I might write a few words for the Gospel News, hoping my thoughts might be of some encouragement to the readers of our little paper.

Paul, in his writings to the Romans, says: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God; to them who are called according to his purpose."

We feel that Paul had a perfect right to make this statement. For did not Paul know that the Lord had called him for a purpose? Yea, a great purpose! Let us look at some of Paul's words. He says: "A servant of Jesus Christ called to be an Apostle, separated unto the gospel of Christ, and again called to be an Apostle (not of men, neither by men but by Jesus Christ and God the Father who raised him from the dead). Surely Paul could verify these words and we know all things work together for good to them that love God. Did he not suffer many things in proclaiming God's blessed truths that he might win Christ?

Let us examine this scripture further in order that we might verify these words. Let us look at the young man, Joseph, a mere youth who was taken by his brothers and sold into a strange land there to be misrepresented in the house of Pharaoh and cast into prison. Can we realize, dear read-

er, just what great anxiety and grief Joseph was passing through — far away from his loved ones — not knowing whether he would see them again! But God had not forgotten. God knew that Joseph loved Him. Had he not given Joseph many dreams and an understanding heart? We see God working out a way for him that he would be a great man in Egypt; and we read how many years elapsed from the time of his being sold into Egypt, yet all for a purpose; that his people might be provided for. Truly, all things worked out for good because he loved God.

There are many men whom we read of in God's holy writ that we could mention to verify Paul's words. Let us consider the life of Moses: the law-giver; the man whom the Lord spoke to out of the burning bush; when he appeared unto him and made known to him the great purpose of delivering his people out of bondage. Can we imagine what we would have done had you or I been confronted with this great task? Let us look at Moses's position. He had been raised in Pharaoh's house from childhood: he had seen the mistreatment of his brethren; and had been caused to flee for his life. No doubt it took much courage to go back and tell Pharaoh he must let God's people go or else the Lord would smite the Egyptians with His mighty wonders. So we see how God caused His purpose to be brought about through His servant, Moses, a man called according to God's purpose; a man who surely loved God.

Then again, when we think upon God's servant, John, who was taken from those he loved to be placed upon a lone isle. We wonder what good there was to come from that. Did not God permit John to look down through the ages and see the great wonders that was to come to pass in the last days? Surely John could say, along with Paul and many others that we could mention, "truly all things work together for good to them that love God."

In conclusion, I would say with the poet:

"His purposes will ripen fast,
Unfolding every hour.

The bud may have a bitter taste,

But sweet will be the flower."

Benjamin T. Cherry

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WORDS BY SISTER
LOUISE ROBINSON,
LARNED, KANSAS.

My Lord was born so meek and lowly, His place of rest here first on earth; Nor did pride or vanity herald His birth. — He lived as a child a humble sign, That all His life might be A light as the Star that men could not design, And nations from darkness flee. — That no heart could be in blindness, Grope in agony and perish in despair, And cry in bitterness and hardness, 'Twas a Saviour for me, could not care? — Oh joy to my heart now and forever, He grieved as I and tenderness knew, And leave His love, Oh could I never But even desire to seek and renew! Christmas 1951.

DON'T READ ONLY, BUT RESPOND FREELY

Our folks in San Diego, Calif. are building a Church, and on the date of the letter received by me, which was Jan. 4th, they had the foundation already completed. They have been very much inconvenienced for a place to meet in for sometime, and it is necessary that they have a place of their own to worship in. Thus far, they have not been idle in making preparations for a building. They have exerted themselves in various ways, and have succeeded in purchasing and paying for a site to build upon, beside accumulating much towards the erection of the building. In these days of high prices, they are in need of help from you all, even though they are doing all the work themselves that they possibly can do. Our people bought themselves a Church in Los Angeles, and I believe have gotten along very well with your help. Now let us all go down in our pockets and help our brethren and sisters in San Diego. If every member in this church will spare them one dollar, that is not very much, but what a wonderful help that will be towards OUR, I say OUR building in that city. But of course, I do not mean for you to stop at one dollar, make it five or ten if possible. Presiding Elders throughout the Church, urge my request along, and do not forget that I may make a similar request to help the saints in Italy before long. Send your offering to

our sister, Lena Liberto, 7076 Amherst St., San Diego 15, Calif.
Brother W. H. Cadman

A LETTER FROM SPAIN

A few years ago a George Ventura of Barcelona, Spain in some way obtained my address and wrote me a letter. I answered him and sent him some of our Church literature, and later on gave one of his letters to Bro. Fernandez of Glassport, Pa., who wrote to him and received the following letter which might interest our readers.

Barcelona, Spain, Oct. 22, 1951
Mr. Valentin Fernandez
Box 208
Glassport, Pa.

Dear Brother:

I appreciate very much your last letter and I wish to thank you for your testimony which has served to strengthen my own faith. It is very beautiful to know how the Lord brings the soul to himself and guide them to the right path of life.

Your life, my dear brother, is truly interesting, but I believe that the most interesting moment of all was when you believeth in the Lord and enter His service. You will agree with me that nowhere can you find the peace, love, and blessings that you will find in doing these services.

I also want to tell you something special that happens to me when I read your little newspaper. (Gospel News) I get a feeling of peace and contentment like, I believe, those did feel that were able to hear the divine words of the Lord Jesus by the seashore of Galilee. I believe that among you exist the pure simple faith of the people that truly love God. You told me in your letter that in one of your reunions you felt as if He were in your presence.

I am pretty sure that it was that way, as I believe the holy spirit keeps us together regardless of the distance even if our belief might differ a little. I wish some day I may be able to visit you and Brother Cadman, but unfortunately it might not be possible.

It penetrates me very much what you say about that sister that glorified God for using her to

open the door of salvation. In truth all the credit should go to our solicial Father as the scriptures says. One says in another place that God is the one that gives growth. That is all for the present. Please give my regards to the brothers and especially to your wife and Cadman.

George Ventura

IT IS WRITTEN

And I will add, allow no man to deceive you. — How often do we hear the words, "Ye must be born again" emphasized, Yea, and it is well to emphasize them; from what IS WRITTEN they are the words of Jesus. Yes, they are words of life. And He has also said, "Except a man be born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." And it is further WRITTEN, Except a man be born again, he cannot SEE the kingdom of God. — That which is written in the word of God, should impress all God-fearing and conscientious souls not excepting any one.

Th scriptures thus far quoted, are very simple sayings of the Redeemer of the world, and they are emphasized, especially by all believers in the Restored Gospel, and, right that they should be. But may I ask: is it becoming to the professed followers of Christ to stress some of His sayings and treat other sayings of His lightly? For we must remember, that IT IS WRITTEN, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the WILL of my Father which is in heaven." — It cannot be denied that as far as it is written, it is the will of God that ALL MEN should live righteous and holy lives, for again IT IS WRITTEN: His Spirit will not dwell in an unholy temple. The foregoing are all sayings from our Bible and are commonly quoted among the followers of Christ.

I wish now to quote from Moroni 10-33 that which was written by faithful Moroni. "And again, if ye by the grace of God are perfect in Christ, and deny not his power, then are ye sanctified in Christ by the grace of God, through the shedding of the blood of Christ, which is in the covenant of the Father unto the remission

of your sins, that ye become holy, without spot." — Moroni is not speaking of the condition beyond this life, he is speaking of a condition of righteousness while here in these mortal bodies. It is also WRITTEN, that without holiness no man shall see the Lord. It was said by Jesus to His disciples on this land, "Therefore, what manner of men ought ye to be? Verily I say unto you, even as I am. — "Jesus here says: ye ought to be as I am." Let all men know this fact, that the Lamb of God was holy, sanctified, and without blemish or spot. May I ask: How could Jesus teach his disciples so, if it was impossible to be like unto Him? May I exhort all readers to be aware of WHAT IS WRITTEN, and let no man deceive you.

I now wish to say a few words directly to the Indian people, and especially to those who have become obedient to the Restored Gospel. Do not allow the weaknesses and the frailties of the Gentiles to weaken you in the faith thereof. The Gospel was restored better than 120 years ago, and I must confess that the efforts made toward you by the Gentiles, have been very feeble indeed, they have been too much at ease in the land of Zion, fond of earthly toys. They have encouraged themselves too much in the things yet to take place, and are leaving undone the things they should have done. You that have obeyed the Gospel, be ye faithful. The angel of God has flown and brought back the everlasting Gospel, which includes the Book of Mormon along with our Bible, and while the prophets of old in Israel have shown that Israel would eventually become the tail instead of the head, which they once were, your own prophets on this land among your forefathers have shown the fact, that you shall yet become the head, and the Gentiles will be glad to eat the crumbs that fall from your table.

Oh ye people, the offspring of Joseph who was once sold into Egypt, ye American Indian people, be sincere in prayer with your God, yea, the "Great Spirit," and come and obey the Restored Gospel, for IT IS WRITTEN in sense if not in plain word, that great things await you. — You shall eventually be in the ascendancy, and the Gentiles be your assistants. I say again to you who have obeyed the Gospel, do not

allow the slowness and frailties of the Gentiles to discourage you.
Sincerely, Bro. W.H. Cadman

BROS. CAPONE & LEET, LABORING AT IONIA, MICH.

A letter from Bro. Fred D'Amico dated Jan. 1-'52, informs us that Branch No. 3 of Detroit is holding meetings in Ionia, Mich. and at this date have baptized three converts. Brother D'Amico speaks very encouragingly of their efforts at that place. The work is being attended to by Brothers Peter Capone and Ralph Leet. We are glad to hear the good news I am sure. In looking up the Map of Michigan, I see that the brothers have a long ways to travel, which means expense. Any assistance that can be given these brethren, no doubt will be appreciated. The Saviour commissioned His disciples to go in all the world and preach the Gospel: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned; they shall cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

WORDS

From Sister Gadd

For other's Sake to Make life sweet-

Tho' Piercing thorns May Wound our feet.

For other's Sake to walk each day

With-Smile to cheer Another's way;

While in our hearts there lies a grave

Which Makes it hard to be thus brave

Herein. I think is "Love."

Wishing you every happiness in your

Labor of Love. "Love Lightens Labor"

"For God so loved That He gave."

P.S. These words were written to the Editor for his 75th birthday.

MAKING CHRISTMAS CHEER ON THE SIX NATIONS RESERVE Brother Cadman:

I thought you would like to know how the Indian childrens Christmas Program came off at Grand River. Bros. Henderson, Burgess

and myself left here (Windsor, Ont.) Saturday Morning (Dec. 15) a little after seven o'clock. It had snowed and stormed all night, but the highways were very good all the way. (200 miles of a drive one way).

On Friday night the brothers and sisters (of the church) brought boxes of groceries to the Church and we packed them for poor families on the Reservation. Two of our brethren went and bought gifts for the Sunday School, we rolled up each one on Friday night in Christmas paper for about 45 children. Sister Grace Froman (our Indian sister) had the children well trained and they all did their parts well. Two little children sang in the Indian tongue and we surely enjoyed their program. Dorothy Jamieson, Sister Sadie's daughter, played the accordion, and Frederick Hill's wife and sister, and Dorothy sang, also Sister Isaac's nieces sang.

We gave out over a hundred bags of candy, oranges and apples the Devine Branch (Detroit No. 1) sent over. I know they all enjoyed the evening, and I surely enjoyed seeing those children when they got their gifts.

We had meeting as usual on Sunday morning and it was away below Zero, but we had 37 children out and quite a number of grown-ups, we had a good meeting, and then we went to Bro. Issacs home for dinner, and then went to the afternoon meeting, had a very good meeting, and after the meeting we went to visit a poor family we were told of, and delivered them a big box of groceries, also some clothes. I must say: I never saw a worse condition. A baby had died a few weeks before and they still have six children, and the old house was terrible, the window out of the door, and an old rag nailed over it, looked like an old coat to keep out the Zero weather, two old beds, a stove and a table in one room where they eat sleep and live. No wonder the Book of Mormon tells of their condition (the Lamanites or Indians) the Gentiles would find them in. This man walked about 6 miles to the hospital with his baby in a bag but it died of pneumonia a few days later. (This stirs me up. What are we as the Church of Jesus Christ doing for these poor people. Is it not time yet? Bro. W. H. Cadman. Yea, may I ask, what do we Gentiles mean?)

We got home about mid-night

feeling to thank God for His goodness to us. I am going to the Sanatorium tomorrow to deliver a gift to 17 Indians there. The boys were asking me if Bro. Griffith got their letters, they were looking for some of the boys to write to them. The Saints here are all well except Sister Henderson who has been real ill, but is up again. Now I do hope you all have a nice holiday season. With best wishes to you all. Sister Leata Ford.

P.S. Being among the Indian people as much as I have, and seeing the plight so many of them are in, and knowing the faith of this Church, and of my departed brethren; I certainly appreciate the efforts being put forth by some of my brethren and sisters in their behalf. May letters of this kind awaken us up to a sense of our duty. Yea, let us all remember that the blessings we are enjoying today, are really the blessings that belong to Israel. It was through travailing and MUCH suffering that they obtained the promises that we as Gentiles are reaping today. Well did the prophet Nephi ask the question: What do the Gentiles mean? May I ask: What do WE as Gentiles mean? Is it not time that we are awakening up and rise from the dust? May I ask: How shall we escape the WOE pronounced upon the Gentiles, unless we become fathers and mothers to them? "It is WRITTEN" that we Gentiles shall be fathers and mothers to these people, but it is NOT WRITTEN that the TIME IS NOT YET.

Bro. W. H. Cadman

Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Bro. Cadman:

I want you to know I've just received a letter from our brethren of Buccino, Salerno in which I'm informed the priest of the town is very angry because our Bro's. there, apparently are doing a good job in spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ among the people.

To me this is reminiscent of the time when the Apostles preached, after the ascension, to the people of Jerusalem. They were told then by the High Priests: — "Ye shall not speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus Christ, for they said to each other: we must stop these men from preaching, or they'll fill all Jerusalem with this (teaching). Here I want to say, while I've been somewhat apprehensive about our

threateners over there, whom are faint and few, on the other hand, I must say that I feel happy to know that our brothers are firm on the solid rock, even though they're young in the Gospel. May God bless them all with the full knowledge of the Restored Gospel, so they may become as impregnable and firm as the Rock of Gibraltar and to the extent that they may say, "On Christ the Solid Rock I stand, All other ground is sinking sand." So, Bro. Cadman, we see the false prophets are always the same "old wolves which change their coats but not their disposition."

So I understand the priest of Buccino is trying to stop the Saints there from holding meetings on grounds that none of them has a license to preach or any other credential to do so. So you see they are the one's Christ spake of saying: "Ye shut up the Kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in."

Evidently Satan knows which is the true Church of Jesus Christ and that's exactly the one he would like to destroy. He has waged war against her from the very beginning but he shall not win, for it is written: "I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." Gen. 3—15. So we see, though Satan will attack the Church of Jesus Christ through his agents, and bruise her from time to time, yet we know for a surety, he shall never prevail against her. Rather, when the Church of Jesus Christ was being organized, the Spirit of God was made manifest with the following words: "This is the Church of God, and you have power to cast out unclean spirits. Amen. Be ye still, oh my people, for I have chosen you out of the world; and be ye faithful and unshaken, for my promises are to you; and wait with patience and you shall see the Mighty Hand of God. Amen." And again, "I know this is the true Church of the living God. And friends, if there is any one among you who wants salvation, come this way and be obedient to the commandments of God." So we see that God is indeed mighty, and as long as we stand on His promises, we shall continue to build the great Kingdom of God

till it covers the earth, as the waters cover the sea. Amen.

Bro. Cadman, you probably know by now that Bro. Iorio of Warren, Ohio is going back to Italy. He expects to leave about January the 15th, 1952, if all goes well. I've read one of the letters he received from a brother in Buccino, in which it said that Bro. Iorio should go back, because the seed which he sowed there (on a previous trip) is beginning to take root, and that with further assistance from him, it would undoubtedly yield copiously for the Heavenly Father.

Brother, I want you to know that some time ago, through our intrepid sister Anna Carlini of Branch No. 2 of Detroit, that an appeal was made to all four Branches there, to gather some Bibles, Books of Mormon and Hymnals. So they managed to gather 40 new Bibles and also some Hymnals and other Literature, all in Italian. Of course, I invoke the blessing of God upon all those who have contributed in this good cause. I say, "good cause," because you know brother Cadman the Italian people, unfortunately in the past, have been forbidden to read the Bible by the priests of the Mother of Harlots and abomination of the earth, with the threat, if they did own a Bible or read one, of being excommunicated. So you can well imagine how the Italian people in Italy, appreciate to have a Bible, and especially when they get to know it, in its full extent of beauty and power. The things we propose to them about the true form of religion and the true Gospel of Jesus Christ, are indeed good news for those people over there, and this is the reason we hear such wonderful expressions from them.

I hope I may also learn to appreciate the Gospel of Christ, and much more because I realize I am in a land where there's freedom of worship, at least for the time being, and also because we are in a land of plenty — for this reason I am obliged to serve God all the more. Now, Brother, going back to the subject of the Bibles, they are going to be distributed to the saints of Ponza, S. Demetrio, Corone, and to the saints of Buccino by Bro. Iorio when he arrives there. I do judge this to be a great step forward in building the kingdom of God upon the earth, and all indications are, that in the near fu-

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EDITORIAL

Is it any wonder that the "atheistic spirit" is so much on the rampage in this fair land of ours, and throughout the world, when we can read in the press the following: Burlington, Wis., Dec. 31—"Flabbergasted judges of the 'Burlington Liars Club' today pinned the title of the world's champion liar on a member of the clergy — the Rev. Arthur R. Kirk of Biggs, Cal." And the 64 year old president of the board of directors of Biggs Community Church, said the 34 year old preacher "deserves a salary raise." Along with the article, is a picture of the preacher smiling and apparently in a very happy mood, for the press records him as saying: "I have always felt that Christianity is a full, enjoyable way of life. I try to impart that feeling of relaxed informality of jokes and stories."

Even though Mr. Kirk poses as a Minister, I am going to quote the words of Jesus Christ as they are written, Matt. 12:34: "O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak of good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things; and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgement. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." The humble Nazarene has taught us that the "tree is known by its fruit." The words: wolves in "sheep's clothing" are certainly applicable to any man, claiming to be a Minister of the Gospel, who is crowned as the "world's champion liar." He is certainly not a true representative of Him, of whom it was said: "no man ever spake like this man."

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ture, through the Mighty Hand of God, and in spite of all opposition, "a new dawn of glory" shall appear for all men of good will, throughout the whole universe,

and not according to the form used by men, as we see today with the religious leaders of the world, but rather according as it was said by the angel: "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the ever-lasting Gospel to be preached unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongues, and people, saying with a loud voice, fear God and give glory to him: for the hour of his judgement is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of water, etc."

Bro. Mario Milano

End Of A Perfect Day

By Carmela Mazzeo

Brother Editor : — The following is an experience we all have enjoyed, and would like to share it with others.

About four weeks ago, Gabriel, (my husband) was asked to have something ready to present to the M. B. A. when the next meeting came around. After he gave it some thought, he decided to have some of the brothers and sisters write some of their personal experiences. Among all the ones asked was an experience had by sister Mary Parolise, concerning Bro. Alexander Cherry. She said she would write it if she could remember it for it was 23 years ago since she had it.

The following Sunday Morning Bro. Clarence Robinson from Philadelphia visited our Branch and, he opened the morning meeting. Not knowing of the intentions Gabriel had for the M. B. A. meeting; he (Bro. Robinson) in opening the meeting, gave out hymns Nos. 386 and 365 which were both composed by Bro. A. Cherry. During his talk he was led to speak of Bro. Cherry, his life and standing in The Church of Jesus Christ was that of a Godly man. Gabriel also spoke briefly of Bro. Cherry, tho' he never had the privilege to meet him in person. During this time the experience had by Sister Parolise all came back to her. She then was able to write the experience and gave it to Gabriel for the M. B. A. service to be held in the evening.

The experience was as follows, and Sister Parolise says: "This actually took place while I was standing in a 10 cent store by a counter. I turned around and saw a nice looking man smiling at me. In his hand he had a Gold-

en edged book. He said: 'Hello, Sister Parolise,' I returned the greeting and he asked: Do you go to The Church of Jesus Christ on Charles Street, the greatest Church, with it's name in Golden letters? I answered, I do." Then he said these words to me: "The fields are dry and hard as you walk, but the green crops are there, the leaves from the trees are drying. A flame of fire in the sky. Fast and pray for 1950, I am Brother Alexander Cherry. Good Bye." With that he disappeared. (In regards to Golden Letters, The name: The Church of Jesus Christ was written in Gold on the wall back of the pulpit in our Church on Charles St. in New Brunswick, N. J., and at the time of this experience, Bro. Cherry had passed on to his reward).

During the afternoon fellowship service, sister Ida Lupo (overcome with the spirit) tried to relate a vision she had seen while Bro. Gabriel was speaking in the morning meeting. She saw Bro. Cherry 'Radiant' on the rostrum with the brothers. He walked over to her and greeted her. This wonderful experience witnessed during the day and all others were presented.

The attention was outstanding. The Spirit of God was felt in our midst and all went home pleased and content that another Sabbath Day was well spent.

Love to you all.

Mr. and Mrs. Damian Toto

The Golden Wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Damian Toto, 520 Ann St., was the occasion of a celebration on Dec. 19, arranged by their children and grandchildren. Their daughter-in-law, Mrs. S. J. Toto, invited members of the Church of Christ (of which the honored couple are members) to hold church services at their home. Mrs. Toto suffered a broken hip in a fall in the garden of her home two years ago and is unable to leave the house. She is able to get about some with the use of a cane and a walker. Mr. Toto, a retired cabinet maker and carpenter, enjoys working at his trade around his home.

The former Miss Concetta Giannetti and Damian Toto were married Dec. 19, 1901, and have lived in Niles 45 years. They have reared three children, Mrs. D. Giovannone of Lordstown, Mrs. F. Nastasi and S. J. Toto of Niles. They reside with their son.

Mr. and Mrs. Toto have 14 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

P. S. The Gospel News extends best wishes to Brother and Sister Toto for their Golden Wedding anniversary. May the Lord continue to bless them both together.

**To Bro. & Sister Jones
Wichita, Kansas**

T'was in nineteen o'two
The Lord joined you;
Each vowing from the heart,
Till death doth we part.
Joined hand in hand,
Ye listened to Christ's commands:

"Let no man put a sunder
What God has joined together."
Sailing from beloved Wales,
The captain at the helm,
Led you through winds and gales
Upon a new realm.
In America you found
More joys did abound;
Book of Mormon and truth,
While in your youth,
The Gospel of love
With its gifts from above.
May your blessings o'er flow,
As the years will grow.
For the golden prize you've won,
Of fifty years well done.
Vincent L. Mulla, Detroit, Mich.

**LETTER FROM WINDSOR, ONT.
By Joseph Collison**

Bro. Editor,

As this is the first day of 1952, we are caused to reflect upon the happenings of the year just passed.

We can see where we have been blessed in so much as we have been pleasing to God and also we can see where we have been chastised for being disobedient at times, also on some occasions the Lord has left us alone to flounder around at our own will and pleasure. So in each one of these cases taken separately we have gained some understanding of the mysteries of God. In the first example it has been gratifying to us to feel the blessing of God when we have pleased Him in some respect, by obeying the slightest command or heeding the smallest prompting of His Spirit. Also at these various times we have been in a condition to respond to the good that can be accomplished therefore being rewarded instantly by the blessing from above.

We fail to find words to express ourselves when we find the pleasure of God is showered upon us.

In the second example, and by the same token that applies to the

first example, we find the opportunity to do some good and fail to respond, because we yield ourselves to the ever present power of evil, and thus we bring about the displeasure of God. And in turn He chastises us for our disobedience. Like the first example we fail to find words to express the feeling of despair that we have, because of disobeying the small voice which told us to do good.

In the last example we have found ourselves in this condition usually after being disobedient, because God wants us to understand our nothingness and also our inability to do any good of ourselves. But only as we yield ourselves to that still small voice within us and abide in the true love of Christ are we able to accomplish the things that belong to the building up of Zion on the earth. And that we might see the promises of God fulfilled in which He says wherever we go we shall see a brother and a friend. May our desires always be to this end that we might be an acceptable vessel in the eyes of God to be used to His Honour and Glory.

In closing we would like to report one more baptism today to add to the four we had sometime ago. Our new brothers and sisters are Frank Doe and wife Evalyn, Frank Cole, John Fairburn and now today Frank Cole's wife Lillian has been added to our ranks, so this last year has been a source of encouragement to us here in Windsor. We hope and trust that the Lord will continue to bless us as we continue to put forth effort in His work, and that others may see our good work and come to a knowledge of truth and worship God as we do.

May the Lord bless all who have a sincere and earnest desire to serve Him, that the reward will be waiting for us, where we will endlessly sing praises to His worthy name.

WEST ELIZABETH, PA.

By Mary E. Wilson

Dear Editor: The West Elizabeth Mission has had many visitors from different places this last quarter. Bro. Russell Cadman and Sister Martha Kelly of Greenville, Pa., and a carload of our folks from Vanderbilt, Pa., from Youngstown, Ohio—Glassport—Elizabeth, and Monongahela, Pa., and we surely enjoyed their fellowship. We hope they all enjoyed themselves

and will visit us again in the near future.

Sister Ruth Griffiths (one of our old members) will celebrate her eighty-seventh birthday this month, January. She is still getting around some, and is feeling better than she was.

Sister Elizabeth Parlor is recuperating at her home after spending several weeks in the West Penn Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pa. We hope she will soon be meeting with us again.

Sisters Hanna Skillen—Clara Stevens—Mabel Bickerton and Mary Wilson attended the General Circle meeting held at Sister Sadie Cadman's home in Monongahela, Pa., Saturday, Dec. 15, 1951.

NEWS FROM WARREN, OHIO

Dear Gospel Readers,

We surely thank the Lord for the blessings He has bestowed upon our people from time to time. We have no one to turn to or no where to go, but unto our Lord. For He has been a wonderful Saviour to us and still is. We feel and know that God is the same yesterday, today and forever. On December 23, we enjoyed the blessings of God in our midst very much. Bro. William Gennaro's son William, Jr., was touched by the spirit of God and asked for his baptism. We praise God from whom all blessings flow. We rejoice when we hear of a brother or a sister who has been called from this world of sin and has made their acquaintance with God. May the Lord bless our young brother, that he might always be found firm and faithful in this glorious Gospel. Our prayer is that someday the Lord might use him instrumentally in His hands, as his father is being used as an evangelist at this time. We thank God for these things and our prayer is that the promise we made at the water's edge will never be broken. We ask all you Brothers and Sisters to pray for us in the Warren Branch that we may continue to walk hand in hand together in this Gospel. May God bless you all is our prayer continuously.

Bro. Bob Ciarrochi

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

By Paul D'Amico

1. (Q) Whom did the Lord use as an instrument in His hands to restore the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

(A) The Lord used Joseph Smith, Jr.

2. (Q) When and where was he born?

(A) He was born on December 23, 1805, at Sharon, Windsor County, Vermont, U.S.A.

3. (Q) What caused him to seek the Lord in prayer?

(A) An unusual excitement on the subject of religion in the community. Joseph prayed for wisdom and wanted to know which Church was right.

4. (Q) Did the Lord answer his prayer? In what manner?

(A) Yes — A personage appeared unto him while in prayer, and a voice spoke unto him saying: "This is my beloved son, Hear ye Him." The voice which spake told him not to join any of the Churches for their creeds were an abomination in His sight.

5. (Q) Did an angel visit Joseph Smith?

(A) Yes — He was visited by the Angel Moroni at different intervals, who acquainted him with a great work that the Lord was about to perform among the children of men; exhorting him to righteousness and saying that the Lord would use him to bring forth His word and to restore the Gospel to earth again.

6. (Q) Upon which hill were the Golden Plates concealed in the earth?

(A) Hill Cumorah.

7. (Q) What did the Plates contain?

(A) They contained a record of the ancient inhabitants of this land of America, giving their history, and telling of the dealings of God with them, and of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

8. (Q) In what year did the Angel Moroni deliver the plates into the care of Joseph Smith?

(A) September, 1827.

9. (Q) Did he translate the plates? In what language were they written?

(A) He was gifted by the power of God to translate them from the reformed Egyptian Language into English.

10. (Q) What are some of the Bible references which point to the Restoration of the Gospel?

(A) John in Revelations, 14th Chapter, verses 6 & 7, says, "I saw another Angel fly in the midst of Heaven, having the everlasting Gospel to preach to them that dwell in the earth," etc. In Isaiah 29-4, the Prophet speaks of a people who are to be brought down and speak out of the ground, and in the 11th verse he speaks of the "words of a Book that is

sealed," and is delivered to one "that is not learned," etc. The Prophet Ezekiel, in chapter 37, beginning with verse 15, speaks of the Stick of Judah and the Stick of Ephraim, (in other words, two records) and says they are to become one in the Hand of God. The foregoing scriptures are given as evidence that a record shall come forth including a restoration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to earth, and that the aforementioned Joseph Smith, Jr. was used as an instrument in the hand of God in fulfillment of scripture.

11. (Q) Who was Joseph Smith's principal scribe?

(A) Oliver Cowdery. He was also a witness to this great work.

12. (Q) Did Joseph Smith have other witnesses? Who were they?

(A) He had a total of 11 witnesses. Their names are as follows:

Oliver Cowdery, David Whitmer, Martin Harris.

Eight

Christian Whitmer, Jacob Whitmer, Peter Whitmer, Jr. John Whitmer, Hiram Page, Joseph Smith, Sen., Hyrum Smith, Samuel H. Smith.

13. (Q) When was the first Organization of the Church?

(A) April 6, 1830.

14. (Q) Where were Joseph Smith and his brother Hyrum arrested?

(A) Nauvoo, Illinois. They later were sent to the jail in Carthage, Ill.

15. (Q) When and how were he and his brother shot to death?

(A) By a mob on June 27, 1844.

16. (Q) What happened to the Church after this event?

(A) Confusion arose, and ambition for leadership was manifested.

17. (Q) Who was Brigham Young?

(A) Brigham Young was the President of the Quorum of Twelve Apostles at the death of Joseph Smith.

18. (Q) In what year did Brigham Young lead a part of these people to what is now known as Utah?

(A) In 1847.

19. (Q) Who was Sidney Rigdon?

(A) He was Joseph Smith's first counsellor.

20. (Q) Who was baptized in 1845 and by whom was he baptized?

(A) William Bickerton was baptized by an elder in Sidney Rigdon's Group.

21. (Q) When Sidney Rigdon's band became dissolved who was left alone?

(A) William Bickerton.

22. (Q) What did the Lord show William Bickerton?

(A) In a vision, he saw a chasm, and was told that if he did not preach the Gospel, he would be cast down into it.

23. (Q) What other references in the scripture show the Origin of the Church of Jesus Christ?

(A) The 65th and 66th Chapters of Isaiah point out the condition of affairs which took place after the death of Joseph Smith. Isaiah 65—8 says, "Thus saith the Lord, As the new wine is found in the cluster, and one saith, Destroy it not; for a blessing is in it." In other words, the Authority and blessings of the restored Gospel are still extant. In Isaiah 66—4, the Lord says, "I will choose their delusions," etc., and the verse ends thus, "But they did evil before mine eyes, and chose that in which I delighted not." In Isaiah 66—1, 2, the Prophet speaks as follows: "Thus saith the Lord, the heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool; where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest? For all these things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the Lord; but to this man (William Bickerton) will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word."

24. (Q) When was the Church of Jesus Christ organized with William Bickerton as first President?

(A) In 1862 at Greenock, Pa.

25. (Q) What is the faith of the Church of Jesus Christ based upon?

(A) It is based upon the Bible and Book of Mormon.

26. (Q) What is the Church built upon and what do we believe it to be?

(A) The Church is built upon the Revelation of God, and is the true succession of the Gospel as restored by Joseph Smith, Jr.

27. (Q) How many presidents has this church had since its organization?

(A) Four.

28. (Q) Name the four presidents and the period in which they served.

(A)—

1862-1880—William Bickerton;
 1880-1905—William Cadman;
 1906-1921—Alexander Cherry;
 1922 to present day—W. H. Cadman.

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth

In the year of 1946 I had a wonderful experience which I wish to relate, hoping that it may strengthen and encourage all that read it, for it was to me a revelation from God. There are in the world anti-Christ, Atheists, Agnostics, and unbelievers, and no matter what men may say or do, I feel like the man of God, Job, who lived some hundreds of years B.C., when he said: "For I know that my Redeemer lives."

At this particular time, a spirit of prayer came over me, more than at any other time. In my prayers, this one thing seems to be prevalent, a desire that the Lord would manifest Himself to me, or give me some sort of spiritual blessing, for it was quite awhile since I had any. Thus I prayed for several weeks. Finally I ceased to mention this in my prayers, and trusting in the Lord that His will be done. Some weeks later I had a dream which I felt was an answer to my prayer. It was as follows:

I appeared to be sitting on a high platform in a single room; also on this platform, there was a brother of the Church, who later appeared to be a colored brother. While sitting on the platform high up in the room, we were repeating these words: "In the name of Jesus come through the door," which was off to the right of us. While repeating these words and gazing at the door, suddenly, a form appeared a man dressed in a white robe, and from his personage a golden glow radiated. Holding my eyes steadily upon him, I began to weep. He was a man of average height, slender in stature with very revered countenance, such as Beholders, love and fear. His hair was dark, but not black, plain to his shoulders; in the middle of his head, a seam or partition in his hair. His face without spot or wrinkle, his nose small and straight, cheeks hollow, revealing cheek bones. His beard was thick same color as his hair, not long, but forked. His feet were bare. He began to walk towards the center of the room. In the meantime, I was saying to myself, and weeping: "Is this the Christ? Is this

the Saviour? Undoubtedly it was, and I began to weep more, and felt it in my heart. He came to the center of the room and turned around looking toward me, saying not a word, but raised his right foot, so that I was able to see under his foot. There I saw a small hole about the size of ten cent piece. I then exclaimed, It is the Lord! It is my Redeemer! He turned slowly and walks toward the door, and suddenly disappeared. I immediately went to see and saw no one.

When I awoke in the morning and, meditating upon the experience, I began to weep with joy, and the Lord did strengthen me. My thoughts turned to the scripture found in St. Luke's Gospel 24-36, where Jesus makes His appearance after His resurrection to His disciples and said, Peace be unto you. But they were terrified and affrighted and supposed that they had seen a spirit, and He said unto them, "Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts; Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see, for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. And when He had thus spoken, He showed them His hands and His feet."

By D. Buccì,
Youngstown, Ohio

Mrs. Rose Peterson Passes On.

Sister Rose Peterson died on Thursday, December 20th, 1951, at the Westmoreland Hospital in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, following an illness of about three weeks. She was born on March 27th, 1911, in Italy; and was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ on September 11th, 1938. Funeral services were held at the Church of Jesus Christ in South Greensburg, on December 23rd, 1951, with brother Alvin Swanson officiating. She is survived by her husband, brother William Peterson; a daughter, Donna; her father, brother John Lavella; and several sisters and brothers.

She will be sadly missed by the Saints here, but we find consolation in knowing that she was faithful to the promise which she made at the water's edge some 14 years ago.

By Nina D'Angelo

Mrs. Lucia DiMasso

Sister Lucia DiMasso of Coraopolis, Pa., departed this life on Dec. 20, 1951 after having been

confined to her bed for several weeks. Funeral services were in charge of brother Vincent Clements of the McKees Rocks Branch, and interment was made in the Coraopolis Cemetery.

Sister DiMasso was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ on the ninth of November 1930. During her life, including her days in the Church, she had suffered many afflictions, but even in them she kept up courage, and was ever ready to even encourage others. The McKees Rocks Branch feels that it has lost a valiant soldier; and an untiring laborer in God's vineyard. We hope and pray that the Lord might have permitted her to leave her mantle to another even as Elijah did. We miss her — and pray that God might continue to console the loved ones she has left behind.

Martin Michalko

THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD ARE NOT GIVEN IN VAIN

The Book of Enos, Verse 26. "And I saw that I must soon go down to my grave, having been wrought upon by the power of God that I must preach and prophesy unto this people, and declare the word according to the TRUTH which is in Christ. And I have declared it in all my days, and have rejoiced in it above that of the world." One must conclude from that IS WRITTEN, that Enos rejoiced in the Commandments of God, and not only rejoiced, but taught them (the TRUTH) all his days.

The Book of Jarom, part of verse 5. "They observed to keep the law of Moses and the Sabbath Day Holy unto the Lord. And they profaned NOT; neither did they BLASPHEME. And the laws of the land were EXCEEDINGLY strict." It is obvious here, that the children of God were required to obey the commandments of God as they were WRITTEN. I read that there is no change with God.

The Book of Omni, part of verse 2. "But behold, I of myself am a wicked man, and I have not kept the STATUTES and COMMANDMENTS of the Lord as I ought to have done." Here is a man confesses that he is an evil man. They had the statutes and commandments WRITTEN on the Brass Plates, or the plates of Laban, of which Lehi rejoiced to have in their possession, for he saw the necessity of having them in writing. When men ignore that which

is WRITTEN of the commands of God, they are unrighteous or wicked men. The man of God rejoices in that which is WRITTEN. In verse 15 of this same book (Omni) we learn of a people that came from Jerusalem at the time the King of Judah was carried captive into Babylon. And in verse 17, we learn that they came without any records. They did not have the written commandments of God, the results were, even their language became corrupted, and they even denied the being of their Creator. The very thing that Lehi was afraid of, if they did not succeed in obtaining the records that were in Labans possession. The people of Zarahemla did not have any records, consequently they did not have written the commandments of God, the results seemed to be inevitable, apparently they forgot all about the God who so miraculously delivered their fathers and mothers along with their children through the Red Sea, while the Egyptians were drowned in attempting to pass through. Today we have the Old Testament, we have the New Testament, and still we have more today. We have the Book of Mormon as well. In the three records there is much WRITTEN, as to the character of the Almighty God. He was a terrible God to the wicked or those disobedient to His word. He was, and of course still is, a merciful and loving God to penitent and obedient souls. Yea, His anger falls upon the disobedient, and in His arms he comforts the penitent. Is it not time we were all learning that it is futile to ignore the commandments of God? And rather exhibit the character of the Master? And say to the enemy of our souls, IT IS WRITTEN!

Bro. W. H. Cadman.

A LETTER FROM FT. MEADE

Dear Editor:

While today is Sunday and I am not able to leave the post, my heart is turned to those who are in the meeting.

I find it a pleasure in writing to the brothers and sisters, and the Lord blesses me greatly. He looks down with compassion upon us who seek to do His will: and His Mighty Hand never ceases to work wonders.

My hope and prayer is, that we might continue to do His will and show the light wherever we go; that our actions and deeds, might by far overshadow our weakness,

that someday, these feeble hands of ours will be strengthened to publish the truth on mountain tops. I beg of you to pray for us, the brothers who are in the Armed Forces, that our lamps might continue to burn, and that we might be instruments in God's hands. Before us is a great dragon, who wishes to take us and devour us. However, through the prayers of the saints, we can overcome him. Matthew Rogolino, Pt. US-S 1134853 Co. B-1st. Bn. 2131 ASU. MKTC. Fort Meade, Md.

A Letter from Windsor, Ont.

Dear Editor Cadman:

We would like to say: Thank you all for the lovely Gifts we received from the Church Members Sister Ford delivered to us here for all Indians in the Sanitorium.

We appreciate very much; all of you help us very much. We also thank our Lord for being so good to us all. We hope to meet some of you in person some day. And also I like to tell some of my friends who know me a long time, that I am engaged to a nice fellow, name Robert Neff, we became engaged on Christmas Day.

I guess this will be all now till we meet next year. I'll say Good Luck and may the good Lord Bless you all good people. From Dorothy Frogg.

P. S. Dorothy is an Indian girl, a patient in the Sanitorium at Windsor, Ont., Canada. She is afflicted with TB, but evidently is improving, for according to her letter, she has become engaged to be married. Sister Ford administers to many of her wants and needs, as well as to many other young Indian boys and girls who are in the Institution. May the Lord bless you, Dorothy, and all your Indian friends with you.

W. H. C.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

"We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven: we have grown in numbers, wealth, and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have be-

come too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us. — P. S. I wonder what Mr. Lincoln would write if he were here today? WHC.

VALUE OF A CHURCH CAN BE PRICELESS

When a commercial firm offered a New York church \$1,000,000 for the property on which it stands, the pastor urged his congregation to reject the offer. He pointed out that \$1,000,000 could not pay for the prayers, the sacrifice and the tears which had gone into the building of the church in that community.

Few congregations are so fortunate in the financial appraisal of their buildings. But even those which meet in humble buildings have a sense of ownership of a kind of property which no amount of money can buy. A church is made up of the people who belong to it, of their labors and the devotion, and the memories and works of countless others who have gone before.

In external aspect of buildings, property and other capital assets, a church may be large or small, and probably more often small. But if it is a vital force in the lives of its members and in the community, it is a great and rich institution on which no price ever could be set.

—Selected and contributed by Jennie Catalano, Manteca, Calif.

A CARD FROM LOS ANGELES

Dear Brother William,

I'm here in Calif. now, arrived safely and am looking for a home and job, which I'm sure the Lord will provide. Hoping this finds you well. V. James Lovalvo, 631 W. 82nd St., Los Angeles 44, Calif.

P.S. Brother Lovalvo has moved with his family to Calif. where he expects to make his home. Best wishes for them.

Peace Proverb

The Chinese have a proverb: "If there is righteousness in the character. If there be beauty in the character, there will be harmony in the home. If there is harmony in the home, there will be order in the nation. When there is order in the nation, there will be peace in the world."

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WHAT DIDST THOU SEE

My God, what did'st Thou see in me

That made Thee pause and say,
With great display of tenderness
"Thou shall be Mine this day"?

What did'st Thou see that to the eyes

Of man has been denied,
Was it a glimpse of humbleness
Beneath my outward pride?

Or did'st Thou see in me a heart

That needed Thee to love?
For earthly friendships can't compare

To that of Thine above.

Whatever quality it was
That made Thee prize me so,
May I possess it on the day
I leave this earth below.

Catherine Poma

THE BIBLE

This book contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are Holy, its precepts are binding, its history is true, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be Holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's company, the soldier's sword and the christian's charter.

Here Paradise is revealed, Heaven opened, and the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its grand object, Our good its design, and the Glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, and prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure. It is given you in life, will be opened in the judgment, and be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, will reward the greatest labor, and will condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents. Author unknown. Contributed by Margaret Heaps.

YES, THE BIBLE SAYS—
Come out from among them

Q. The prize fight is one thing I have felt was out of the question in the life of the Christian, and since I have been converted the movies have been given up

along with the bridge table, the dance, smoking, and drinking. Yet some Christians listen to or watch the prize fights, movies, cheap vaudeville acts, liquor advertisements, and cigarette ads over radio and television. And, when you remark to them about it, they say there is no harm in it; it is all in the way you look at it. But the Bible says, "Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord." What do you say about all of this?

A. I believe you have given a warning which is needed.

Taken from the "Herald of Holiness."

IT IS WRITTEN

Acts 9:15, 16. "But the Lord saith unto him, (Ananias) Go thy way: for he (Saul of Tarsus) is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: For I will show him how great things he must suffer for my names sake."

Saul of Tarsus, later known as Paul, the Apostle of Jesus Christ became one of the most wonderful characters in the Christian era. Aside from Jesus, I suppose he is quoted more than any other man among God's servants, and too, it seems as though a speaker can always find something in the teaching and admonition of Paul, to fit any condition of life of which we may be obliged to pass through, whether it be sorrow or joy, sickness or health. His writings constitute a wonderful storehouse of truth and knowledge of Him whom Paul once asked: "What wilt thou have me to do Lord?" The answer of the Lord had such an effect upon him that later in his life, he was made to exclaim: "Whereupon, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision."

I have often said: that I have never yet found Paul at variance with his Master in what he taught his fellow-man concerning the great plan of redemption — and too, it seems that what he has left on record, teaches and delves into every phase of life, the carnal side as well as the spiritual. I do not wish to term any of his sayings as the crowning point in his life; but may I ask, who can refer to any of his sayings as

greater than which is recorded in First Cor. 8:13. "Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend." The Apostle was firm and I might say, unmovable and uncompromising in the defense of that which his Master had died on the cross for—the plan of redemption which would give eternal life to all those who would deny themselves and take up their cross and follow Him.

Yes, Paul was uncompromising with the truth of the Gospel, but was yielding to the utmost, when it came to habits he might have which would offend. I might ask, "Are the professed followers of Christ today consistent with the teachings of His chosen vessel?" It is written of Christ that He taught, "Woe unto the world because of offenses! For it must needs be that offense come; but woe to that man by whom the offense cometh" It is possible for man to defend truth and righteousness and at the same time be offensive in his habits and ways, not considering the rights of others, and be the cause of driving souls away from the narrow path, instead of drawing them nearer, for IT IS WRITTEN: "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." It is further written of Paul: "I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."

The Lord God has revealed His will unto His servant Paul, and has caused it to be WRITTEN and PRESERVED for our good today. We may well say with the Apostle: Be not deceived, God is not mocked. WHC.

NEWS FROM DETROIT

A gathering of the saints from Detroit and surrounding branches and missions was held on January 26 and 27th. Our Saturday afternoon meeting was introduced by Bro. Gorie Ciaravino, who read the parable of the rich man who seeing that his land produced plentifully, pulled down his old

barns and built larger ones that he might store up his harvest. Then he thought, I will say to my soul, Soul thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said, thou fool, this night shall thy soul be required of thee. What will you do with your goods? Bro. Gorie exhorted all present to seek first the Kingdom of Heaven and the necessities of life would follow. For all things work together for good to them that serve God. Bro. A. B. Cadman, who had been visiting Detroit for a week, followed Bro. Gorie, and exhorted all to live unselfishly, thinking always of the welfare of others. Bro. Cadman brought his inspiring discourse to a close by declaring that in the latter days a storehouse would be built wherein would be stored up spiritual food for all nations. Then will the nations from afar say, come let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, and he will teach us of His ways and we will walk in His paths; for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. Bro. Furnier concluded with a few inspiring remarks concerning the latter day glory. Our Evening service was opened by Bro. Robert Watson, Jr., who delivered a short, but interesting, message. He dwelt on an experience of Paul while out at sea. As the ship that Paul was on neared Crete, a tempestuous wind arose and all control of the ship was lost, so when the captain saw that they could not bear up into the wind, they let the ship drift. Bro. Watson applied this scripture to our daily lives, declaring that when the tempestuous winds of life beat upon us, we will be able to face them if we have found an Anchor in Christ Jesus.

Bro. D. Thomas and a number of other Bros. expressed themselves. Bro. Thomas stated that he was thankful that Christ had become the "Pilot" of his ship. He exhorted the saints to live closer to Jesus that their lives might make the gospel more attractive to the young people, so that the young might become more inquisitive concerning the blessings of God toward their parents and thus desire to obey the Gospel.

On Sunday we met in the Cousen's High School with a goodly

crowd of Brothers, Sisters and friends. Bro. A. B. Cadman introduced the morning meeting speaking on the mission of Christ, saying that He led captivity captive, whereby there might be a Heavenly family upon the face of the earth. Spoke of Adam losing his first inheritance through the fall, and that it is only through the second Adam, Christ Jesus, that the human family have access to eternal life. Exhorted all to take up the banner of Christ, before the awful day of judgment appears. Bro. Reno Bologna was our next speaker giving an interesting talk, referring to several things Bro. Cadman had touched on. Spoke of the rich young man, saying that when he learned what was necessary to be done to gain eternal life, went away, not wishing to make the sacrifice necessary to be made to be one of the Children of God. He spoke of present world conditions and how that selfishness and greed are the basis of all our troubles. Exhorted all to follow the Saviour's admonition on humility. The least among you shall be the greatest. Bro. F. Straccia spoke a few words in the Italian language with a good spirit accompanying. The afternoon service was introduced by Bro. Miller, who read a portion of the 3rd chapter of Esther and exhorted all to faithfulness, that by such God could use us for the Evangelization of the whole human family. Bro. Lovalvo carried this theme further embracing the origin of the Book of Mormon and the glorious latter day work. Bro. Furnier gave a wonderful exhortation on different passages in the Book of Mormon and Bro. D. Moraco spoke a few concluding remarks in Italian. Bro. Plain from the Sarnia Reservation, gave an interesting testimony of what he has received in obeying the Gospel. Closed, with a wonderful prayer of thanksgiving to God for His two days of blessings, by Bro. Anthony Brutz.

Bros. M. T. Miller and
D. Moraco

Washington's Strange Vision

Due to request, I am printing this experience in The Gospel News. This is the third time it has appeared in these pages.

The last time I saw Anthony Sherman was on the Fourth of July, 1859 in Independence Square. He was then ninety nine years old and becoming feeble, but though

so old, his dimmed eyes rekindled as he gazed on Independence Hall, which he had come back to look upon once more before he was called home.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Youths Comrade, 1919

Inglewood, Calif.

Brother Editor: I desire to take the privilege of letting all the saints know about our trip from Penna., to Calif. We can say, thank God that He watched over

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EDITORIAL

For sometime-past I had a desire to visit Bro. D'Amico in Rochester, N. Y. as you all know that he suffered a stroke of paralysis about three years ago, and has been sorely afflicted ever since.

I left home on Feb. 9th and arrived at his home about 6:30 p. m., his son Ansel meeting me at the Depot with his car. Well, I find that Bro. Ishmael is not improving any, very sorry to say that he is still speechless. He cannot be understood. With the help of a cane, and of his beloved wife, he walks around the room for exercise. He eats very well, and apparently understands one in talking to him, but otherwise he is helpless. I anointed him while there and felt much liberty in appealing to the Lord in his behalf.

I felt very sorry to see him in such condition. He was always very energetic in preaching the Gospel which he obeyed I believe in 1919. I ask you all to remember not only him, but also his faithful wife Julia in your prayers. I spent the night with them in the home of Ansel and his wife Carmella, and they are very comfortable therein. I attended their Church on Sunday, both morning and afternoon. Enjoyed myself in their pulpit in both meetings, and was glad to see my brethren and sisters in Rochester once more. I was treated well by them, and may the Lord bless them all.

At the close of the afternoon meeting and after having a lunch, Bro. Ansel and his wife, along with Bro. Perone took me in their new Ford car to the night meeting in Lockport, N. Y., about 70 miles away. It was treacherous driving, for there were about six inches of snow on the ground, and ice on the highways. Yet, it was an enjoyable ride for me. The clouds were banked heavy in the western skys, and the sun going down behind them, made a beautiful sight and it seemed to last for so long. It seemed that my mind was completely absorbed in

what I was seeing and, with the words of the Psalmist, wherein he says, "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth His handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge."

We finally arrived at the Church in Lockport, where a meeting had been called on short notice. A very nice crowd was present, including a number of non-members. I occupied the pulpit with very good liberty in speaking and I believe all enjoyed the evening. I was glad for the opportunity of speaking once more in the Church at Lockport. After retiring to the home of Bro. and Sister Simone and Paul D'Amico and having a light lunch, the folks from Rochester started on their journey back home. I remained for the night at the home of Bro. Simone. I was very glad to see Sister Simone so well again. She is able to get around very good. She was so poorly the last time I was there. We must give all praise to Him who doeth all things well. As to Paul and his wife Grace, their family is growing. Since being there last, there has been a new arrival in the way of a little black-headed-round-faced-girl. Looks like Papa.

The next day I left on a bus for Erie, Pa., arriving at the home of Bros. Mancini and Behanna in time for my supper. I found them very well and spent the night with them. Had a very nice visit with them, and then left on a bus for Cleveland at noon. I arrived at Bro. Biscotti's barber shop at about 4 p.m., and of course he is like all other barbers, his business is to "trim" people, which he did me.

I had supper at his home, stayed all night as well and the next day spent the afternoon at the home of brother and sister Milano, and the next thing I knew, he was teaching me to talk Italian. But with it all, I enjoyed my first visit at his home. Bro. Milano is spending much of his time in translating our literature into the Italian language, and he is in touch with printers in Italy in order to get some of our material printed over there for use in that country, and I must say that the information received, looks very favorable to me. I enjoyed my visit at his home very much I am sure, and it was con-

cluded by setting me down to a good supper, prepared by Sister Milano and her daughter.

I then attended Church in Cleveland that evening, occupying the pulpit and reading for my text those wonderful words found in Matthew 12-35, "A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things." I was glad to meet the saints in Cleveland again. I again stayed all night at the home of Brother and Sister Biscotti, and returned home by train the next day.

My particular reason for making this trip, was that I might see Bro. Ishmael D'Amico again, and of course was glad to meet so many others as well. May the Lord bless you all.

Editor

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us and protected us on our way, so that we reached our destination safe and well. When I say "we" I mean my mother, my sister Goldie Jones, and her three children, and Sister Delvia Lowther, and myself. We were all members of the Church in Vanderbilt, Pa. except the little girl Lindy Ann.

We left our homes on October 28, 1951 with our house-trailer and came via St. Louis, New Mexico, and Phoenix, Arizona where we visited with some relatives, then on to California. The trip took us ten days, averaging nearly three hundred miles a day, which was very good with such a big load. We had a wonderful trip, with no trouble except a flat tire on the trailer. We encountered some cold weather and some snow in Texas, only 12 above zero. The next day we were out of the snow and it got warmer.

Upon reaching Calif., the Lord was good to us. I had faith that the Lord would provide, so the next day I went to look for a job and got one. Then on Sunday we went to the Church in Bell, Calif., where Brother Heaps presides. We have also visited the Church in San Fernando Valley where Brother Rocco Meo presides. We thank God that we found the love of God among the saints in Calif., and they have all been good to us. We hope to visit the saints in San Diego in the near future. We have all gained in health and weight since coming here, and I hope we will gain favor with

God. May God bless and keep you and all of us, so that if we never meet again in this life, we will meet on the other shore.

Sincerely,

Bro. Harry Marshall
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Inglewood, Calif.

PRAYER

Prayer is the power
That spans the space,
Between Our God
And the human race.
No mountain too high,
No valley too deep;
That prayer cannot master
When united we meet
There is nothing more sweet
Than a knee that is bent,
To our Father in prayer
Where we all can give vent;
To the cry of our hearts,
When we know 'twill be heard
By our Father above,
For He gave us His word.
To ask what we will
And 'twill surely be done;
When we ask it in faith
Thru His Holy Son.
Pray always: was said
By Paul of old,
Pray and not faint
The Master has told.
'Tis the key to our strength,
For it unlocks the door
That gives us all hope,
Of life evermore.

P.S. We would like to thank all those who unite with us in prayer on Wednesday Morning, and ask them to continue with us, it means a lot to all of us.

Margaret Heaps.

WORD STUDY (Continued)

POWER — The study of this word or subject is I believe of interest to more people in this day and age, than in any other period of time, for we live in a time when power is manifest from sources never before known to mankind. The present day achievements, advancements in harnessing and developing natural power is enough to fill volumes. In our discussion I will not include much along this line of thought. Before we proceed further we might list a few of the dictionary explanations of this word. For brevity I will list some of the general meanings which are: ability to act or do; capacity for action; possession of sway and influence; a superhuman agent or spirit; force or energy applied or applicable to work; a person or government invested with author-

ity. We might here divide these meanings into two general groups; natural and supernatural power.

In our daily walk of life we too often are unaware of various powers and forces that exist that have an influence upon us as individuals, but nevertheless there are many things in existence that do cause us to turn one way or another. It is important that we might know some of them, that we may not be drawn into paths that are detrimental to our well-being. We read books, magazines, billboards and all sorts of printed and written matter that is bound to influence us one way or another. We are often swayed by customs, by functions of various types of organizations, by styles and fads, for better or for worse. We may encounter propaganda by the enemy or even by our own, or by subversives in our own camp, the which may cause us to sway or change. There is power in sin not to be overlooked, a hidden power with no end of avenues by which Satan himself comes trying to deceive or to destroy us. These sources of influence have been instrumental in shaping the lives of many, who in turn have swayed others, even sometimes nations.

Many men down through the ages of time have craved for power beyond that which is God allowed. Rulers that overstep their bounds of authority cause much suffering to come into the world, while those who unselfishly exert their authority are a blessing to their own nation, and the nation itself is a blessing to the rest of the world. Power then can be for selfish gains or on the other hand for unselfish ends, depending wholly on the individual. Each person from the top on down the line is given various kinds of power from God. Power is given beginning with such simple things as power to move, to speak, power and dominion over the animal kingdom, etc. All of these though are natural powers and may be used for good or for evil, for mankind is a free agent in this present world. Much more important than the natural power, is the spiritual that God has permitted mankind to receive. This he receives after he realizes that he is a sinner, and takes the necessary steps to have his sins remitted, that he might have a clean vessel for the power of God to abide in. The Lord blesses in the respect that man is given the

power and the privilege to be called and to actually become the sons of God. (John 1:12). It is indeed a wonderful experience to be cleansed and to receive the Spirit of God. The Bible speaks of this as a conversion, for he experiences a new birth and receives a spiritual power which enables him to subject natural powers and desires to that which he knows to be the will of God. In accepting this power he also accepts all of God's doctrine which we understand to be the Gospel of Christ. The apostle Paul speaks of it as the power of God unto salvation, to all that believe. (Romans 1:16) This is that unselfish power that brings blessings to others, that causes him to want to serve others and not as he might have previously wanted, to rule or dominate others.

Many kings and rulers of various nations have been a great influence to their subjects, often changing existing ideas and theories, but mostly in a selfish direction. However, when Christ came as the King of Israel, His life and teachings and power have caused changes to come not only in His day but even ever since; changes unexcelled by any man or group of men, for we know that He is Lord of lords and King of kings. We know that He is omnipotent, and is able to change the heart of a lion into a lamb, by His power. He promised his disciples that when the Comforter, which is the power of God would come into their heart, He would comfort, He would teach, He would reveal things to come, etc., and reprove the world of sin. How he would reprove, is indeed not only interesting but very needful today in Christianity and in Christian endeavor. On the day of Pentecost, we know there was effected the birth of the church by a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit, which is that power that the Lord Jesus promised his disciples. God's church had a wonderful beginning and was set in order by the apostles, as they were led and directed by the Holy Spirit. Of this Paul writes (I Cor.12:82) that "God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues." We can have all of these things even today in the church if we have the "power of God," if we have the Holy Ghost

as did the disciples. If we do have all of them we have a progressive and profitable church, and results are gratifying. It could be likened to a lively natural progressive organization, of which we have many in our day and time. We see great companies employing many means to obtain their ends. They have laborers, skilled men, professional men, including proficient buyers and sellers, advertising programs, benefits of various kinds as an incentive to their employees, etc. They would not relinquish any one of these, as long as they wish to operate profitably. Neither should we of the Church of Jesus Christ relinquish any of the things that belong to the church. We should cherish the gifts and blessings, and the callings and the offices that belong to the church, that it might remain in similarity to that of the apostolic church, for only then is it profitable and progressive.

We cannot emphasize too strongly the utter need of all these things in the church in these latter days. The world today needs more than just words to bring about the righteousness of God. Books and magazines and radios and billboards are incapable of doing the task of building a Christian nation. Even the Bible itself of itself is insufficient if not accompanied by the power of God to bring about sufficient changes in peoples lives. We see today hundreds of evangelists, together with many (acclaimed best) preachers laboring diligently trying to stir the nations to righteous living, but to little avail, in fact it seems that year after year conditions worsen. However did not Jesus himself predict that in these days iniquity would abound, and the love of many would grow cold. (Matthew 24) What then is the answer? To me it is very simple. It is that professing ministers and priests do not receive the "helps" that is included in I Cor. 12:28. However, the apostles did receive great "helps" in their day and time, one of which is included in the account of Ananias and his wife Sapphira, when they lied to the apostles. We read that they were struck dead in the incident, that others might fear. "And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things." (Acts 5:11) Today we have

church—going people that not only lie but even commit perjury, and nothing happens. We go to a court room and listen to people testify, and their testimonies do not agree, an evidence that someone must be lying, yet nothing happens to them. If the churches had the power of God as they claim, their members would in one way or another be removed for their lying. These reprovings would be of great help to ministers, but how can ministers receive this great help, when they deny the power of God even as Paul said would happen in the last days, for he says that men would have a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof. (II Tim. 3:5. Yet every one claims not to be denying the power. However, when anyone claims that today the church needs, neither apostles or prophets, nor gifts of healing, or tongues or interpretation of tongues in the church, is verily denying the power of God.

Today men employ "enticing" words, and "natural powers," and psychological waves to bring about the righteousness of God, which is wrong and not in accord with the doctrine and ways of Christ. Men today employ the "power" of the press to supercede the written word of God, and believe they are preaching truth, all because of seemingly good results at the present from their efforts. Brothers and Sisters let us be thankful that we have the doctrine of Christ in God's church, and the power of the Holy Ghost that teaches us God's ways, for they always were and always will be the best ways.

Martin Michalko
Coraopolis, Penna.

St. John, Kansas
February 11, 1952

Dear Brother Editor:

I always enjoy the Gospel News but it seems the one that came in the mail at noon today made me rejoice more than ever that we can read the testimonies of the Saints.

Several times when there has been a discussion on a certain question, the next issue of the Gospel News clarifies it just as the article "It is Written" in today's issue has done.

I am glad to read of the word being sent to Italy, Spain, and other places for we know the fields are very ripe and the time may be short.

I'm especially thankful to read about the Indian people for that has been my greatest interest since childhood. Sister Ford's letter reminded me of the wonderful hours I spent when I went with her and others to Grand River in 1945. I send my love to all the saints there. It was so nice to read of Sister Sadie's daughter being on the program. I pray the Lord may use me in helping Joseph's seed for that is the great desire of my heart.

Sister Mary Wilson's letter brought back many happy memories of the meetings at the Jefferson Church when I was a child.

I'm glad that the Church of Jesus Christ has such a big place in my heart. I want to hold fast to its precepts and to the covenant I made over 45 years ago; a step which I have never regretted. I know if I hold fast to that "Rod of Iron" I may continue to partake of that fruit-fair above all others.

Many times when I have been sorrowful, the Gospel News has come as a blessed benediction and lifted my soul to a greater resolve to worship the Lord, my God and serve Him only.

If the three Hebrew children had bowed to man or his image, they would have been lost; but since they chose to serve God alone, not only were their souls saved but their bodies were protected also.

Let us all cling to Him who is able to keep us to the end and pray for the upbuilding of His Kingdom, a unity of those in the faith, and that He may multiply His blessings to those in need of succor.

Sister Martha Morgan Ring

San Fernando Valley, Calif.
Brother Editor,

Just a few lines to let you know how much the Article written by Bro. Paul D'Amico has helped me. You know I have been in the Church only a short while, not quite a year. And articles such as that one are a great help to me. I do not wish to remain uninformed in the belief of the Church. I wish to know all about it. (Very good Sister Jones, all people coming into the Church should learn our faith and abide in it. WHC.)

Many of my friends have asked me many questions, and some have laughed behind my back, but I am proud, humbly so, of what I found in The Church of Jesus Christ. I have found that, no mat-

ter how much they may laugh at me my Lord and my brothers and sisters do not laugh at me. I have received love from them, greater than I can say. I am also very happy to belong to a church which takes time to give help to the American Indians. May God heap His blessings on those who give of their time and love to help those poor people.

Your Gospel News was especially interesting this month, February. We are glad to hear that the saints in San Diego are building a Church. I am sure I speak for all of us at our Mission when I say that, we will do all we can to help them. (everybody do the same, WHC) We hope to find a suitable spot soon to start a church of our own. We hope it will be soon, although we have received many wonderful blessings in our humble Meeting Place. May God bless you all. Love from Bro. Rocco Meo and all of us here in the San Fernando Valley.

Sister June Jones

News From Youngstown, Ohio

A few outstanding events have taken place in the last few weeks here in our Branch. Sunday, January 27, we had a spontaneous gathering. The Brothers and Sisters from Warren, Niles, and Girard were here. To our surprise we had brothers and sisters from Cleveland, McKees Rocks, and the Rock Run Branch, (Glassport, Pa.) It was really wonderful to have such a large crowd.

Bro. Charles Ashton introduced the morning service using several verses taken from the 10th chapter of St. John's Gospel for his text. He spoke on the Good Shepherd and explained that we must live closer to God in order to abide in His fold.

Bro. A. A. Corrado followed with a brief summary. The meeting was then brought to a close.

Bro. Wm. Gennaro opened the afternoon meeting relating some of the experiences that the Lord has given him. Many Brothers and Sisters then got up giving praises to God in their testimonies. The evidence of God's spirit was in our midst, for we were filled with blessings. At the close of the service, a circle was formed around the Church while Bro. A. A. Corrado pronounced the Benediction. All of us were quite filled with blessings as we departed one from another.

This last Sunday, February 3rd,

as our meeting was being brought to a close, Sister Ann Fortunato asked for baptism. The baptism took place at Lincoln Park. Again, we might say we received soul edification, for our souls are fed when another sheep is brought in to the fold.

Sister Irene A. Corrado

NAPOLEON AND CHRIST

When Napoleon was on St. Helena, he once said to Count Monteholon, "Can you tell me who Jesus Christ was?" And when the Count declined to answer, he said: "Well, then, I will tell you. Alexander, Ceasar, Charlemagne and I have founded great empires; but upon what did these creations depend? Upon force. Jesus has founded His empire upon love, and to this very day millions would die for Him.

I think I understand something of human nature and I tell you all these were men and I am a man. No one else is like Him. Jesus Christ was more than a man.... I have inspired multitudes with such devotion that they would have died for me.... but to do this it was necessary that I should be visibly present, with the electric influence of my looks, of my words, of my voice. When I saw men and spoke to them I lighted up the flames of self-devotion in their hearts.

..... Christ alone has succeeded in so raising the mind of man toward the unseen that it becomes insensible to the barriers of time and space. Across a chasm of eighteen hundred years Jesus Christ makes a demand which is, above all others, difficult to satisfy. He asks for that which a philosopher may often seek in vain at the hands of his friends, or a father of his children, or a bride of her spouse, or a man of his brother. He asks for the human heart. He will have it entirely to himself. He demands it unconditionally, and forthwith His demand is granted. Wonderful! In defiance of time and space, the soul of man with all its powers becomes an annexation to the empire of Christ. All who sincerely believe in Him experience that remarkable supernatural love towards Him. This phenomenon is unaccountable; it is altogether beyond the scope of man's creative power. Time, the great destroyer, is powerless to extinguish

the sacred flame; time can neither exhaust its strength nor put a limit to its range. This it is which strikes me most. I have often thought of it. This it is, which proves to me the divinity of Jesus Christ." (From History of Napoleon.)

Sister Fry Passes On

Sister Hattie Schlegal Fry was born in Germany, August 7, 1875 and passed away on February 3, 1952 making her better than 76 years old. She came to the United States with her parents at the age of four years. She was married to Wm. Fry at Turtle Creek, Pa. on Oct. 5, 1893. To this union eight children were born, and they all survive their parents, along with 20 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren, and one Sister of Turtle Creek, Pa.

Sister Fry was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ March of 1903 at McKeesport, Pa. She has been a very faithful member of the Church, and has always bore a good testimony of the gospel. She was laid away to rest from the Barber Funeral Home in St. John, Kansas, where she has resided for many years and was well known. Elder Charles Sanders officiated at the Services.

P.S. I worshipped God with Sister Fry many years ago when we lived in McKeesport, Pa. I esteemed her as a good woman, and in those days she bore a good testimony in the Gospel. She was raised in the Lutheran Church. Her testimony should be much consolation to her children. W. H. Cadman.

NEWS ITEMS

In a letter of recent date from Bro. Martin Michalko of the McKees Rocks church, he reports them of having a baptism in the person of Wm. Kunkle, the son-in-law of Brother and Sister Moore.

Also a letter received from Bro. Bucci of Youngstown, Ohio reports a young woman baptized by them recently in a creek nearby. I presume this was in the Girard Mission.

A few lines from Bro. Claravino of Branch 4, Detroit informs me that they had two wonderful meetings on Feb. 17th and one baptism, Tullio La Civita, the son-in-law of brother and sister Benedetto.

A few lines today from Bro. Edmund Seneca a young Indian brother. He is very thankful for the Gospel News. He is located at

Holyrood, Ont. formerly of Muncey.

I have just received a card from the Jewish National and University Library, at Jerusalem, thanking me for the Gospel News, and asking me to correct their address as follows: Jerusalem, Israel and not Palestine. Thank you, and may the Lord God bless the nation of Israel.

A note from West Elizabeth Branch tells us that sister Edna Dreer Kampert was recuperating at her home after spending several days at the West Penn Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pa. Also that sister Elizabeth Toye is spending several weeks with her daughter and family at Miami, Fla. She made the trip by motor with Bro. and Sister Dias of Erie, Pa.

We baptized a Lady in Monongahela this evening from the Eldora Mission, Bro. Anderson officiating. Bros. Mountain and Anderson have labored faithfully at Eldora, seem to have created much interest and have built up a nice Sunday School. We are glad to see their efforts crowned with some success.

THE DAWN

We are looking for the coming of the dawn

The night of error will soon be gone.

And a glad and happy day,

Come to bless the world away,

And dispel the gloom for aye;

HELP IT ON!

We are looking for a blessed reign of peace,

When war among the nations all shall cease.

And the greatest good for all

Be the people's Clarion Call,

And love all hearts enthrall.

HELP IT ON!

We are looking for our Christ to come again,

And within the hearts of men take up His reign;

So that all shall brothers be,

And the light of truth shall see,

The truth that makes men free;

HELP IT ON!

Contributed by Bro. Edmund Seneca.

The Commandments Are Not Given in Vain

The words of Amaleki as recorded in the Book of Omni in the Book of Mormon beginning with verse 25:—"And it came to pass that I began to be old; and having no seed, and knowing king Benjamin to be a just man before the Lord, wherefore, I shall de-

liver up these plates unto him, exhorting all men to come unto God, the Holy One of Israel, and believe in prophesying, and in revelations, and in the ministering of angels, and in the gift of speaking with tongues, and in the gift of interpreting languages, and in all things which are good; for there is NOTHING which is good save it comes from the Lord; and that which is EVIL cometh from the devil. — And now, my beloved brethren, I would that ye should come unto Christ, who is the Holy One of Israel, and partake of His salvation, and the power of His redemption. Yea, come unto Him, and offer your whole souls as an offering unto Him, and continue in fasting and praying, and endure to the end; and as the Lord liveth ye will be saved." — From the foregoing, we must conclude that the man Amaleki was a man of God, and he declares there is nothing that is good, but what it comes from the Lord. Mercy cometh from the Lord, and in Alma 42-25 I read: "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."

The next book after the Book of Omni is known as the "Words of Mormon." But bear in mind that Mormon did not live until several hundred years after Christ had been born. And in abridging the records that had fallen into his hands, he says in verse 1, "Behold I have witnessed almost all the destruction of my people, the Nephites." If we will turn to the writings of Mormon, known as The Book of Mormon, which follows the Book of Fourth Nephi, we will observe that the time came among the Nephites, that the mercy of God was withdrawn from them, and His wrath was poured out upon them because of His justice. Yea, the God of mercy and justice, had warned the people of Lehi that if the day would come that they would forget Him and do wickedly, mercy would cease and His judgments would fall upon them, even though He had in the past preserved them through much mercy. I always feel like this, that having so much on record of the character of God, mercy when it was due, and wrath when His creatures, might I say when they deserved it? We all of today better keep in mind: that Amaleki says good comes from God, and the evil comes from the devil,

destruction comes upon the world because of giving heed to the enticing spirit of the devil.

News From Florida

Brother Editor: — I want to tell you of a wonderful meeting we had yesterday Feb. 17th at Hialeah in the home of our dear brother and sister Mazzuccia who are very old and afflicted. They came to Florida from Bronx, N. Y. It had been a long time since we held a meeting at their place because of their illness, but now thank God they are feeling much better.

It was a very nice meeting, much more because God sent a blessing in having Brother and Sister Mazzeo, Bro. Fred Lupo, and Sister Ivy Fisher from New Brunswick, which are saints of my early days in the Church. It reminded me of many wonderful experiences we had together in days gone by, and how good God had been to us since we obeyed the Gospel. It brought much joy in seeing them again. And then Brother Cadman we had a surprise in once again, Sister Toye Brother and Sister Neill. It had been a long time since I saw them and it also made us all very happy. Altogether we were a nice number, including Bro. Schultz, Brother and Sister Sirangelo, and the latter's Sister and her husband. After the meeting the folks left for their home in New Jersey. Sister Julia Faragasso.

NOTICE: The general meeting of the Ladies Uplift Circle will be held at the home of Sister Sadie Cadman on March 22, at 10 a.m. All that can come will be welcome.

NOTICE: On account of having calls for a copy of the paper in which General George Washington's "vision" was published, and not having any extra copies on hand, I am having two hundred extra's printed, and will furnish them, for 15 cents per copy, mailed.

PLEASE EVERYBODY: Do not forget my request to help the San Diego saints in the construction of their Church. They need financial help from you.

NOTABLE WORDS of Wm. Penn: "Men must be governed by God or they will be ruled by tyrants." Be charitable to those who are truly in need; Lest government be used to provide for people, instead of protecting them.

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"AN OLD HYMN"

He died! The great Redeemer died,

And Israel's daughters wept around;

A solemn darkness veiled the sky,

A sudden trembling shook the ground.

Come, saints, and drop a tear or two

For Him who groaned beneath your load;

He shed a thousand drops for you,

A thousand drops of precious blood.

Here's love and grief beyond degree,

The Lord of Glory died for man;

But lo! What sudden joys were heard,

Jesus, though dead's, revived again.

The rising Lord forsook the tomb,

In vain the tomb forbids Him rise;

Cherubic legions guard Him home

And shout Him welcome to the skies.

Wipe off your tears, ye saints, and tell

How high your great deliverer reigns,

Sing how He triumphed over hell

And how He'll bind your foes in chains.

Say live forever, wonderous King,

Born to redeem, and strong to save;

Then ask the monster, Where's thy sting?

And where's thy victory, boasting grave?

THE RESURRECTION

By Sister Eva Moore

Then Pilate took Jesus and scourged Him, and the soldiers stripped Him and put on Him a scarlet robe and a crown of thorns. They mocked Him and spit upon Him, and smote Him on the head, crying out, "crucify Him, crucify Him." And it was the third hour and they crucified Him.

Hanging on the cross between two thieves, the scripture was fulfilled, which saith, "and He was numbered among the transgressors." And when the sixth hour was come, there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And the earth did quake and the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst; then Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit," and He gave up the Ghost.

Then Joseph of Arimathea, a good and just man went to Pilate and begged for the body of Jesus, and he took it down and wrapped it in linen and laid it in a sepulchre wherein never man before was laid. Then came the Sabbath Day and the disciples rested, but early the next day, they went to the sepulchre and found the stone rolled away, and the body of the Lord was not there, and they went their way home, but Mary stood outside weeping — "they have taken away my Lord and I know not where they have laid Him." She said to the angels who sat where the body of Jesus had lain. As she turned to go back, she met Jesus and He said unto her "Mary" and she recognized her Lord and cried out "Master," and with great joy she went and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord.

Then the same day, at evening time the disciples were assembled together and Jesus appeared in their midst and said, "Peace be unto you." And He showed them His wounds and they were glad when they saw the Lord.—R.D.I Imperial, Pa.

CHRIST'S RESURRECTION

Sometimes we are overcome, when we think of the wonderful plan of our Creator from the very beginning of time. At the fall of Adam, how that the plan of redemption went into operation, that we might once again reach a stage in life such as Adam had before he fell. That we might walk and talk with God in the Garden of Eden and feel His divine companionship. How the prophets foretold of a Deliverer to come forth to redeem mankind. How the people exercised faith, that He

would come and save them from sin and death. Yet, all these men died with this hope burning within their hearts.

Then the time came that Jesus was born and the man, Simeon, exclaimed "now let thy servant depart in peace for I have seen thy salvation." The joy that must have been in his heart to know and understand for what cause this child was born.

Jesus grew up well protected by the hand of God until that day that He went to John at the river Jordan to be baptized. At that time he came into his own and was tried of Satan for forty days and nights. This plan of redemption was then closing in day by day until the Jews cried out on that eventful day, "Crucify Him." Christ truly testified then "for this cause came I into the world," that the plan of God would not be defeated. So we can see that all these happenings were necessary to precede that great moment when the cry would go out "Christ Arose."

The glory that was felt in the lives of those who lived at that time, that saw with their eyes and heard with their ears the wonderful sound of victory over sin and death. After the many years of looking to their God that He would send a Deliverer, and then to see the prophecies fulfilled must have been a joy beyond expression.

Coming down to our day and time and our feelings of Christ's resurrection, we feel that as the night gives away to the dawn of a new day and the sun comes forth in its brightness to give light unto the world, so it was in the coming of the Son of God. He came forth to push back the blackness of sin and bring about the dawn of a new day. As Jesus shines brighter and brighter in our lives the darkness of sin is pushed away from us. Until we came in contact with the gospel we were living in the darkness of sin, and as we were exposed to the sound of the gospel and its goodness then Jesus began to shine in our life and push the shadows of sin away from us. By submitting ourselves to the plan of redemption through faith, repentance and baptism the Son of

Righteousness shone forth in all its brilliance to dispel every shadow of sin and darkness and brought us forth to serve Him as obedient children.

May the Son of Righteousness radiate the warm glow of the true love of Christ even as the sun radiates a warm glow upon the face of the earth.

May the Lord bless each one of us with strength to show forth the resurrected Christ to the world today, that He might shine forth as a beacon light to draw all men unto Him.

By Joseph Collison,
Windsor, Ont.

THAT WONDERFUL DAY

Again, brothers and sisters of The Church of Jesus Christ, we approach the greatest and holiest day of the year, commemorating the rising of our beloved Saviour from the dead; we, of all people on earth have cause for rejoicing because we can repeat after Paul "for as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." When I consider the wonderful implication of this statement I want to shout for joy. Let us meditate a few moments, my beloved bretheren and sisters on the two resurrections recorded in the blessed book. In the eleventh of John verse 44 we observe that Lazarus came forth bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and it must be noted that it took human agency to release the man who was dead. Yes, life was given back to Him, life as we observe it in ourselves and others, but the mortal body had not put on immortality and even Jesus when speaking of His power before His resurrection, only said "I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again," speaking of His life: And so, let us notice that, while we may be enabled to make resolutions to leave the worldly things alone and to do good according to our limited understanding of the wonderful attributes of a Christ inspired life, yet we must have the resurrection power.

Jesus, you and I must recall, made the wonderful pronouncement "all power is given unto me in heaven and in earth" after His resurrection. As we study the story of His life in the four gospels, we must observe that He did not use such power before His death and resurrection. When the multitude would have harmed Him

in Luke 4, it is said only, "that He, passing through the midst of them, went His way." And so it is, men and women may say "I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ" and be saved, as Paul told the Phillipian jailor, yet the resurrection power is not theirs. Jesus Christ had to die in order to fulfill the plan of salvation and after His resurrection, observe, will you, my brothers and sisters, how He can pass into a house tho' the windows and doors be barred, and wonder of wonders, this same Jesus when He has thus passed through the walls of the house, He takes a piece of broiled fish and a bit of honeycomb and eats before the disciples. Hallelujah! He has put on immortality and He promises "Because I live, ye shall live also" again "Greater things than these shall ye do because I go unto my Father."

"Praise His Holy Name," when we obey His commandments and renounce all sin, truly repenting of all misdoings, then we may come forth out of the waters "dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto Christ."

It is my earnest and constant prayer that the ministry of the Church of Jesus Christ shall catch the vision of lost souls that our loving Master had when He stood upon the hill and wept for Jerusalem, and having given their all to him, as the Disciples of old, lay hold upon the promise of Christ "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witness unto me, unto the uttermost part of the earth." The whole world is hungry for the gospel but it is to the House of Israel that God directs His Ministers, and the Holy Ghost is working now to convict the seed of Joseph of sin, for they are observing that tho' the churches may hold their revivals and their camp-meetings, youth meetings or what have you, the only result is, that there is religious fervor for awhile and men and women still travel the road to destruction. What did the Lord say we must do if we are to have the resurrection power? "Tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." I WANT TO TARRY, BROTHER AND SISTER, DON'T YOU? For there are souls to rescue and souls to save. From our Indian brother, Aylmer N. Plain, Sarnia Indian Reserve, Sarnia, Ont.

UP FROM THE GRAVE HE AROSE

(The Decension Of Christ On The American Continent After He Arose From The Grave).

Jesus Christ descending upon this land of America, is one of the greatest events of all ages. Read the 11th chapter of Third Nephi, in the Book of Mormon. I will begin at the 7th verse. "Behold my Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased, in whom I have glorified my name — hear ye Him — And it came to pass, as they understood they cast their eyes up again towards heaven; and behold, they saw a Man descending out of Heaven; and He was clothed in a white robe; and He came down and stood in the midst of them; and the eyes of the whole multitude were turned upon Him, and they durst not open their mouths, even one to another, and wist not what it meant, for they thought it was an angel that had appeared unto them. — And it came to pass that He stretched forth His hand and spake unto the people, saying:—Behold, I am Jesus Christ, whom the prophets testified shall come into the world.—And behold, I am the light and the life of the world; and I have drunk out of that bitter cup which the father has given me, and have glorified the Father in taking upon me the sins of the world, in the which I have suffered the will of the Father in all things from the beginning.—And it came to pass that when Jesus had spoken these words the whole multitude fell to the earth; for they remembered that it had been prophesied among them that Christ should show Himself unto them after His ascension into heaven. — And it came to pass that the Lord spake unto them saying:—Arise and come forth unto me, that ye may thrust your hands into my side, and also that ye may feel the prints of the nails in my hands and in my feet, that ye may know that I am the God of Israel, and the God of the whole earth, and have been slain for the sins of the world.—And it came to pass that the multitude went forth, and thrust their hands into His side, and did feel the prints of the nails in His hands and in His feet; and this they did do, going forth one by one until they had all gone forth and did see with their eyes and did feel with their hands, and did know of a surety and did bear record, that it was He of

whom it was written by the prophets, that should come.—And when they had all gone forth and had witnessed for themselves, they did cry out with one accord, saying:—Hosanna! Blessed be the name of the Most High God! And they did fall down at the feet of Jesus, and did worship Him."

P.S. Such is the account given by the fore-fathers of the American Indians, who are a part of Israel. And yet the American people are not interested enough to read and seek knowledge from God for themselves, but would rather read and listen to the enemies of the Book of Mormon. Which of course is their own privilege. But remember that God is not mocked, and all mortals shall reap what they sow. WHC.

AN EASTER GIFT IS REQUESTED FROM YOU!

I am asking you all for a financial Offering to help our printing and Book Fund along. If you all will send us one dollar each, it will be a big lift for the work of this Fund. With our Hymn Books, Books of Mormon, Histories and our various pamphlets, and lesson books which we have on hand. I suppose will amount to more than ten thousand dollars. But there are several items which we are out of, also the printing of the Book of Mormon in the Italian language will cost a great deal of money with prices as they are today.

I humbly ask you all to send us an offering at this season of the year to help this part of the work along. Sincerely Bro. Cadman. — please mail your offering to our Librarian, James F. Campbell, Jr., 231 Vine St., Monongahela, Pa.

THE HEAVENLY PHYSICIAN

By Bro. Oliver Lloyd
Bro. Editor:

There wasn't a thing Jesus turned His hand to that He did not do Beautifully — a finished job. What a big gap there would be if you take all the sick people out of the Gospel story, and what a variety of fevers, paralysis, epilepsy, blindness, deafness, leprosy, stammering, and even insanity and death. He, Jesus Christ, cured them all, even His mockers remembered and said at the last: Physician! heal thyself.

For two thousand years Christ's story has been told and retold in

every language on earth. People weep over them, and their tears wash away their fears. Christ was the pattern for all preachers. As far as I can learn, He had very little schooling. He was a carpenter, Mark 6-3, and I am sure the very finest carpenter.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ, shall tribulation or distress or persecution of famine or nakedness or peril or sword? As it is written, for thy sake we are killed all the day long. We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers nor things present, nor things to come, nor height nor depths nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8-35, 39.

Surely He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows, yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God and afflicted. Isaiah 53-4. In St. Luke 4-18 it speaks of the broken hearted. I believe there is nearly as many broken hearted people in the world as there is hungry people; troubles, trials, and tribulations, but Christ says: fear not. The Lord appeared unto Isaac and said: I am the God of Abraham thy father, fear not for I am with thee, and will bless thee. Fear not them which kill the body but are not able to kill the soul, but rather fear Him which is able to destroy both soul and body.

I am sure I read in the Gospel News of our president of the Church of Jesus Christ passing his 75th birthday. The Lord said that Paul was a chosen vessel; Acts 9-15. May I liken our president of the Church — W. H. Cadman our brother, as a chosen vessel and a strong spiritual pillar of the Church. May God bless him and keep him always. You know brothers and sisters and friends, all things are possible with God. Take Hezekiah for instance, the Lord extended his life fifteen years. Isaiah 38-5.

This last July 1951, my wife and I vacationed in Washington D. C. While sight seeing through the city and seeing the beautiful masterpieces, the one that impressed me most, was the painting of the prodigal son, the forgiving spirit his father had. He

kissed his son and said: bring forth the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and shoes on his feet, and bring hither the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; the father giving his son another chance. Some time in each of our lives we deserve another chance. We give up on each other too easy. We read in the scripture that God gave the Israelites many chances, not one chance, but many. With all their sins — God promised them if they would repent of their sins, He, God would bring them to a land that flowed with milk and honey.

God has blessed our people in every respect. A few years ago we scarcely had a Church to meet in. We, the Church of Jesus Christ are on the move. We now have new churches in many cities throughout the land. This is the old-time religion, the original Church of Jesus Christ, the first and the last. "Living for Jesus a Life that is True, Striving to please Him in all that I do; Yielding allegiance Glad hearted and Free, This is the Pathway of blessing for me." May God bless you all.

P.S. For the past year I have been holding meetings on the west side of the city in brother Charles Tripoli's home. Have eight members including myself. Due to the distance from the west side to the east side of the city, and two of the brethren with large families unable to attend the east side Church. The home of meeting place is 7923 Lorain Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

R. D. 1 CORUNNA, ONT.

Dear Brother and Sister Cadman:

I have been wanting to write to you, and this morning I made up my mind to write while I was having breakfast flavored with tears. The Lord has been very good to us. He has blessed us every day since we obeyed the Gospel; we can never thank Him enough for all He has done for us. Before we came into the Church of Jesus Christ, we barely had a roof over our heads. I remember every time it rained, we had to carry our pots and pans upstairs, our roof leaked so bad, but the Lord blessed us that we were able to fix up our home and are now out of debt, and He has blessed us with a new car which we needed very badly. Now we have to move our house,

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EDITORIAL

In another column of this paper, there is a request for an offering for the Book and Printing Fund. I hope none of you will feel that I am imposing on you for asking this of you. I have nothing in view but the welfare and progress of the Church. It is not that our fund is 'broke,' but the printing of literature has gotten to be a big job with us, and while we sell it at a profit in order to keep the business going, yet the sale of our literature is far from being sufficient to finance the printed material that is needed.

We started this fund at the July Conference of 1919. At that time we needed Hymn Books very badly and we had no money to buy them. From that little start, our stock of literature has grown to possibly a stock on hands worth ten thousand dollars. We have much printing now to take care of, including printing the Book of Mormon in Italian Language which will take considerable money to handle it, besides we are having inquiries about the same book in other languages.

The offering given us by the G.M.B.A. recently was much appreciated, and I believe if that Organization would remember the Book Fund with an offering once a year, it would be a very good work on their part.

So I am kindly asking all the members of this Church, and any others who feel inclined to help our cause along, to send us an Easter gift for the Book and Printing Fund of the Church. Presiding Officers please urge the matter along. Send your offering to Bro. James F. Campbell, Jr. 231 Vine St. Monongahela, Pa. Bro. Campbell is our Librarian.

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but another river-front lot has been provided.

I do not think it would be 1-4 of a mile from here, and I am sure everything will turn out all right; with the Lord taking care of us what can harm us? True

we have had many afflictions and sometimes the way was very steep — but oh the joy when we make the grade.

I had been suffering with arthritis for about five years, and about a month ago we met with the Port Huron Branch for feet-washing, and Brother Joseph Loyalvo knowing of my affliction, asked me if I would like to be anointed. So they anointed me and I was healed. A couple of weeks ago I received a telegram asking us to go to Southampton, Ont. right away. I sent a telegram to Detroit hoping some one would be able to come, but Brother Loyalvo happened to be sick. We were told that Anne Kahgee was buried the day before. She left two little girls, and their father had died a few years ago. I knew her and we wrote to each other often. I told her of the gospel as the Lord enabled me. It was always my prayer that the Lord might use me to help her, and she left a testimony that she was ready, and would be there waiting for us. She had a great desire to be baptized. She believed that this is truly the Church of Jesus Christ.

I am thine O Lord, I have heard thy voice, And it told thy love to me, But I long to rise in the arms of faith, And be closer drawn to Thee. Consecrate me now to thy service Lord, By the power of grace divine, Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, And my will be lost in Thine.—This is my humble prayer. Brothers and Sisters pray for me that I will always be ready with a helping hand.

We have a place now on Sanger Reserve any time we are ready to go up there for services—150 miles from Sarnia. Anne Kahgee left her home to Lewellyn Kahee to look after her two girls. He said for us to feel free to go anytime, for his home is our home as long as he lives. Sister Elvira Maness, I live on the Sarnia Reserve.

(May I ask The Church of Jesus Christ, is this not a call from the Seed of Joseph to preach the Gospel to them—a home thrown open to us for that purpose. May I ask again, is it not time yet? WHC).

A Visit to McKees Rocks, Pa.

On the night of Feb. 23rd Brother Casasanta came to my home with his car, and took me to his home where I stayed all

night and attended meetings at his Branch of the Church throughout the day. Some-how, it happened that I had not been at the McKees Rocks church for sometime.

I occupied the pulpit on Sunday morning and had a very nice audience to speak to. All present were attentive. I spoke again in the afternoon meeting. This meeting was left out rather early because they were going to have a night session, which is not usually had on account of the scattered condition of the members. Some have quite a distance to travel.

However, a large crowd was present at the night service, including a number of non-members. I enjoyed myself very much in speaking on Sunday night. The audience was very attentive. Brother V. Clement is the presiding Elder at McKees Rocks, and while he is not too well and years are piling up on him, yet he was able to be present at all three meetings. We had a very nice day of services, and at the close thereof, brother Geo. Hendler, his wife, and mother brought me back to my home in Monongahela after the night meeting. They all seemed very glad to have me with them throughout the day, and I was glad to meet with them once more. I will add that our faithful Sister DiMasso, who was in the audience the last time I visited there, was now missing; she having passed on to her reward.

Brother W. H. Cadman

INCIDENTS ALONG THE WAY IN MEXICO

By Angela Wheaton,
Apostle Wheaton and Wife of
The Church of Christ, of
Independence, Mo.
On Their Way to Yucatan

We are on our way to Yucatan again. This time at the invitation of the Mayan people to teach them the restored gospel. At the present time we are detained in Mexico City, because of the Christmas holidays. All government offices and many others are closed for several days. We must find out here exactly what is required by Mexican law in order to do Church work here for we do not want to go afoul of the law.

We made the acquaintance of a Protestant minister who told us it is very hard to establish church work in Mexico because of the

Catholic Church. He says laws have been made since the Mexican Revolution that all ministers officiating in Mexico must be Mexican citizens and that even the Catholics can no longer send priests here from other countries. We asked him how his church became established down here and he said it was established before that law was made. He advised us to let a Mexican baptize the members and organize the church, that we could preach and teach the people, but not officiate in any way. Of course we told him our church could not be established that way. He told us whom to see after the holidays for more information. In the meantime we are catching up on some writing.

Christmas is so different from at home. It is celebrated with fire-crackers at night as are most celebrations here. You see no Christmas decorations in the streets of the cities as we do at home, though the store windows are decorated somewhat. And you can see decorated Christmas trees in the homes and in some of the hotels.

We were invited to attend the Christmas programs at two Protestant churches, which we did. Their programs were very much like ours, and they seemed to take no part in the hilarious celebration engaged in by the Catholic people. They estimate that 95 per cent of the population of Mexico are Catholic.

The people of Mexico are on the whole very kind and gracious people, always willing to discommodate themselves in order to help you; even in the restaurants and places of business. If you can't make your wants known they will send for some friend who can speak a little English. Their eagerness to help the American to get what he wants sometimes brings about amusing incidents.

For instance, we stopped at a restaurant in Victoria, which is a fair-sized city, for a bit of lunch. They had a menu with Spanish in one column and English in the other with the prices in the middle. One item was "home made apple pie (American)". We thought some Mexican had learned to make pie in the states and knowing you almost never find pie in Mexico, we ordered some, thinking the memory of it would last us till we could get back to a piebaking country.

To our disappointment and amusement — the waiter brought two dishes of canned apples. We protested that we ordered pie, and they told us that was pie "Si, si, apple pie." I wished I could speak enough Spanish to tell them how to make real pie. Another time Clarence ordered Enchaladas, which is a very good Mexican dish, of tortillas (similar to a pancake; chili, eggs and potato salad).

We stopped at Tampico on our way down to check some ruins. Bancroft, in his "Native Races," says the old Indian legends say the first people on this continent came in boats from the East, where a great tower was built and language was confused; that they landed in the areas of what is now Tampico, and sailed up the river now known as the Panuco River, and settled in that area. The Book of Mormon says the Jaredites came in boats from a great tower at the time the language was confounded, and their geographical description of the landing place could be this area.

After being sent to some half dozen or more different places by helpful people, to whom we showed our credentials, such as the Mayor's secretary, the Chamber of Commerce, the storekeeper who could speak a little English, or the English-speaking man on the street, we were sent to a tourist guide at one of the hotels. And he knew plenty about the ruins of the area. He had married a white Indian woman about 40 years ago. He took us to a pyramid at the edge of the city which had been discovered about a year or so ago. Builders had been quarrying rock from this place to put into buildings close by, when a boy who was helping noticed that some of the stones were in the shape of steps. The archaeologists were called in and discovered an ancient pyramid which, by tests with acid caused them to conclude it was between 5,000 and 7,000 years old.

Our guide told us of a place not far from there where they found bones of giants in a cave, men 8 feet tall. All this ties in with the Book of Mormon story of the Jaredites.

He also directed us to Panuco, where again, by presenting our credentials to the mayor, he most graciously helped us locate a member of the Mexican Archaeological Society who had done a

lot of excavating in this and other areas, and had given some 1,800 pieces to the mayor of Tampico. But we did not get to see them. We did, however, get to see many beautiful pieces which Senor Pavon had in his home. He took some of his nicest pieces out and displayed them on a table and we took his picture by them. We met his family and several of his friends. He was a gracious host, leaving his work and spending several hours with us. He showed us by his home where they had graded down a hill to build the road, layer after layer of earth, just thick with pottery sherds, then alternate layers of straight sand showing the area had been inhabited at several different periods. He showed us wonderful artifacts which he had found when he dug a well there, some of them thirty feet underground. He had several ceramic flutes on which you could play tunes.

He took us out on a trail road, where we had to ferry several rivers, pointing out to us on the river bank layer after layer of pottery sherds, indicating that the area had been at different periods, densely populated. He took us up on the pyramid of Vega de Otates, which is surrounded by a Catholic cemetery. From there you could look in all directions and see pyramid after pyramid, as yet unexcavated, a mute witness to the truthfulness of the Book of Mormon, wherein it says the people built many cities and became as numerous almost as the sands of the sea.

To Be Continued

By Angela Wheaton

"Some Mistakes Made"

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Dear Editor:

I fell like writing a little for the Reflector, as there are a few presentations in my mind in regards to "carelessness." Since the restoration of the Gospel there have been some bad mistakes. Many have followed their pernicious ways by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of, as the Apostle Peter foresaw. But, though an apostasy did take place, we find that the Lord preserved a "seed", which seed the prophet Isaiah calls "the blessed of the Lord." (See Isaiah 65th chap.)

We bless the name of the Lord for the knowledge we have in be-

ing connected with the chosen seed of the Lord. After the death of Joseph and Hiram the church was found in much contention, chiefly among some of the priesthood. In the spirit of aspiration, also being jealous of each other, they contended sharply for the leadership of the church. A number of these presented their several arguments to try and prove their right of being the successor of Joseph Smith. Now remember, that these men claimed revelations in regard to this matter, yet anyone with intelligence should know that the Lord is not divided.

The president Joseph, and his brother Hiram —being dead, we find that the first counsellor — Sidney Rigdon — still lived. He being reviled by the others, especially by Brigham Young. He Rigdon, came to Pennsylvania in company with some few others, and through their preaching we find that one William Bickerton became convinced and obeyed the Gospel. Jeremiah, the prophet speaks of Brigham Young in chapter 17—5,6 verses, and tells also of the kind of land that he would inhabit. In the 7—8 verses of said Chapter, it shows the fruitfulness of the man that trusts in the Lord (William Bickerton) and shows that a continuation of fruit would be yielded. We are told in the Scripture that there is a way that appears right unto man, but the end thereof is death. Hundreds of people who have obeyed the restored gospel, and have received a satisfaction to their souls, have departed from the true faith of Jesus Christ; Harkening rather, to the whisperings of strange Spirits and believing at the same time that it is the guiding of the spirit of truth. When persons conceive foreign ideas in regards to spiritual things, the devil is always ready to endorse it, and persuade them it is the will of God.

Jesus never taught more than one plan, and in His plan, He urges us to "watch," He had the experience while in the flesh of that which man would be tried with. Jesus also states, that at the judgment day many would plead their case by claiming that they had prophesied, cast out devils, etc., but He will declare that he does not know them. Many people in the world, (including the different factions of latter day Saints) may ask what proof you have that Wm. Bickerton was cho-

sen of the Lord? I will answer, "a good deal more proof than you are able to receive." Answering this further, I will do so by asking what proof had Samuel concerning which son of Jesse should be anointed King of Israel? And again what proof had Simeon of the infant Jesus being the Christ? Persons with any degree of Godly intelligence will be ready to answer that it was the revelation of God. Therefore while many proofs could be given concerning this people which is the Church of Jesus Christ; but better known by other factions of Latter Day Saints as the Bickerton organization the revelation of God is sure proof to us that we have the only true succession of priesthood which was restored to the earth.

In the dispensation of Jesus Christ, false accusations were made against the disciples and their Master. The devil became enraged because of heavens pure laws being written within the hearts of them that clung to Jesus. They could not be truthfully accused of sin, although many witnesses testified falsely against them. Nevertheless, they stood the storm and they suffered many deprivations, and at last sealed their testimony with their blood. These are they that bore the cross, Nobly for their Master stood, Suffers in His righteous cause, Followers of their dying Lord.

Oh what a difference between the dispensation of Christ and this latter dispensation, while Christ and His followers were falsely accused of sin, we feel sorry to have to say that many Latter Day Saints in this dispensation has been truthfully accused of sin. Let us notice a statement of Paul's found in Romans 56—16, "Know ye not that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness. The former day saints was subject to Christ and His spirit which made them His servants, but many thousands of latter day saints have become subject to the spirit of evil from which source they have received and accepted false revelations contrary to the teachings of Christ. But thanks to God that though all the cunningness of Satan, the authority of Jesus Christ has been preserved, and you and me, my dear brothers and sisters have great cause to rejoice of God's

goodness in bringing us to "His" gospel, where only the pure and wholesome doctrine of Christ is taught, and where the glorious spirit of the Lord is among us like a well of water springing up unto everlasting life. Many sad mistakes have occurred, commencing a few years after the restoration of the Gospel until now. Men and women, who having borne strong testimony to the gospel, have departed from the true faith, and the proverb that Peter makes use of, shows their position. The dog has turned to its vomit again, and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

Great is the work to be accomplished in this dispensation, and it is evident that this great work will be done by the people, holding forth the pure gospel. There are many sincere people who are connected to one or the other factions of Latter Day Saints, who realize that something has gone wrong. They remain unshaken in their belief concerning the Gospel been restored, through the instrumentality of Joseph Smith, but they are confused and dissatisfied as they travel on pathways, different to the original. May the Lord guide these good people, that they may find that Blessing which still remains in the cluster, Isaiah — 65—8.

Bro. Charles Ashton

The Three Nephite Disciples

Jesus spoke to His Disciples

While upon this promise land, He asked what They desired,

As They stood there, mortal men,

And nine of them made answer

In words so clear and true,

"When Our ministry is finished We desire, to come to You."

Jesus answered, Oh so kindly,

Said, these words, so staunch and true,

"You shall come to My Great Kingdom

When you are seventy and two.

You shall come in shining Glory,

You will be for ever blest:

You shall enter in My Kingdom, Where all is peace and rest."

Then He turned His kind attention

To the other waiting three,

And said, "What is it, My Brethren,

That you, desire of Me?"

Then They sorrowed in Their hearts,
For they knew not what to speak,
And not a word was uttered,
As They stood there, calm and meek.

Then Jesus, the loving Master,
He spoke unto Them, then,
And said, "You will never taste of death,
But, behold the doings of Men.

Until I come again from heaven,
Where Man's pleasure never dies,
Then I'll change your mortal bodies,
In the twinkling of an eye

From this mortal, to immortal,
In the Kingdom of Your God,
Where the flesh and blood of man kind,
Was never known to trod."

And Jesus told those Brethren,
That no pain They ere would feel,
Only through some sinful practice
That mankind to sin, would yield.

So those faithful men were willing,
Just to trust Jehovah's hand,
And spend their days in ministering
As long as earth would stand.

So Jesus promised unto Them,
Joy, in fullness, far above
In the kingdom of His Father
Where there's naught but peace and love,

And when those words were spoken,
He touched Them, one by one,
Save the three, that would tarry,
Until Their labors here, were done.

And upon that glorious morning,
When to earth the Saviour comes,
Will we be like those dear Servants,
Can we say it is well done?

Can we feel we're gallant soldiers
Can we say we have done our best?

Can we hear that voice of welcome,
Saying enter into joy and rest.

Into ever lasting mansions,
Underneath a cloudless sky,

In that land of song and praises,
Shall we reach it by and by?
By Bro. Albert Sarver

OHSWEKEN, ONT., CANADA "SIX NATIONS RESERVE"

Brother Editor:

In response to your request that I write a few lines to the Gospel News, of which I have been wanting to do for some time, but never got started.

First of all, I want to tell you how I enjoy the Gospel News, and also I would like to thank the Bros. and Sisters that come to preach and encourage us. They travel 200 miles to come and preach without pay to such as us. Surely there is a crown of Glory waiting for them.

Last Sunday, March 9, a car load came, Bros. Tony, Vince, Bobby Watson, Jr., and Bro. and Sister Henderson. Brother and Sister Henderson have been so faithful to us. If it wasn't for the Gospel we would not have met such wonderful people.

We were glad to see Bobby, we hadn't seen him for a long time, and he gave us such a wonderful sermon from the Book of Alma fifth chapter. We still hold our services at Sister Lewis and Sister Sadies' home, and for that we are so thankful for these two sisters.

We have had a few fires which left some homeless. How often have I thought — if we were left homeless out of God's Kingdom, how awful it would be. I thank Christ for that day when He came into my heart, for in Him I found a way to serve Him. May these few lines find you and Sister Cadman in the best of health. Bro. Richard Isaacs. P.S. Brother and Sister Isaacs are two of our faithful members among the Indian people, and I am pleased to have these few lines from them.

Kirschner-Moore Nuptials

Lloyd Vernon Kirschner, a son of Brother and Sister Samuel Kirschner, and Mary Alice Moore were united in marriage in The Church of Jesus Christ on the afternoon of January 26, 1952. Brother Samuel Kirschner, the grooms father officiating.

Attendants were, Maid of honor Mitzi Day, Best man Francis Lee Moore, bridesmaid Gloria Szolek, usher Samuel Skokut. After the ceremony, a reception was held at the groom's home at R. D. 1

Eighty Four, Pa. Lloyd has since been inducted into the U. S. service. The Gospel News extends best wishes to the young couple.

Bro. Neill Recuperating In Florida, Writes a Letter

Dear Bro. Cadman: I have just been reading "Oliver Codery's Letters." I read the first two, and oh what a blessing was received. Surely if anyone's faith in the Restored Gospel is on the wane, if they would read this brothers letters, not just the first two but all of them, surely their faith would be strengthened. Those convincing words found on page 3, where he writes; "These were days never to be forgotten—to sit under the sound of a voice dictated by the inspiration of heaven — awakened the utmost gratitude of my bosom. Day after day I continued uninterruptedly to write from his mouth, (Joseph Smith) as he translated with the Urim and Thummim, or as the Nephites would have said, 'Interpreters' in the history or record called the Book of Mormon." Then on page 4 the experience of being visited by the angel, and he is made to exclaim, "What Joy, what wonder, what amazement; where was room for doubt? No where, for uncertainty had fled, doubt had sunk, no more to rise, while fiction and deception had fled forever."

It would have been wonderful to be present at the meeting he speaks of on page 5 where Bro. Jared Carter and Bro. Sidney Rigdon both spoke on the subject of salvation when the cheering words were as "Apples of Gold in baskets of Silver." — Well to me there is no doctrine on earth that can be compared to that which was introduced by this writer (Oliver Codery) and Joseph Smith in the year of 1829. But the great question comes to my mind, why can't men and women see as WE see? When will this veil be removed? How much longer are we going to be deprived of a tongue that can speak convincing and convicting notes that even the GREAT will shut their eyes at what they see, and consider that which they hear?

Well that time will come, and as I look into the future when the words of the prophet will be fulfilled: none will say "knowest thou the Lord?" for all shall know Him from the least to the greatest. Brother Cadman there are men going around speaking

in a manner as they see the Gospel which is convincing to people, and even convicting people. I have heard some of the most eloquent speakers since I came to Miami. Sarah and I sat for 1 1-2 hours listening to a converted Catholic Priest, a man that had been a priest for 33 years who threw off his ROBE and walked out of the Catholic Church, after having a very remarkable experience three years ago. He could speak in a way that was surely convincing and cause most people to believe in him. I could not find much wrong with his talk, and must admit that there were times during his talk that a good spirit was felt. Tears came to the eyes of many, in that audience of about 400 people. I wished afterwards I had tried to talk with him, and I made up my mind that I would not pass up any opportunity that might follow. Just two weeks later a man by the name of Capt. Edgar C. Bundy came and talked in this same church every night for two weeks. I went to hear him several times, and I must say I never heard a man like him in all my life, and I complimented him and asked him if I could have a talk with him some time. He said he would be glad to talk with me. After a few nights I went to him before the meeting and asked him if he were busy during the day, and to my disappointment, he had ten or twelve engagements. He was asked to speak in 5 High Schools in Miami. He spoke twice in the Miami Senior High School where Patty goes. He was called to speak at various clubs and in several churches both after noon and evenings, so we both decided it would be impossible to get together as he was to sail for S. America about Feb. 4th. I asked him if he knew anything about the Latter Day Movement, and he said, "only history." I asked him if he would read our literature. He said he would be glad to. I gave him some. No doubt he will read it as he sails to S. America. If the Lord would open his mind. I must say He would be an asset to the Church. He is truly a brilliant young man.

There's an independent movement under way here in Miami and not only here but pretty much throughout the south, a movement I believe of a good nature. Its a breaking away from various churches. I have talked to many persons who are not satis-

fied with the teachings of their Church. Many have turned against the doctrines of their church, and leaving it and starting another, holding as they say, strictly to the teachings found in the Bible. This church which I have visited a number of times, broke away from the Baptist Church about two years ago, and have built a nice church to meet in and have grown to over 400 in that time. The Minister of this Church after a meeting came to Sarah and me for our address, so I may get a chance to talk with him. Since they throw their pulpit open to any speaker, if I am given an opportunity, I'll take about three nights and speak on the apostacy, reformation, and restoration. I feel that I can handle these subjects well enough with God's help to cause some to investigate.

We had a very nice meeting here recently, a number of visitors were here from New Jersey. Sarah, Patty and myself visit the Indian Reservation two and three times a month. Sarah is playing the piano for them, and we enjoy our visits with them.

Best wishes to you all,
Bro. Geo. Neill

NEWS FROM SARNIA RESERVE BY BRO. PLAIN

Editor, Gospel News:

Blessings have fallen here at Sarnia, Ont., Indian Mission, spiritually and materially and we rejoice to tell you that interest is being observed on the part of those who have not yet come into our midst.

The meetings continue each Sunday and recently, the brotherly love and fellowship have knit us closer together and all because the devil was put to rout through the love of Jesus Christ shed abroad in our hearts through the Ministry of Bro. Joseph Lovalvo and his loving wife Virginia. Bros. Herman Kennedy, Alexander and Buffa of Detroit have been here different times and once Bros. Miller and Lovalvo came together. The ministering to the sick has been fruitful and the Sunday School has caught the spirit of loving service to others.

Bro. Joseph Lovalvo had taught them some time ago to take up an offering each Sunday for the sick and needy. They have not let the fund lie dormant but have helped others in different ways, sometimes purchasing food for the

hungry and other times assisting to pay for funeral expenses and sending clothes to others. One family up at Sangeen Reserve, about 140 miles north of Sarnia, have shown much appreciation and tho, the dear woman to whom the help was directed, has passed on to her rest, yet the boys in the household have sent word that they desire to hear the Gospel farther.

My hope, personally, is, that when Bro. and Sister Maness have to move their house, (the land on which they dwelt having been sold) we may be enabled to find a spacious room in which to have services and if God wills it, a week or two of tent-meetings where His plan of salvation may be unfolded to my Lamanite brethren and sisters. Pray for us, brothers and sisters, that our lives may be fruitful unto the bringing of many souls to Jesus Christ.—(very nice letter Bro. Plain, and may God bless you and your race of people. WHC).

MEXICAN JUNGLE HIDES ANCIENT CITY OF STONE

MEXICO CITY — For centuries Mexico's jungle-locked lower Gulf Coast at the base of the Yucatan Peninsula has kept hidden the ancient hewn-stone city called Palenque, of a forgotten race of Mayans.

Palenque is one of the truly great lost cities of the world. Its huge buildings only today are being explored.

Palenque remains an archeological mystery, for experts have been unable to trace its exact origin. It probably is one or two thousand years old. It seems to have been unexplainably and suddenly abandoned by its inhabitants.

THREE HUNDRED years ago the conquering Spaniards reached Palenque to find it a deserted city, its thousands of inhabitants vanished and the remnants of their impressive building achievements left to be reclaimed by the jungle.

Viewed today, the stone buildings seem to rise directly out of the wild jungle, while a cool water fall lends a touch of "green mansions" to the scene.

The Mexican Government has already undertaken restoration of the Palenque ruins, for it is expected that one day they will become a tourist attraction rivaling Yucatan's archaeological zone.

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Looking Ahead

Oh the time is speeding onward,
Soon our troubles will be o'er,
We are waiting, Yes, we're wait-
ing

For to reach yon distant shore.
Though like ships upon the
ocean

We are tossed before the blast,
But our Captain gives us cour-
age

That we'll gain our port at last,
He has told us we shall anchor
Where our trials will be O'er,
And the storms that raged so
fiercely

Would molest our peace no
more.

Now, we see the shore more
clearly,

And the storm will soon be O'er,
Then our Captain brave and
fearless

Bids, us come, to part no more.
Enter, dear ones, He now tells
us

I have called you home to me,
You're the ones that proved so
faithful,

As you crossed the raging sea,
And the promise that I gave
you

Lay's beyond the dashing foam
Will be yours to dwell forever,
In a peaceful heavenly home.

By Bro. Albert Sarver

A Weeks Service At Easter Time

Brother James Heaps of South Gate, Calif. stayed here in Monongahela after the close of Conference and conducted a weeks meetings, ending on the night of April 11th. We were glad to have Bro. Heaps with us here. It was here about 40 years ago that he obeyed the Gospel, and of course this is home to him.

There is a great deal of affliction which prevented some from attending the meetings, but we had visitors from as far away as McKees Rocks, Coraopolis, Vanderbilt, Glassport, the Jefferson Branch, and Bro. Furnier of Detroit was with us one night. The services were enjoyed I believe by all present.

At the close of the meetings, brother Heaps left for McKees Rocks where he will spend Sunday, and then will spend a week at Detroit, Mich. and at Windsor, Ont. holding meetings. He came

east by plane and expects to re-
turn home in the same manner.
May the Lord bless and protect
him on his journey.

Bro. Cadman

Cleveland, Ohio
March 31, 1952

Brother Editor:

A few lines to let you know, thanks to God that we are all well. This past Sunday we had what I call a "Memorable Day" — I say memorable, because it was a true manifestation of God's glory in-as-much as three persons asked for baptism. They were my sister, my cousin and her husband, brother Jerome's son.

The baptism of my sister seems to have answered the wishes of her husband who is residing in Naples, Italy. He is to be baptized with his mother at my home-town of Forli next Sunday, April 6th which will be our Conference Sunday. Bros. Azzinari, Iorio of Warren, Ohio and Sister Biscotti, and others at my home-town (in Italy) and a good number of candidates ready for baptism.

I have obtained two more subscriptions for the Gospel News and hope to get more in the future.

Bro. Mario Milano.

From Sister Gidas
New York City

The following was given to our sister — "To be born again is necessary, because it is the new birth in Christ Jesus which protects us in our travels of life, also perfects us in the sense of cleanliness, temperance, and Godliness in all things pertaining to this life. Without Christ we are as men and women who have no head to walk. Anything can happen to us, dangers hidden and open are ever before us. So let us put on the whole Armour of Christ Jesus, because He knows the way we take. Him we cannot deceive. He knows our every thought — let us push aside from us every evil thought."

This is what came to me after our morning service, — and a little song, "Life with Christ." I shall compose later.

Sister Ida Gidas.

A Good Conference

Our Annual Conference met in the General Church building on Lincoln and Sixth Streets at 2:15 p.m. on Friday, April 4, 1952. Our regular time of meeting is on the first Saturday in the month, but we gathered the evening before in order to get our business underway and have a good start for the next morning. In our sessions on Friday there were quite a few items of business taken up; in two of these, I was wonderfully impressed with the spiritual wisdom of our president, Bro. W. H. Cadman, in "Rendering Unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and Unto God the things that are God's. All could not see it immediately, but perfect fairness in everything we do is the duty of saints, which if always adhered to, will move the hand of God on our behalf, and set a precedence four outstanding merits in the Master's service. The first three sessions on Saturday were for our Elders only and the fourth session (Saturday evening) was open to all our members, who wished to attend. In the business sessions, there was a good representation of Elders from various places, New York, New Jersey, Ohio, Michigan, Ontario, Canada, from many places in Pennsylvania and a delegate (Bro. James Heaps) from California. Bro. Charles Ashton could not be with us all through our business sessions on account of his companion being ill, but came in on Saturday in time to give us a seasoned talk on "Obedience is better than sacrifice, the spirit of good presidership" and several other teachings full of inspiration, one being his appreciation of Bro. T. S. Furnier for his long, efficient and valuable service during the time he served as secretary of the Church. A motion was passed that a vote of thanks be extended Bro. Furnier, and for the interest, Bro. Furnier was given a number of very nice presents, Bro. Furnier accepting in a very humble spirit. Bro. Furnier also in this session gave us a wonderful talk on what our lives should be to merit the abundant blessings of God upon us, so that even in the midst of a crisis, we wouldn't have to fear, knowing

that if God is for us no one can be against us.

Much good is reported of the work in Italy, and one of our faithful brothers, Bro. Rocco Biscotti, has contemplated making a trip there. I would like very much if this can be arranged, for we need an older brother, who is faithful, to organize the young elders who are working in that field, and to see that nothing else is proclaimed but the truth of the unadulterated gospel to bring the souls of who-so-ever will, into the garner of the Lord.

In the election of General Church officers there was very little change. Bro. Meredith Griffith was elected treasurer instead of being treasurer pro-tem.

The election of presiding elders was also attended to in this conference. One very important matter was taken up on the God-head being two personages, father and son, anyone bringing any confusion on this subject may expect to be brought under the discipline of the Church.

Our financial business was attended to in the Saturday evening session and our business adjourned to meet again in October Conference in Warren, Ohio.

The last Saturday and Sunday of July 1952 has been set as a general gathering for all the saints to gather in Detroit. The time to be spent in the service and worship of God, no business. If possible notice will be given in the June issue of the Gospel News as to where the meeting will be held.

On Sunday morning as is usual in Monongahela, a service of about one hour was held on the lower floor of the church building, sponsored by the Sunday School. We had only one speaker, Bro. Domonic Thomas of Branch No. 2 Detroit, who gave us a wonderful talk on "Comradship with God." We had very nice singing. Bro. Samuel Kirchener acting as director.

Our preaching service upstairs got underway about 10:45 a.m. and the room was filled to capacity with quite a number seated on the lower floor, who were served with a loud speaker and which worked perfectly. In our morning meeting, Bro. James Heaps was our first speaker, he gave an interesting discourse from Rev. 22nd Chapter and 21st verse.

The following speakers were

Bros. M. Miller, Charles Ashton and Joseph Loyalvo.

The closing address by Bro. W. H. Cadman.

A very good spirit prevailed throughout the meeting and with some good singing by Bro. Clifford Burgess at different intervals of the conference.

I would say that we had a wonderful conference indeed and look to futurity for greater blessings.

By Bro. M. Miller

P.S. Sometime ago a request was made by the Church for each and every member thereof, to give the General Church of your own free-will, the sum of ten dollars a year to help along in our financial affairs, and to enable us in greater missionary activities. Sorry to say, a misunderstanding crept in and thus far we have not been very successful in the effort.

President Cadman urged this matter in Conference, asking every body to respond to the request of the Church. If the whole sum is too much for you to give at one time, then arrange it in installments, say \$2.50 quarterly which will make the ten dollars per year, which will amount to the same thing in the end. Fifty per cent of our receipts goes into our Missionary Fund, which will grow rapidly and which will be needed to carry on the work in Italy and elsewhere. Understand this is over and above your Branch obligations. So when you pay Uncle Sam that which you MUST pay him, try if possible and spare at least ten dollars each to the Church of Jesus Christ.

"IT IS WRITTEN"

The question of God the Father, and His Son Jesus Christ is a matter that has troubled many men, not only in modern times, but ancient as well. Jesus while on earth reminded men, and also the Devil of that which was written.

In the days of the Apostle Paul, he was obliged to teach as follows: Romans 16-17, "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve NOT our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple." In his writings to Titus 3-8, 9 he says: "This is a faithful saying, and these things

I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be CAREFUL to maintain GOOD WORKS. These things are GOOD and PROFITABLE unto men. But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are UNPROFITABLE and VAIN." It is further written of him in First Cor. 2-2 "For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified." — I gather from this, that it was the saving of SOULS that concerned Paul.

Now let us notice some of the things which are written of the Father and His Son Jesus Christ. In Second Nephi 31-14 which was prior to the birth of Jesus I read "But, behold, my beloved brethren, thus came the VOICE of the SON unto me saying:" etc. Here is a person speaks unto Nephi whom he recognizes as the Son. In the following verse are as follows: "And I (Nephi) heard a voice from the Father, saying: Yea, the words of my Beloved (Son) are true and faithful." and in the following verse, we must follow the example of the SON of the LIVING GOD, to be saved. Here Nephi speaks of two persons, the Son, and the Father, and he hears the voice of each of them. Remember, I have quoted that which is written. And in chapter 33-12 "And I (Nephi) pray the Father in the name of Christ, (the Son). In Jacob 4-5 I read that the offering up of Isaac "is a similtude of God and His Only Begotten Son." In this case, Abraham is a similtude of the Father (GOD) in offering up his son Isaac, who was a child of promise. Remember I am quoting that which is WRITTEN.

In Moroni 9-26 "And may the grace of God the Father, whose throne (the Father's) is high in the heavens, AND our Lord Jesus Christ, who sitteth on the right hand of His (the Father's) power, until all things shall become subject unto Him, (Christ) be, and abide with you forever. Amen" If English language means what it says, then the personage of Christ is sitting on the right hand of the power of His Father. Can it be gainsayed?—This reminds me of Paul's saying in First Cor. 15, 27, 28. "For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under Him, it is manifest that he (Christ) is excepted, which did put all things

under Him. And when all things shall be subdued unto Him, Then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him (the Father) that put all things under him, that God may be all in all."

I will next refer you to Moroni 7-27 "Wherefore, my beloved brethren, have miracles ceased because Christ hath ascended into heaven, and sat down on the RIGHT HAND of God, to claim of the Father his rights of mercy which he hath upon the children of men?"—My brethren, here Moroni gives an account of Him, Yea, Him whom suffered at the hands of mortal men, even to nailing Him to the cruel cross, and in the agony of His soul, crying to His Father in heaven, "Why has Thou forsaken me?"—as much as to say: I have done all that thou ask me to do, I did not smite back, I did unto others as I would wish them to do unto me, As it is written in the Volume of the book, I did thy will in all things. My beloved Father why has thou forsaken me? He suffered as He did, I might say that He be more efficient to plead at the right hand of His Father in behalf of us poor mortals who have the Devil and all his angels to contend with, and as Paul says: First Timothy 2-5 "For there is one God, and one mediator (nothing said about two Gods) between God and men, the man Christ Jesus."—To all that reads this, remember I am quoting that which is written. Jesus quoted that which was written, and He wants His followers to be like unto Him, does He not? He prays to His Father in heaven asking Him that His disciples, the twelve, might be one even as His Father and Him are one. Surely the Saviour did not mean for the twelve men to become one man did He?

Verily nay, Freedom and reason make us men, Take these away, what are we then? Why without these qualities, we are likened unto the beasts of the forest. Reason then, forces us to conclude that the desire of Jesus was that His disciples would be one in spirit, purpose, and love, even as Him and His Father were. What a consolation it must have been for poor Stephen in the hour of death, looking up into Heaven and seeing Him, who he had put his trust in, standing in the right hand of God, yea might I say, serving as a mediator to His Father in behalf of him who was then losing his life, that he might be

saved in heaven. Jesus had told them that if they would endure to the end, they would be saved. The saviour had taught His disciples that in My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. I take from this that Jesus goes to His Father's home, and in it He prepares a place for His friends. And He said unto His disciples, Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. So He has gone to prepare a place in the home of His father, that His friends might be with Him.

There is much strife among various factions of Latter Day Saints today relative to what is called the Godhead. But The Church of Jesus Christ in sustaining Father and Son as distinct persons (yet, ONE in spirit and purpose) has only sustained the position of the Church from the beginning. The ensign printed in 1863 is very plain in this matter, and the Faith & Doctrine pamphlet printed in 1897 and re-printed in 1948 is very plain as to the position of the Church on this question. There may be mystery to the human mind in this matter, but let us all remember that the great plan of redemption is a mystery to the natural being. Is it not mysterious that degraded man through repentance and baptism and reception of the Holy Spirit in his soul becomes a new creature? Yea, even a new man in Christ.

IT IS WRITTEN

I like the prayer of Jesus as in St. 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." It seems to me that saying alone should be sufficient to cause all Saints, former day, or latter day, to cease their strife, and live righteously, and like and beloved Paul, preach Christ and Him crucified. (WHC).

AN EXPERIENCE SAN DIEGO, CALIF. FEB. 25, 1952

Bro. Editor:

About ten months ago, I began to collect old newspapers and magazines and would sell them for to help our church here in San Diego. As I was engaged in this work one day, I found one cent, and I donated it to our church, and if I found any more money I would donate it all to the church. As time went on, I

would go out and sometimes find one dollar, and sometimes more. All that I found I would bring it to the church. One time I found 15 dollars in an old book. One day I went to visit Bro. Benanti for he was sick. I felt to cross the street, before doing so, I met a man and he told me to cross the street; there was a man waiting there and this man told me that he would give me some money for the Church. The man handed me twenty dollars which he had ready for me in his hand. I did not see the man anymore. When he gave me the money he said: "God bless you, this money is for the Church." My mind was closed and I didn't thank him. I went to church and gave the money to the church, and the Lord blessed us greatly.

That night I bowed in prayer and asked the Lord who those men were, when the man told me to cross the street? He told me it was the prophet Joseph that shall come, and He told me that the man who handed the money to me, was another prophet.

One night in a dream, I heard a voice which told me to go to a certain street about three miles away, and in front of this place I would find 25 dollars. I got up in the middle of the night and went to the place, and I found 25 dollars with a 50-cent piece to hold the bills down. I returned and thanked God that what had been revealed to me was true.

New Year's Day of this year, as we went to Arizona to visit my son, the spirit told me while in the car, to go out and I would find some money. I went out and found 25 dollars in one place and a dollar in another place, making 26 dollars.

One Sunday morning while I was in the meeting, the spirit told me to hurry and get up and go to the corner and there I would find some money. I went and found five dollars, and I brought it to the Church. On another Sunday, the spirit commanded me the same way in the meeting, telling me to hurry and go four blocks away and I would find some money. I went, and I saw an arm and a hand with an envelop in the hand. The spirit told me to take the envelope which I did, and I took it to the church—there was a ten dollar bill in it. I gave it to our church, and the Lord blessed us greatly. On the envelope it was written; "The money of the Lord."

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EDITORIAL

Recently I was given some leaflets which were written by Rev. J. D. Nutting, Secretary of Utah Gospel Mission of Cleveland Ohio., 1899 — (Pastor in Utah, 1892-98.) The Leaflets are 'rubber stamped' as follows: "If interested write Flatwoods Baptist Church, Samuel N. Harper, Pastor, Vanderbilt, Pa." These were mailed to the Presiding Elder of The Church of Jesus Christ at Vanderbilt.

I wonder what the Flatwoods Pastor has in mind. Is he so far behind the times, and so non-conversant with his neighbor Church in Vanderbilt, as to think or believe that Elder Shazzer and his congregation needs the information discovered by Mr. Nutting better than fifty years ago? Is Mr. Harper so far behind the times? The Church has been in his neighborhood for years, and is he not acquainted with the fact that they are a part of The Church of Jesus Christ whose Headquarters are in Monongahela, Pa., and which has no affiliation in fact, with the conditions, doctrines and principles of faith as exposed by Mr. Nutting? Bear in mind that The Church of Jesus Christ in Vanderbilt is a part of the same Church with Headquarters in this city, and said Church is firm in the belief of the Divine calling of Joseph Smith Jr., irrespective of the contents of said 'Leaflets' of which Mr. Harper's name is 'rubber-stamped' upon, inviting any one interested in, to write to him. It is written, that in the mob that murdered Joseph Smith and his brother in Carthage, Ill., that there was men in the mob wearing 'broadcloth.' It was the spiritual advisers of the day, who were the cause of Jesus Christ suffering on a cross.

As for the two gods seen by Joseph in his vision: the following is his account of the matter, "When the light rested upon me I saw two personages, whose brightness and glory defy all de-

scription, standing above me in the air. One of them spake unto me, calling me by name, and said, pointing to the other. This Is My Beloved Son, hear Him." The Book of Mormon teaches that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, that He created all things. Our Bible teaches the same thing. The Book of Mormon also teaches that a man must be born of water and the spirit to enter the Kingdom of God. Our Bible teaches the same thing. Our Bible exposes the evil deeds of some of God's servants, as well as to extol their good ones, but some professed servants of God today, seem to be inclined to the opposite. Prejudice has gotten such a hold on many learned men today, that evil is all they can see in the man who went to God in prayer for himself when in his youth — I might say, forced to, because of the cry: Christ is here and Christ is there, the preachers all divided against themselves, of whom the Master says: "believe them not."

With all the opposition of the learned of our day, the fact remains that the prophet of old saw the little stone that was cut out of the mountain without hands, smite the image on its feet, and the kingdoms (our own government not expected) became as the chaff of the summer threshing floor. The little stone, [the restored gospel or the kingdom of Christ becomes a great mountain and fills the whole earth. And undoubtedly, as Jesus taught His disciples to pray: His will 'shall' be done in earth as it is in Heaven. So brother Elders, preach the Restored Gospel from the house-tops and let the Devil rage.

The Book of Mormon in speaking of the Gentiles and especially those on this Land of Promise says: "And I will execute vengeance and fury upon them, even as upon the heathen, such as they have not heard." Yes, the prayers of the righteous in all ages shall eventually be answered upon the heads of the wicked Gentile Nations; and Israel, including the American Indians shall become the HEAD once again. Well has the poet said: God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform; He plants His footsteps in the sea and rides upon the storm. Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take! The clouds ye so much dread are big with mercy, and shall break in bless-

ings on your head. Blind unbelief is sure to err and scan His work in vain; God is His own interpreter, and He will make it plain. May I ask: "Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things? The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord and against His Christ." Are our learned men of today sure it will not happen again?

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On another Sunday the spirit told me to go out—a block and a half away, and I would find some money. I went and found a five dollar bill. People was walking back and forth and they did not see this bill. Another Sunday, while in our Sunday School the spirit spoke to me to go out and I would find some money. I went and walked about seven blocks, and in front of a school on the first step I found five dollars. I took the money and brought it to the Church. In my sleep this man Joseph told me to go to Los Angeles, and there a man will give you 25 dollars in front of the highest building in the city. The time was between 11 and 12 p.m. I went there and at 11 p.m., just one minute after, I found one dollar, and I walked in the building and heard a man call me—"Bro. Turrano" and he handed me an envelope with 25 dollars and he said to me: "God bless you and be in your company." I thanked him. When I went to bed I saw this prophet Joseph and I asked him—Who are you? And he said "I am the prophet Joseph which is to come, who you are waiting for. I am commanding you and you are to do as I say."

One other night the prophet Joseph presented himself to me while I was asleep—I said to him, "Who are you?"—and he said, "I am Joseph. I am commanding you to go to New York City at the largest and tallest building there. A man will be there waiting to give you \$150.00." I said to him: "How could I go there? I will get \$150.00 and I must spend \$200.00. It will not pay for me to go there." He said: "If you don't go, you will find no more money. I want obedience not sacrifice." I did not obey his commands, so I did not find anymore money for one week. I repented of my neglect and prayed to the Lord that I would go. Then this man appeared to me and said: "Are you ready?" and I said: "Yes Lord." He re-

plied: "I am not the Lord, I am the prophet who commands you." I answered, "I am ready to go." "He said you will leave on the 21st. The Lord will spare your life and will be with you on your way over and back."—As I arrived in New York in front of the tallest building (Empire State) I saw this man and he handed me an envelope with \$150.00 in it. He said to me "God Bless you and accompany you." After he gave me the money, I thanked him. As I walked away I found 25 dollars on the street. I then came to New Brunswick, N. J.

To date I have found over \$600.00 dollars. I will not relate all the instances where and how I found all this money, for it would take too much time. With the paper I have sold, I have earned over \$400.00, thus making the total over \$1,000.00. Your Bro. Turrano

P.S. While in New Brunswick, early in the morning I dreamed I was in San Diego and saw how the Church there was progressing. I saw my wife and a little girl. The child said to me: "At 8:30 in the morning go to the corner of George and Albany Sts. and you will find some money." In the morning I went to this place and found ten dollars in an envelope on top of a fire-alarm box. Praise God for such blessings.

Editors' Note: A little explanation may be in place here. As far as I understand this matter, Bro. Turrano is an elderly brother and was not able to give any financial aid towards building their church, which is now under construction in San Diego. As I understand it, he went to the Lord in prayer over the matter, and covenanted with his God, that any money he would find, he would turn it over towards the erection of the Church they were about to build. As he relates his experiences, the Lord certainly has blessed him. —May I add: "What God has done for others, He will do the same for you. For it is no secret what God can do."

THE RISEN CHRIST— SOME GOOD READING

Third Nephi 19th Chapter, beginning at Verse 5—"And behold the multitude was so great that they did cause that they should be separated into twelve bodies.—And the twelve did teach the multitude; and behold, they did cause that the multitude should kneel down upon the face of the earth, and should pray unto the Father in the name

of Jesus.—And the disciples did pray unto the Father also in the name of Jesus. And it came to pass that they arose and ministered unto the people.—And when they had ministered those same words which Jesus had spoken—nothing varying from the words which Jesus had spoken—behold, they knelt again and prayed to the Father in the name of Jesus.—And they did pray for that which they most desired; and they desired that the Holy Ghost should be given unto them.—And when they had thus prayed they went down unto the water's edge, and the multitude followed them.—And it came to pass that Nephi went down into the water and was baptized.—And he came up out of the water and began to baptize. And he baptized all those whom Jesus had chosen.—And it came to pass when they were all baptized and had come up out of the water, the Holy Ghost did fall upon them, and they were filled with the Holy Ghost and with fire.—And behold, they were encircled about as if it were fire; and it came down from heaven, and the multitude did witness it, and did bear record; and angels did come down out of heaven and did minister unto them.—And it came to pass that while the angels were ministering unto the disciples, behold, Jesus came and stood in the midst and ministered unto them.—And it came to pass that He spake unto the multitude, and commanded them that they should kneel down again upon the earth, and also that His disciples should kneel down upon the earth.—And it came to pass that when they had all knelt down upon the earth, He commanded His disciples that they should pray.—And behold, they began to pray; and they did pray unto Jesus, calling Him their Lord and their God.—And it came to pass that Jesus departed out of the midst of them, and went a little way off from them and bowed Himself to the earth, and He said:—

Father, I thank thee that thou hast given the Holy Ghost unto these whom I have chosen; and it is because of their belief in me that I have chosen them out of the world.—Father, I pray thee that thou wilt give the Holy Ghost unto all them that shall believe in their words.—Father, thou hast given them the Holy Ghost because they believe in me; and thou seest that they believe in me because thou hear-

est them, and they pray unto me; and they pray unto me because I am with them.—And now Father, I pray unto thee for them, and also for all those who shall believe on their words, that they may believe in me, that I may be in them as thou, Father, art in me, that we may be one.—And it came to pass that when Jesus had thus prayed unto the Father, He came unto His disciples, and behold, they did still continue, without ceasing, to pray unto Him; and they did not multiply many words, for it was given unto them what they should pray, and they were filled with desire.—And it came to pass that Jesus blessed them as they did pray unto Him; and His countenance did shine upon them, and behold they were as white as the countenance and also the garments of Jesus; and behold the whiteness thereof did exceed all the whiteness, yea, even there could be nothing upon earth so white as the whiteness thereof.—And Jesus said unto them: Pray on; nevertheless they did not cease to pray.—And He turned from them again, and went a little way off and bowed Himself to the earth; and He prayed again unto the Father, saying:—Father, I thank thee that thou hast purified those whom I have chosen, because of their faith, and I pray for them, and also for them who shall believe on their words, that they may be purified in me, through faith on their words, even as they are purified in me.—Father, I pray not for the world, but for those whom thou hast given me out of the world, because of their faith, that they may be purified in me; that I may be in them as thou, Father, art in me, that we may be one, that I may be glorified in them.—And when Jesus had spoken these words He came again unto His disciples; and behold they did pray steadfastly, without ceasing unto Him; and He did smile upon them again; and behold they were white, even as Jesus.—And it came to pass that He went again a little way off and prayed unto the Father:—And tongue cannot speak the words which He prayed, neither can be written by man the words which He prayed. And the multitude did hear and do bear record; and their hearts were open and they did understand in their hearts the words which He prayed.—Nevertheless, so great and marvelous were the words

which He prayed that they cannot be written, neither can they be uttered by man.—And it came to pass that when Jesus had made an end of praying He came again to the disciples, and said unto them: So great faith have I never seen among all the Jews; wherefore I could not show unto them so great miracles, because of their unbelief.—Verily I say unto you, there are none of them that have seen so great things as ye have seen neither have they heard so great things as ye have heard.

What a wonderful record is the Book of Mormon. This is an account of Jesus after His resurrection, ministering to the forefathers of what is now known as American Indians. What a wonderful time with the Lord. And then, what a wonderful time it will be for the poor afflicted Indians, when they shall return back to their God, in and through the Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ. Yea, the promise is sure, and may the Lord hasten the day. Brother W. H. Cadman.

INCIDENTS ALONG THE WAY IN MEXICO

(Continued)

There was evidence on this pyramid of their having used asphalt in its construction and no wonder! For in that area oil fairly oozes out of the ground and mixes with the sand, making asphalt without the aid of man, great patches of it. Looking down from the top a short way from the foot of the pyramid, I noticed what looked like an underground river bubbling out of the ground and making quite a roaring sound. I asked our guide if it was a river and he said no, it was oil and that it had been flowing that way since ancient times. Then pointing to a place in the Pomuco river not far away, on the other side, where it looked as if a fountain were boiling up in the middle of the river, he told us that it was oil bubbling up in the river, and sure enough, when we came to the river's edge there was oil on the rocks and pebbles. They dig many pieces of pottery from this river bank.

When we finished our exploring and came back to the car we got out our little stove and made some coffee and sandwiches, treating our friend to some American food.

One of his guests that evening

was a doctor from Tampico who took us to his office and showed us many artifacts he had found. In his collection were many which some people would call "household gods," or images, but which he believes were facsimiles of persons, showing the diseases from which they died. I believe he is right. They seemed to make ceramic likenesses of people much as we make photographs.

Out in the suburbs of Mexico City we visited a pyramid that is built on the order of the Tower of Babel. It was partially under lava and is said by archaeologists to be archaic, or of the Stone Age.

I have had to write this piece-meal. We are now at Veracruz, awaiting passage to Yucatan. We will have had to wait a week. But this is Mexico! Mexican people never seem to be in a hurry. Our boat is a Mexican freighter which carries passengers also — the San Francisco.

It seemed that we went practically everywhere in Mexico City before we were able to find out about missionary work. It seems they don't want any but Mexican born people to hold religious offices, or any other office. Before the Mexican Revolution the Catholic Church sent priests from other countries. They maneuvered in every way to the advantage of the church. One method was to prey on the ignorance and superstition of the Indian people, demanding "skin land" of the family when a person died. They had to give the priest as much land as the skin of an animal would cover. But to measure that land the priest would have the hide cut in thin raw-hide strips, and claimed and got, all the land the strips would encircle. Finally the Catholic Church owned nearly half of Mexico.

Because of this, since the Revolution no church can own property in Mexico. As soon as a church builds a building, that building belongs to the government. Church buildings in Mexico are national monuments. They are loaned to the churches for church use. The church members can invite a foreigner to speak in the church, but he must not baptize or administer the sacrament, nor perform any other church ordinance. And if anyone doesn't like what he preaches, he may be stoned or rotten-egged, or a trumped up charge may be brought against him, and he may be deported. Converts may go in-

to the United States and be baptized, or may be ordained, and then go back to Mexico and organize a church.

We were informed that the Catholic Church is continuing to get stronger, and if she gets much stronger there will be another Revolution.

While visiting a museum in Mexico City, where there is a great fortune in precious gems of every description — gold, in crowns and other forms; gold leaf, gold vessels set with jewels, gold embroidered cloth, and an immense collection of old oil paintings and many other things—in terms of money, a fabulous amount of wealth — all taken from the Catholic Church during the Revolution. The guide told us the Pope has offered to give Mexico a Cardinal (the highest officer they have now is an Archbishop) if Mexico will give back to the church this museum full of wealth. The diamonds, rubies, emeralds, anythists, pearls, etc., simply dazzle the eye and stagger the imagination. The Book of Mormon description of this is very apt, and I think we can see the setting of the stage for the fulfillment of the prophecies contained in the Book of Mormon, and also the fulfillment of the last part of Washington's prophetic vision. Your sister in gospel bonds.

Angela Wheaton.

P. S. I believe I have already explained that Apostle Wheaton and his wife are members of the Church of Christ, (Temple Lot Independence, Mo. (WHC)).

Manteca, Calif.

March 19, 1952

Brother Cadman, I am writing a few lines to describe the progress of The Church of Jesus Christ here in Modesta, Calif. We are enjoying the blessings of the Lord, although we are just a few members. We are very thankful that the Gospel came to this part of the vineyard. Right now we are holding meetings at my home on Thursday night, and at Bro. Marco's on Sunday.

I want to tell of the very enjoyable meeting we had on Sunday, and to make it complete, while I was bearing testimony, Sister Annie Van Bree who is visiting us from Canada was blessed and spoke in the gift of tongues, which was interpreted by brother Marco saying: "Have faith in God and your daughter

will be healed." We all felt a blessing of the Lord. I know He has blessed our little Mission in the past and will bless us in the future. We have had including myself, three baptisms since Bro. Marco came here. we have Sunday School at 11 a.m. and services in the afternoon.

Now we are looking forward to going to Conference in San Diego, which is to be held on April 5th. I have received word from Detroit that the brothers and sisters had fasting and prayer meeting for my daughter who was stricken with polio seven months ago. They have all been wonderful to me, although I don't know them in person, but I do know them in the spirit of God, and I know that the Lord will heal her in His own due time.

Sister Van Bree and her son Joe are enjoying California very much, and are planning on making their home here. Bro. Van Bree visited us in January for awhile. May the Lord continue to bless and guide you all. Please pray for my daughter. Regards from Bro. Marco and all the saints of our Mission.

Sister Jennie Catalano

An Experience

By Eva Moore

R. D. 1 Imperial, Pa.

After I experienced the great joy that came into my heart by obedience to the Gospel of Christ, I had a great desire to know what Jesus looked like. So in my sincerity and faith in my heart, I prayed night after night to see Jesus. I was so happy so full of peace and joy and then suddenly, my brother who had also obeyed the gospel, took seriously sick. My family wanted him rushed to the hospital and put under the doctors care; but I wanted the Elders and brothers and sisters to pray for him. But he was taken to the hospital and later died.

I went to bed broken-hearted but during the night a personage stood before me in a dream. I stared at his face and it became clearer and clearer. I looked into the most beautiful eyes I ever saw. I saw Love and Compassion, and I cried out "Jesus." Immediately my husband awakened me and asked me: "whats wrong?" I said "Oh I just saw Jesus." I fell asleep and another personage appeared before me. I stared and stared into his face, his mouth opened and he said: "I am the

Angel Moroni." I answered him, "Yes, Yes, the Angel Moroni," and again my husband awakened me, asking me what's wrong?" I said, I just saw the Angel Moroni."

So brothers and sisters with this experience, the love of God was born in my heart, which has helped me over come all obstacles of this life and makes this life full of joy and peace, with eternal life springing up in me, witnessing to me that I am born of God.

Teachings of Jesus Christ Reprinted from The Gospel Reflector of October 1905

"What Must We Do To Obtain Eternal Life"

The above question is a reasonable one; and should receive a satisfactory answer. Jesus came not to speak His own words, but the words of the Father that sent Him. And He called and ordained men, and instructed them to teach and preach all things whatsoever He had commanded them. And by searching the scriptures (as we are commanded to do) we find what was taught, and obeyed, and by obedience, what was experienced, ask yourselves the question, is Jesus not the same to-day? Is not the same things to be taught, and obeyed, and experienced as well today? Certainly; since there is but one Lord Jesus Christ, one faith, which was once delivered to the saints, which faith we are required to earnestly contend for. According to Jude the servant of Jesus Christ, it was needful then and how much more so now, with the world full of faith that's dead

The New Testament accords fully with the old, as to the birth, life, and sufferings of Jesus, also His death, resurrection and ascension into heaven.

Our duty then as reasonable men and women, who profess to believe in the Son of God is to search the sacred records to find out what He has commanded mankind to do, to obtain eternal life. Matthew, last chapter, 19-20. "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them, in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things, whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo I am with you always even to the end of the world. Amen.

Mark 16 chapter, 14-20. Go ye,

into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature, he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, and these signs shall follow them that believe, and they are plain and positively mentioned. So after He had spoken these words, He was received up into heaven. And they went forth, preaching everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

We must take Luke's testimony to fill out what Matthew and Mark has omitted (for they were present). Luke 24 chapter 46 to 49 inclusive: That repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things. And behold, I send the promise of My Father upon you, but tarry ye, at the city of Jerusalem until ye be endowed with power from on high.

Acts second shows us clearly that the above promise was surely fulfilled on those that tarried for the promise. Now the multitude was confounded, they were all amazed and they marveled at what they had seen and heard. Others mocked, some doubted, some said they were full of new wine; they did not know what it meant.

But Peter being filled with the Holy Ghost, calls their attention to the fact, that they are not drunken as they supposed. But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel. And it shall come to pass in the last days saith God, I will pour out of My spirit upon all flesh, your sons and daughters shall prophesy, etc., reminding them of the miracles, and signs, and wonders which God did by Him, as ye yourselves also know, Him ye have taken and slain.

Peter fully assured them that God had made that same Jesus whom they had crucified, both Lord and Christ.

Now when they heard this they were pricked in their hearts, and said unto Peter and the rest of the apostles, men and brethren what shall we do. Now Peter did not take advantage of the Saviour's teaching, and say to them, believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, oh, no, He knew by their expression that they believed already, but what does he answer them? repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for

the remission of sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost for the promise is unto you and to your children and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

I have just referred to Matthew Mark, and Luke not being forgetful of St. John 3 chapter of the necessity of been born again of water, and of the Spirit, otherwise Nicodemus could not enter the kingdom, and many other things we might refer to. Then come to Jesus as He has given to all mankind the invitation, and the spirit and bride (church) says come, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely. Repent and be washed clean from sin that you a crown of life may gain.

Elder W. T. Maxwell,
late of Greensburg, Pa.

Contemplating Trip to Italy

Bro. Editor:

I was grateful at our recent Conference, especially when the question of missionary work in Italy came up, and the willingness of the General Church to pay my way should I be able to go. However, I would like to relate an experience that I had when I came to America 32 years ago.

The fare from Naples to New York City was about 800 Lire, or about \$160 dollars in U. S. currency at that time. I had just about enough money to see me through. But to my surprise, while I was walking on board the ship, I felt something under my shoe, to the extent that I could not walk. So I stooped down to remove whatever it was that was under my shoe, and to my surprise, I found 800 Lire, the amount of my fare. I kept my ears and eyes open, but there was nothing reported of any body losing any money, so it seemed God provided for me in a mysterious way on my trip here.

So I do not feel too, and will not take any money from the General Church Fund. We in our Church do not have too much money, and as the Lord God has been good to me and my family all our days, for which I am very grateful and thankful to Him. — I say if He makes a way for me to go to Italy for the Gospel Work, God will provide. I will keep you informed of my

plans. May the Lord bless and keep you always.

P.S. Bro. Biscotti is very grateful indeed, in refusing to accept any money from the Church in order to make his contemplated trip to Italy. However, that will be something for the Church to consider. But I will take this opportunity again of urging all members of the Church, to give the General Church ten dollars per year freely to help along this work. If two thousand members will give the Church the stated amount, it will mean \$20,000 a year, and at least 50 per cent of it will go into our Missionary Fund. Let us forget the word "Can't," and say WE WILL.

LADIES UPLIFT CIRCLE MEETING

The General Meeting of the Ladies Uplift Circle met as appointed on March 22, 1952 at the home of Sister Sadie Cadman in Monongahela. Delegates from several local Circles were present, also several visitors—The first hour was spent in praise and testimony, after which, business was attended to.

Reports sent in were very encouraging and the little letters and notes sent in by the different Circles from a distance, were surely enjoyed. Our reports from the Indian Reservations are always welcome, for the General Circle's greatest interest is, and has always been to help finance and encourage the preaching of the Gospel to Gods Covenant people.

Several Sisters were present from Vanderbilt, Pa., and they expect to organize a Circle on April 19. The brethren, Joseph Shazer, Joseph Bittinger, and W. H. Cadman being present in the afternoon meeting, gave some interesting talks. Our next General Meeting will be held in Youngstown, Ohio on June 21, 1952. We are looking forward for a good crowd as the weather will be warmer. Mary Wilson, secretary.

"THE LOOKOUT"

In Montreal, Canada, 597 stores have defied a city ordinance which requires that all stores must close on four Roman Catholic feast days. The Bible House, operated by the Montreal Bible Society, was one of those which defied the ordinance and remained open last December 8, the holiday observ-

ing the feast of the Immaculate Conception. In Montreal, also, where Roman Catholics are in power, a young Jewish rabbi, a refugee from Hungary, was arrested for holding a religious service in his home.

P.S. I have just read a letter which was written in Spain, wherein it is stated that there is no religious-freedom in that country. It looks as though the same condition is fast developing in the Province of Quebec, Canada. It is also evident that there is not much religious freedom in Mexico. What a contrast since the days when the Pilgrim Fathers fled to this Western Hemisphere in order to worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences—Yes, where Church and State were separate institutions. I cannot see how liberty minded people of all faiths can tolerate such legislation as is reported in the City of Montreal. Editor.

RESURRECTION

Every year they bring my Lord
High upon a windy hill,
Where, with flesh again restored
On a cross He hangs, until
Pierced with sorrow and with
sword,
Cold in death, He hangs so still.

Then, they fast and pray, and
mourn
For a God they've crucified,
Til the break of Easter morn
When their tears will all be
dried..

For the body that was torn
Once again, has Death defied.

Now, as far as I can see,
Jesus had to die, I know,
Or we never would be free
From that curse of long ago.
But to hang Him on that tree
Every year, seems needless woe.

As for me, just once He died,
Yet, He resurrects each day
In the heart that sheds its pride
And begins to love, His way;
Then He comes to dwell inside
And each day is Easter Day.

By Catherine Poma.

NOTICE!

The G.M.B.A. meeting in New Jersey as been changed to May 31. This being the Memorial Day week-end it will allow an extra day for traveling. It was the decision of the G.M.B.A. Officers.
Sec. Ruth E. Akerman

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MY BAPTISM

I went to church one Sabbath Day, To glorify my Lord in my own selfish way. I thought I knew all that had to be taught, But it was not long until I knew I was wrong. I was greeted with smiles from young and old. The hand-shake just has to be told.

It's a hand-shake of love from Jesus to you, God's only son so kind and true. My heart started to pound at the sound of His name, I never felt this way, It wasn't the same; My heart just burned with Jesus's love, He's looking down from above.

He called me from this world of sin, To glorify my soul with Him. We went to the Ocean so big and wide, To be buried with Jesus who is so kind. The angels were singing, it was told me; My soul rejoiced to be so free.

Back to church we all were to be, To receive what God has in store for me. The Spirit of God was waiting I know, To enter my heart, never to go. The Church of Jesus Christ is the best you see; Cause Jesus is there waiting for you and me.

Sister Sadie Nicosla,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Bro. Heaps Returns Home

A card dated 4-21-52 was received from Bro. Heaps, informing us that he arrived home on Sunday at 9 a.m. from his trip back east. He says they had two baptisms in the afternoon of the same day at his Branch of the Church. After leaving Monongahela, he attended meetings at McKees Rocks, Pa., also at Detroit, and Windsor, Ont., before leaving for his home in South Gate, Calif.

San Fernando Valley Mission

Greetings from San Fernando Valley Mission to you all. We are taking this privilege through the Gospel News to let you know we are receiving wonderful blessings in our humble meeting place, where God sees fit to visit us each time we unite together in His worship.

We had three blessings and two baptisms within this past quarter. God has been wonderful to us, the joy and peace we share, words can not express.

Dear brother, we also have a few visitors who come to hear the word of God. We hope and pray that God might some day touch their hearts and they too, may hearken to His call. Brother Meo is our presiding Elder and Bro. John Azzinaro is assisting him, here in our Mission.

We have great hopes that some day we might build a church here in the valley. We have a nice group of brothers and sisters who really enjoy to do the work of God, along with our elder brothers. The Gospel News is wonderful, for this country of ours is great in size. With our Branches and Missions in all parts, yet in receiving the Gospel News, we feel real close to one another, especially all of you back east whom we dearly love in Christ Jesus. In conclusion, we ask you all to remember us in your prayers, that we may continue to do the will of God.

Sister Betty Azzinaro

Secret Combinations

The following is written in the Book of Mormon — See Ether 8, beginning at verse 20. "And now, I Moroni, do not write the manner of their oaths and combinations, for it hath been made known unto me that they are had among all people, and they are had among the Lamanites. — And they have caused the destruction of this people of whom I am now speaking. (Those who came from the Tower of Babel) and also the destruction of the people of Nephi. — And whatsoever nation shall uphold such secret combinations, to get power and gain, until they shall spread over the nation, behold, they shall be destroyed; for the Lord will not suffer that the blood of His saints, which shall be shed by them, shall always cry unto Him from the ground for vengeance upon them and yet He avenge them not. — Wherefore, O ye Gentiles, it is wisdom in God that these things should be shown unto you, that thereby ye may repent of your sins, and suffer not that these murderous combinations shall get above you, which are built up to get power and gain — and the work, yea, even the work of destruction come upon you, yea, even the sword of the justice of the Eternal God

shall fall upon you, to your overthrow and destruction if ye shall suffer these things to be.

Wherefore, the Lord commandeth you, when ye shall see these things come among you Gentiles that ye shall awake to a sense of your awful situation, because of this secret combination which shall be among you; (might it be Communism?) or woe be unto it because of the blood of them who have been slain; for they cry from the dust for vengeance upon it, and also upon those who built it. For it cometh to pass that whoso buildeth it up seeketh to overthrow the freedom of all lands, nations, and countries; and it bringeth to pass the destruction of all people, for it is built up by the devil, who is the father of all lies; even that same liar who beguiled our first parents, yea, even that same liar who has caused man to commit murder from the beginning; who hath hardened the hearts of men that they have murdered the prophets, and stoned them, and cast them out from the beginning. — Wherefore, I, Moroni, am commanded to write these things that evil may be done away, and that the time may come that Satan may have no power upon the hearts of the children of men, but that they may be persuaded to do good continually, that they may come unto the fountain of all righteousness and be saved."

It has been better than 120 years since the Book of Mormon was translated by the power of God, from the golden plates which were delivered into the hands of Joseph Smith in 1827 by an angel of God. The book was published in 1830, and any one who has perused it without prejudice and learned of its contents, is bound to admit, that the Book of Mormon boldly committed, and declared itself about conditions that are rampant in this world today, not excepting our beloved America. Two mighty nations of people flourished upon this land of America prior to the days of Columbus discovering it. The book shows their downfall because of wickedness, and also, it shows the downfall of any other nation who inhabits this land, except they worship God.

(WHC)

A TRIP TO KENTUCKY

On April 18th, Brother and Sister Bittinger and myself left home for a visit at Nortonville, Ky., arriving at the home of Brother and Sister Parrotts in the afternoon of the next day.

As usual they were glad to see us again. We did not start for home again until April 28th, being with them over two Sundays. We held meetings about every night in their home; one night we met at the home of friends in Madisonville about 14 miles away. While there in July last, we visited with friends of Parrotts, who are now living neighbors with them. At that time the man of the house, Mr. Hight, was very poorly and he asked us to anoint him, which we did, and on this trip, he told us that he had been very well ever since, and is now able to attend to his farm work. We were glad to learn this of course.

While visiting there on this occasion, they sent for us and asked us if we would pray for their granddaughter who had been taken to the hospital in Nashville, Tenn., from its home in Evansville, Ind. The child is eight years old and never had been well. We knelt down in prayer, fervently praying in behalf of their grand child. We understood that the child had a heart ailment, and the Dr. was to operate on the child. Mr. and Mrs. Hight, whose family are all married, were caring for their grand children while their parents were at the hospital about 95 miles away. One of these children, a girl about three years old had one side of her face bandaged and was under the doctors care. They removed the bandage for us to see. The child's little face on one side was all broken out in sores, they extended up into its hair. When I saw this condition, it caused me to feel very sorry. Brother Bittinger and I anointed the child, this was on the first night of our visit. I next saw the child on Tuesday morning, and its little face had cleared up. This seemed remarkable to me, and we were grateful to the Lord that our prayers were answered.

These folk attended our meetings and seemed much interested, and later in the week, Mrs. Hight expressed herself that she would like for us to anoint the little girl in the hospital, if it was not so far away. We did not expect to leave for home until Monday the

28th, so on Saturday the 26th, we drove to Nashville, Tenn., to anoint the child, taking its grandmother along. It was about 200 miles of a drive there and back. We arrived at the hospital about 11 a.m., and we found a very sick child, and a very anxious young father and mother. The child seemed to be about normal in height for eight years old, but only weighed 30 lbs. so the father told me. We had prayed at the home of its grandparents a week previous that the child might not have to go under the ordeal of an operation, and thus far the Dr. had not done so. We anointed the child, and before leaving Kentucky for home on the 28th, we learned that the child seemed some better. Our hearts were full of sympathy in behalf of the child and its parents, and whatever the 'will' of the Lord may be, may He comfort them all. And may they feel that He, the Lord doeth all things well.

The city of Nashville is the capital city of Tennessee, and was a very busy place the day we were there. We returned back to the home of Brother Parrott, held meetings over Sunday and started for home the next morning, feeling that we had done some good while there.

Prior to making this trip, Sister Laird and her husband from Coraopolis, Pa., attended meeting here in Monongahela, and on learning of our contemplated trip to Kentucky, she asked us to call on her sister who lives in Elizabethtown, Ky. This town happened to be on the Highway we traveled on, so on our return trip we stopped and found her home without any difficulty. Her married name is Morse, and her husband is the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in that city. We were very glad to meet them both along with their little family. We enjoyed about 1 1-2 hours' visit in their home, and it was very evident that they enjoyed having us call to see them.

We arrived home safely on the afternoon of the 29th, having had a very nice trip, and were glad for the opportunity of administering to the two grand children of Mr. and Mrs. Hight. Brother and Sister Parrott are comfortably fixed in a home recently purchased by them.

Bro. W. H. Cadman

A Brief Summary Of
The Second Coming Of Christ
By Bro. Nickolas Persico

It would be best to note that the Old Testament Prophesies of two comings of Christ. Therefore these two comings should be very carefully distinguished. This is one of the reasons why the Jews in Christ's first coming failed to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. The Old Testament contains two lines of prophesies about the coming Messiah. One line was fulfilled at His first coming, the other will be fulfilled at His second coming. The Jews thought that all of the Old Testament predictions concerning Christ would be fulfilled at one time, and this would be at His first coming.

Had the Jews made allowance for a second-advent, they may not have rejected Him. In the Holy Scriptures, both the first and second coming are plainly recorded. For example let us look at the prophecy of Balaam in Numbers 24:17, "There shall come a star out of Jacob and a sceptre shall rise out of Israel." Here the star refers to the first coming of Christ, and the sceptre is the symbol of sovereign authority, His second coming. He was to come the first time in humility as the prophet Isaiah spake in the 53rd Chapter 3rd verse, "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." But contrast with this, the manner of His behavior as stated in Zechariah 14:4, 9 is a good example of the latter. A selection from this passage will suffice: "And His feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley and the Lord my God shall come and all the saints with thee. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear, nor dark; but it shall be one day which shall be known to the Lord, not day, nor night, but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light and the Lord shall be King over all the earth." (P.S. The Church does not understand that the appearing of Christ on the Mount of Olives, is His final coming, but it is a manifestation to the Jews, that they may learn

that Jesus is the Christ. WHC).

The second coming of Christ shall be in His glory. When He came the first time, they put Him on a cross as predicted in Psalms 22:14, 17, but when He comes again He will rule over all the earth, and as Daniel tells us in the 7th chapter 14th verse of his prophecies: "And there was given Him a dominion and glory, and a Kingdom that all people, nations, and languages, should serve Him: His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his Kingdom, that which shall not be destroyed."

It is very important for us to study our Old Testament Scriptures as well as the New, that we may be able to distinguish between the two comings of the Lord. A promise which Christ made to His disciples as found in the 14th chapter of St. John. He says: "I go to prepare a place for you." He is predicting His ascension into heaven. But He goes on, "And if I go and prepare a place for you I will come again, and receive you unto myself." If Jesus says He will come again, then there is no reason for us to doubt —He will keep His promise; when He comes He will receive unto Himself his bride—His church and His faithful ones. This promise which Christ made is an assurance of His second coming.

During the course of my investigation in preparing this article, I find the Holy Scripture turned to the 21st chapter of Rev. which John had received on the Island of Patmos, where he writes of a New Heaven, and a New Earth, the New and Holy City Jerusalem, where the righteous shall reign with Jesus. This is a portion of that which Christ has gone to prepare for us.

Clairton, Pa. R.D. 2

By Bro. Ishmael Humphrey

Brothers and Sisters,

Just a line or two relative to our spiritual journey, troding the elements of that straight and narrow way. Struggling under the bondage of, that heavenly hope and faith, through our Lord Jesus, feasting upon that heavenly food, which renders a more vivid impression of that heavenly home—inside that Eastern Gate where sorrow and sin shall never come, where we may feast upon the goodness of our Lord, and praise His holy name forever.

Yea Brothers and Sisters, how

that we must labor, bearing our burdens that through obedience to the restored gospel, we have strength through the Lord's grace to see us through. But how through disobedience we grow weak, our burden becomes very heavy, by contrast. But if we labor in prayers, works and faith, our burdens become lighter. Let us labor, yielding not to the temptations of this world and the earthly stains which mar our spiritual garments. Let us labor in warring against our desires of the flesh. Lift up the sword of truth and slay our evil passions, lest we fall into temptation.

For many a good conscience, has been subdued by an evil desire, whose flame has consumed the virtues of the soul.

Think not brethren in ignorance that our conscience be our guide, after your evil desires of the flesh have run wild in your heart and mind, for, will not the good voice of your conscience be weak and not heard? Let us pray unto the Lord for wisdom, as a weapon to war upon these things. Call upon the Lord of Host's for strength, to war after the evil elements that destroy the soul.

HE SHALL TELL THEE WHAT THOU OUGHTEST TO DO

The conversion of Cornelius the Centurion of Caesarea is a beautiful story. It clearly directs and enlightens man that he should become a member of the true and acceptable church of God regardless of his good standing. Visiting the Saints of Erie on Sabbath morning of May 5, I used this text for a brief talk Brother Mancini followed and gave an inspiring talk. I indeed enjoyed my brief visit with them.

He shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do. These are the words of an Angel of God to Cornelius, one of the first Gentile Christians. Cornelius was a devout man and one that feared God with all his house and gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God always. Apparently he was a good man but he lacked something important, for he was visited by an Angel of God instructing him to send to Joppa, a full days journey for one called Peter the apostle of Jesus, who in turn also received a revelation from God concerning Cornelius, and in due time he went to Caesarea to preach the word of God to them and baptized them; the Holy Ghost bear-

ing witness. We must conclude that regardless of Cornelius' good standing, he was directed to send for Peter in order for him to accept the principles of the doctrine of Christ for the salvation of his soul.

We often hear it said that it does not matter what we believe so long as we are sincere and it does not matter what church we join so long as we profess Jesus Christ as our Saviour. Such ideas are accepted without examination on every side, regarded as part of modern tolerance. Those that reject such ideas are thought of as narrow minded, religiously radical or fanatics, stragglers in the procession of religion. Yet it is written that Jesus is our pattern, Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. He also said that I will build my church, That is Christ. Mat. 16:18.

In this religious world we find many denominations some called St. Peter, St. Luke, St. Matthew, St. John and St. Paul and many other names. To a reasonable mind how can they be the church of Jesus Christ when they are called every other name but His. As He said I will build my church, apparently it should be called after His name. The name of the church is important, however, the most important part is the doctrine of Christ and His commandments. It is evident that many of His doctrines have been changed from the New Testament church. Paul writing to the Galatian Saints: Galatians 1:8. Though we, or an Angel from Heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye received, let him be accursed. Note how Paul re-asserts this. The apostle John writes, Second John 9, 10. "Whosoever transgresseth and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine (Christ's doctrine) receive him not unto your house, neither bid him God speed.

It matters tremendously in what a man believes in or what church he belongs to. It mattered to Cornelius for he had to be obedient to the gospel of Jesus Christ in order to save his soul. Many will say too, I abide by the ten commandments, I live a good clear

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EDITORIAL

Note: In the Editorial of the May issue of this paper there is an error in the fourth paragraph which I want to correct. It is as follows: (our own government not expected). It should read, "our own government not excepted."

The Gospel News is now starting on its "eighth year." It hardly seems possible, for time has flown away so rapidly. However, time waits for no one.

It has been, and still is published by The Monongahela Publishing Co., and during these years of high prices in every thing, wages, and materials, they have been very considerate of us. However, the firm now feels, and I believe very reluctantly, that it must charge us more for printing our paper.

They have given me a figure somewhat higher than our present, or rather the past rate, which I still think is very reasonable, especially considering the high costs of today. The new rate starts with this issue of the paper. The new postal rate on this class of mail has doubled itself. From now on our expenses in getting out the paper, will be considerably more than in the past.

Thus far in the past seven years, complaints about the paper have been negligible, while there has been much in the way of compliments to encourage an Editor. One thing that is discouraging, is, that so many of our own people allowed their subscriptions to lapse, and apparently not interested in renewing them. It is not only discouraging, but it is an inconvenience in handling the business part of the matter. Thus far, I am glad to say or inform you that the venture in printing the paper, it has paid its own way, though if the work in getting out the paper (aside from the inevitable expense), had to be paid for, we could not carry on. Counting our own members, our subscription list is only about one half of what it should be. The

Gospel News is being mailed to many lands, including the Isles of the Seas in very remote places. I believe the little paper has done much good, but it should have been patronized by the members of the Church much more than it has been. It occurs to me that I am not as young as I used to be, and how much longer I will be able to carry on, time will tell; but I take an interest in the paper and I hope to see some one take hold when I am through.

Bro. WHC.

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life, I give alms, I pray and I treat my fellow man as I wish to be treated. O foolish man, what need there be for the coming of Christ, his death and resurrection or in other words the plan salvation if it were so. Sincerity, honesty and goodness is acceptable to God, but it will not save you in the Kingdom of God. Jesus told Nicodemus John 3:5 "Except a man be born of water and of the spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God." A new birth is required.

It is evident and clear in the teachings of the scriptures, the Christian man should become a member, a functioning part, of some church body. But all churches are not acceptable to God. As a Roman Catholic writer has said: "If one church is as good as another, then, religion is only a matter of sentiment and good taste. There is no real truth in it. And a man is free to follow his inclination in choosing his church, as he might be in choosing a club or a lodge. When you are indifferent to anything, it doesn't require much opposition for you to give up the thing completely. Religion is no exception. If you hold one church as good as another, you are not far from the belief that there is not much good in any church."

The question now arises: Is the true church of Jesus Christ upon the earth? How shall I know it and where shall I find it? First one must be as Cornelius, have faith in God, by reading the word of God and comparing the churches of the world with the New Testament church and above all seeking God for direction to the church acceptable unto Him. I declare unto the world that the true church of Jesus Christ is upon the earth, restored with power and authority. The Priesthood of this church is based on the principle

of divine calling, a succession of the church organized in 1830.

You that are seeking the truth and salvation may I say unto you as Philip said to his friend in the New Testament, when he tells him of the Messiah "Come and see." It is written "Seek and ye shall find, Knock and it shall be opened, and ask and it shall be given." And I am sure if it is done properly, He shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do. May the peace of our Saviour be with you all. Amen.

Timothy Dom Bucci.

A MESSAGE
FROM THE WHEATONS
IN YUCATAN

I think I wrote you last as we were leaving Veracruz for Yucatan. We are now leaving Yucatan for Veracruz on our return trip. We are going back on the "Emancipacion," a much larger boat than the one we came over on, hoping thus to avoid sea-sickness. Bro. Wheaton was sick all the way over, scarcely able to eat a thing the whole seventy hours. Fared much better.

Our Mayan friends here were most happy to see us and we have made many more friends. Nemesio Xiu, a direct descendent of the Mayan kings, is quite ill. They say he is just feeble with age, but he had failed so terribly since we were here last year that we feel quite concerned.

On arrival we rented a Mayan "Casa" for 20 pesos per month or the equivalent of about \$2.31 in America. It is built of stone and plaster inside and out, a cement floor and a thatched roof. It has four rooms, two quite large and two small. One of the small ones was built for a bath or a shower. It is just a bare room, no permanent fixtures. All fixtures are movable, consisting of a bucket of water or a basin, whichever you prefer, and a stool or box to sit on. It probably, at one time was fitted with a tank fastened high on the wall or ceiling with a sprinkler attachment for a shower, as some have. For an extra 15 pesos per month our water is pumped for us from a deep well—good water—and is carried to the house and put in a large olla, or pottery vessel, which keeps it quite cool. On the inside door is posted a certificate that the water was government inspected in January 1952 and found to be pure.

Our Casa sets back from the dirt street far enough to keep us from getting all the dust. There

is about an acre of ground with many tropical fruit trees, bananas and palms. Surrounding the whole place is a high stone wall as is true of all Mayan homes.

There are some shelves in one end of the room we use for living quarters which is handy for cupboard space. Four rather crude tables, a crippled stool, a large earthenware water keg, along with a surplus door is the furniture that went with the house. We got a board which we added to the width of the door to make a platform on which to lay our mattress—the inner-spring mattress from our bed in the truck. It is crudely like a Hollywood bed, set up on blocks of wood a few inches high—high enough off the floor to discourage insects from crawling in bed with us. Bro. Wheaton improvised a clothes hanger by suspending a heavy stick from the rafters with ropes. Our broom was made from a sort of palm fastened to the end of a rough pole procured at one of the stores for 50 centavos or about 6 cents. With our gasoline camp stove, fold'n table and chairs, and a supply of groceries brought with us from the United States we have managed to be very comfortable. Though it is crude quarters as compared with what we in the United States are used to, our Mayan guests come in, look about, and say, "A m e r i c a n s have many things!" And they thought it strange that we preferred to sleep in a bed instead of a hammock. They were always prone to try it out.

The Mayan people are noted for the cleanliness of their persons. And it is a delight to see them gather together—the men in spotless white trousers and shirts with white hats, even at night, and the women in their beautiful flower-embroidered white dresses. It was always an interesting sight, whether they were barefoot or wore Mayan sandals. The women are rarely seen out-doors without their rebosas—a sort of long, head scarf which has many uses, from protecting their heads from the hot sun to making an improvised cradle in which to carry their babies while they work or walk.

Time and place will not permit me to tell you all about our experiences from the standpoint of the gospel but I will give you a few.

We have prayed earnestly that though our understanding of each other's language is limited, God would breach the gap with His

Spirit and give them a testimony of the truth of our message. Our prayers have been answered even beyond our fondest hopes. Quite a number speak some English but even those who do not, find ways of conveying to us they believe our message and want more. There is a village back in the Yucatan jungles where we were invited to speak twice (and more if we had time), and we have never received such a warm response from a people anywhere as from them. Two or three hundred Mayan people turned out to the meetings. It looked like the whole village. We carry a Spanish Bible and Book of Mormon with us and by having them read passages directly from them with explanations and comments through an interpreter they were able to understand a great deal. After hearing our message they "kicked the priest out" (their language through the interpreter), and told us they wanted our church in their village, sending us a petition to that effect with forty-three names signed to it. Many took the altars and idol out of their homes after one sermon. The priest excommunicated all who would not renounce us. But they just laughed about that, saying that they were glad. Two other villages also ordered the priest to leave and want our church. It would have done your souls good to have seen the light spread across their countenances as they heard the Restoration message. The one priest is over several villages and they told us he had announced publicly that they should "chase us out" but the order seemed to work in reverse. The more the priest raved the more interest the people took to us and our church. They did not want us to come home and begged us to come back.

On one occasion we went with some friends to visit a ruins a short way from our "Casa." Workmen, while getting rock to crush for road work, had uncovered steps of a pyramid, about the middle of February. While we were at the ruins, the town's "Presidente," or mayor, came out with quite a number of city fathers. They were told who we were, by the press photographer and a reporter who had just interviewed us, as the first Americans to visit these ruins. The mayor expressed the desire to see our pictures of the other ruins so we invited all, about 20, to stop at our place and see them, and incidentally to have

a cold drink. The day was terribly hot. Almost the first thing the mayor did when they came in was ask to see the "Libro"—the Book of Mormon. He had evidently heard about it. We had them read certain passages from it and the Bible (in Spanish). They were very much interested and stayed for an hour or more. Upon leaving, the Mayor, who is a Catholic, made quite an appreciative speech, only part of which we could understand. Among other things, he said he was very "contente" to have been in our home and learn the things he had learned.

Many of the Evangelical want to come into our Church. It looked like almost the whole group. One fine young man whose father is an Elder in the Evangelical Church wanted to come to the United States with us so he could be baptized and learn more about our church.

Since the Mexican revolution, only native born ministers can baptize and perform other ordinances in Mexico, so Bro. Wheaton could not baptize him here. We could not arrange to bring him now although his father is willing and himself said it would make him very happy if Bro. Wheaton could baptize him, the father, also now. But they all must wait until it can be done legally.

In the meantime they are willing to wait and study the Bible and Book of Mormon. We bought eight Bibles in Spanish—all we could afford and gave to leaders in some areas. Most of them have only heard of the Bible. We sent for Spanish Books of Mormon but so far they have not come.

Bro. Wheaton taught them how to have Sunday Schools and arranged some one to take charge. We pray that God will abundantly bless their efforts. It all makes me wonder if we of the Restoration, who have so much in the Gospel way, even half appreciate what we have.

The letter or article has been written piece meal because of our many activities. It is being finished aboard the "Emancipacion" as we await sailing time.

Our last act for the Lord's work before leaving Merida, Yucatan was to present a copy of the Book of Mormon in English to the Museum of Archeology and Anthropology at Merida. The heads of the department there became very much interested in it through our discussion with them of the American Archeology in relation

to the Book of Mormon. The man, to whom we made the presentation, said he would read it very carefully. He said to us, "You look so good and so fine, your church must have done good things for you." I tell you this, not for the purpose of tossing bouquets to ourselves but to show you how God has heard and answered our prayers, wherein we prayed that the spirit of the gospel might radiate from us in such a way that those whom we came in contact with might receive a testimony of the truth and beauty of the message we bear, even though our conversation is limited. And to God be the praise and the Glory.

Your Sister in Christ,
Angela Wheaton.
Zion Advocate, Independence, Mo.

Sarnia, Ont.

Dear Bro. Editor;

The blessings of God continue to fall on us here, at Sarnia, Ont., and they follow wherever we go. One Sunday this spring, we were enabled to visit Branch 1 in Detroit and once in Port Huron. We note with joy, repeated visits to our place of worship of one family on this Reserve. It may well be that our little fold will increase, for which we rejoice in the Lord. Last Sunday Bros. S. Alessandro and Herman Kennedy ministered to our group.

It was necessity that caused us to be absent from our community recently, for we feel that it is necessary to keep our children happy. Some of family, also Sister Rogers accompanied me on a visit to three schools in Brantford, Bowmanville and Cobourg to see several of our children. The last two places named are located east of Toronto, Ont. On a Sunday we visited an Indian Reserve 16 or 17 miles north of Peterboro, and had opportunity for an hours' conversation with two of the residents there. I touched on the subject of the Restored Gospel and what it means in revealing the facts of our blessed heritage as the seed of Joseph. It caused them to exclaim "we wish we could hear more of this wonderful news." Returning home, we stopped at Brantford (Six Nations) Reserve. It was the first time we met the brothers and sisters in the flesh, but the love that is characteristic of the members of the Church of Jesus Christ caused us to say "It is wonderful to meet in our brethren." Bro. Richard

Isaacs was busy with his preparations for planting of his crops, nevertheless, they gave us a real farm breakfast with warm milk fresh from the barn. Afterwards we visited with Bro. and Sister Beaver who were overjoyed inasmuch that their eyes were filled with tears. Sister Beaver prevailed on us to stay for dinner which we enjoyed very much. Oh what joy we had, talking of the blessings that our Heavenly Father has been pleased to pour on us.

As we were leaving Brantford, the spirit led me to stop at a home where I had learned an aged man lay suffering in bed. I was immediately welcomed when I stated my purpose in stopping and the family knelt with me as I asked our Righteous God and dear Father to visit the sick with healing power, and thus give our aged brother opportunity to give himself into the keeping of our blessed Saviour. The family asked me to see them if I passed by again and I mentioned the possibility of our little group here visiting the brothers and sisters in Brantford later in the warmer weather. My heart aches to see my people seeking to fill that void in their hearts that Jesus alone can fill. Yes, there is lots of religion amongst my people, but it is not the religion of Jesus Christ and I long to see the day when they shall obey the Gospel. Brother Aylmer N. Plain, Sarnia, Ont. — Brother Plain, I want you to know that I appreciate this letter very much indeed. I have a warm spot in my heart for your race of people (the Indians) and as you visit among them, my prayer is that the Good Lord will bless you abundantly in making known unto them this Marvelous Work and a Wonder, which has been revealed in these last days. I have been at the homes of both brothers you mention, Beavers and Isaacs. May God bless you richly is my prayer.

Brother W. H. Cadman

MRS. MARGARET RUSSELL LYNCH PASSES ON

Sister Margaret Lynch of R. D. 4 Coshocton, Ohio died in the Memorial Hospital at Coshocton on April 30, in the 93rd year of her life. She had been feeble for some time. She was born at Green Oak, Pa., on Oct. 8, 1859, the daughter of the late brother and sister James Russell, a pioneer family in the Church. Her husband Rob-

ert Lynch passed on about 20 years ago.

Sister Lynch was baptized into the Church in 1889, she has been a quiet, inoffensive, and faithful sister all these years. Her manner of life, including her testimony in the Gospel of Jesus Christ should be a wonderful legacy to her children. And, not only to her children, but to us all who have known her. She leaves five children to mourn her departure namely: J. Austin Lynch, William C. Lynch, Dr. R. E. Lynch, all of Coshocton, and John A. Lynch of St. John, Kansas; one daughter, Mrs. Wilbert Parlor of West Elizabeth, Pa., two grandchildren and three sisters and one brother.

She was laid away to rest from the Glass Funeral Home in Coshocton on May 3. Bro. W. H. Cadman officiating, while Bro. Joseph Bittinger led in prayer.

The Gospel News extends sympathy to the bereaved family.

Mrs. Ruth Salerno Passes On

Sister Ruth Salerno died on Monday April 21, 1952 following an illness of one month. She was born in Champion Heights, Warren, Ohio Dec. 31, 1927 and was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ in June, 1948.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Philip Dreer.

Besides her husband, Samuel Salerno, whom she married three years ago, she is survived by one son, Romeo, her parents, Bro. and Sister Peter Molinatto, four sisters and three brothers.

She will be sadly missed by all the saints here, but we find consolation in knowing she was faithful to the Lord to the very end and in all her afflictions, she was a blessing to all that visited her.

Sister Corrado

Niles, Ohio Mission

P.S. We extend sympathy to the bereaved family.

Bro. Cadman

NEWS FROM ITALY, APRIL 28, 1952

Dear Brother Cadman:

With a demonstration of faith and under a brilliant sun, in the presence of God and vast ocean. Last April 6 the Pastor of the Church of Jesus Christ, Giuseppe Azzinari, performed the baptisms of the following brethren: Bettina Lilli Milano, Olga Paiola Milano, Dante Cecchi and Angelo D'Onofrio (brother-in-law of brother Victor Ciarolli of Warren, Ohio Branch).

The ceremony, which was deeply moving and solemn, took place with the assistance of Nicola Iorio of Warren, Ohio and Sister Loreta Biscotti of San Diego, Cal. Also present was Bro. Nicola Faragasso (formerly a member of New Brunswick, N.J. Branch, now residing in Italy), who came on his own accord from Prov. of Calabria.

The baptisms originally were to be held at Forlì del Sannio (C. Basso). But due to circumstances that arose we were forced to change our plans and so we decided to meet in Naples, which seemed as if the Lord had disposed so in a most wonderful way. In fact, while there in the mountains of Abruzzi it snowed and rained, which would have been almost impossible to get to the river, in Naples the Sun was warm and resplendent as to approve and bless our presence there. However, as soon as the baptisms were performed and prayers of thanks offered to the Lord, the sky which at first was limpid, suddenly became dark and the air turned cold.

This proved that we were under the umbrage of the Spirit of God, which assisted us and blessed the brethren who surrendered to the Lord humbly and faithfully.

Here we must labor methodically, patiently, and intelligently; because we are hindered by the Clericals and by the majority of the Catholicals, although here now we have ample freedom of worship.

People must have a true knowledge of the truth in order to surrender themselves with sincerity and with understanding. Many shall be our brothers and sisters who will want to belong to the Church of Jesus Christ, but we need laborers who are capable to teach the faithful the things taught us by Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

Some men and women came spontaneously to inquire about our faith and expressed the desire of wanting to belong to it. Brother Nicola Iorio and Sister Loreta Biscotti explained to them what they must do to be baptized, that is to say, according to our Law and Order.

Those who are skeptic need to be enlightened; the timid encouraged, the meek strengthened. Some say we don't have a church, nor a pastor to be united and to lead us. And if one dies, it will be problematic to be brought to

the cemetery. And if one wants to get married, it's impossible to do so. In fact, the priests say we are a damned people. That they will have us excommunicated by the Pope and that they won't allow us to be buried in the cemetery. These things have a great bearing on the minds of the simple and honest people; consequently it has a negative influence on the intentions of those who are seeking the way of the truth. Here in Italy we've always had but one religious order which has oppressed the people and has confused the minds of the faithful in Christ, to the extent that a great number is now without Christ, and without God.

To overcome such an evil influence and its tradition, upon which it is founded, we need to labor vigilantly and intelligently, whereby only the Spirit of God can give us light and understanding. During the summer vacation I will dedicate myself with more zeal to organize in the Prov. of Abruzzi as suggested by my brother who has paved the way for me by having corresponded with some people there.

May God cause showers of blessings to fall upon all the brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus that they may evangelize the world as was revealed by the Lord to Saint John Divine in Revelation. Amen.

A spiritual kiss to all the brothers and sisters of America from all the Saints of Italy. A special blessing is invoked by all for our President Cadman.

Sincerely Yours,
Emidio Milano.

P.S. May the Lord continue to bless you all. Bro. Cadman.

In Response To A Request From The Church

The Lord, in speaking to His people Israel as recorded in Heb. 10-16 says: "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them." The Apostle also says in Hebrew 8-7 "For if the first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second." — the second, meaning the covenant made in Christ, which covenant had no end as far as God was concerned. For in Matthew 28-20 if His commandments are faithfully observed, "He says I will be with you always, even unto the end of the world."

And while it's true that Jesus Christ came to His own, (Israel) yet according to Acts. 2—39, the blessings under the second covenant are offered to all, "even as many as the Lord our God shall call." And, the words of Jesus, "to whomsoever will may come" cannot be limited to any one class or nation of people, even though the early disciples labored under the impression of them being the "Chosen People" and that redemption was for them only. I might say, they not yet understanding the extensiveness of the plan of redemption under the second covenant, for it was plainly said of Abraham in Gen. 22—18, "And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed." And the Apostle in speaking of Abraham in Gal. 3—16 says: "and to thy seed which is Christ."

While the scripture is abundant with proof that the Messiah was promised to Israel; the fact still remains that the blessings, and the Spirit of God are promised to all obedient people regardless of their native origin. I wish also to draw attention to the fact, that all people of the Restoration has stressed that fact very much such as God is not a respecter of persons, etc. In the Acts. 10—34, 35, Peter learned that God was not such a being, "but in every nation he that feareth Him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with Him." — Brethren if we accept the foregoing instances as "facts" and bear testimony that we are in Christ, been born again not with water only but of the spirit also, then to me, it is inevitable but what His laws are put in our hearts, and written in our minds. — That being the case, then the manifestations of the fruits of righteousness are required in the lives of all those who profess to be the followers of Christ today, as much as in any age of the world, and further, it does not make any difference who we are, or where we came from. — We should keep ourselves unspotted from this sinful world, and as Paul says: Wherefor, if meat make my brother to offend,

I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend."

In a conversation with our late Bro. Alexander Cherry some years ago, he said to me: Brother Cadman, there is nothing wrong as long as the Spirit and law of God is not transgressed."

I have often thought of this matter. There is pleasure, and recreation in life in which there is no transgression of the laws of God. But if we indulge in sports on the Sabbath Day, we are transgressing the law of the Sabbath. If we do not love our wives, our husbands, our children, and even our enemies, we are in violation of the spirit and teaching of Him — to whom was given all power both in heaven and earth, Yea, even the Lamb of God.

A few years ago, I wrote an Article to the Church endeavoring to the regulation of Weddings on the Sabbath Day, and, at a time when a wedding took place in one of the Branches on a Sunday, and as reported to me — I say without fear of contradiction, it was not becoming a people who professed to be saints of God. My article was held up for about two years, then it was rejected.

I think the renting of a public hall to celebrate a wedding, is inviting to more or less "worldliness," and after all the talking we may do to the contrary, the fact still remains in my judgment, that the atmosphere is not the most holy.

For me to write an Article to my brethren and sisters, saying what you can do and what you cannot do at a wedding. I am unable to do so. In our family we had four daughters, and when they married we provided receptions for them at our home. I never heard of any complaint from the saints or the world. I feel that if through obedience to the Gospel, the laws of God are planted in our hearts and souls, as it should be — we will not have any trouble over our children's weddings. I will add further that the laws of God are in force today as much as they ever were, which includes the Sabbath Day as well as any other of His laws. He would not allow the Nephite and Lamanite people to have happiness in their transgressions — it was sin that caused their strife. I have always taught that God is still the same. We should not indulge in questionable matters. It is just as necessary for the people of God to abide in the laws of God, as it is for the sinner to repent and be baptized into Christ. I repeat again, I feel unable to lay before you what we can do and what we cannot do

concerning celebrating weddings. If we are the people of God, His law should abide in us from the least to the greatest.

Brother W. H. Cadman

"IF I HAD KNOWN IT!"

When Mr. Pollock was governor of Pennsylvania, there was a man whose death-warrant he had signed. He felt that he could not let him die, being a Christian himself, without going down to tell him of a Saviour's love. He went to the prison where the condemned man was, a few days before the time fixed for the execution. He said to the sheriff, "Show me to his cell, but don't tell him who I am."

He went in and talked with the man. He told him of Christ—how God had sent Him into the world to save sinners. He read him portions of the Word of God which show this, then prayed with him, commending him to the God of all grace.

After he had gone, the sheriff went to the cell and informed the man that the person who had visited him was the governor. The condemned man turned deathly pale, and lifting both hands cried out, "Oh, Sheriff, why didn't you tell me that was the Governor? I had known it. I would have fallen at his feet and cried for mercy! I would have asked him to save me! Why didn't you tell me?" and he wept and wrung his hands in distress at the thought that the governor had been in his very cell and he did not know it.

No doubt his pleading for mercy would have been very strong. He was condemned, and that justly. Mercy, therefore, was his only hope, and had he known it, there was his opportunity to implore it and obtain his life. But that opportunity was past, and the thought that he had lost it made him wring his hands in agony.

And yet, reader, this was but to save a life which would have ended still! Think, then, what they must feel who have lost the present golden opportunity of obtaining eternal life from Him who alone can give it, even He who "receiveth sinners, and eateth with them!" Men who have heard of Christ and have refused Him, or coldly neglected to lay hold of the eternal salvation He offers them now, will in that day wish they had never been born. Oh, reader, may you not be among them, for "their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched!"

Fall at the feet of Jesus just there, where you are. Confess your sins and plead His mercy. No man was ever sincere with Him without obtaining his need.—The Messenger of Peace.

NEWSLETS

When a Roman Catholic bishop demanded that The Star-Journal and Chieftain newspaper of Pueblo, Col., retract a report of a Reformation Day address in which the speaker said that one of the reasons for the Reformation was the "corruption and superstition of the medieval church," he threatened "corrective measures" if the editor did not comply. The editor published the bishop's letter and added: "No member of the Catholic Church, or any other church, is going to tell us what we shall print as news."

Methodists Keep Smoking Ban

San Francisco, May 7 (AP) — The Quadrennial General Conference of the Methodist Church closed a legislation packed 14-day session last night with a parting shot at smoking.

In the final session, the conference voted to continue the no-smoking pledge required of ministerial candidates. It voted against giving full ministerial rights to women.

A card received from Sister Parrott of Nortonville, Ky., and dated May 2nd informs us that the little girl we anointed in the hospital in Nashville, Tenn. was brought home on May 1st and is much better, though still very frail, and too, she is very active to be so frail. Thus far, an operation has been avoided.

Beginning on May 5th, Monday, the Vanderbilt Branch held meetings throughout the week each night which were very well attended. A very nice week was spent. Each evening a song service lasted until eight o'clock. They had visitors from various places. The writer of this note spent two nights at their services, and apparently every body present seemed to enjoy themselves. Bro. Joseph Shazer is Presiding at Vanderbilt.

A letter dated May 8th from Sister Henshaw of Bronx, N. Y., she informs me of the baptism of two brethren from Connecticut. We are glad to hear the good news I am sure. She also says: "It gave me great joy to read the 'May' Gospel News,"

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IT'S LATER THAN YOU THINK

You spend the days, in various ways
And that's all well and good;
You work and sweat so you can get
The things you never could.
You waste your time, (tho' it's a crime),
In ways you never should;
Prepare yourself, prepare yourself,
It's later than you think!

Prepare yourself, the time is drawing nigh,
Prepare yourself, for you must surely die.
The rich and poor must breathe their final sigh,
Prepare yourself, prepare yourself,
The years are racing by!

Now, if you try, to raise a guy,
Instead of tearing down.
You'll build a wall that cannot fall
In that celestial town.
And when you give to help let live,
You're paying for your crown,
Prepare yourself, prepare yourself,
It's later than you think.

Now, why can't we sit up and see
That it's the stupid thing,
To slave and slave so we can save,
For that last foolish fling;
For do you know of friend or foe
Who died and took a thing?
Prepare yourself, prepare yourself,
It's later than you think!

Catherine Poma

THAT BEAUTIFUL SCENE

Listen my children and you shall hear, Of the beautiful scene that did appear When my God and I met face to face; O the grand feeling that was at that place.—It was not gold and silver that I sought, 'Twas not beauty that could be bought. It was the Church from earth to heaven, In which power and faith is given.—It is not the beauty seen by mortal eye, Nor anything that money could buy, But the privilege of worshipping God our Father, In a very humble way with one another.—On that day, November sec-

ond, Nineteen twenty two I saw the beauty of the Church so true. The saints were like everlasting trees; Yes, that is what my soul that day did see.—The voice that spoke was like that of angels. The atmosphere was all so Divine, I was transported from earth to heaven, When I met with God at that glorious time.—It all comes back so clear today, 'Tho' you are bald and I am gray. While my frame is aching so, what sweet comfort to view this scene.—It is like a picture before my eyes When I am low, yet courage rise To press forward to the mark of perfection, That I may be a candidate for heaven's election.

Sister Anna Nastasi, Niles, Ohio.

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Dear Brother Editor,

I have never written to the Gospel News before, but I have had an experience which I would like very much to relate to the readers of this publication.

When I was twenty-seven years old, I had a nervous shock and I am sure that many of the saints know how much I have suffered all these years. But last September my condition grew worse and I prayed to God to heal my mind if it was not His plan to heal my body. I fasted and prayed many days because I knew that my mind was getting worse. Sleep was not to be had, and all the things that happened in my life passed again before me to torment me. Then one Sunday at the service, Brother Meo had an inspiration to call on me for annointment. After two weeks I was completely healed, both my body and my mind.

Although we have but a small number of people, our mission has been blessed with many healings. Sister June Jones' little girl was burned badly and we fasted and prayed for her and she was healed with hardly any pain and suffering during the time she was burnt.

So we have a great deal of faith in fasting and prayer, because we have seen the wonderful results here in our humble meeting place.

I will close now, Brother Cadman, hoping and praying that you and all the Brothers and Sisters in the Church are well. May all

of them remain faithful in the words of God.

Your Sister in Christ,
Mary Dichiera

BRO. HEAPS' VISIT MUCH APPRECIATED AT McKEES ROCKS, PA.

Dear Brother Editor:

A few lines to let you and all of the brothers and sisters know that we of this branch were much pleased at our recent conference by the many blessings of that day. May God bless each one that caused our hearts to be full, also with abundance of joy. We also would like to say that we were not only gladdened at conference, but also at the several meetings, that were held in your city the week following by Brother James Heaps. It was good to have our brother once again in this part of the country. He, as you no doubt know, spent Sunday and Monday in our locality. During his stay here the blessings were not at all lessened, and because of this we would like to relate some of the things we enjoyed.

Sunday morning at church we were favored with another nice long, seasoned sermon. In the afternoon he was called on to take over the study of the Sunday School lesson, found in the 21st chapter of John. Afterwards we held, as usual, our fellowship service accompanied with the washing of feet. In the evening we gathered in Brother Dan Casasanta's home for services and since we had invited brothers and sisters from other branches we were well pleased in having a couple of carloads from Glassport join us. It was good to hear their young people sing once again, and also to hear a sincere confessional testimony from Brother James Curry. Others also were called on for short testimonies, ending with Brother Heaps' testimony and exhortation. During this talk Brother Heaps related a dream that he had several years ago, that has at present stirred him with a desire to labor more extensively in God's vineyard now than ever before.

The dream is as follows:—(Brother Heaps says that he had this dream about 22 years ago, but was hesitant in telling it. He was prompted to tell it on this recent visit to Brother Cadman and wife,

after Sister Sadie told them of having an experience in which she saw the saints sleeping.) "I dreamed we were gathered at a conference in Monongahela in the Odd Fellows Hall, but the hall was about four times as large as it actually is. The saints were all lying on beds, as close together as chairs, hundreds of beds, and there were two non-members there also. As I arose these two remarked, 'Look, all the saints are sleeping.' I then went to the entrance of the building where I met Brother W. H. Cadman who was coming in. He handed me two sticks of parchment and said to me in a loud voice, 'Brother Jimmy, wake them up.' I went back in and began to preach, and the saints got up from their beds." While he related this dream in Brother Casasant's home, Sister Hendler spoke forcibly in the gift of tongues, and though no interpretation was received yet we felt that it was a confirmation by the Holy Ghost, for God's people to Awake. Yes, we have heard this warning several times of late, and it should cause all that slumber to stir themselves. It should also cause each of us to draw closer, lest even those that are not slumbering might be found guilty of slackness, of "being at ease in Zion." One characteristic of a slumbering person is that at that time he is at ease, and doing nothing. Such also are those who slumber spiritually, they are at ease and are also found doing nothing. Doing nothing for the Lord Jesus—who gave all for them. Doing nothing for the brothers and sisters who are the elect of God. Doing nothing for their branch or mission, or for the general church! Are you one of these, brother or sister, have you fallen asleep on the bed of "excuses?" Blessed is he that not only does something, but that is doing much. For God is worthy of such service, Zion is needful of such citizenry!

Our attendance at this meeting was large for a house gathering, and I am sure Brother and Sister Casasanta were doubly happy, especially because of the fact that they had just finished remodeling their home, so as to be able to accommodate large groups. Every effort we put forth for the Lord or for brothers and sisters is truly rewarded, and thus should be our deeds continuously. (But the laborer in Zion shall labor for Zion. II Nephi 26:31.) The services ended a little late, but with much

satisfaction, I believe, by all present.

Monday night we assembled in the church building, once again to hear Brother Heaps. He read and dwelt on the subject found in Alma 32, about receiving and nourishing the good seed. During his discourse on this subject he brought out how that if the seed is received and nourished it eventually brings forth delicious fruit. One such delightful fruit has been manifested here in this locality today, he said. A young brother of this branch chauffeured me around to various homes of brothers and sisters, and has taken the night off from work, (losing probably between fifteen and twenty dollars), to finish the task of chauffeuring and to attend this meeting. I told Brother Heaps the next day, let this deed be published as Jesus requested the deed of the woman who poured ointment on his head for his burial, to be published—wherever the gospel would be preached.

Brother Heaps departed Tuesday morning by plane arriving a little late at the airport, (because of a bit of thoughtlessness of the undersigned who was the driver), however, not too late to board his plane. May God bless Brother Heaps, and all the brothers that are laboring in Zion for the welfare of Zion.

Your brother in Christ,
Martin Michalko

A LETTER FROM SARNIA, ONT. Brother Editor:

The services on the Lord's Day were not interrupted by the moving of Bro. Manesses' dwelling to a new site, even while it was yet on the blocks before lowering to the foundation we worshipped there and the blessings of God fell on us. The neighbors, too, are coming to listen as Bro. Joseph Loyalvo ministers with the sowing of the good seed. We know that God is good and the showers of blessing will come and the yield will be great. While reading my own letter in the Gospel News, it occurred to me that I have not made mention that it was answered prayer that has provided us with a car good enough for longer trips than we have been accustomed. The gratitude of myself, my wife and children is great to our Heavenly Father.

The material needs of a household of ten leaves very little with which to purchase a good used

car, so we took the matter to God in prayer a year or so ago. The answer came in the form of a substantial payment for land sold by our tribe to a rich firm for industrial purposes. Each and every individual of our Reservation received an equal share for the yielding up of 195 acres out of 4,200 acres.

It is in fulfillment of our promise to God that we would use our conveyance to tell others of our Father's goodness that we have made frequent trips to visit our Indian friends. One such trip was made quite recently for the purpose of bringing a little cheer to the heavily burdened wife of a man charged with murder of three people on the Reservation at Muncy, Ont. She unburdened her sorrow to us and as the tears glistened in her eyes frequently, our hearts were heavy as we pondered on the iniquity of this generation, yet our hearts were lifted up again as the opportunity presented itself for us to tell of the great and tender mercy of our Righteous God and as we dwelt on the loving kindness of our Heavenly Father in leading our forefathers to this rich land of promise, the Spirit of God seemed to hover over the home of Mrs. Archie Seneca and her six children and I'm sure our prayer was heard as we all knelt in humble supplication to Him who can forgive even the murderers who come seeking his mercy.

I ask the saints to pray for the convicting power of the Spirit to work in the heart of this poor man who committed this awful deed and also bringing the light of censure upon his innocent family.

I feel constrained to say that I believe we, of the L.D.S. Church are doing too little to spread the Restored Gospel and thus giving the evil One too much opportunity to spread his iniquitous work amongst the people to whom the Book of Mormon directs must be restored to their heritage as the seed of Joseph.

I feel led to suggest that a tent-meeting be held on some Reservation (and be advertised) where the wonderful story of the Nephite Prophets can be told and the amazing love of our Lord Jesus Christ for the "other sheep" and how He came to visit them may be unfolded to our Indian people in the atmosphere they love. Being an Indian myself, I say that the Indian cannot resist going to a camp-meeting. TRY IT MY BRETHREN, and see how God shall bless. From

Bro. Aylmer N. Plain, Sarnia Indian Reserve.

P.S. Brother Plain, I think you hit the nail on the head when you say that you feel that we are doing TOO little towards the spreading of the Restored Gospel. There are still a few among us today that can recall how the late President Cadman and the late President Cherry urged this people to preach the Gospel. The devil is certainly rampant today, and we must all remember that the Book of Mormon pronounces a WOE upon those that are at EASE in Zion. The phrase "not time yet" I think is a terrible MALADY which some L.D.S. seem to be afflicted with. The following I consider is an appeal to us as recorded on page 16 of our pamphlet, "Religious Experiences"—"The center of all this happiness, joy and satisfaction will be in the New Jerusalem previously referred to, which city this scripture states, 'shall be low in a low place.' Now, my brethren and sisters, don't you feel the Spirit of God in these applications of Scripture? If so, are you not willing to perform the part God has intended you to perform to produce such glorious results, which is carrying the Gospel to the seed of Joseph." (The American Indians) Bro. W. H. C.

ARE WE IN BONDAGE?

To the readers of The Gospel News: I have been asked the question, "Is The Church of Jesus Christ in bondage?"—Well, if She is, may God have pity on the members thereof. May I ask: If the Church is in bondage, how can she be instrumental in the hands of God in making people FREE? I am going to answer this question by that WHICH IS WRITTEN, and I feel that I am justified in doing so, for I was taught, and I teach that the Bible is the word of God. Hence, I will quote from the written word in answering the question. Remember that bondage is the result of sin, and SIN is the transgression of law.

Isaiah 61-1: "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; (Christ) because the Lord hath anointed me (Christ) to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; Verse 2: To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn." The following verse, that

they might have beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness, etc. The Saviour quotes this scripture while among the Jews, and I must add: that if the Church or the members thereof are yet in bondage, it is because they are yielding to sin. The Saviour says: John 8-34, "Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin." Sin is bondage, is it not? (I notice Bro. Ashton quoting that scripture in his article in the April paper.) Jesus says in John 8-3, "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." — But after being made free, if we yield ourselves to sin again, we then become in bondage to the enemy of our souls, do we not?

In Acts 8-23, Peter speaking to Simon, "For I perceive that thou art in the gaul of bitterness, and in the BOND of iniquity."—Simon had been baptized but was still in bondage to sin. Yet Jesus taught: Him that I make free shall be free indeed. No bondage there. He also taught that whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin, and sin brings bondage.

The Apostle in speaking to the Romans (6-18) says: "Being made FREE from SIN ye became the servants of RIGHTEOUSNESS." No longer in bondage, were they? Certainly not.—In Romans 8-1, 2 Paul says: "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me FREE from the LAW of sin and death." No bondage to him who walks faithfully in Christ, is there?

In Gal. 2-4 Paul is speaking of evil men "who came in (to the church) privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that THEY MIGHT bring us into bondage." We have liberty today to serve God faithfully, do we not? We can die for righteousness' sake, can we not? How can ye be in bondage to sin if ye live in Christ? May I ask you to read Galatians 4. I will quote verse 9, "But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in BONDAGE?"—Paul is speaking to the saints of God, and makes it very plain that it is yielding to sin that brings bondage.

In First Timothy 3-6, 7 I read: "Now we command you, brethren,

in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every BROTHER that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us. For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us; for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you." The Apostle would have his brethren to observe the righteous TRADITION which he, and I suppose other faithful servants, had taught, for walking disorderly tends to bondage. In Second Timothy 2-26, "And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will." In plain words Paul is speaking of men who are in bondage to the devil. Can it be gainsaid?

In Hebrews 2-14, 15 I read: "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He (Christ) also himself took part of the same; that through death He (Christ) might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage." If then we have been born of God, we are then free to choose good or evil. The Saviour says: "Resist the devil and he will flee from you." May I ask, are we still in bondage?

In Second Peter 2-19 in speaking of false prophets among the people of God, Peter says, "While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the SAME is he brought in bondage." Could anything be plainer? In Romans 6-18, Paul, speaking to the saints, says, "Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness." Remember that freedom and bondage are as much opposite to each other, as sin is from righteousness.

There is such a thing of us being bound because of righteousness and faithfulness to our God, for the Apostle declares, all that will live Godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. For instance, Paul and Silas were thrust into prison, bound in the stocks—they were deprived of the liberty of moving as they would, but they were not bound in soul and spirit. No, they raised their voices in praise and prayer—they were faithful and retained the freedom of their souls; the results were, God loosed their bonds. We can be prisoners of the Lord Jesus

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EDITORIAL

In one of his most-famous addresses, on the occasion of "I am an American Day" in New York in 1944, Judge Hand had this to say:

"Liberty lies in the hearts of men and women; when it dies there, no constitution, no law, no court can save it; no constitution, no law, no court can even do much to help it. While it lies there it needs no constitution, no law, no court to save it. . . ."

The words of the Hon. Judge as quoted, cause me to think of the teachings of the Prince of Peace, which are essential to the peace and welfare of a Nation, and if ignored and transgressed, will eventually cause the transgressor to reap remorse of conscience, sorrow and trouble; just so will he or a nation who hearkens to the counsel of Solomon: "Cast thy bread upon the waters; for thou shalt find it after many days," undoubtedly will have good returned in some way.

The Prince of Peace has taught us: "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets."

The American people have been, and still are, a peace loving people. It is that which our forefathers struggled and died for. It was the spirit and love for freedom, that inspired the hearts of the Pilgrim-Fathers and which caused them to persevere and suffer as they did, to obtain what they were deprived of in their own native lands. They sought for a place and conditions wherein they could fulfill the injunction of Christ—doing unto others as they would be done by. I might add—it is the spirit and principle of "love and liberty" which has caused this Nation to prosper as it has. The written law, of itself, could not do it.

One of the big troubles in America today is, so many have used liberty to do very much as they wished, right or wrong. The results are, we have sown to the

wind, and today we are reaping the whirlwinds of destruction, which are bringing us close to the precipice to which all great nations of the past have come, too—the precipice of oblivion.

So many people have used, or taken the liberty to lie when it suits best to do so—they have taken the liberty, not only to covet the other man's goods, but to steal them, and have invented many ways to do so. They have been shrewd in that line of business, not only in low, but in high places as well, and in many instances they can keep within the limits of the law, or at least it is hard to convict them by the law. Is it not a shame that banking men will take the liberty that some of them do and squander the life savings of others? Men and women have taken the God-given-liberty of being each other's companions in wedlock even Christian men and women, and when the most trifling things happen, they take the liberty that civil-law has granted and thrust their companions aside as "things" of naught, pardon the expression. But I will add: That the God who was with our political forefathers, never intended us to take such advantage of LIBERTY—yea, transgressing the teaching of His Son Jesus Christ.

I "must" take from the words of the Hon. Judge Hand then, that the love of liberty lies in the hearts of men and women, or at least should do so. If it does not, then all the law, constitutions and what not, shall avail us nothing. In preaching the Gospel of Christ, I have often declared, that if I do not have love in my soul for what is right, it is impossible for me to serve God aright. And I say without fear of contradiction, that if this American people persist in using their LIBERTY to transgress the laws of God (as is being done today in America) as well as our civil rights which have made us what we are today (a great people) the time will come and may not be far distant, when the aborigines of this land shall go through among us and tread us down and none can deliver. Jesus has said: when the fig tree putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh. And surely corruption in all its phases is abounding in this land of LIBERTY. WHC.

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Christ, and not be in bondage to the world in which we live.

I repeat again, that if the Church

or her members are in bondage today, it is because of sin, and sin is the transgression of a law. We must all remember that when Jesus taught to do this or that, His law is in force today as much as in any age of the world. I read that He changes not.

A quotation from the Book of Mormon, Second Nephi 1-13, 14, Lehi to his sons: "O that ye would awake; awake from a deep sleep, yea, even from the sleep of hell, and shake off the awful chains by which ye are bound, which are the chains which bind the children of men, that they are carried away captive (bondage) down to the eternal gulf of misery and woe. Awake and arise from the dust, and hear the words of a trembling parent, whose limbs ye must soon lay down in the cold and silent grave, from whence no traveler can return; a few more days and I go the way of all the earth." It is plain to see that those who Lehi is addressing are in bondage to the devil, and unless they extricate themselves from that condition, HELL is their destination. But in verse 15, Lehi says: "But behold, the Lord hath redeemed my soul from hell; I have beheld his glory, and I am encircled about eternally in the arms of his love."—Let us praise God for the fact, that faithful men and women are not in bondage. I will add also, let us all praise God for what has been written by His faithful servants of old. Peter says in his Second Epistle 1-20, "but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." Praise His Name.

Bro. W. H. Cadman

FIRST OF A SERIES ON THE BOOK OF DANIEL

By Bro. James Heaps

Dear Bro. Cadman:

Just a few lines to the Gospel News. Enclosed is \$1.50 for my subscription. I hope this finds you and Sister Cadman well and enjoying good health. Give my love to all the Saints. I would like to write a series of lessons on the Book of Daniel as space in the paper would be too small for one or two lessons.

FIRST CHAPTER: In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim, King of Judah, came Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon unto Jerusalem and besieged it. Prisoners by hundreds were being stripped and shackled for the long, painful march into captivity. It is a terrible thing for God's people to be in captivity. You ask me,

"Why does God allow His people to be in captivity when God said I will bless you." I say to you that there are certain conditions and covenants that God made with His people. God kept His covenant but Israel did not, so when a covenant is broken we must expect the results. "My people have sinned," said Daniel. "And have not kept the oath which was written in the law."

Solomon dedicated the temple in the year 1004 B.C. The Queen of Sheba said, "The half has never been told of all the glory and blessing which had come upon his people." Gold was in abundance; silver flowed like water; Palestine grew enough wheat to feed the world. Solomon's daily provision for one day was 30 measures of fine flour, 60 measures of meal, ten fat oxen and twenty oxen out of the pasture, 100 sheep, besides harts, roebucks, fallow deer and fatted fowl. (1st Kings Ch. 4, 22 to 24 v.) and he had peace on all sides of him. When we think of such blessings we think of a God that can provide. The enemy said unto them, "Sing us one of your songs." They said, "It is hard to sing a song in a strange land." In bondage — yes — why? Because they had not kept the covenant. That is why some people are in bondage today. They will not keep the covenant of the Lord. Paul said "Hagar is Mount Sinai which gendereth to bondage, but Jerusalem which is above is free which is the mother of us all. Thank God we can have freedom if we stay in this spiritual Jerusalem. What a wonderful condition! Judah and Israel dwelt safely, every man under his vine and fig tree (1 Kings 4:25), a true type, when the peace of all nations shall come and again every man sit under his own vine and fig tree—yes—it is coming for those who keep his covenant. So Solomon built the house and finished it but the word of the Lord came to him saying concerning this house which thou art building if thou wilt walk in my statutes and execute my judgments and keep my commandments to walk in them then will I perform my word with thee. This is a contract with the Party of the First Part which is God, and I will dwell among the children of Israel which is the Party of the Second Part, and will not forsake my people. But oh that little word 'but'—it is written in the middle of the 28th Chapter of Deut. If my people—but—well, Daniel said they had sinned. So what do we expect—only bondage.

The One that can keep us out of bondage is God. Satan binds us and puts us in slavery, but is there no hope? Yes, there is a hope, so they began to pray and confess their sins and Solomon said, "If they do sin and bethink themselves in the land where they have been carried captives and repent," that's the key word of this subject and forgive them, said Solomon. God always had a man to step in the gap and that man was Daniel. Now God had brought Daniel into favor and tender love with the Prince of the Eunuchs. First of all the King set before them wine and meat but Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the wine and meats and when the King came to see them he found them fairer and fatter than those who did eat of the King's meat and wine. You notice that Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself. It meant a consecration to God regardless of the circumstances and in all matters of wisdom the King found them ten times better than the magicians and astrologers that were in his realm.

(To be continued)

S. Demetrio Corone, Italy

Dear Brother Cadman: I want to say to you that we're always very happy to communicate with each other and especially considering how mysteriously the Lord is working in this land of Italy where many shall join us in the future.

O how beautiful and how sweet it is to be in constant harmony with our good Lord and Master who has thought on us by bringing once more into the world the true and genuine Gospel in which many shall find salvation especially for us poor Gentiles who were fast asleep and in darkness, due to the false doctrines which were taught us by the priests. But glory be to our great God for sending His beloved Son to redeem us, and some day we will see Him face to face to enjoy with Him for all eternity.

Dear brother in the Lord, with this letter I want to introduce myself to you and I want you to know that I am always in company with brother Giuseppe Azzinari, our Minister of S. Demetrio, and though you have been corresponding with him, I, too, would like to have the honor and the joy of

reading a letter written with your own hand.

Brother Gabriel Mazzeo of New Jersey wrote me a letter in which he informs me that this summer brother Apostle Rocco Biscotti might pay us a visit. We're all very anxious to meet him.

Brother, believe me, this land of Italy is full of iniquity because the people are nourished by the false doctrines; but, even so, the work of God here is truly great. At this time I stop with the pen but not with my heart.

Best to all our Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus.

Bro. in Christ Jesus

Buonofiglio Giuseppe

P.S. If there's any one who would like to correspond with me, please write to the following address:
S. Demetrio Corone, Cozenza, Italy

A TRIP TO NEW JERSEY

Our recent Conference delegated me to make a trip east, so I arranged it so that I might be present for the young people's convention on Saturday, May 31st. Consequently, I arrived in New Brunswick, N. J. in the evening of the 29th and after phoning to Bro. and Sister Mazzeo, they came into the depot and took me to their home. The next day being Memorial Day, I spent the day with Brother Mazzeo visiting around among our brethren and sisters. In the evening I attended meeting at Hopelawn Church, and among the many who were present, were a carload of our folks from Vanderbilt, Pa., including presiding Elder Shazer who had come for the Young People's Convention. Needless to say, we had a very nice meeting, everybody glad to see one another.

The convention convened the next day, Saturday, May 31st, at two p.m. I believe there were two carloads from Detroit, representatives from Lorain, Warren, and Youngstown, Ohio. I believe there were two carloads from Rochester and Lockport, N. Y., good representation from the Glassport Branch, and a few from other places in Pennsylvania, including myself from Monongahela.

In the afternoon session it was entirely taken up with the business affairs of the G.M.B.A. I will not attempt to go into the business matters which were transacted, but I will say that I was pleased to see the interest that was taken towards the General Church in a financial way. They gave the

Church \$250.00 for the Book Fund, and \$100.00 for the General Church Missionary Fund, which I thought was very good, and was very well in place. Brother D. Thomas of Detroit presided over the Convention.

The evening session was devoted to a program arranged by our folks in the New Jersey district of the Church, which represents four of our Churches, namely: New Brunswick, Stelton, Metuchen, and Hopelawn. To put it mildly, I will say that they had a wonderful program, mostly devoted to singing. If any of you want to see a nice crowd of young folks, and hear some good singing, just take some time off and visit our folks in the state of New Jersey. I will just add that the week-end was very wet, raining most of the time.

On Sunday morning and still raining, we met at 9:30 at the river shore in Perth Amboy, N. J., and baptized a penitent soul, a daughter-in-law of Brother and Sister Rogolino of the Stelton Church. A nice crowd was present even though it rained.

Our folks in this district, including Bronx, and Brooklyn, N. Y., have what we might call a semi-annual get-together-day. It happened on this Sunday, June 1st, at the Hopelawn Church. The church was filled to capacity, the remark was made that it was the largest crowd that was ever in the church; the down-pouring rain did not keep them away. Bro. W. H. Cadman lead the morning meeting, and was followed by others. We had a very nice meeting and it was much after the noon hour when we closed. The afternoon meeting was also led by brother Cadman and the confirmation of the sister who was baptized in the morning was attended to, and many bore their testimony to the gospel. At the close of this meeting most of the visiting people returned to their homes, I believe, all well satisfied with the day spent in the worship of God. The night meeting was conducted by the young folks, and then all wended their way home.

The next day, Monday, Bros. R. Ensano, J. Benyola, and G. Mazzeo took me in a car to our Church in Brooklyn, N. Y. I stayed for the night at the home of Brother and Sister Galante. Bro. Galante had to go to work the next morning. Sister Galante, through the day, took me for a walk to the shore of the Atlantic Ocean, not too far from their home, where for awhile we watched the ships wending their way from Europe to the New

York harbors. In the evening Bro. Galante took me to our Church in Bronx, N. Y., where I met Bros. Benyola and Ensano and I returned with them to New Jersey. The next night, Wednesday, I met at the Hopelawn Church where a nice crowd was gathered and we had a very nice session again. At the close of the meeting it was announced that they would meet at the river shore on the following Sunday to attend three baptisms. At the close of this meeting, Brother Jos. Benyola took me in his car to Trenton, possibly 35 miles away, where I boarded a sleeper and arrived home sound and well. But during my last day there, brother and sister Benyola took me for a nice drive down along the New Jersey coast and got me a big fish dinner. May the Lord bless you all. Bro. Cadman.

LETTER BY SISTER NASTASI

To the Editor:

I have been asked by many people: "What is the Holy Ghost?" In my own way I will try to paint a picture as to what the Holy Ghost is to me. You have never seen the wind nor can it be seen, but you feel it when it blows on you. Likewise the Holy Ghost you feel it within your heart—it leads to the paths of truth and righteousness. It warns of destruction; where abideth the Holy Ghost there is no war, but it is peace. There is no hatred nor anger, but comfort and sweet peace flows in the heart of the person who possesses the same.

When our Lord Jesus was upon the earth, He told the people He would leave them, but He would not leave them alone: He promised the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost is the highest means of knowledge and wisdom; it is not bought with money, but it abides in a broken and a contrite heart. You see, when Christ instituted the plan of salvation or laid the foundation for Eternal Life, He thought of the past, the present, and the future. It is a story that never grows old, and is never out of date, that is, the story of salvation. You cannot hurt a person who possesses the Holy Ghost, because the understanding of that person surpasses all hurt and distressful things that may come before him or her. The Holy Ghost yields not to temptation no matter how great or sweet it may be. So help us God.

Many people today seek for power. I seek for power too, not pow-

er to be more than another, no, not that kind of power; but I pray for power to resist the enemy of my soul, the power to resist temptation. This world would be a different world if we all sought for such power. May God touch the hearts of all human beings with His Finger of Fire, that we may all see the right and see the LIGHT.

Niles, Ohio.

NEWS ITEMS

Beginning on Sunday night, May 25, Brother Oran Thomas of the Vanderbilt Branch of the Church, conducted a week's meetings at the Bethelburg Church near Uniontown, Pa. Brother Ashton of Coal Valley, attended the meetings one or two nights, while Bro. Cadman and Bro. Teman Cherry attended one night from Monongahela, Pa. The meetings were fairly well attended too.

Cards have been received from Bro. A. B. Cadman who has arrived safely in California for a visit. We are also informed that Bro. and Sister Robert Watson, Jr. of Windsor, Ont., have been visiting in California. While in New Jersey recently, Brother and Sister Samuel Risola of Metuchen had sold their home, and were soon to leave for Calif. to make their future home. Best wishes to them.

A card was received from Brother and Sister Paul Love of Fredonia, Pa., who are having a month's vacation in some of the Western States. They spent one Sunday at our Church in St. John Kansas. A card was received from Bro. and Sister Sirangelo of Florida, dated June 13 in Montana and it says: We made snow balls here.

Brother W. H. Cadman spent the week beginning June 16 in Ohio. Two nights in the pulpit of our Church in Lorain, one night with the Church in Cleveland. Two nights in the Church at Warren, and concluded the trip by spending Saturday afternoon at the general meeting of the Ladies Uplift Circle in our Church at Youngstown and then returned home that evening.

Elder Joseph Bittinger of West Leisenring, Pa., has purchased a good-sized tent for the purpose of holding tent-meetings. He has it now pitched upon his own home-

property and is holding a week's meetings beginning on June 23.

A fiery denunciation of Protestantism by Pedro Cardinal Segura, archbishop of Seville, Spain, led to a series of attacks on churches in that country. The most recent, reported by Associated Press, was on April 10, when the Evangelical Church at Badajoz was assailed on Sunday, the ministers mother assaulted, the building pillaged, Bibles destroyed and money stolen. The police intervened when the Roman Catholics attacked the minister's home. The Protestant church was ordered closed by the provincial governor.

In a speech at Providence, R.I. reported by Associated Press shortly before his discharge from the office of Attorney General of the United States, J. Howard McGrath, an ardent Roman Catholic said, "Our faith and our race is at stake and I shall meet the issue. Do not be afraid. When clouds have passed, I will have something to say that will shake this country as it never has been before — as it has not been disturbed by reason of a man's race and religion."

Notes from a letter from Port Huron, Mich., By Sister Grace Gain: Bro. Earl Gardner who has gone through an operation—on the operating table three times, is still not able to be back at work yet. We held fasting and prayers twice in the Church for him. For awhile we did not know which way it would go for him. Sister Annie Miller, 77 years old, has gone through an operation and will make her home with her daughter in Vicksburg, Mich. Last Sunday (June 8) we had a wonderful meeting. So things seem to be prospering.

Lorain, Ohio

The month of May held two happy occasions for the family of Brother Ralph Calabrese.

On the 16th day of May, Brother Ralph Calabrese and Sister Vincenza Calabrese observed their 50th year of their married life together. Their nine children held "Open House" in honor of their parents where friends, relatives, and church members offered them congratulations.

Bro. Calabrese was baptized in our church on December 24th, Nineteen Hundred and Twenty Two, and his wife was baptized July 1st, Nineteen Hundred and

Twenty Three. Three of their children are members of our church, Sister Vera Naro, Sister Mary Sorino, and Bro. Joseph Calabrese. Bro. Ralph and Sister Vincenza are charter members of our Branch.

The other happy occasion in the Calabrese family occurred when a wedding took place on May 3rd. The first of their grandchildren became a bride on that day. She is Sister Mary V. Calabrese, daughter of Bro. Joseph and Lena Calabrese, who became the bride of Bro. Frank L. Nardozzo, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Nardozzo of Scranton, Pa.

The couple were united in marriage in our church at 1:00 p. m. with Elder Alfred Dominico officiating at the double ring service. Sister Vera Naro the bride's aunt was Matron of Honor and her only other attendant was Sister Irene Ciccati. Bro. Nardozzo had as his best man a close friend, John Yug while Robert Sorino, the bride's cousin; Bro. Charles Naro, the bride's uncle; and Bro. Joseph Calabrese, another cousin of the bride were the ushers.

Darlene Velardi was the wedding soloist and was accompanied by her sister Adeline Ciccati, who was formerly Adeline Velardi and has since September 22, 1951, been the wife of Louis Ciccati, who is in the armed services and is stationed in Germany. They were united in marriage by Bro. Dominic Thomas of Detroit, Michigan. Sister Dolores Thomas was Matron of Honor. Elizabeth Ciccati, the groom's sister, and Darlene Velardi, the bride's sister were her other attendants. The groom's best man was Bro. James Alessio, and Joseph Ciccati, and Richard Hawley the ushers. Sister Rose Mary De Foggie was soloist and was accompanied by Sister Katherine Maselli Cocco. God bless our young people and also our older Bro. and Sister with many, many more happy years ahead of them.

P. S.—We were also happy to have had the fellowship of so many of our visiting Brothers and Sisters from from Detroit, Warren, Youngstown, Cleveland. Bro. Alma Cadman, Bro. Rocco Biscotti, and Bro. William Cadman. All visiting us since April conference. Their presence in our house of worship was a blessing to all of us. Come again.

Sister Josephine Dominico.

A VISION

Part of Nephi's Vision as recorded in the First Book of Nephi, Chapt. 14 beginning with verse 5 and ending with verse 17—"And it came to pass that the angel spake unto me, Nephi, saying: Thou hast beheld that if the Gentiles repent it shall be well with them, and thou also knowest concerning the covenants of the Lord unto the House of Israel; and thou also hast heard that whoso repenteth not must perish.—Therefore, woe be unto the Gentiles if it so be that they harden their hearts against the Lamb of God.—For the time cometh, saith the Lamb of God, that I will work a great and a marvelous work among the children of men; a work which shall be everlasting, either on the one hand or on the other— either to the convincing of them unto peace and life eternal, or unto the deliverance of them to the hardness of their hearts and the blindness of their minds unto their being brought down into captivity, and also into destruction, both temporally and spiritually, according to the captivity of the devil, of which I have spoken. — And it came to pass that when the angel had spoken these words, he said unto me: Rememberest thou the covenants of the Father unto the house of Israel? I said unto him, Yea.—And it came to pass that he said unto me: Look, and behold that GREAT and ABOMINABLE CHURCH, which is the MOTHER of abominations, whose FOUNDER is the DEVIL.—And he said unto me: Behold there are save TWO churches only; the one is the church of the Lamb of God, and the other is the church of the DEVIL; wherefore, whoso belongeth not to the church of the Lamb of God belongeth to that GREAT church, which is the MOTHER of abominations; and she is the WHORE of all the earth.—And it came to pass that I (Nephi) looked and beheld the WHORE of all the earth, and she sat upon many waters; and she had DOMINION over all the earth, among all nations, kindreds, tongues, and people.—And it came to pass that I beheld the church of the Lamb of God, and its numbers were few, because of the wickedness and abominations of the WHORE who sat upon many waters; nevertheless, I beheld that the church of the Lamb, who were the saints of God, were also upon all the face of the earth; and their

dominions upon the face of the earth were small, because of the wickedness of the great WHORE whom I saw.—

And it came to pass that I beheld the great MOTHER of abominations did gather together multitudes upon the face of all the earth, among all the nations of the Gentiles, to fight against the Lamb of God.—And it came to pass that I, Nephi, beheld the POWER of the Lamb of God, that it descended upon the saints of the CHURCH of the Lamb, and upon the covenant people of the Lord, who were scattered upon all the face of the earth; and they (the saints and Israel) were armed with RIGHTEOUSNESS and with the POWER of God in great glory. And it came to pass that I (Nephi) beheld the WRATH of God was poured out upon the great and abominable church, insomuch that there were wars and rumors of wars among all the nations and kindreds of the earth.—And as there began to be wars and rumors of wars among all the nations which belonged to the MOTHER of abominations, the angel spake unto me, saying: Behold, the WRATH of God is upon the MOTHER of harlots; and behold, thou seest all these things.—And when the day cometh that the WRATH of God is POURED out upon the MOTHER of harlots, which is the GREAT and abominable CHURCH of all the earth, whose foundation is the DEVIL, then at that day, the work of the Father shall commence, in preparing the way for the fulfilling of his covenants, which he hath made to his people who are of the House of Israel.—P. S. The signs of the TIMES are speaking very loud these days. WHC.

THE G.M.B.A. IN HOPELAWN, NEW JERSEY

The Missionary Benevolent Association met in Hopelawn, New Jersey in the church building on Saturday, May 31, 1952.

Delegates were present from Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, and New Jersey.

The next G.M.B.A. will be held on Saturday in November at 10:00 a.m.

After business was disposed of, the New Jersey Local gave a very interesting program on "God's promises," the visiting locals gave selections. The day was well spent and was enjoyed by all present.

Sis. Ruth E. Akerman,
Corresponding Secretary

LETTER FROM WICHITA, KANSAS, JUNE 12, 1952

Bro. Editor,

According to the last Gospel News we received, we noticed our subscription had expired. We really enjoy reading the little paper and we also learn from it, and always look forward for it. It tells us all about the saints wherever they are and what they are doing. It is very interesting to read.

We went to St. John while Brother Alma Cadman was there. He spoke very well, it was one of the old fashioned meetings. He also gave us very good advice.

On Tuesday morning, Brother and Sister Sirangelo of Florida paid us a visit. We were pleased to see them. We first met them in the July Conference of 1946. They both look well, and we spent the day talking of the goodness of God, telling of our experiences since we obeyed the Gospel. They left for St. John in the afternoon. May God protect them on their journey.

Brother Cadman, on Sunday, the 8th, Bros. Sanders, Alex Robinson and a few Sisters came to Wichita to worship with us. Brother Robinson was ordained an Evangelist, and we had a very good meeting. It is very warm here with the hot winds. From your brothers and sisters in Christ. Find enclosed \$1.50 for the Gospel News.

GENERAL MEETING OF THE LADIES UPLIFT CIRCLE

On Saturday June 21-52 the General Meeting of the Ladies Uplift Circle met in the Youngstown, Ohio, Church. Circles were represented by delegates and members from Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Michigan. There were 15 members of our new Circle in Vandervilt, Pa., present and gave a very encouraging report. Also two of our brethren from there. Reports from the different Circles were very encouraging—although we did not receive any reports from the brethren who take care of the Indian Reservation Work. This always is looked forward to because the General Circles greatest interest is in helping to finance the trips they make in taking the restored gospel to the Covenant people of God.

We all enjoyed the songs, and testimonies of our Sisters, also

proud of the interest the young women of the Church are taking in the Circles. We were saddened too, in hearing of the death of our Sister Maderias two sons in Detroit, Mich. It was a surprise to many of us, but felt thankful too, for the Comforter which she and her family had in their sorrow. We all share her sorrow and extend our sympathy.

We finished paying for the printing of the Book of Mormon lesson books which cost \$735.00. These were written by Bros. Thomas and John Ross of Aliquippa, Pa., and are a great help in our Sunday Schools and M.B.A. meetings, especially for the young.

At the close of our meeting we all felt it was good to be there, and we look forward to our next General Circle Meeting which will be in Glassport, Pa., on September 20-52.

Mary Wilson, Sec.

CALIFORNIA NEWS

This is June 30th. Our paper will be a little late this time because of a shortage of news from the various parts of the vineyard where we are located. I read the proof today, but was lacking in material to fill-out the paper.

On returning home from the printing shop, a letter was here from Brother Marco Randazo of Modesta, Calif., informing me that they had two baptisms recently at his place. Glad to hear the news, Marco.

He writes from Los Angeles and tells us that he attended the dedication service of our new Church in San Diego, and they had a wonderful time. He also says that he is taking Bro. Alma Cadman home with him. He wrote on June 25th.

A letter also arrived today from Sister Jeannette Staczko of San Diego, informing us that they are about to move to Albuquerque, N. M., as I understand, on account of the ill-health of her husband. Sorry they have to leave their brethren and sisters, but I do hope it will be for their good. Sister Jeannette also informs us that they had a wonderful time in dedicating their new Church.

We received a phone call today from Bro. John Duliss in Detroit informing us of the death of his mother, the widow of our late Brother Joseph Duliss.

THE GOSPEL NEWS

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Prayer

Prayer is the souls sincere desire,

Uttered or un-expressed;
The motion of a hidden fire
That trembles in the breast.
Prayer is the burden of a sigh,
The falling of a tear,
The upward glancing of an eye,
When none but God is near.

Prayer is the simplest form of speech

That infant lips can try;
Prayer the sublimest strains that reach
The Majesty on high.

Prayer is the contrite sinners voice,

Re-turning from his ways;
While angels in their songs rejoice
And cry, Behold, he prays!

Prayer is the Christian's vital breath,

The Christian's native air,
His watchword at the gates of death;

He enters heaven with prayer.

O Thou, by whom we come to God,

The Life, the Truth, the Way;
The path of prayer Thyself hast trod:

Lord teach us how to pray!

A-men.

Jesus realized the necessity of prayer, and He taught His disciples as follows: "Our Father which art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.

A-men.

Jesus in His trying hour prayed: O my Father, if it be possible let this cup pass from me; nevertheless not as I will, but as Thou wilt. — And He spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint.

Much Food for Thought

First Cor. 13th. chapter.
"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not CHARITY, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal." — I take from these words, that it is possible for a man to be very shrewd and smooth with his tongue, and yet be void of the Love of God in his soul.

"And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not CHARITY, I am nothing." — I gather from this, that it is possible to perform the greatest of MIRACLES and yet be void of God's love.

"And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not CHARITY, it profiteth me nothing." — we must conclude from this, that it is possible to sacrifice our life, and yet be void of the Saving Grace of God in our souls.

In speaking of charity, in verse 6 it says: "Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth." — If then, the followers of the Lord Jesus Christ can rejoice in the evil things of this world, such as the many things we see with our eyes, the many things we may hear with our ears, and of which the world is so full of today; I say, that the souls who rejoice in the evil things of today, are just a little to far-away from God. In view of what is written by Holy men of God, may I ask, or should I ask, as to what manner of men and women should we be in this sinful world? I have heard it said: "That it is not the water that is around the boat that sinks it, but the water that gets inside the boat that causes the disaster."

WHC.

CHAPTER TWO

(Second of a Series)

In the second year of Nebuchadnezzar's reign he dreamed a dream. His spirit was troubled and his sleep had gone from him. God can trouble the rich and the poor. He can take away their sleep. The dream had gone from

him. "Who can tell a man the dream" asked the astrologers. "No man can tell the dream of another man," but the king commanded them to tell the dream and the interpretation. Yes, they might have put some kind of an interpretation if they only knew the dream. It is a rare thing that the king requireth and there is none that can do this except the gods whose dwelling is not with flesh. They knew that if the dream was to be made known it must be through some other power than what they had. (deut. 29-29) The secret things belong unto the Lord our God but the things that are revealed belong unto us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law, for they went and served other gods and worshipped them; gods whom they knew not and whom he had not given unto them. So the astrologers were worshipping the gods whom they knew not. Paul called them unknown gods, but said Paul, "I declare unto you a God that made the heaven and earth, a God that dwelleth not in temples made with hands, neither is worshipped with men's hands as though he needed anything, seeing he giveth to all men life and breath and all things and hath made of one blood all nations of men to dwell on the earth and hath determined the times before appointed and the bounds of their habitation that they should seek the lord if haply they might feel after him and find him though he be not far from every one of us."

The astrologers said there is no king or lord or ruler that asked such things. For this cause the king was angry and said "Destroy them." Then Daniel said "Why is the decree so hasty?" Then Daniel went into the king that he would give him time and that he would shew him the interpretation. Daniel then made known the thing to Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah, his companions, that they would ask of God, the God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob. Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision and Daniel blessed God and said "Blessed be the name of our God forever and ever, for wisdom and might are his

and He changeth the times and season; He removeth kings and setteth up kings; he giveth wisdom unto the wise and knowledge to them that hath understanding. revealeth the deep and secret things; he knoweth what is in the darkness and the light dwelleth with Him." Then said Daniel, "Bring me in before the king and I will shew the king the interpretation." the king said to Daniel, "Art thou able to tell me the dream and the interpretation," the thing which the king hath demanded, the astrologers cannot tell the king, but there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets and maketh known unto the king what shall be in the latter days. God began to tell Nebuchadnezzar what was going to take place. Thank God he setteth up and taketh off whomsoever he will. Little did the king realize when he had the dream what was coming and also that God (not Gods) can reveal things unto his servants; things to come to pass. Here is the beginning of the end. Daniel said "This thing is not revealed to me for any wisdom that I might have; but for their sakes that shall make known that thou mightest know the thoughts of thine heart. Thou O king beheld a great image, the form thereof was terrible.

This image's head was of fine gold. Now a Babylonian monarch and Hebrew slave faced each other in one of the epochal moments of history. Eagerly the king leaned forward on his throne gazing with wrapt attention [at this obviously inspired youth." This great image whose brightness was excellent stood before thee. "Exactly," murmured the amazed monarch, that was it, — wonderful, wonderful." The king was overwhelmed with astonishment. The youth continued, "His breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass, his legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay." The identical form as the king had dreamed, it was. "Thou sawest that a stone was cut out of the mountain without hands which smote the image at his feet and was of iron and clay and brake them to pieces; then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver and the gold broken to pieces and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floor 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. It was the very dream the self-same one but what did it mean? What mighty changes did these scenes portray Could this youth interpret what had been revealed? We will see in our next issue.

Your Brother in Christ,
JAMES HEAPS

Buried Homes Excavated In Yucatan Ruin

City of Mayan Workers Being
Studied by Carnegie Archaeologists
By Thomas R. Henry
(Science Editor,
American News Alliance)

Washington, Dec. 24 — A vast buried city of homes in the Yucatan forests is being surveyed, and eventually will be partly excavated by archaeologists of the Carnegie Institution of Washington.

Thus, it is expected, for the first time light will be thrown on the daily family life of the ancient Mayans, who built up the greatest of pre-Columbian new world civilizations, and one of the most advanced primitive civilizations the world has known.

Known for Great Temples

The people are known best for the great stone temples they built in the jungles. The so-called cities excavated in the past have been cities of churches, and it is probable, governmental administrative buildings.

The actual human beings who built these temples in honor of their gods became shadowy figures in the advancing jungle night. There was little information on how they lived, and, it was supposed, most of their homes were huts, which disappeared quickly after they were abandoned.

A notable exception, the Carnegie survey shows, was this great city. It contained approximately 3,600 structures, the majority of which appear to have been dwellings. Almost no attention had been paid to these in the past.

Houses Grew with Families

The Mayan houses, the survey has showed, for the most part were erected on low, stone platforms which served as floors. They varied greatly in such details as the arrangement and number of rooms, walls and passages, undoubtedly due to the circumstances of the family, and

the personal whims of the builders. There is considerable evidence that original structures were added to, possibly because of increases in the family.

Despite numerous variations, this type of structure usually consisted of one room, with one or more stone benches, or a front and a back room. In the latter case, the front room had at least one bench, probably the only furniture, with a passage leading into the back room.

Back rooms were consistently narrower than front rooms. There is little indication that the fronts of the houses were closed. The back room often had a door at one end.

Roofs Probably Thatch

Since there is no debris showing where roofs have fallen in, it is assumed that the houses were covered with perishable thatch. The walls seldom are more than a yard high. It is assumed that above this height they were made of wood, thatch, or some other perishable material.

Another type of houses may have been used by wealthier residents. It is similar in plan to the others, but the stones of the walls have been nicely cut.

Altars frequently are found in front of these larger structures. They are small, rectangular masonry platforms about eight inches high. In some cases they support a low wall, or a single upright stone.

An interesting feature is the low walls around individual houses, or small groups of houses. These walls, made of large stones set end on end, and a few inches apart, probably indicated land ownership, or house lots.

Poor State of Preservation

In some cases, lanes are formed by the parallel walls of neighboring properties. They presumably correspond to the alleys of a modern city.

The part of the city wall examined for the most part was in a very poor state of preservation. Made of large, rough stones, it does not rise over seven feet at any point. In some places there remains traces of parapets.

Apparently few people lived outside the city walls, intended for defense. Remains of a few houses have been found, similar in structure to those inside.

Mayan evidently was a city of Mayan workmen, rather than a

holy city. The Carnegie explorers found the ruins covered with dense underbrush.

Apparently the ancient city, which disappeared about a century before the arrival of white men, was oval in shape. Its water supply was from wells within the wall. As yet no traces of a cemetery have been found.

San Demetrio Corone,
June 2, 1952

Dear Brother Cadman:

Peace, health and the communion of the Holy Ghost may abide with you for ever. Amen.

I want you to know I have just returned home happy and jubilant for the good work which has been performed to the honor and glory of the Lord—and this concludes my third missionary trip.

I like to give you a brief summary of what has taken place. On April 6 we had four baptisms in Naples; and on May 4 we had ten baptisms in San Gregorio Magna near Buccino and, in Buccino proper, we had seven more baptism on June 7. A total of 21 or more this summer. This is all I have to report to you at this time. But I must indeed say that God's Hand of mercy is sure stretched towards this land of Italy. We trust oppression will soon cease for ever in this land.

I'm told Bro. Rocco Biscotti will visit us this summer. This is a very important news, for I am eager to see one of the twelve Apostles in our midst so he can view the entire situation and thus give us a word of encouragement and advice; for we are still little babies in this bright path of salvation. And though the immense ocean seems to be a great barrier between us, yet we're close to one another and your photo, which we treasure much, is always before our eyes.

Know also we keep ourselves always ready for the coming of the Messiah and, with our testimony, we always defend His Holy Name.

I'm very anxious to know if any thing has been said or done in regard to the purchase of a lot so we can build the first church here in Italy.

I remain Sincerely Yours,
Bro. G. Azzinari

A Good Prescription

(An Experience of Sister Nicholas Muncey Indian Reserve)

On the night of March 26, 1940, I dreamed that a visitor came to see me when I was sick. He sat on a chair at the foot of my bed. When he began to talk, the first thing he said was: "I see you're very sick." I replied, "Yes." There was a glass of water on the stand beside my bed. He asked: "Where do get that water?" I told him we got it just aways down. Then he said: "Well, I have water that is better than that."

After this, the subject changed and he said: "I see you've been reading alot today." I answered yes, "I've been reading too much." He replied: "I see you've been reading a true story." I replied yes. He told me that they were not good to read and pointed to the New Testament, which was on the stand, saying: "If you want to read a true story, read that, for it is a real true story." Then he asked if I had been having a Doctor, answered no not yet. He then asked me who I usually got. I told him that I always got Dr. McCloud. He said: "I'm a Doctor too, but the trouble with the people is, that they won't depend upon me." Then he asked me if I would use some of his medicine if he would give it to me. I answered yes.

At this moment, he arose and got a bottle out. I noticed that the contents of the bottle was almost white, and he put a label on the bottle, and wrote directions on it. He told me that if I would follow the directions, I would get better. After this he disappeared. Then I took the bottle to read the directions which were on the label, and on it was written: "If any are sick among you, let him call the Elders of the Church to be anointed with oil." Sister Julia Nicholas, Muncey, Ont. Canada

P. S. This experience is recorded on page 321 of our History, and it might be good for all to read and give it serious though. The healing of the body is one of the gifts to those who "believe."

A TRAGEDY

Dominic Maduri age 27 and his brother Bernard Maduri age 24 were both killed in an automobile accident near Cadillac, Mich. on June 6, 1952.

They were the sons of Brother and Sister Anthony Maduri of Detroit Branch, No. 1, and brothers of Pvt. Frank and Mary Maduri. Dom was the husband of Lena DiDonato, and leaves one son Larry four years old. Bernard's wife Eleanor Piersante, preceded him in death on Feb. 21, 1951.

The double funeral was on June 10, 1952 with Bro. Joseph Lovallvo in charge and they were laid to rest in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Heartfelt gratitude and appreciation is extended to all who so graciously did all they could to help and comfort the family in their hour of sorrow. May God bless you all. Mary Criscuolo.

P.S. Brother and Sister Maduri: I wish in behalf of all your brothers and sisters in Christ, to extend our sympathy to you in this sad affair that has befallen you and your family. May the Lord comfort you all. Bro. Cadman.

Some day He'll make it plain to you,

Some day when you His face shall see;

Some day from tears you shall be free,

For some day you shall understand.

NEWS FROM MANTECA, CALIF.

Bro. Editor,

We are very happy to inform you of a meeting we held here on July 6 which will be a memorial-day for us. We had Brother Meo and his family visiting us from Los Angeles, and the meeting proved very rewarding, for we had three young people who asked to be baptised. The spirit of God was showered upon us. We are happy to say that we now have eight new members since the Church was started in these parts one year ago. May the Lord bless us with many more souls to come.

On June 22 we attended the dedication of the Church in San Diego, and we felt a great blessing. Bro. Robert Watson and his wife visited us in Modesta in the month of June, and also Bro. Alma B. Cadman. We enjoyed having them here with us. May God bless each and every one of us who obey Him.

Sister Jennie Catalano

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EDITORIAL

What! Bondage or Freedom?
I've reached the land of corn
and wine, And all its riches freely
mine; Here shines undimmed
one blissful day, For all my night
has passed away.

My Saviour comes and walks
with me, And sweet communion
here have we; He gently leads
me by His hand, For this is
Heavens border land.

A sweet perfume upon the
breeze is borne from ever-vernal
trees, And flowers, that never
fading grow, Where streams of
life ever flow.

The zephyrs seem to float to
me, Sweet sounds of Heaven's
melody, As angels with the white-
robed throng join in the sweet
redemption song.

Chorus

O Beulah Land, sweet Beulah
Land, As on the highest mount
I stand, I look a-way a-cross the
sea, Where mansions are pre-
pared for me, And view the shin-
ing glory shore, — My Heaven,
my home for ever-more.

Mr. Edgar Page, the composer
of these lines, in finding the grace
of God in his soul certainly must
of felt, that he had been deliv-
ered from bondage and corruption
into the glorious liberty there
is in Christ Jesus. He says: "I
have reached the land of corn
and wine." He may as easily
said; I have been transplanted out
of a world of bondage, into the
Kingdom of His dear Son. And
then he adds: "All its riches are
FREELY mine." He may just as
easily said: All its blessings are
mine to enjoy. No bondage to him,
unless he allowed himself to slip
back into the beggarly elements
of the world.

Mr. Page voices his happy lot,
as though standing on the highest
mountain, looking across the sea
and viewing the beautiful shore—
where are my Heaven and my
home for evermore. Jesus says:
The truth shall make you free.
And again, "If the Son there-
fore shall make you free, ye shall
be free indeed." What wonderful
expressions in testimonies we

have heard, such as I was
once lost, but now I am found;
I was once blind but now I see,—
yea through obedience to the
glorious gospel restored, we have
been delivered from the bondage
of corruption which is in this
sinful world. Jesus says if we en-
dure (not yield) to the end we
shall be saved. One of the poets
has said:

But if we take the downward
road,

And make in hell our last abode
Our God is clear, and we shall
know

We've plunged ourselves in end-
less woe.

A Wonderful Experience

By Sister Mary Guadaguens,
Rochester, N. Y.

(As recorded on page 214 of the
Church History).

During the month of November,
1933, I dreamed that I was stand-
ing before a school building wait-
ing for some young sisters. As I was
waiting, a teacher came up to
me and presented a black and
white uniform and some prayer
books. I refused to take them, but
she insisted that they belonged to
me and that I should take them.
I told her that I no longer was
a Catholic, but I belonged to
the Church of Jesus Christ. She
still insisted that I take these
things. I finally took them and
buried them in the ground be-
cause I knew they didn't belong
to me any more.

A few moments later I found
myself in deep meditation, I was
praying to God thanking Him for
taking me out of darkness and
for putting me into the path of
salvation. As I was meditating I
was carried away in the spirit,
and I found myself walking in an
open country. At a distance a val-
ley appeared before me and there
I saw a red brick building. This
building was very old and most
of it was broken down. At the
top of this building I saw a
sign which read "Catholic
Church." As I turned my eyes
away from it another building on
a higher plain appeared before
me. This building was tan in col-
or and appeared to be in better
condition than that of the Catho-
lic Church, I looked at the top of
this building and it read "Heb-
rew Church." I looked at the
two churches and then I prayed to
God saying, "Oh Lord thou hast
shown me two churches, the
Catholic and the Hebrew, but

where is the Church of Jesus
Christ?" As I spoke these words
a mountain appeared before me
and on the top of it I saw a
beautiful marble church.

It was very large and was
founded on twelve pillars. It was
so white and pure that I couldn't
look at it steadily because of its
brightness. At the top of the
building I saw golden letters,
which read "Church of Jesus
Christ." I longed to be in this
building and my wish was ful-
filled, for all at once I found
myself in a beautiful room, very
large, and I saw and heard a
small number of brethren and
sisters singing a melodious hymn.
A few moments later I went
out in the hallway and there I
met my mother and she was re-
lating an experience to brother
Ishmael D'Amico.

Near them was a fountain and
as I was drinking some water,
brother D'Amico spoke in the
gift of tongues. I looked up and
as he spoke, I saw a CROWN of
LIGHT upon his head. The bless-
ings which I received were so
great, that when I awoke in the
morning I felt so over-joyed and
happy, for never did I receive
such blessings as I did that
night.

Thoughts On a Revival

By Sister Foster

(A reprint from the Gospel Re-
flector, August 1905)

I attended revival meetings a
few weeks ago, and have been
pondering over them in my own
mind ever since, of what I heard
and observed while in attendance
at the same. I heard them sing-
ing:

"There's no one can save you
but Jesus;

There's no other way but His
way," etc.

But when it came to directing
them to the way, it seemed to me
there was a great error some-
where; either with them or the
scripture. The scripture points
out the way so clearly that I
can't see why there should be
any mistake made. Take for in-
stance, the sermon of Peter on
the day of Pentecost, when so
many were convicted of their sins
and cried out, "Men and breth-
ren, what shall we do?" Did
Peter have a lot of mourners'
benches provided for the occasion
and tell them to come up to
them and mourn for their sins,
and ask the Lord to forgive and

bless them? No, he told them to "repent and be baptized" for the remission of their sins, and they should receive the gift of the Holy Ghost; for the promise is to you and your children and all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

We were afar off at that time, but God is the same as He was at that day, and if we are baptized for the remission of our sins, why is God not able to pour out His spirit today as He was in Peter's day?

Didn't the Saviour, when He commanded His apostles to go out into the world and preach the Gospel, tell them to teach and to observe all things whatsoever He commanded them? "And lo, I am with you always, even till the end of the world." There has been a change made somewhere, and has it been with God? Does the scripture not teach that God is unchangeable and that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever? If that is true, and no one can deny it; where has the change been? It must be with man — they don't hold forth the same plan today that Peter did in his day. If they did, God would work with them the same as He did in days of old, and we would see the signs following the believer still. But instead of the religious teachers, or most of them of our day, teaching the people to observe all things that the Saviour commanded, they teach them not to observe them and say those things were all done away-with. Well, who done away with them? Not God, surely. And if that was the way to get to heaven in the Saviour's and the Apostles' day, it must surely be the way still. What did the Saviour say about those who climbed up in some other way? The Saviour said, when speaking of the teachings of some before His day, that in the times of that ignorance God winked at, but He commanded all men everywhere now to repent.

We see that history repeats itself and God has seen fit in His own time and way, to again restore to earth His own plan of salvation. Now, if the plan of salvation held forth by men, were right and acceptable in His sight, then He would not have restored again His own plan; by His so doing, He condemns all others. And He has again commissioned

men to preach and baptize for the remission of sins, and the gift of the Holy Ghost, by the laying on of hands. And what is more, the Lord works with them, too. And there is no use of people standing out in opposition to God, because, the stone cut out of the mountain without hands will grow until it fills the whole earth, in spite of all their opposition.

When we speak in this way to people, it makes them very angry. But why should they be angry, when God has done it for their good? How I did pity some of those poor souls at the mourners bench—mourning and crying and praying night after night. I just thought, why not follow out God's plan: take and baptize them for the remission of their sins, and lay on hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost; and if they were divinely sent of God to preach His Gospel, the Lord would work with them and pour out His spirit upon them.

The True Gospel By Alexander Cherry (A reprint from the Gospel Reflector of August 1905)

The Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, as it is written in the Scriptures of Eternal Truth, is a subject of great importance to the human family; the knowledge of which every man ought eagerly to seek after, as it is the source of all our happiness in time and in eternity, purchased by the Saviour's blood, and is a savor of life unto life, or of death unto death, unto every man. And therefore, as we intend to investigate the Scripture, we earnestly invite our fellow-travelers to the bar of God, to earnestly investigate what may be written, and to the law, and to the testimony, if we speak not according to that word, it is because there is no light in us, and we understand the scripture in their literal sense, according to Peter, see 2nd Epistle 1st Chapter, verse 20. "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation, for the prophecy came not in the old time by the will of man, but holy men of God spake as they moved by the Holy Ghost." Now we understand parables to be parables, and similitudes to be similitudes, but the necessary instructions are generally given in the scriptures, insomuch that

we can exclaim with the prophet of old, the wayfaring man, though a fool, need not err therein with regard to the plan of salvation. Our readers are well aware of the fact that the Apostles of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, in the days of His itineracy were called by the voice of revelation, and when the Saviour was about to leave His disciples, He promised unto them that He would send them another comforter, even the Spirit of Truth, which should lead them and guide them into all truth, and show them things to come. And in all matters of importance, we find those disciples did counsel the Holy Spirit, or that blessed comforter, which their Master had informed them should be their constant and unerring guide. We find in the 13th chapter of Acts, that the Prophets and Teachers, which were at Antioch, ministered to the Lord, and fasted, seeking counsel from Heaven, to separate men, Barnabas and Paul for this work whereunto I have called to receive it by the revelation of God.

When the Holy Ghost did aid them, and when they knew by the voice of the revelation the will of the Lord, they laid their hands upon them and sent them away by the Holy Ghost. We likewise find that when great dissensions arose in the church concerning circumcision, that the Apostles and Elders met together and consulted with each other and with the Holy Spirit concerning the matter, and as the Saviour had promised unto them that the Spirit should lead them into all truth, the knowledge of God was given, and they wrote letters and sent them by certain messengers, giving the Gentiles the necessary instructions, saying that it seemed good to the Holy Ghost and to us to lay upon you no greater burden than those necessary things.

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Now it will be understood that the Apostles of our Lord and Saviour were ignorant men, and generally men of mean occupation. We find in the first chapter of Mark's Gospel, that as Jesus walked by the sea of Galilee, He saw Simon, and Andrew, his brother casting a net into the sea, for they were fishers, and Jesus said unto them, "Come ye after Me and I will make you to

become fishers of men," and straightway they forsook their nets and followed Him. In the second chapter we find that Matthew was called from the receipt of custom, and in the first chapter we likewise find that James, the son of Zebedee, and John his brother was called from their fishing nets, and they left all and followed Him.

Now it must appear to this generation a very singular notion that the Saviour had, in calling the most ignorant of mankind to be His followers and disciples, fishermen and publicans, and indeed, He appears to have had a particular choice for publicans, for as He passed through Jerico, He saw Zacchaeus, the chief of them in a sycamore tree, He bade him make haste and come down, for today I must abide at thy house, was the words of Jesus unto him. The man no doubt received his Master joyfully, and immediately said He would give half of his goods to feed the poor and restore unto any man that he had wronged, four-fold.

Peter himself appears to have been a strange character in the former part of his life, according to his own confession in his first epistle, 4th chapter. "For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revelings, banquetings and abominable idolatries." We do not make mention of these things to justify any man in wickedness, no not the smallest degree, but to convey the idea that if I, or any brother have formerly been wicked, that is no proof against us in our present position. The fact of the matter is that the Saviour knew the hearts of men, and therefore He chose such men as He knew would be faithful in carrying out His measures, and He wisely passed by the proud Pharisees and learned Greeks and Jews with all their pretensions of holiness, their long prayers and disfigured faces, pride and hypocrisy, and gathered out of the vast multitude of mankind a few poor, ignorant and illiterate men (generally speaking) to be His disciples and to preach the gospel to those who considered themselves so much holier than they.

The choice that the Saviour made among men did not please

the proud Pharisees in those days, and many times they complained of Him eating and drinking with publicans and sinners, to which He replied, "They that are whole need no physician, but they that are sick."

TENT SERVICES

By. Bro. Bittinger

After having pondered in my mind the matter of purchasing a tent for holding Evangelistic services for the past couple of years I took the matter to the Lord in fervent prayer that I may not undertake this proposition just because of my own desire, but the more I prayed the more I became impressed for the need of a Tent. I then approached brother William H. Cadman with what I had in mind and found him to be favorable to the proposition and told me to proceed if I felt to do so. I then contacted several firms who handle large Tents and found that they were rather hard to get and very expensive at this time, so feeling that I was not able to bear the cost alone I started a Fund for this purpose and many of the very generous brothers and sisters of the Church, and a number of our friends who are not members of the Church; all helped us with contributions which were greatly appreciated.

We placed our order and after some delay could not get the size we wanted and had to take a little smaller size. It came and we set it up on our property near our home, and held our first services Sunday June 22, through 29th, excluding Saturday and we had a very nice attendance considering the short notice of the services. Some who spoke during the week were brothers Wm. H. Cadman, Samuel Kirschner, Joseph Shazer and others; they were all enjoyed by those present and I believe every service was enjoyed by everyone. The Tent will be set up soon again, we do not know just where ever it may be, that you may help us and enjoy the blessing of God by helping to spread the glorious gospel.

This tent has not been purchased for the particular use of any certain Branch or Mission of the Church, but is to be used anywhere we may have the opportunity to preach the Gospel in an Evangelistic effort, and if it is the Lord's will, we will endeavor to work out an advance schedule, if not this season, by the time next spring arrives, of places and dates and etc.

I wish to thank all who have contributed in any way toward the tent and toward making our first setup a success and real enjoyment. This includes individuals, Sunday School Classes, The Ladies Uplift Circles and the Vanderbilt Ladies Uplift Circle for the donation of 25 Hymn books which was so greatly needed for our services. And now in closing may I ask the cooperation of all the Saints, morally and spiritually that God may bless our efforts.

Bro. Joseph Bittinger
West Leisenring, Pa.

STELTON MISSION GAINS MEMBERS

On Sunday morning, June 8, Nathan Peterkin was baptised in the waters of Raritan Bay to become the newest member of the Stelton Mission, Stelton, N.J. The immersion was witnessed by upwards of fifty people, many of whom were visitors and much impressed by the ceremony. The ritual was performed by Brother Rocco Ensana.

After his confirmation at the afternoon service Brother Nathan bore testimony of how he came to the Church. Searching constantly for truth he found only greed and delusion. Finally, making himself humble before God, he was led to The Church of Jesus Christ and experienced dreams to prove its purity. In conclusion he requested all to pray that his family might also be inspired and baptized.

The above baptism makes a total of five new members that have been added to the Stelton Mission in less than three months.

Besides the sudden surge of baptisms, there have been three births and blessings recently to add to activities.

On June 29 the Mission was visited by Brother Clarence Robinson who was paying his final respects to the Eastern division of the Church before returning to his home in Clairton, Pa. He expressed his gratitude to the Saints for the hospitality he received while here, wished us God Speed in bringing souls to Christ, and assured us he would return as soon as possible for a visit. We felt a blessing in his words and look forward to visits from all the Saints that may pass our way.

Bro. George Funkhouser

Third of Series Book of Daniel

Then the king fell on his face and worshipped Daniel.

slave? Yes, God knows how to humble kings but this is only the beginning of his humility. The king made Daniel ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief of the governors, and Daniel requested the king that he should put Shadrack, Meshach and Abednego over the affairs of Babylon. The impression the dream made on the king of the great image is recorded in the third chapter of Daniel. Here we learn the king decided to make an image just like the one he had seen in the dream, with one exception that the whole image would be gold from head to foot. No doubt he resented the suggestion that his kingdom would one day be overthrown; no such disaster could happen to Babylon, if he could help it, — but — he could not help it. When God says a thing it surely comes to pass. This mighty Babylon, thou art that head of gold. He decided to make a real image, yes, instead of heeding to Daniel, he was going down, yes, the image was going up but he was going down. Jesus said "He that humbleth himself should be exalted while he that exalteth himself shall be abased." The image whose height was three score cubits and the breadth thereof six cubits was set up in the plain of Dura in the Province of Babylon. The royal treasure must have been drawn up to supply the gold for this occasion about 100 feet high and ten feet broad. It took a lot of gold to make it even though it was hollow as it probably was. In due time the decree was issued, the image could be seen by thousands of people. Orders had been sent to every part of the empire, to princes, governors, captains, judges, counsellors, sheriffs, and to all the rulers of the empire to come to the dedication. Many weeks elapsed and then the throng of people began to pour into the Plains of Dura. Thousands upon thousands gathered for this great occasion to show off his great display and power. Then a herald cried aloud, To you it is commanded, O people, nations and languages, that at what time ye hear the sound of cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psalter, dulcimer, and all kinds of music, ye fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king hath set up; and whosoever faileth to

fall down and worship the golden image shall be cast into the furnace to the vast throng this presented no difficulty whatever as they were accustomed to worshipping idols and this golden image glittering there in the sunlight was just one more object to adore. If it pleased their ruler to bow down to it, well and good, it was only a part of the day's entertainment but there were some present who would never bow down. They had been taught that they should not worship or bow down to any graven image. The thought would run through their minds that thou shalt have no other God beside me and also the admonition "Hear, O Israel, the Lord Thy God is one God — Thou shalt worship the Lord with all thy heart and with all thy strength. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above or that is in the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them nor serve them." The band began to play and the multitude fell on their faces before the golden image but there were three men who stood up. One can imagine the disturbance they created. At first only a few that were nearby whose heads were not bowed too low caught the sight of them, and then the whispering began. Word spread like a prairie fire over all the Plain of Dura. "Look there are three men standing." Three men have dared to disobey the decree. The whole program was upset. Suddenly the attention of all the people was attracted to the three men. What would happen? The soldiers pressed through the crowd to arrest the three men. Naturally the king was angry. Not only had they defied the king but they had spoiled everything. The day was ruined. For a moment he restrained himself. He decided to give them another chance. The band would play once more — another chance to bow down. The devil would like to give us another chance. Look at that fire, if you will, only bow down, some with anger and some with sympathy. What would they do? In words of faith and courage which will live forever in the hearts of the saints of God the young men replied. "Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning,

fiery furnace. He will deliver us out of thine hand, O king — but — if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up." What allegiance, what faith, what courage! Only men that had opened heaven with their prayers, only men that knew something of God's power to redeem and save them could take a stand like this; only men that knew that this world is not their home in the face of death. They could say we have a God that will deliver us but if He doesn't deliver us we will not bow down anyhow. What will happen? See next issue.

Your Brother in Christ,
James Heaps

EARTHQUAKES NOTES FROM SISTER HEAPS LETTER

We experienced a good or should I say a bad earthquake this morning at 5 minutes to 5; the worst they have had in years. It just came over the radio that five are known dead, power lines are down in some areas, a water main broke and the city hall in Van Nyes was severely cracked. The quake stretched over an area of close to 600 miles from San Francisco to the north, to India to the south. The center of the quake is believed to have been somewhere in the desert between here and San Francisco, so Brother Marco Randazzo would feel it in Modesto too.

Our house rolled and rocked, the chandeliers swayed, and the door chimes clanged away for 4 or 5 minutes. It is a queer sensation. The place where the deaths are, is north of Bakersfield and is the center of the quake, and everything in this small town was leveled. They keep bringing the latest report over the radio as I am writing. They just said it was the worst quake since the San Francisco quake in 1906, and it was fortunate that the center was not in a thickly populated area. In Hollywood, I hear, they were thrown from their beds, and the people ran out on the streets. Thank God it was not that bad here. Tell Bro. Al if he had stayed another week he would have experienced a real quake. There really must be a terrific force under the earth to create all that disturbance. I am wondering about the brothers and sisters in N. Hollywood and Van Nyes, they are much closer to the center of the quake. South Gate, Calif. Sister Heaps.

NEWS FROM CANADA

By Bro. Plain

Dear Bro. Editor:

I feel to express my joy and gratitude for the blessings we enjoyed while on a visit to the neighboring Indian community of Muncey-Oneida. My companions, children and I were late in arriving at Muncey but not as late as Bros. Furnier, Kennedy and Johnston who came with Sister Furnier and Johnston a few minutes later. Our hearts were made glad by the testimonies and singing together of soul stirring songs. Our children sang a few numbers very acceptably to the obvious enjoyment of the whole congregation.

Some one mentioned that three tribes, Delaware, Chippewa and Oneida, were represented, whereupon the Chippewas volunteered to sing a hymn in their tongue. Bro. Furnier was prevailed on to speak words of great encouragement although he had just come from Port Huron, Mich., where he had addressed the congregation.

Bro. Reno broke bread and poured wine, the Spirit of God hovered over us as we ate and drank in memory of Him who gave His life for us and for all who accept His sacrifice. Thus ended a service of great blessing to all who attended.

Sister Jackson, Bro. and Sister Maness and children were in the other car that made the trip. We hope later to visit with the brethren and sisters at Brantford. (Six Nations Reserve.) Following supper with relatives in Oneida, I attended a service in the Baptist church on the Oneida Reservation across the river from Muncey. I was asked to sing and speak words of encouragement, which I did, being greatly blessed by the Spirit. The testimonies of the Indian brothers and sisters moved me to rejoice with tears in my eyes and before I left, the Spirit moved me to ask the congregation to join with me in prayer. May God answer that prayer for I never felt so humble in the presence of people who obviously believed my testimony. Bro. Aylmer N. Plain. Sarnia, Ont.

NEWS FROM ROCHESTER

Dear Editor,

The week end of June 28, we had the pleasure of entertaining about 40 M.B.A. members from the Vanderbilt, Pa., local. We also had a nice surprise visit from Bro. A. A. Corado, Bro. DiGennero and their wives. Some of the brothers and sisters from Lockport joined us at Rochester. A nice group was gath-

ered together to worship God.

Sunday morning each of the guest Elders gave a brief but inspiring talk. The afternoon service was spent in testimony. The fellowship with the brothers and sisters from the various branches and the exchange of God's experiences and blessings was uplifting to all.

We served lunch in our lunch room so that we could all remain together and become better acquainted.

Monday morning the Vanderbilt group left Rochester. They stopped to visit Hill Cumorah on their way home.

Sister Antoinette Marinetti.

Notice — The Branch of the Church in Warren, Ohio, would like to have it announced that their after-noon meeting will begin at 12:30 until further notice.

SISTER DONATA CARBONA PASSES ON

Sister Carbona was born in Italy in 1879, and died in San Diego, California, on May 18th, 1952 making her 73 years old at time of death. She was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ in August, 1951. Her time was short in the church, but it was said that it was a pleasure to know her.

Brother and Sister Earnest Schultz, formerly of Monongahela, but now of Delray Beach, Fla., spent Sunday with us here in Monongahela. We were glad to see them again.

News Items

The Monongahela Sabbath School held its annual outing on Saturday June 21st at the Monessen Park. It was very well attended and a very nice time was enjoyed by all those who were able to attend. Sister Rebecca Griffith of Selinsgrove, Pa., was present for the occasion.

Bro. Russell Cadman of Fredonia, Pa. R. D. 1, occupied the pulpit here in Monongahela on Sunday Morning July 6th.

During the time our Church was closed in Glassport, Pa., because of remodeling the Auditorium thereof, Presiding Elder Di-Battists occupied our pulpit in Monongahela the morning of June 29th.

The evening of July 14th, we here in Monongahela gathered at the rivershore and baptized Mary Jane Lorber, the only daughter of brother and sister Harry Lorber, Brother Kirschner officiating.

It was a very nice evening and quite a number gathered to witness Mary Jane take this step. May the Lord bless her. We then retired to our church and after quite a discourse by Bro. W. H. Cadman appropriate for the occasion, Mary Jane was confirmed a member of The Church of Jesus Christ.

In a letter received from Sister Margaret King of Grindstone, Pa., she tells of a trip in which several car loads of the saints (most of them from the Vanderbilt Branch of the Church) made a trip to Joseph Smith farm, and Cumorah Hill in New York State. They also visited Niagara Falls, and then called at the home of sister Margaret Hill Wilson, on the Tuscarora Indian Reservation but did not find her at home. They then went on to Lockport, New York, and on to Rochester where they spent Sunday with the saints in their place of worship. She says: "We had an outpouring of the Spirit while in Rochester." They heard Bro. D'Amico endeavor to bear his testimony in his afflicted condition, unable to understand him due to his speech being paralyzed, the effects of a stroke which befell him some few years ago. Yet, the spirit of God bore evidence to them of his testimony. Brother Corrado from Ohio was present on the occasion at Rochester. They enjoyed a wonderful trip.

July 18th, Sister Ashton entered the McKeesport Hospital on June 17th and is still confined therein. She has gone through two operations, one of them a very serious ordeal. Her condition has been critical, but at the time of this writing she has improved slightly, and it is possible that she might be brought home within the next ten days. I understand that she feels discouraged. I ask you all to remember her in your prayers.

A very nice letter was received from Bro. James Tucker of San Diego in which he mentions how God has blessed them in their building process, and at the dedication of their church, and that God had revealed that there was a great work for our people in this part of the country. In a letter from Sister Jennette Staczko in speaking of the dedication service, she says: "There was a wonderful blessing that day."

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On Top Of Cumorah Hill



"OUR TRIP TO CUMORAH HILL"

Dear Editor:

A year ago while sitting in a meeting looking over the Congregation, I had an inspiration to take our brothers and sisters away on a trip. So we talked the matter over with the Sisters of the M.B.A., and they went to work and made the money and set it aside until this past June 27th, and then we made a trip to Cumorah Hill in New York State, just south of Palmyra.

Before starting on the trip, I corresponded with Brother Paul D'Amico of Lockport and Brother Patsy Marinetti of Rochester, N. Y., and they prepared ways to take care of us, and we went into fasting and prayer for our safety on our journey. On June 27th in the afternoon we held a meeting, getting our transportation lined up. We had three station wagons, one pickup truck, and two cars. We left Vanderbilt, Pa., on the aforementioned date at 12 p.m., and drove to the Allegheny State Park near Bradford, Pa., and there we stopped and ate our breakfast; after eating we journeyed on to Buffalo, N. Y., and crossed the Peace Bridge into Canada, and stopped on the Canadian side, due to the illness of some of our young people. I offered up a prayer and the Lord came to our rescue at once.

We journeyed on to Niagara Falls. We crossed the river back into the U.S.A. and beheld God's Beautiful Creation. It was wonderful to look at it in a spiritual man-

ner. We had our supper in the Park at Niagara Falls, and while we were eating, Brother Paul D'Amico and his father-in-law came into the park and met us. On the way to Lockport they led us through the Tuscarora Indian Reservation; we stopped to see Bro. Hill's daughter, but was sorry we did not find her at home. From there we journeyed on to Lockport, and on arriving there, part of our crowd remained there all night, while the rest of them went on to Rochester. The Lockport Branch of the Church decided that they would meet the next day (Sunday) with our Church in Rochester so we could all spend the day together. We had a wonderful meeting, some who were sick, were anointed and healed instantly. We had a few in our crowd on this trip who did not belong to the Church, and even they felt to rejoice with us. We spent all day on Sunday in the service of God with our brothers and sisters in Rochester.

On Monday morning we met at the Rochester Church at 10:00 a.m., and a couple of the brethren led us to the Hill Cumorah. We also visited the home of Joseph Smith, and we sang a few hymns there. We also visited the Sacred Grove (where Joseph went to pray when but a boy) and had prayer, and what a joy it was to be there. I had been there before, but it was a joy to be with some who had never been there, it was a joy to all of us.

We left the Hill Cumorah in the afternoon (Monday) and returned

home on a different route. We stopped at a Roadside Park and ate our supper. We were thankful to God as to how our convoy kept together. Our transportation was donated by Bros. Ed Murtland, Roy Smith, Nevla Ober, Emmet Dale, Joseph Shazer, and Ronald E. Addis who does not belong to the Church. We arrived home on Tuesday morning without any trouble on our wonderful trip.

Our M.B.A. sponsored the trip and we are very thankful that we have such a wonderful M.B.A., and our president, who is only a young brother in the Church. He is Bro. James King. The M.B.A. at Vanderbilt extends an invitation to all of you to visit us. We want to return the kindness that was shown to us by our brothers and sisters in New York State. There were 46 people in our convoy, and each of us wish to thank you all for the wonderful reception the saints in Lockport and Rochester greeted us with. Sincerely, brother Joseph Shazer.

As Thy Day Thy Strength Shall Be

Oh, That I could some good and noble deed

In gratitude I could repay;

For all His love that fills my need,

I could do every day.

But somehow the Lord has bestowed, I fear,

Such weak strength upon His child.

I need Him ever and always near,

To travel this journey through the wild!

Just strength for the day,
My service so puny, so weak,
Ever needful to watch and pray
A blessing often to seek.

That I could walk and not dim the path

To those who hungering go;

And oh so caught in Satan's wrath,

My Saviour they do not know.

In pity, oh my heart would cry
That they this joy might know,
And let not my deeds deny
That he is just and kind.

For I, no good thing can give,
No sweet bread to fill their souls
That they indeed might live,
As they travel here below.
For the soul then can sing

When Manna He supplies,
And through all eternity ring
He no good thing denies.
Sister Robinson, Larned, Kansas

Testimony of Joseph Lovalvo
(Recorded on page 289
of Church History)

I, Joseph Lovalvo, came in contact with the Church of Jesus Christ in the month of May, 1933, in the City of Detroit, Michigan through the testimony of Sister Louise Lombardo. The first service that I attended was in the Devine Branch No. 1, on a Sunday morning, and for the first time in the twenty three years of my life I heard the true and unadulterated Gospel of Jesus Christ. Under the sound of Bro. Patsy DiBattista's voice, an Evangelist in the Church, I felt a conviction deep in my heart that I was a sinner and had to give an account of my deeds to God. I felt a joy in my heart amongst this people, and at the close of the meeting I returned home and declared to my family that I had found the true people of God. The weight of sin continued to burden my heart and I went to God in prayer, earnestly beseeching forgiveness of my sins. I sought Him in this manner for several weeks, during which time I attended all services in the Church, visited the saints in their homes, listened to their testimonies and accepted the restored Gospel without any doubt whatsoever.

After witnessing two baptisms on the morning of July 9, 1933, I returned home feeling as an out-cast. The burden of sin still lay heavy on my heart, and, though I prayed unceasingly, I knew that my sins had not yet been forgiven. I entered my bedroom and falling on my knees I implored God to forgive my sins, declaring that I was willing to forsake the sinful pleasures of this world and consecrate my life to His service. After several minutes I felt, as it were, a fire envelope my whole being and the sadness in my heart turned to joy. The burden of sin was removed and I felt the presence of the Mighty God. I was ready to follow Christ into the waters of baptism. The following Sunday, July 16, 1933, I was baptized into the Church along with my brother James, and my brother Anthony. That day will always be the sweetest day in my life, and I shall never forget the joy and the happiness that I experienced when through the mercies

of God I was drawn out of a wicked and sinful world and brought into His glorious Church here below. Joseph Lovalvo, 4406 Fairview Ave., Detroit 13, Michigan.

Testimony of Sister Leati Ford
(Recorded in Church History,
page 300)

In June of 1939, a very painful affliction came upon me. My face started to swell and my left eye was swollen shut. Bro. Frank (my husband) took me to Dr. Large, a specialist. After an examination he found that I had a cauliflower cancer in the front of my mouth. His son, a doctor, who had just returned from studying in England, also pronounced it cancer. They then sent me to Dr. O'Brien, a cancer specialist, who made arrangements to operate on me on Thursday.

I went home very discouraged, but on my way home I told Bro. Frank (my husband) that no doctor would ever operate on me, instead I will ask the Elders of the Church to anoint and pray for me. So that night, Monday, Bro. Joe Lovalvo and Bro. Marco Randazo and other brothers and sisters came at twelve thirty to anoint and pray for me. The Lord heard their prayers and healed me. When Thursday came the swelling had disappeared and there was no need for an operation. The doctors took four X-rays and couldn't find a trace of cancer. They were not satisfied until they had taken another series of X-rays.

I can surely give my testimony to the whole world that God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Our Saviour Jesus Christ is the great physician as He was when He healed the blind man on the way to Jericho. Leati Ford, 2268 Louis, Windsor, Ontario.

**FOURTH OF A SERIES
ON THE BOOK OF DANIEL**

Then was the king full of fury and the form of his visage was changed and he commanded that they should heat the furnace seven times hotter than it was before. He also commanded the most mighty men that were in his army to bind these three Hebrews and to cast them into the fiery furnace. If they would plead ignorance it might have saved them. The Chaldeans who accused the Jews were still troubled because they could not interpret the king's dream. They said, "Thou hast set them over the affairs of Babylon and yet they have disregarded thee."

Where Daniel was on this occasion is not known. He was probably absent on some business for the empire. Surely if he would have been there, there would have been four men that would not have bowed down. They felt that God would surely deliver them without a doubt, and even if He would not, they were determined that they would not bow down anyhow.

The king's fury was kindled. He flew into a passion of rage; ruler of the world but he could not rule his own spirit; even the form of his visage was changed, instead of the calm dignified ruler he knew in himself. They were friends of Daniel, but to keep his position as a ruler he said, "Cast them into the fire." Little did he know he was going to see four men in the fire. The king was astonished. He rose up in haste and spake, "Did not we cast three men bound into the fire and lo, I see four men loose walking in the midst of the fire?" Every act revealed the power of God. The Hebrews were bound but came out with not even the smell of fire upon them. The mightiest men in the army were chosen to cast them in but the fire burned them up before they came in contact with it, but it had no effect upon the Hebrews although they were in the midst of the fire. While it consumed the cords with which they were bound yet they were not harmed.

They did not spring out as soon as they were free but kept walking around in the fire that the king had put them in and it was his place to take or call them out. Also, the form of the fourth was with them and in His presence they could feel no harm. There is no harm whether on water, land, or in fire because where Jesus is 'tis heaven there. The form of the fourth is enough. It was like unto the Son of God. That is, he had the appearance of a divine being. What a rebuke unto the king for his folly! This deliverance of these worthies from the fiery furnace! Nebuchadnezzar ruled the world but he could not rule the fire. One greater than he could rule the flame so that it could not hurt them. It is an old legend that Britain rules the waves but the rulers cannot stop a storm. Peter said, "Carest thou not that we perish." Jesus said, "Peace, be still." The waves stopped their roaring. None of the gods worshipped by heathens had ever wrought such miracles as that nor were they able to do so.

The lads walked out when the king told them to come hither, looking for some sign of burning, touching their bodies, smelling their clothes. There was not a hair of their heads singed, nor the smell of fire on them. The golden image was forgotten. The thousands that were assembled surged forward to catch a glimpse of the three men who had defied the king's command. I can image the whispering that surely their God must have been with them. Just as the centurion at the crucifixion said, "Surely, this is the Son of God." How can we deny God when we hear these wonderful miracles? The king was greatly moved. Somehow he could not get away from the God of the Hebrews. Shocked and humbled by this revelation, he said, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego who hath sent his angel and delivered his servants that trusted in him and have changed the king's word and yielded their bodies that they might not serve nor worship any God except their own God. Therefore, I make a decree that every people, nation and language which speaks anything amiss against the God of these three men shall be cut in pieces and their houses shall be made a dunghill, because there is no other God that can deliver after this sort."

In those days as today they had many gods and the victory of one nation against another was supposed to have been won because of these gods. The king was beginning to realize his success over the Jews was not in his power and might but because they had sinned—he exalted the God of the Hebrews, but not for long. He soon forgot. The king promoted the young captives and advanced them to governors over all the Jews. It is not probable that he insisted on any further worship of his image. We can say like the poet—Jesus the name high over all, in hell or earth or sky, Angels and men before it fall, and devils fear and fly. Jesus, the name to sinners dear—the name to sinners given—It scatters all their guilty fears—It turns their hell to heaven—Jesus, the prisoner's fetters breaks—and bruises Satan's head—Power into strengthless souls it speaks—and life into the dead. O, that the world might taste and see, the riches of His grace—the arms of love that compass me—would all mankind embrace. Happy if with my latest breath—I may but gasp his name. Preach Him to

all and cry in death, "Behold, Behold, the Lamb."

Your Brother in Christ
JAMES HEAPS

FAITH

Many things have been written about "Faith," therefore I will not attempt to write much on the subject. Faith is one of the first principles of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and precedes repentance. This subject is written in the hopes that I may have the privilege of following it up with an article on repentance.

The Apostle Paul informs us, we must believe that God is, and have faith: Heb. 11:6. "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

The same Apostle also informs us what faith is: Heb. 11:1-3 "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." "For by it the elders obtained a good report." "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear." This scripture is often quoted as though God created the worlds by faith, while it is evident that he created all things by his word, or power. While faith is the substance of which we mortal beings hope for. Some have reversed this passage of scripture to read: Through the word we understand God framed the worlds by faith. May I ask: to whom did God have faith in? If God made the worlds by faith, the faith would have to be centered in the power of a being superior to himself, which means "Many Gods," or what is commonly called Polytheism, (or the doctrine of a plurality of gods.) It is through faith that we mortals understand that the worlds were framed by the word and power of God. I now quote from the Book of Mormon, which many factions of Latter-Day-Saints profess to believe in: Jacob 4:9 "For behold, by the power of his word, man came upon the face of the earth! which earth was created by the power of his word. Wherefore, if God being able to speak, and the world was, and to speak, and man was created, O, then, why not able to command the earth, or the workmanship, of his hands upon the face of it, according to his will and pleasure?" James speaks much

about faith, he tells us to call upon God for wisdom: St. James 1:5 "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." I

would to God that all men would counsel the Lord in all his doings, and he will direct him for good.

God is no respecter of persons. The Apostle Paul says: Romans 10:12-17 "For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him." "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?" "And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things:" "But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?" "So faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

IS FAITH ALONE SUFFICIENT? No, faith alone is not sufficient. Many people have and do wrest the scriptures to their own destruction. For instance please be referred to Romans 10:9 "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Many people quote this verse of scripture in order to support their claim that faith alone in the Lord Jesus Christ is sufficient. The following scripture is in opposition to such claims: Matt. 7, 21 "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." Matt. 7:24-27 "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, an doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock." "And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock." "And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:" "And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell;

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EDITORIAL

In Alma 20-2 we read as follows: "And the voice of the Lord came unto Ammon, saying: Thou shalt not go up to the land of Nephi, for behold, the king will seek thy life; but thou shalt go to the land of Middoni; for behold, thy brother Aaron, and also Muloki and Ammah are in prison."

In verse 29 Ammon meets his brethren in the prison and I read as follows: "And when Ammon did meet them he was exceeding sorrowful, for behold they were naked, and their skins were worn exceedingly because of being bound with strong cords. And they also had suffered hunger thirst, and all kinds of afflictions nevertheless they were PATIENT in ALL their sufferings."

We are taught in the word to be obedient to the commands of God. In fact Jesus has taught us "to be ye perfect even as your Father in heaven is perfect." In III Nephi 27—and verse 27 Jesus says: "Therefore, what manner of men ought ye to be? Verily I say unto you, even as I am."

What manner of Man was Jesus? Let the word answer: Isaiah says of Him: chapter 53-7 "He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth: He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He openeth not His mouth." He taught all men not to return evil for evil, but to OVERCOME EVIL WITH GOOD. To do otherwise we make ourselves transgressors of the law of God. His promise is to His disciples that if ye endure (not yield), to the end ye shall be saved. Jesus Christ the same yesterday today and forever. We must conclude that His precepts are still in force today, if not, He has changed.

and great was the fall of it." St. Luke 8: 20, 21 "And it was told him by certain which said, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to see thee." "And he answered and said unto

them, My mother and my brethren are these which hear the word of God, and do it." St. John 14:21.

"He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him." St. John 15:14 "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you." James 1:22-25 "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." "For if any be a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass." "For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway, forgetteth what manner of man he was." "But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed." James 2:17-20 "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone." "Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: show me they faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works." "Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble." "But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?" James 2:26 "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also." These scriptures should put to silence the claims made by those that "Faith alone is sufficient for salvation." Paul and Silas were persecuted for preaching the gospel in Thessalonica, but were sent away by night by their brethren, unto Berea. Acts 17:11 "These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." These were obedient to the counsel which Jesus gave, they searched the scriptures, as recorded in St. John 5:39 "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." Do not trust in the arm of flesh, and in the doctrine of men, but search the scriptures prayerfully. My hope is that the God of heaven will give all men a spiritual ear, that they may hear and obey the word of God.

Thurman S. Furnier,
, East Detroit, Michigan.

FEET-WASHING A HOLY ORDINANCE

Throughout the religious world of our day, feet-washing as a gospel ordinance is spurned, misrepresented, and ridiculed as is no other commandment of Christ found in the scriptures. The reason, I believe, this commandment is so disdainfully treated, is because people do not understand its meaning. The few religious bodies still observing this ordinance do so as a sense of duty and not because they derive any spiritual benefit in performing it. The members of The Church of Jesus Christ observe feet-washing as a holy ordinance instituted by Christ as an act of love and humility one for the other. Jesus said: "Observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." (Matt. 28-20) The following account will show that feet-washing was established as a holy ordinance to be observed by the body of Christ—His Church.

"And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him; Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God; he riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. After that he poureth water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded. Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet? Jesus answered and said unto him, what I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter. Then Peter said unto him, thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, if I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me. Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head. Jesus saith unto him, he that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit; and ye are clean, but not all. For he knew who should betray him: therefore said he, ye are not all clean. So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, know ye what I have done to you? Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well, for so I am. If I then your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. Verily, verily, I say unto you, the servant

is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them. (John 13:2-17)

Generally, the world will laugh this commandment out of the Bible by saying that Jesus was fulfilling an old custom. Let us compare this scripture with the custom found in the Old Testament:

'Let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree' (Gen. 18:4) 'And he said, behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your ways.' (Gen. 19:2) 'And the man came into the house and he ungirded his camels, and gave straw and provender for the camels, and water to wash his feet, and the men's feet that were with them.' (Gen. 24:32) (Also compare Gen. 43:24 and Judges 19:21)

In John, 13th chapter, Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and commanded them to wash one another's feet. But in the old Testament, the visitors washed their own feet. Also the old custom was to wash their feet upon entering the house, but in the case of Christ, he washed their feet after they had risen from supper. No, this was not a mere re-affirming of an old custom, but a New Commandment. Some may wish to evade this commandment by saying that it does not assert that we must do it, but merely that we should or ought. May I point out, that throughout the New Testament, we find the law of liberty does not consist of "thou shalt," as did the Mosaic law, but is instead, a law of love and Jesus said, "if a man love me, he will keep my words." (John 14:23) Christ truly instituted this ordinance to be observed only by the members of His church. Jesus did not wash the feet of strangers; nor do we find where he washed anybody's feet previous to this occasion.

In the Church of Jesus Christ, there is neither great nor small. We are all equal, all brethren together, all members of that great spiritual family — God's family. The Church of Jesus Christ is proud to observe this ordinance in the Love of Christ for truly no other act can display before all the world, the love and humility found among God's people than the act of washing one another's feet. Said Jesus, by this shall all the world know that ye are my

disciples, if ye have love one to the other.

D. Moraco, Detroit, Mich.

Vincenza Dulisse Passes On
Sister Vincenza Dulisse, widow of our late Bro. Joseph Dulisse of Detroit, Mich., departed this life on June 29, 1952. She was born in Italy Feb. 12, 1876 making her a little better than 76 years old at the time of death. She leaves several children and some grandchildren to mourn her departure.

She was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ at Glassport, Pa., in May of 1919, and has been a very faithful sister in the Church; ever ready to lend a helping hand wherever it was needed. She lived to be of good age, and has now gone to reap the reward which is laid up for the faithful. Services were in charge of Bros. Gorie Ciaravino, and A. A. Corrado of Youngstown, Ohio. Sister Dulisse will be missed by her brothers and sisters in the Church in Detroit. May the Lord bless you all.

Clyde Gibson Passes On
Brother Clyde Gibson departed this life on the morning of July 31, 1952 in the hospital at Connelville, Pa. He had been stricken with a stroke of paralysis a few days previous. He was born on July 10, 1882, making him just a few days over 70 years old. He resided at Grindstone, Pa., for about 24 years and removed to Dunbar about three years ago. He was stricken very sudden and did not survive long after.

Bro. Clyde was well known, having obeyed the Gospel about 50 years ago, and has always been very energetic in the fact of the gospel being restored to earth again.

To mourn his passing are his wife Ida, and a son and daughter, two brothers, and one sister, besides many friends. His wife is a very sick woman, and has been for a long time. She was not able to attend the services. May the Lord comfort her and her children.

The services were in charge of Bro. W. H. Cadman, who was assisted by Bros. Joseph Shazer and Charles Ashton. One of Clydes favorite hymns was: God Moves in a mysterious Way, His wonders to perform. May the Lord comfort all the bereaved family.

In Memory of Sister Vincenza
In Memory Of

Sister Vincenza Dulisse
In memory of our sister
Who has left us for awhile
To wait for us in Paradise
There to greet us with a smile:

Her life, a great example
For one to watch and see,
Her meek and humble spirit
Made her dear to us, you see.

Her life was one of service
With no grumbling or complaint
She went beyond her duty
Many times, for us, the saints.

I heard her praying, weeping
Crying out unto the Lord,
I knew her heart was aching
But she told us; not a word.

She knew that Him on whom
she called

Knew all her cares and fears,
She knew His grace would meet
her needs

And answer all her prayers.
She knew that on His promises
ises

She could rest and feel secure,

But on the arm of flesh, she
knew
She could never, be quite so
sure.

She had no worldly goods you
see

On her children to bestow,
But she left a heritage more
great

For she showed them how to go.

To walk before the Lord each
day

In service meek and mild,
To suffer all things for His
sake

For she surely was His child.

We know that one day we shall
meet

All our loved ones gone before,
To stand around the Great
White Throne

And praise God forever more.

MARGARET HEAPS

Dedication At
San Diego, California

June 22, 1952

This day another priceless
Pearl

Was added to God's crown;
It's flawless beauty unsurpassed,
It's worth, of great renown.
O lovely church, House of the
Lord,

How beautiful thou art,
Thine walls shall echo with the
praise

That swells from every heart!

The day that for many years we have worked for and longed for, have saved and prayed and cried out to God for, the day of our San Diego church dedication, has finally dawned and gone and the blessing that we had been promised were given, leaving us happy and almost completely satisfied. I say almost, because we shall not be completely satisfied until the day we meet our Saviour face to face and know that we shall never depart from Him again.

We have a beautiful, yet simple church building thanks to God and to all the brothers and sisters and friends from everywhere who helped make it possible; thanks also to the prophet of God who has so many times used our elderly Brother Turano as an obedient instrument in raising funds for it's edification.

Our building today was filled to overflowing with members and visitors, who, I am certain, were touched by the simplicity of our beliefs and the spirit of love prevalent. Among those present was a colored man, who, upon seeing the cordial welcome extended him, and hearing the wonderful words preached, remarked, "This is wonderful, I am coming back again." I say, Amen.

We had representatives from Los Angeles, Whittier, San Fernando, Pennsylvania and even Canada who came to share the blessings given us this day. How glorious the experience of loving someone whom you have met for the first time, because the bond of love between is Christ.

We spent the morning singing several hymns and listening to the inspiring sermons of our elder brothers, but the highlight of our meeting came when our elderly brother Turano walked up to the rostrum, clasped hands with the prophet, (whom he alone saw, in completeness, walked back to his seat and then once more returned to the rostrum with a sealed envelope which he handed to our Elder Brother Jim Lovalvo. One of the visitors present whispered to me "Who is that man?" and when I answered "Brother Turano," he said to me, "There is \$50.00 in that envelope; don't ask me how I know, I just know!" and I held my breath as Brother Lovalvo counted 20, 40, \$50.00.

Brother Turano related how the prophet had been standing all

morning by the rostrum and then he beckoned to him (brother Turano), while we were singing a hymn. When our brother walked up to him, they clasped hands and then the prophet put the envelope into our brother's pocket. Two of the brethren present (one is Brother Dominic Castelli), saw the outstretched arm and hand clasping Brother Turano's hands, in fact Bro. Castelli excitedly whispered to Brother Charlie Brecci, "Look, the arm," and also saw the hand placing the envelope into our brother's pocket.

We are indeed thankful unto God to be so fortunate that occurrences such as these are accepted by us as likely, although somewhat uncommon, while the rest of the world scoffs and say that we are visionary people and fanatics. If receiving the rich blessings and miracles of God, if seeing visions and speaking with the prophets of old, if belonging to a church that believes that God is the same yesterday, today and forever is being a fanatic, may I become more so each day. I only hope that I may be really accounted worthy of such a great and glorious honor.

Lunch was served at noon in the basement of the building where we have ample space and a handy kitchen.

The afternoon meeting convened and the time was taken up by the rest of the ministry speaking. I do not mean to slight any of the elders by not mentioning their names, but can truthfully say that I enjoyed everyone of their talks. I only wish that it had been possible for every member in the church throughout the world to have attended so that it would have truly been a reunion to be forever cherished by all.

Again, on behalf of all I want to extend our thanks and sincere appreciation to all for whatever you may have done in a spiritual as well as material manner towards aiding us in erecting our building. May God Bless you all.

Catherine Poma

San Diego, Calif.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

"The following is written by V. James Lovalvo, an Apostle in The Church of Jesus Christ, corroborating the accounts printed herein, relative to the manifestations experienced at the dedication of our Church in San Diego, Calif., on June 22, 1952."

To All Who read this Article:

Be it known to all that on Sun-

day June 22, 1952, on the day the San Diego, Calif., branch of The Church of Jesus Christ dedicated their Church building to the worship of God, the writer witnessed the following:

I had just finished delivering the Dedictory Address and the Congregation was singing a hymn when I saw Brother Dimetrio Turano rise from where he was sitting, in the rear of the Church and come forward toward the Rostrum.

I noticed that he was weeping and as he came forward he stopped to the left of the Rostrum and I saw him go through the motion of shaking hands with someone who was invisible to me. He then returned to his seat. I thereupon stepped down from the Rostrum and approached brother Turano and asked him to come forward again and relate what had taken place.

He came forward and related that during my sermon this messenger (whom he has seen often) stood on my right and when I was through speaking he motioned brother Turano to come forward to him. When brother Turano reached this personage he clasped hands with him and felt him put something in his pocket. When he went back to his seat he looked in his pocket and beheld a sealed envelope. Brother Turano then handed me the envelope and I opened it in the presence of ALL the congregation and took our fifty dollars which I showed publicly. I want to say that as I opened the envelope I felt a blessing come over me and a feeling that is difficult to describe and though this seems strange to the reader, it is never-the-less, the truth, to which I fix my signature, humbly and reverently.

I do not at this time inscribe the experiences had by brother Turano, with this same personage relative to receiving and finding money for the benefit of their building, as these experiences are recorded in one of our recent issues of the Gospel News. Your humble servant V. James Lovalvo. We the undersigned attest the veracity of the above mentioned article as we also saw the same as Brother Lovalvo. Signed as follows: Louis Biscotti, Rudolph Meo, Vincent Scalise, Rocco Meo, F. Vultaggio, James Heaps, Felix Buccellato, Charles Brecci, Catherine Poma, and Lena Liberto.—James Heaps says that he did not see the prophet.

Further: I am one who saw

the prophet's hand putting in Bro. Turano's pocket a white envelope, and then I saw them shake hands. Bro. Turano also putting his left hand on the wrist of the prophet's hand. I felt a wonderful blessing, thinking everyone saw it, and turned to Bro. C. Breci, who was sitting next to me. I said Charley, Charley, that's all I could say in my astonishment. Bro. Domenic Castelli.

DEDICATION SERVICES IN SAN DIEGO, CALIF.

(As given by Sister Lena Liberto)

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ everywhere:

Truly my heart is glad and thankful to be in the beautiful Restored Gospel of our Lord Jesus in these last days—the same Gospel He brought into the world many years ago, making it possible, through His life and death, and prayers to His Father in those days for us to receive His spirit, and unending love in our hearts in these later times. We truly stand amazed when we think of the mystery and love of God toward His creation, and can only feel humbly grateful that His only begotten Son beyond human understanding. Because of His merciful love for His creation, God used His Son Jesus Christ to bring redemption and salvation to mankind, which was utterly impossible otherwise. We stand amazed because the plan of redemption was instituted by God from the foundation of the world. It has now finally come to the latter-day-time, even down to our day. We remember that Jesus prayed to His Father in His day, not only for God to bless His disciples, but as many as would believe in their words, even down to the end of time. This prayer was offered many years ago, but it included us, too. That is why my heart and tongue are not able to express my feelings to God, because as Christ says in the scriptures, "He has hidden these things from the wise and prudent of the world, and revealed them to babes"—those who are innocent in heart and believe in Him, leaving the so-called great things of the world behind.

We, your brothers and sisters in San Diego, cannot express our deep thanks and appreciation to God for making it possible for us to have our own building, a temple dedicated to His service, and the humble service of anyone who seeks shelter from the trials of

life, inside its doors; hoping whoever is seeking to serve God, may come and truly feel His presence and love in our midst. We have heard people say that when they pass by our building and look at it, it seems to invite them in. We sincerely hope and pray that God will be our help, keeping us always humble and loving to all, so that in His own due time, in times of trouble and strife in the world, some souls may seek and find shelter in the Gospel restored, which the Lord has seen fit to bring to this part of His vineyard, so that we can praise and honor His name always, for it all belongs to Him.

Our building was dedicated on Sunday, 22nd of June. Before the morning service was opened, a session of beautiful hymn singing by the Los Angeles Choir, the congregation, and also a solo by Bro. James Lovalvo, was enjoyed by all. Bro. James Heaps was in charge of our service, which was opened by singing Hymn 414—"Whispering Hope." Prayer was offered by Bro. Marco Randazzo, of Modesto, Calif. Our presiding Elder, Bro. Breci, then prayed to God, asking His blessing on the ministerial and sacrament cloths. Bro. James Lovalvo read the prayer of Solomon when he dedicated the temple of God which they built in Jerusalem, and he gave a beautiful talk on this subject, stressing the importance of keeping our temple a spiritual temple, not only admiring the beauty of the structure. The blessings of God were felt by all present.

Sometime before the dedication of our Church, the prophet who appears to our Bro. Turano, came to him and told him that he would come to the dedication and give him another envelope with money in it for the Church. He also told him at that time that God would bless His Church in San Diego. During Bro. James Lovalvo's talk, the prophet did come. Bro. Turano said he was standing at the front of the Church, to brother Lovalvo's right, just below the rostrum. Bro. Turano, who is a deacon, was sitting at the rear of the Church, but he saw the prophet, who was beckoning to him to come to him. Many saw Bro. Turano leave his seat, overcome with God's spirit, and move slowly forward. There were two who saw the prophet's hand giving Bro. Turano a white envelope, and saw

Bro. Turano shaking hands with the prophet, and putting his left hand over both of his and the prophets clasped hands. He then came back to his seat and sat down again before realizing just what had happened. He was overcome with the spirit. Bro. James Lovalvo left the rostrum and going to Bro. Turano, helped him to the front of the Church. Bro. Turano handed Bro. Lovalvo the envelope the prophet gave him, and when Bro. Lovalvo opened it, he found fifty (50) dollars in it, which he showed to the congregation. Truly it was a great manifestation of God's spirit and mystery, making us realize that God works the same with His people today, as He did in former years. We then sang "When the Saints are Marching In." Brother James Heaps then gave us a wonderful talk, following the trend of the text and talk of Bro. Lovalvo. Sister Rose Benenati of San Diego, and Sister Josephine Catalano of Modesto, were both anointed for their afflictions, by Bros. Heaps and Meo, with a good feeling in our midst. We then sang, "Longing for the Gathering," and were dismissed with prayer by Bro. Alma Cadman.

After a lunch enjoyed by all in the Church basement, Bro. Lovalvo was in charge of the afternoon meeting, which was opened with a song service by the Los Angeles Choir and all present joining in with them in singing our beautiful hymns. Bro. Meo offered prayer. Bro. Buccellato acknowledged our deep appreciation of all help given to us in the course of building our Church. Bros. Heaps and Lovalvo sang a duet — "Follow Me." Bro. Alma Cadman then spoke to us of his baptism into the Gospel and also of John speaking in Revelations of the angel flying in the midst of heaven, etc. We all enjoyed his talk with the blessing of God. We then sang, "He Keeps on Loving Us Still," after which we enjoyed the talk of Bro. Breci, (our presiding Elder) speaking of the foundation of the Church and the requirements of God. We then sang, "He Will Not Forget," after which Bro. Heaps offered prayer to God, asking His blessing and consecration on our building as a temple for Him always. He then sang, "Jesus Loves Me So," Bro. Robert Watson Jr. of Windsor, Canada then spoke to us a few minutes. We then sang, "Jesus Lover of My Soul," followed with short

talks by Bros. Heaps, Randazzo, and Lovaivo. Their talks were enjoyed very much. After singing "Shall I Empty Handed Be," we were dismissed with prayer by Bro. Buccellato.

We had a wonderful day in the service of the Lord, enjoying greatly His blessings and the fellowship of many brothers and sisters who came from Los Angeles and Modesto, Calif. Bro. and Sister Watson, Jr., from Canada, and Bro. Alma Cadman from Monongahela, Pa., feeling greatly honored to have them with us at our dedication. We wished so much Bro. W. H. Cadman could have been with us too, but it could not be. We had many strangers in our midst for which we were glad. It would have been wonderful to have all of you with us too, but we know it was impossible. In this life we must part from each other sometimes, but as long as we are bound together in our souls with the love and spirit of God, remaining faithful to Him until the end, we will meet in His Kingdom, and be together for eternity. That is what we are all striving for, we know.

At this point, I want to say for all of us here in San Diego, that words cannot express our thanks and appreciation for the goodness of our brothers and sisters everywhere, including those in New York City in helping us in our need during the course of building our Church. There were times when we thought we could not go on, but with God's continual guidance, and through your help and the help of His prophet in visiting our beloved Bro. Turano so many times, we were able to complete our work and see our beautiful building today. We can never forget the bond of The Church of Jesus Christ, given to us by its founder, our Elder Brother Jesus Christ. We want to ask you with all our hearts to remember us in your prayers, for we need the reinforcement of God's spirit from time to time. We may be far away from you all in distance, but truly our hearts and minds are filled with thoughts of you always, and many times we sing the hymn "Blest Be the Tie that Binds, etc."

We pray that God will keep us close together with His infinite love until the end of time. We wish to send our love in the Lord to all of you, wherever you are, and wherever the seed of the Gospel is planted. We also want you

all to know that if ever any of you can come this way, you are sincerely welcome in the love of God. May we see some of you in the near future. I will close with special love in the Lord to all of you. Sister Lena Liberto Secretary of the Church in San Diego.

P.S. Any person who will turn to the May issue of this paper, and on page 3 will find information relative to the person who is styled "the prophet." Editor.

News Items

The Editor was invited to the home of brother and sister Temen Cherry to take part with the Tucker family in honoring their mother, Sister Mary Jane Tucker on her ninetieth birthday. In commemorating her natal-day, it has been an annual affair for years past. Many of the family and a few friends were present. Sister Tucker has lived to be quite an old lady, and is growing very feeble. She joined the Church better than fifty years ago. We extend best wishes to our aged Sister and all her family. She was born on July 12, 1862.

In Montreal, Canada, a city law requires stores to close on Roman Catholic holy days. On Ascension Day, May 22, 100 policemen cruised Montreal streets, arresting violators of the law. Seven large stores contesting the validity of the law, and 206 other stores, remained open. Chain stores closed. "The Lookout."

P. S. It looks as though the "law makers" of Montreal are playing into the hands of the Roman Catholic Church. (Ed).

Brother and Sister Ben Ciccatti and little son, of San Diego, Calif. accompanied by Bro. Ashton of Coal Valley, Pa., called at the home of Bro. W. H. Cadman on August 6th and spent an hour or two with them. Ben and his wife were on their return trip from New Jersey, where they had visited Sister Ciccatti's people. His home is in Lorain, Ohio, but he and his wife live in California where he is teaching school.

While here at our home they projected some pictures on the wall which were taken in Calif., including a picture of our new church in San Diego; which I must say is very nice indeed. We were glad to have them call on us.

Brother and Sister George Neill, and daughter Patricia formerly of Monongahela, but who at present are living in Miami, Fla., due to the poor health of Bro. Neill, have been spending a week or ten days visiting in these parts. We were all glad to see them again after an absence of ten months. Bro. Neill occupied the pulpit the morning he was here, and according to his testimony, absence has caused him to be more fonder of his brethren and sisters in the Church. We are glad to hear testimony of that kind along with his words to the effect, that he is more firm in the faith of The Church of Jesus Christ, and the Restored Gospel than ever. His health has improved much in the south, and they left here on August 7th to return to their southern home. May the Lord be with them.

Brother Biscotti informs me that him and his wife expect to board a Plane (I presume in New York) on Sept. 16th at 9:30 p. m. for Italy, on his Missionary trip to his native land. I feel sure that the best wishes of us all will be for your welfare. Bro. Biscotti tells me in his letter that when he came to this country 32 years ago it took him 22 days to come by boat. Now he's goin-a-flyin this time. Expects to leave here in the evening and arrive at Rome in the afternoon of the next day. What changes have been wrought in a few years.

A letter dated August 12th received from Sister Behanna at Linden, Iowa informs us that Brother Behanna is still in bed, but is getting along as well as can be expected. He is anxious to get up. Through the medium of the Gospel News, Sister Behanna expresses her appreciation to you all for the many cards and flowers received during their affliction. They are now with their daughter, Mrs. Margaret Blackwell, Linden, Iowa.

This day August 12th, word has reached me that Brother Frank Sirangelo of West Palm Beach, Fla., has been hit with a car and is in the hospital with a broken leg. We are very sorry to hear of this happening our brother. His home address is, 2808 Okeechobee Rd. W. Palm Beach, Fla.

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SHOULD I GO

Should I go across the river,
Should I leave this world of strife
Do not fret for me, my darlings,
I've entered in a better life.

All my anxious days are over,
All my worries, all my cares;
I shall leave you all, still trust-
ing
God will answer all my prayers.

Prayers so often I have uttered
When none but God was there
to hear,
For the children that He gave
me,
And all those I hold most dear.

I'll be waiting in the homeland
Watching for you, one by one,
O be careful not to grieve Him,
God the Father or His Son.

For this world has naught to
offer,
Without the Lord it all is vain;
Won't you try to love and serve
Him
So we may all meet again?

There is joy and peace unending
In the life beyond, we're told;
I am longing there to enter
Where we'll never more grow
old.

Watching, Waiting, trusting, hop-
ing,
All my life I hoped to see
All my children walking with
me,
Serving God in unity.

This the hope of every mother,
This prayer on all their lips,
Climb aboard now, all my chil-
dren,
Climb aboard the Gospel Ship.
Margaret Heaps

"LEARNING CHRIST"

Teach me, my Lord, to be sweet
and gentle in all the events of
life—
in disappointments,
in the thoughtlessness of others,
in the insincerity of those I
trusted,
in the unfaithfulness of those
on whom I relied.
Let me put myself aside,
to think of the happiness of oth-
ers,

to hide my little pains and heart-
aches,

so that I may be the only one
to suffer from them.

Teach me to profit by the suf-
fering that comes across my path.

Let me so use it that it may mel-
low me, not harden nor embitter
me,

that it may make me patient,
not irritable,

that it may make me broad
in my forgiveness, not narrow,
haughty and overbearing.

May no one be less good for hav-
ing come within my influence. No
one less pure, less true, less kind,
less noble for having been a fel-
low-traveler in our journey toward
ETERNAL LIFE.

As I go my rounds from one dis-
traction to another, let me whis-
per from time to time, a word of
love to Thee. May my life be lived
in the supernatural, full of power
for good, and strong in its purpose
of sanctity.

—Author unknown.

THE TOMB

When the followers of Christ
went to the tomb, they found it
empty. How sad they were because
they did not find the Lord's body
there. Likewise, if our hearts do
not possess the spirit of Christ,
we are like an empty tomb. May
I ask: what is it like to possess
the Spirit of Christ? It is the great-
est possession any one can have,
for when His spirit is within your
heart, you have peace, and love
for all living beings. If Christ is in
your heart, you love even your en-
emies. Enemies, I mean those who
hate you because you are a child
of God, those who hate you with-
out a cause; yes, you can love them
if Christ dwells in you.

To love those who love you, is
a natural thing to do, but to love
those who despitely use you, is
DIVINE. There is no darkness nor
sadness in the heart that possesses
the Spirit of Christ. If we do not
have Christ within our hearts, we
are like an empty tomb, and we
may be a disappointment to some
one who is seeking to find the lov-
ing Spirit of Christ in us. So help
us, Lord, to have the dear and
tender Spirit of Christ always.
Sister Anna Nastasia, Niles, Ohio.

A JOYFUL TRIP

By Bro. and Sister Sirangelo
of Florida

On June 6th we left for the west
and northwest. Arriving at Hot
Springs, Ark., I wanted to see a
man whom I had spoken to of the
Gospel some six years ago, but
he had sold his home and moved
to another location.

On June 10th we arrived at Wich-
ita, Kansas, at the home of Bro.
and Sister Jones, where we spent
about four hours, had dinner with
them and enjoyed ourselves in talk-
ing of God's goodness towards us.
From there we went to St. John,
Kansas, and visited with Bro. San-
ders and held a meeting at the
home of Bro. and sister Robinson.
We then spent the night at Bro.
Sanders'. All the brothers and sis-
ters there treated us well. May
God bless them for their kindness.

The next morning at four o'clock
we left Kansas and traveled all day
in a northwest direction through
Colorado. The Lord was in our
company all the time. On June
12th we found ourselves at the
Yellowstone National Park. It was
very cold and also some snow cov-
ered the ground. On June 13th we
arrived at Seattle, Wash., at the
home of one of our sons. After
riding 3670 miles we were united
with our boy and his family. The
reunion was the first in a long
time and we were happy to see
them.

We spent 13 days in Seattle, and
then left for Idaho to visit Bro.
and Sister Converse. There we en-
joyed ourselves in singing and
prayer with their company. Also
paid a short visit to Bro. Newby.

Sunday morning, June 29th we
found ourselves in time for the
services with the Los Angeles
brothers and sisters. We enjoyed
ourselves immensely. God's Spirit
prevailed in our midst, and it
caused a great uplift to our souls.
Sunday evening was spent with
Brother and Sister Abruzzi. We
were treated as members of their
family. Next day we went to San
Diego and attended their Tuesday
evening service. We then spent
some time with Brother and Sister
Turano. We were happy to be to-
gether again, for we spent many
good times in New Brunswick, N.
J., where we lived some years ago.

We also stayed with Brother and Sister Charles Breci for some time. Sunday, July 6th, we attended services in San Diego. There we enjoyed God's blessings also. Feet washing was held that day. I enjoyed the order that was exercised among the saints. We visited in N. Hollywood at the home of Brother and Sister Pasqua and Brother and Sister John Azzinaro. Bro. Pasqua is not yet a member of our Church, but he treated us fine and we hope in the near future he will answer God's call. We attended a service at the San Fernando Valley Mission. Bro. Meo presides there. That evening we had dinner with Brother and Sister DiChiera. We then returned to Los Angeles and stayed at the home of Brother and Sister Carrara. Sunday services were spent there and we had a nice time. The hospitality of the saints was much appreciated. May God bless them.

We returned to San Diego and attended Tuesday evening services. Left there Wednesday morning together with Brother and Sister Turano. They visited their son in Phoenix, Arizona.

We continued our trip the next day and arrived safely home on Sunday evening. Thank the Lord for His protection.

Dear brothers and sisters; Gospel News readers. This trip was planned a long time ago. I prayed to the Lord to open the way for us, and thanks be to Him He did. My prayers were answered that I might find joy and also spread joy wherever I go. The Lord heard my prayers and I found more than I expected. We traveled 9130 miles without a mishap. We know with what spirit we left our home we'll find where ever we go. No matter where we went I felt God's Spirit with me. Jesus' words "As I love you so ye must love one another." In my heart there is love for all the brethren and I know God's blessings are with us. Bro. and Sister Sirangelo.

GATHERING AT ROCHESTER, NEW YORK, JUNE 29, 1952

Dear Brother Cadman:

We had a good representation of Brothers and Sisters from Pennsylvania, Ohio, Lockport, N. Y., and Rochester, N. Y.

Morning meeting was opened by Bro. A. A. Corrado of Youngstown, Ohio. We sang Hymn No. 128. Followed with a prayer by Bro. Cor-

rado. We continued by singing Hymn No. 362. Bro. Corrado read the 17th verse of the 4th Chapter of 2nd Corinthians. The theme of his talk was "OUR CROSS."

We sang Hymn, "Standing on the Promises." Bro. Wm. DiGennaro of Warren, Ohio, spoke next emphasizing "The Holy and Beautiful City" which should be as an aim in helping us carry our crosses.

Bro. Joseph Shazer of Vanderbilt, Pa., followed and spoke along the same subject elaborating on the theme, "Our Cross." A good spirit prevailed throughout the meeting.

Bro. Paul D'Amico of Lockport, N. Y., then spoke in the Italian language for the benefit of those present who cannot understand the English language. Following his talk Sister Flavia Troani of Lockport, N. Y., was anointed.

Brother King of Little Red Stone, Pa., followed with a good spirit prevailing, after which Bro. Patsy Marinetti (Presiding Elder of Rochester) concluded with a few encouraging remarks.

We dismissed with Hymn No. 359. Closing prayer by Brother Frank Rosati.

The afternoon meeting convened at 2:30 P.M. Before the opening of the service, the group from Pennsylvania favored us with two hymns. The Lockport group sang Hymn, "The Way of the Cross Leads Home." The Rochester group sang Hymn "The Blessed Old Story Is True." Meeting was opened with Hymn No. 26. Followed with prayer by Bro. Joseph Shazer. Continued by singing Hymn No. 412, after which the meeting was opened to all the brothers and sisters for Testimony. Two sisters were anointed for their affliction. Many bore testimony to the truthfulness of the Gospel with a good spirit prevailing in our meeting. A number of hymns were sung after which all the brethren of the ministry took part in administering to Bro. Ishmael D'Amico. After administering Sacrament, Brother Patsy Marinetti made a few concluding remarks. Sang Hymn No. 381. Closing prayer by Bro. King.

Sister Antoinette Giansante

ARTICLE BY BRO. PAUL D'AMICO, LOCKPORT, N. Y.

Bro. Cadman:

Recently my wife and I and children, along with Brothers Frank

Rosati and Patsy Parrone of Rochester, took a little trip. We made our first stop in Cleveland, Ohio where Bro. and Sister Rocco Biscotti received us very warmly. We had a nice meeting on Wednesday evening where we saw most of the Cleveland Saints. On Thursday we left Cleveland and made a short stop at Bro. and Sister Gennaro's home in Warren, Ohio. Sister Gennaro and her son were home and they gave us some refreshment before we went on our way. From there we continued on to West Aliquippa, Pa., and went to my sister Erma's place on the Monaca Farm. We remained at her place till Monday and can surely say that she and her husband and family did all they could to make our visit a pleasant one.

On Friday, 4th of July, we visited Bro. Clemente and family in McKees Rocks; also Bro. DeMasso of Coraopolis, Pa. On Sunday we attended Sunday School and both services at West Aliquippa, the Lord being in our midst. Our Sunday School was taken up with Bro. Frank Rosati and myself speaking to the young people attending the Sunday School. We enjoyed ourselves with them very much. I opened the morning service at West Aliquippa and felt much liberty in speaking, thus assuring me that God was well pleased with our visit. Bro. Frank Rosati followed with a good spirit. Bro. Philip Melico gave a few concluding remarks and then the meeting was dismissed. Our afternoon service was taken up with testimony and many of the saints expressed themselves, with a good feeling prevailing. After supper we proceeded to McKees Rocks where a large number had gathered at the Church Building. Bro. Clemente having appointed a special meeting that night. I enjoyed myself along with the rest in having the privilege to address this group and it can be said that our time there was well spent. Bro. Frank Rosati and Bro. Philip Melico, along with Bro. Clemente followed in speaking. At the end of that service it was said even as the saints said in days of old, "IT WAS GOOD FOR US TO BE HERE."

We left for home on Monday morning and had a safe journey back home. We wish to thank all the saints who extended hospitality unto us and trust the Lord will reward them for their kindness.

**Brother Beaver Writes From
Ohsweken, Ont.
(Six Nations Reserve)**

Brother Editor:

I want to tell how I came into this wonderful Gospel. I used to belong to a protestant Church. I was born here on this Reservation where I now live and was a good member of the Church and Sunday School in my boy-hood days.

I am happy to say, what I learned from the Church I give thanks to the Lord. I always believed it was the only Church that was right. One time our Minister told us all — the big girls and the big boys, we had to learn the ten commandments, and the Lord's prayer and the Creed off by heart. After we learned them we were confirmed by the Bishop, and we were told we became full members of the Church, we could take the Holy Sacrament when the rest was given it.

A few years ago a man by the name of who was an Apostle and belonged to what they call the Church of Christ, Temple Lot. He was sent here from Headquarters in Independence, Mo. He used to hold meetings at Mr. Harry Loft's place every night. So one evening I said to my wife — let us go over and see what they are preaching about. My brother Wesley used to tell me what he heard over at the meetings. He said there was a man by the name of Joseph Smith who was told by the Lord, that there were some gold and silver and brass plates hidden under a rock — He wanted Joseph to go and find these records and translate them into a book. So Joseph went and found them and translated them into what is known as the Book of Mormon, and by doing just what the Lord told him to do, the people at that time and all the different kind of Churches got angry because Joseph done what the Lord wanted him to do, because it brought out a lot of truth and it hurt them and they made a great Mob and shot Joseph and his brother Hiram. All these things my brother Wesley told me. But I never took any stock in it. It sounded like a fairy story. So one night we went over to the place where they held the meetings. We wanted to find out ourselves what they were preaching.

To my surprise I felt ashamed

of myself to see all our close neighbors were all there. Apostle he certainly was a good preacher, and next day I went over to our Minister, Mr. Jaques was his name. I was doing some work for him. I told him where we were that night and heard some wonderful words from the Bible. He agreed with me and said he gave Mr. — a lift from Caledoni the first day he came here. The Apostle asked Mr. Jaques to open the meeting with prayer the first night. He said he thought they were Russell-ites. I told him just what my brother told me — they were called Mormons. I noticed how Mr. Jaques' face changed when I said they were Mormons. He said, if they are Mormons, don't go there anymore, they are working for the devil. He said they are so nice to us and when we believe their teachings they would lead us astray, and we would be lost forever. He told me I didn't know the Bible as much as he did — I could be so easy lead astray. I believed what he said, because I believed the Minister knew it all, and that why he is our leader — he said he was closer to God than any of us, he said he knew every thing — no one could get him lost.

When he said don't go there any more, the more I want to go and tell the Apostle if I notice anything he was not telling the way we were taught, I want to tell him where he was wrong. So next night we went again. We heard the Apostle say, God is not partial and he looking at us said, we are all on one basis and there was no one higher than the other. The more we went to the meetings the more we found out they were telling more truth than our own Minister was telling to us. He told us we have to repent of our sins, and be baptized and laying on of hands for receiving the Holy Ghost — and all these things we had to do first. When I look back where we was I never repent of my sins, and I was in full membership and partaking of the Holy Sacrament. He told us we had to be seven members before we could establish a Church. We were seven baptized that day, and a branch of the Temple Lot Church was established. We felt so happy for awhile, but it was not long before we began to notice we had made a mistake, they begin to show they were not following the way the Bible and Book of Mor-

mon taught us, that we should have love for one another, and if any are weak and fall by the way-side, the two books taught us to go and help them, and pray for them to get on the right path again. My wife used to be sickly, she would have fainting spells. Our Elders and some of the white brothers said sickness is sin, they said my wife is a sinner. She asked to be anointed, she did not get any better. She got discouraged, she thought we had made a mistake. Nobody knows what we had to suffer, people began to call us Mormons—ask how many wives I had, or how many I was going to have. I could not answer, because I did not know what they meant by this. I had never read the Book of Mormon, but today I could answer that the Book of Mormon strictly forbids: "thou shalt not any man among you have save it be one wife and concubines he shall have none." (Brother Beavers tells a little story here about how a man claiming to be the Choice Seer, who fooled their Elders. Editor) My wife was disappointed and said, "all men are gone astray, they are all false prophets. The good part of it was, my wife was warned in a dream, and the results were, we left the Church of Christ Temple Lot. Nobody knows how we suffer. We had so much faith in them, but the good Lord never left us down. He was watching over all the time. It was not our fault, we were lost, we were depending on the arm of flesh too much.

I began to read the Bible and the Book of Mormon. My wife said we will go back to the church where we were before, even if we don't believe their gospel, the nice hymns they sing will give us comfort. I told my wife I could never go back to the Protestant Church, because when I read 17th chapter of Rev., I know it meant just what was written. I read the Bible and Book of Mormon and got down on my knees and prayed to our Dear God, and asked Him to show us His church and His Doctrine. I asked the Lord many times. So the Lord did not leave me. I heard there was some kind of a Church among the Indians at Muncey 100 miles away that believe in the same Book of Mormon. We arranged to go. Henry Likers was with me. We arrived there just before the meeting left out. The brothers and sisters in

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EDITORIAL

The humble petition of Solomon, king of Israel: Beginning with verse 7, chapter 3 of First Kings. "And now, O Lord my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father: and I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in. And thy servant is in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude. Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?"—in verse 10, I read that this pleased the Lord: "And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment; Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee. And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches, and honor: so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days. And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as thy father David did walk, then I will lengthen thy days." In verse 15, I read that Solomon awoke. Hence this experience was in the way of a dream.

We must conclude that Solomon was a wonderful man in his child-like manner in approaching his God. But what a change in the short span of life in which he sojournd upon this earth. He was wonderfully blessed by the All-Wise-God, his name was held in renown, he became famous, but he forgot his child-like life when "he did not know how to go out or come in." He transgressed the commandments of his God, reproached his fair name and his

child-like simplicity and wandered into forbidden paths.

His following words seem conclusive to me that Solomon saw his folly before his days were ended, for he says: "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil."

Yea, let us all remember that while some of His commandments may look small in the eyes of mortals, don't be deceived, for the Commandments of God are yea and amen; and as Paul says, the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.

Muncey were glad when they knew where we came from. Brothers Riggen and Miller were there that day, and they asked us to tell them what brought us there that day. I told them I already had been baptized in the Temple Lot Church, but I was not satisfied. I was looking for the Church that Christ set up. The Bible shall always stand, for our God is still the same, yesterday, today and forever. When man starts to change the Bible, it is time to give up. I believe the Bible and Book of Mormon and Christ is our leader, and He is head of the Church. He has laid the path for us to follow. I heard the testimonies of the brothers and sisters in Muncey, how the Lord had given an old sister her sight again after 17 years. Our brothers and sisters were so glad at Muncey, they try every-way for us to understand.

Next week we receive two letters, one from Bro. Cadman and one from Bro. Furnier asking if we would like to have meeting in our home. It was a long way for them to come, and I asked my wife if she would cook for them if they came, she said she would. We felt happy. So on Sunday there was several of the brothers and sisters came from Detroit. We were so happy, it gave us new life and all the dark clouds began to roll away. At last we have found what we were asking God to show us — the true Gospel. By their love we shall know that these are my people. We later attended a Conference and on April 3, 1939, Bro. Hill, my wife and I, and one of brother Cadmans daughters were baptized. I never will forget how the big chunks of

ice were floating down the Detroit river. What a joy, what relief, it seemed like I felt a load or burden come off me. It gives me new life — something to live for. I wish my people (Indians) could understand the feeling I have, when we know for sure that we have made a covenant with the Lord. May the Lord bless you all.

Bro. Hugh Beavers,
Ohsweken, Ont.

P. S. Brother Beavers letter is much longer, but I have condensed it some, but I have retained the thought, relative to his experiences in The Church of Jesus Christ. Both Bro. and Sister Beavers have been very faithful in the Church. (WHC)

Jeremiah And The Last Days
Of The Kingdom Of Judah

(By Sister Irene Bickerton)

Jeremiah was the great prophet, a son of Hilkiah, a priest of Anathoth, in the territory of Benjamin. He was young when he received the divine call to the prophetic office. He was sent to deliver his message in the face of all those who might be opposed to its reception, whether princes, priests, or people. He was to be like a defended city, an iron pillar, and walls of brass against which foes might fight, but would not prevail. As a symbolic ordination ceremony, the Lord touched his mouth, putting within it words, and setting him over nations and kingdoms, on the one hand; to root out, overthrow, and destroy; and, on the other hand, to plant and to build (1). He began to prophesy in the thirteenth year of the reign of Josiah, and continued to do so till the capture of Jerusalem, in the fifth month of the eleventh year of Zedekiah's reign. His public life extended through the last eighteen years of Josiah's reign, the three months during which Jehoahaz ruled, the eleven years of Jehoia-kim, the three months of Jehoia-chin, and the eleven years and five months of Zedekiah, in all about forty-one years.

Contemporary prophets, active during some part of the time when Jeremiah was prophesying, were Daniel, Ezekiel, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, and perhaps Obadiah and Zechariah.

Jeremiah shows that he talked face to face with the Lord and he records the speech which passed between them. Just as God spoke to Abraham and later to Moses, so the Lord spoke to Jeremiah. In addressing the prophet the Lord

said: "Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations." (Jer. 1:5) Chosen and consecrated for service, Jeremiah was selected to be a prophet to the nations before he was conceived in his mother's womb.

Jeremiah declared he could not speak, because he was in his early twenties when the call came to him to be one of the Lord's messengers. When he objected the Lord answered: "Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatever I command thee thou shalt speak. Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord." (Jer. 1:7-8)

A double witness of the certainty of Jeremiah's call and of coming judgment was given. First, the prophet saw a rod of an almond tree. The almond tree signifies a watcher or early waker. The Lord informed Jeremiah that he was to attend to what he saw for He is watchful over His promises to perform them. (2) The second time, Jeremiah saw a seething pot, with the face towards the north. In order to complete the message, a boiling cauldron was shown on which fire was being blown from the north. This showed that evil and the enemy would come from the north.

After receiving his call, Jeremiah went to Jerusalem. He addressed the nation and condemned the House of Judah for their sins. He reminded them how they had been attended in their infancy, loved and guided through the wilderness and brought into Palestine. He wondered why the people were following after vain things and idols. In the Law it is forbidden for a man to re-marry his divorced wife who has in the meantime married and then lost her husband. Israel had forsaken the Lord, the high places that crowned every hill in the land showed the multitude of idols she had worshipped. This figure by which idolatry is stigmatized as adultery in the spiritual sphere, reveals the intensity of the love of God to men. (3)

For many years Jeremiah had been prophesying that trouble was coming upon Judea when Babylon would descend upon the people and carry them away into captivity. The years had rolled by and the warnings of Jeremiah had not materialized. The people and leaders were discounting all that the

prophet had to say due to the apparent delay in fulfillment and they refused to believe his messages. In vain Jeremiah warned of disaster.

Jeremiah's life was threatened because of his messages. They were very unpopular and his very presence among them reminded the people of their sins. They wanted to kill him so his prophecies would not trouble them any more. There were also many prophets who prophesied falsely, so that the people believed them, and were led to sin.

Jeremiah was commanded to stand in the gate of the city where the kings of Judah passed in and out of the city. The gates of a city were places of assembly where often public markets were established, and were places of legal tribunals. Jeremiah went here in response to the Lord's command. The prophet told them to take heed that they would bear no burden, or engage in trading on the Sabbath day; nor should they bring loads of any kind either from their homes within the city or from the country without to the gates on the day of rest. The people were reminded that on that day they were to do no work as God had instructed their fathers. If they would do this, kings and princes sitting upon the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, would enter the gates of the city, and the city would remain forever. (4) When Israel and Judah turned completely away from observing the law of the Sabbath, to keep the day holy, the end of prosperity and peace came.

By the illustration of the clay vessel and the broken bottle, it was shown that the House of Israel was the vessel of clay damaged in the making but still workable clay capable of being reshaped. But the House of Judah was the earthen vessel, already formed and baked in the fire, then broken in pieces beyond possibility of being mended. This shows the House of Israel and the House of Judah as two separate and distinct peoples. (5) Prophecy shows that the day will come when castout Israel will stand forth before all people a perfect vessel in the sight of all.

(1) Old English Dictionary (about 1820). Exact date and author unknown, p. 677

(2) Study in Jeremiah, Howard B. Rand, Destiny Publishers, Massachusetts, 1947, p. 15

(3) Jeremiah, E. H. Broadbent;

Pickering & Inglis, Great Britain, p. 30

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(5) Ibid. p. 101

The Iniquity of Evil Speaking
By Jean Baptiste Massillon
(1663-1742)

The tongue, says the Apostle James, is a devouring fire, a world of iniquity, an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. And behold what I would have applied to the tongue of the evil speaker, had I undertaken to give you a just and natural idea of all the enormity of this vice; I would have said that the tongue of the slanderer is a devouring fire which tarnishes whatever it touches; which exercises its fury on the good grain, equally as on the chaff; on the profane, as on the sacred; which, wherever it passes, leaves only desolation and ruin; digs even into the bowels of the earth, and fixes itself on things the most hidden; turns into vile ashes what only a moment before had appeared to us so precious and brilliant; acts with more violence and danger than ever in the time when it is apparently smothered up and almost extinct; which blackens what it cannot consume, and sometimes sparkles and delights before it destroys.

I would have told you that evil speaking is an assemblage of iniquity; a secret pride, which discovers to us the mote in our brother's eye, but hides the beam which is in our own; a mean envy, which, hurt at the talents or prosperity of others, makes them the subject of its censures, and studies to dim the splendor of whatever outshines itself; a disguised hatred which here sheds, in its speeches, the hidden venom of the heart; an unworthy duplicity, which praises to the face and tears to pieces behind the back; a shameful levity, which has no command over itself or its words, and often sacrifices both fortune and comfort to the imprudence of an amusing conversation; a deliberate barbarity, which goes to pierce your absent brother; a scandal, where you become a subject of shame and sin to those who listen to you; an injustice, where you ravish from your brother what is dearest to him.

I should have said that slander is a restless evil, which disturbs society, spreads dissension through cities and countries, disunites the strictest friendships; is the source

of hatred and revenge; fills, wherever it enters, with disturbances and confusion, and everywhere is an enemy to peace, comfort and Christian good breeding. Lastly, I should have added it is an evil full of deadly poison; and whatever flows from it is infected, and poisons whatever it approaches; then even its praises are empoisoned, its applauses malicious, its silence criminal, its gestures, motions, and looks, have all their venom, and spread it each in their way.

Behold what in this discourse it would have been my duty, more at large, to have exposed to your view, had I not proposed to paint to you only the vileness of the vice which I am now going to combat; but as I have already said, these are only general invectives, which none apply to themselves. The more odious the vice is represented, the less do you perceive yourselves concerned in it; and though you acknowledge the principle, you make no use of it in the regulation of your manners; because, in these general paintings, we always find features which do not resemble ourselves. I wish, therefore, to confine myself at present to the single object of making you feel all the injustice of that description of slander which you think the more innocent; and, lest you should not feel yourself connected with what I say, I shall attack it only in the pretexts which you continually employ in its justification.

I know that it is, above all, by the innocency of the intention that you pretend to justify yourself; that you continually say that your design is not to tarnish the reputation of your brother, but innocently to divert yourself with faults which do not dishonor him in the eyes of the world. You, my dear hearer, to divert yourself with his faults! But what is that cruel pleasure which carries sorrow and bitterness to the heart of your brother? Where is the innocency of an amusement whose source springs from vices which ought to inspire you with compassion and grief? If Jesus Christ forbids us in the Gospel to invigorate the languors of conversation by idle words, shall it be more permitted to you to enliven it by derisions and censures? If the law curses him who uncovers the nakedness of his relatives, shall you who add raillery and insult to the discovery be more protected from that malediction? If whosoever call his brother fool be worthy, according

to Jesus Christ, of eternal fire, shall he who renders him the contempt and laughing stock of the profane assembly escape the same punishment? You, to amuse yourself with his faults! But does charity delight in evil? Is that rejoicing in the Lord, as commanded by the apostle? If you love your brother as yourself, can you delight in what afflicts him? Ah! the Church formerly held in horror the exhibition of gladiators, and denied that believers, brought up in the tenderness and benignity of Jesus Christ, could innocently feast their eyes with the blood and death of these unfortunate slaves, or form a harmless recreation of so inhuman pleasure. But you renew more detestable shows to enliven your languor; you bring upon the stage not infamous wretches devoted to death, but members of Jesus Christ, your brethren; and then you entertain the spectators with wounds which you inflict on persons rendered sacred by baptism. Is it then necessary that your brother should suffer to amuse you? Can you find no delight in your conversations unless his blood, as I may say, is furnished toward iniquitous pleasure?

P.S. The above is a sermon delivered away back in the seventeenth century, which I believe is good for all professing Christians today to read, and give it serious thought, even though you may be an advocate of the Restored Gospel. I know not what Church this Minister belonged to, neither is it necessary that I should, **RIGHT IS RIGHT**. The Saviour said in sense if not in exact words: "For he that is not against us is on our part." Let all men praise God for that which is good. (WHC)

Bro. Edward Dreer and Sarah Kalquist of McKeesport, Pa., were united in marriage the evening of August 2, 1952 at the home of Bro. Philip Dreer, Warren, Ohio. The exchange of vows was received by Bro. Philip Dreer. Sister Phyllis Corrado was soloist and Joyce Dreer furnished the wedding music. The couple are now residing at 716 Franklin St. McKeesport, Pa.

By Rose Corrado.

MRS. MARTHA ESTELLA MORRISON PASSES ON

Sister Martha Estella Morrison died August 18, 1952, in the 71st year of her life. She had been ailing for quite some time. She was born in Jamaica, B.W.I. August 24, 1881. Sister Morrison was baptized

into the Church June 1, 1941 and has been a very faithful sister ever since. All those who have listened to her, bearing her testimony from time to time have been wonderfully impressed with the peace that has been burning in her soul. She leaves to mourn her loss, her husband Arthur W. Morrison, two sons, Walter and Jack, a sister, Doris Carline Shorey, several nieces and nephews. She was laid away to rest from the Garnett L. Hegeman Funeral Home in Ecorse, Michigan August 21st. Brother M. Miller officiated, assisted by Brother Joseph Bologna and the Rev. R. W. Harris of 2nd Baptist Church. Bros. Dominic Moraco and Dominic Thomas offered prayers in the Church and at the Cemetery. Sisters Grace Brutz and Rose Milantoni sang "In The Garden" and "It is Well With My Soul." A friend from St. Johns Methodist Episcopal Church sang "Take My Hand and Lead Me On."

We all deeply regret the loss of our beloved Sister.

Bro. M. Miller

RAYMOND SMITH PASSES ON

Raymond Duane Smith, the son of Mr. Albert Smith of Clearview Terrace was born on March 30, 1933 and departed this life on August 17, 1952. He was just a few months passed his 19th birthday. He had graduated from the Monongahela High School in the class of 1951 and was employed by the Peoples Gas Co. of this city. He was a member of the Sabbath School of The Church of Jesus Christ of Monongahela. The many and beautiful floral contributions tendered, was an expression of the high esteem had for him by his many friends. He leaves to mourn his passing, his father, a mother, one brother Albert of Bentleyville, Pa., and two sisters, Nancy Smith, and Doris Cox both of Tarona, Calif. Besides his immediate family, he leaves behind him, his closest friend, Patricia Lou Neill of Miami, Fla., formerly of this community. May the good Lord who knoweth and understandeth all things bless and comfort you. The services were in charge of Bro. W. H. Cadman and assisted by Rev. Hoover of the Methodist Church of this city. Services were held in Bebout & Yohe Funeral Home and were very largely attended.

P.S. This has been a very sad affair in this community, the whole

city has felt it very keenly. Raymond with four other boys had gone to Williamsport, Pa., to see the Monongahela teen-agers play ball with the boys of that city. They were held up while in their car by a highwaymen, and Raymond was shot dead. It cast a gloom over this city. The members of the Sabbath School of the Church of Jesus Christ here, have keenly felt this terrible tragedy. We are surely living in perilous times.

"MIND"

By Anthony Gerace
Detroit, Mich.

To be carnally minded is death but to be Spiritually minded is life and peace. As a man thinks in his heart so is he. A man is literally what he thinks, his character being the complete sum of all his thoughts. From the hidden seeds of thought spring forth every act of man. Action is the blossom of thoughts and its fruits are joy and suffering.

A noble God-like character is not a thing of chance but is the natural result of continued effort in right thinking. For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh, but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. The carnal mind is enmity against God but is not subject to the law of God.

Blessedness, and not material possessions is the measure of right thought, wretchedness and not lack of material possessions is the measure of wrong thought. Men imagine that thoughts can be kept in secret, but it cannot, it rapidly crystalizes into habit and solidifies into action. Strength of mind can only be developed by effort and practice. As the physical weak man can make himself strong by careful and patient training, so the man of weak thoughts can make them strong by exercising himself in right thinking. The higher a man lifts his thoughts, the more manly, upright and righteous he becomes; the greater will be his success and the more blessed and enduring will be his achievements.

Spiritual achievements are the consummation of holy aspirations. Achievements of whatever kind is the crown of effort, the diadem of thought, calmness of mind is one of the beautiful Jewels of Wisdom. It is the result of long and patient effort in right thinking.

Albuquerque, N. M.

Bro. Editor:

With this letter I come to visit with you and in my soul I know I will find a place in your heart. My soul is full of God's glory. I have not had the opportunity to be near you, nor with any of the brothers and sisters in that part of the country. Today we are situated in a place far away from all of our Missions and Branches. However, through the medium of writing we can link our testimonies together and with the blessing of God, our words will be confirmed accordingly to His divine will.

I have often climbed to the highest mountain of God, where my soul enjoyed the ecstasies of heaven; I sojourned in untold delight through the spirit of our God, during the moments of reminiscence. Here I behold how wonderful it was when Jesus knocked at the door of my heart and He came to live within. This really happened. I had read of a verse in Revelations how Jesus knocks at the door of our hearts, but did not understand how it could happen. At that time I was a Catholic. When our Church was preached to us by my late husband Patsy, it seemed interesting and I took the matter to the Lord in prayer. I had no sooner knelt by my bed-side, when the mercies of God reached down to me, for I beheld two personages standing one or either side of me. They were dressed in white and when I asked God if I had met His Church or not, I saw a beautiful blue sky above and covered with golden stars. As I looked, the stars began falling upon me, and as they touched me it made the pores of my body tingle, while I was both pleased and awed at this strange experience, something I had never felt before in my life, it appeared that all of the stars left the sky poured themselves upon me. I felt and saw a large heap of shining gold, over and around me. As soon as I could breathe freely again, I called to my mother and together we rejoiced in what God was doing for us. My mother told me not to fear as that was all in answer to my prayers. This happened at midnight of April 19, 1921. I proceeded to bed and I had no sooner covered myself, when I began to hear a knock. I listened and looked around me. It did not come from the walls, nor the door, nor the floor; from where, I could not tell. The more

I tried to find out, the louder it got.

Finally I gave up. My heart felt like it was going to burst, and I could hardly breathe. Just when I began wondering why my heart was beating so hard, I heard a fine sweet voice saying, It is Jesus knocking at your heart, if you will open it, He will enter in. When I heard this I became very glad and I kept repeating the name of Jesus over and over until I was satisfied He had entered in. Then while I lay there enjoying this new and glorious experience, I tried to fall asleep. Again the Lord gave me something more to see. I beheld that our elder brother, Ishmael D'Amico and I were standing in the Detroit river where I was being baptized, as he raised his hand to the sky, a yellow golden light like a broad ribbon appeared coming out of the sky and came down half-way above us. At that point it split in two, and one end came to my head and the other end on Bro. D'Amico. I quickly opened my eyes and called to my mother, telling her of the wonderful thing I had just seen. The next morning I begged to be baptized, however, I had to wait till Sunday when the others could get together, where five of us were baptized.

Now I feel better for having written this testimony on this paper. I had to reminisce with some one, and my heart chose your home. It was a thrill when we first met you both — brother and sister Cadman. To us it was a breath taking experience to have met the Church of Jesus Christ, and we were taken out of the terrible and dreadful darkness, out of the abominable condition — to have the mark of the beast removed from us. Believe me that today, we are more than ever alert, lest we should ever fall into any snare of the enemy — for it is 31 years since we made a covenant with God, and have entered into His wonderful Church and we have no desire to lose the prize of the eternal salvation. It use to be a great pleasure talking of the things of God with my husband, however, now that he is waiting in glory for us, I can only talk of my expectations and experiences with my old friends. I am sorry to see old age advancing upon us, but in the spirit of God we are always young, and whatever experiences we have had

from God, are just as sweet and beautiful and fresh as when we first received them.

I have gone this far telling you of my great spiritual joys. I feel in my heart, and I know you will rejoice with me, for we were strangers to each other, yet by becoming branches of the true vine, we enjoy of the same substance that flows from the throne of God. Please remember us in your prayers, for we desire to do our part in manifesting the wonderful truth of the Church of Jesus Christ.

We like Albuquerque very much, the climate is altogether different from San Diego, and the east. Moreover, the Lord has provided us with our daily-bread, including His kind gift of His love toward us, and we are happy to be members of the Church of Jesus Christ. My family joins in with love to all. Your affectionate sister in Christ.

Louise Di Battista
825 Georgia St., S.E.

P. S. A few words might be in place here. This letter was written to my wife and I. With very slight alterations, I am letting you all read it, for I think it is good for the soul. I met sister Louise when she was quite young. It was in 1922 when I was first at their home. She married Bro. Patsy Di-Battista who just some two or three years ago passed on to his reward while living in San Diego, Calif. On account of poor health with some of her family, she removed to New Mexico. May the Lord bless you Louise, along with your loved ones.

Bro. Cadman

NEWS ITEMS

Dear Brother Editor:

I want to tell you how much we enjoy the Gospel News. Some have said it is small—but small gifts are the most priceless and we can be benefited first by appreciating the good it contains, and then to devote our best to it. May God bless you and your helpers in this work. Louise DiBattista, New Mexico.

Sister Gidas of New York City was very much impressed with a beautiful card received from Sister Mazzeo while visiting in Florida. It pictures an Overseas Highway over the Blue Water, and a very beautiful sunset, which she says: "All of it led up to "How great is our Lord Jesus who made everything possible for us. Oh

praise His name."

Almost Unbelievable

"Beginning with the Revolution in 1776 through the War of 1812, the Mexican War, the War between the States, World War I and World War II, the deaths in all our wars did not total a million until last fall in Korea. It took 176 years for war to claim one million victims. Traffic accidents accomplished the same result in only 52 years. The first traffic death in the U.S. was recorded in 1890. The millionth occurred last December." (Pathfinder).

P. S. The Apostle Paul says: "that in the last days perilous times shall come," and among the things we are accused of is, being void of "natural affection." Many a poor pedestrian is knocked off the Highway these days and the guilty driver doesn't even stop to render First Aid. Yet the command of our Creator is "love thy neighbor as thyself." (WHC).

A letter from Sister Maness of the Sarnia, Ont. Reservation, dated August 24th, informs me that her husband, Bro. Maness was painfully injured while at his work in the works at Port Huron, Mich., five ribs and his ankle were fractured. We are very sorry to hear this I am sure. Just prior to this, they had spent a Sunday with the saints on the Six Nations Reserve, and enjoyed themselves very much.

Sister Maness also reports having two baptisms on this date, I believe both parties were from Detroit.

In a letter from Bro. Joseph Benyola of New Jersey, and dated

August 18th he says: "We baptized two people yesterday in the river at Perth Amboy. They are a man and his wife from Puerto Rico. The man could not stop praising God and he said he is very, very happy."

Retail stores in Montreal, Canada, won a fight against a municipal ordinance requiring them to close on certain Roman Catholic holy days. The Montreal Superior Court declared the ordinance unconstitutional.

Last April, when locusts threatened the crops of the new state of Israel, a day of general prayer was proclaimed to ask "divine intervention." A west wind pushed the insect swarms back the way they came and Israel's crops were saved. "Lookout."

In a letter dated Sept. 1, 1952 from Bro. Alexander Robinson of Larned, Kansas, he informs me that he visited an Indian friend in Tulsa, Okla. in July and was given the privilege of speaking in an Indian church while there. He took his text from the 18th chapter of Alma. The Indian folk conducted their services in the Creek language, both speaking and singing. Interest was manifested in the Book of Mormon, and he left a copy with a young man there.

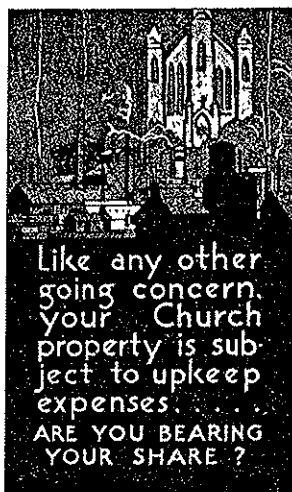
Fredonia, Pa. Sept. 4. Quoting from a letter written by Bro. William Love as follows: Brother Mancini, his wife and family of Erie, and Bro. Perry and wife of Sharon, Pa. attended meetings here last Sabbath. I think all enjoyed the meetings very much.

NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.

Sister Ferrante Marries
In Belgium

Dear Brother Editor:

This is a little news from our Brooklyn Church of Jesus Christ.—The brothers and sisters wish to announce the marriage of our young sister Anna Maria Ferrante who was united in marriage April 19, 1952 to Panfilo Santongelo in Morlanwely, Belgium while she was visiting there on her vacation. She enjoyed a beautiful honeymoon in Europe, and wonderful hospitality of all their friends. She has returned to the U.S.A. Her address is 33 Crosby St., New York, N.Y. Her husband will come to the U.S.A. very soon. May God bless them with a life full of happiness. Sister Ida Gidas.



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THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST, MONONGAHELA, PA. Office 519 Finley St.

By Bro. Ishmael Humphrey

Out from the bosom of Eternity
Comes the spirit so divine to
me,

From the far-away orbit of
space,

His loving hands, my soul to
embrace.

Drifting on through the passage
of time,

The voice of reality I find,

Kindelieth a fire of hope in my
soul,

'Tis the Creator, the Master of
old.

"Oh" my Lord, my God I can
see,

That Thou Art the author of
reality.

Each good soul, a particle of
space,

Hasteneth unto Thee, into its
final place.

The God in whom we believe—
The Church of Jesus Christ. Alma
11, 44 in the Book of Mormon.

"Now, this restoration shall
come to all, both old and young,
both bond and free, both male and
female, both the wicked and the
righteous; and even there shall
not so much as a hair of their
heads be lost; but every thing
shall be restored to its perfect
frame, as it is now, or in the
body, and shall be brought and
arranged before the bar of Christ
the Son, and God the Father, and
the Holy Spirit, which is ONE
Eternal God, to be judged accord-
ing to their works, whether they
be good or whether they be evil."

Thanksgiving Season Rolls

'Round Again

Are You Really Thankful?

Let Us See What David

Has To Say

Let us come before His pres-
ence with Thanksgiving and make
a joyful noise unto Him with
Psalms.

Sing unto the Lord with Thanks-
giving, sing praise upon the harp
unto our God.

That I may publish with the
voice of Thanksgiving, and tell of
all Thy wondrous works.

Enter into His gates with
Thanksgiving, and into His courts
with praise: be thankful unto Him,
and bless His name.

I will praise the name of God
with a song, and will magnify Him

with Thanksgiving.

In Nehemiah 11, 17 I read that
Mattaniah was the principal to
begin the Thanksgiving in prayer.
Should be a good example for us
all, should it not? It is written of
a people: "Behold the Pilgrims,
as they stood on that cold Decem-
ber day — stern men, gentle wom-
en, and feeble children all unit-
ing in singing a hymn of cheer-
ful Thanks-giving to the good God,
who had conducted them safely
across the mighty deep, and per-
mitted them to land upon that
sterile shore. See how their up-
turned faces glow with a pious
confidence, which the sharp win-
ter winds cannot chill, nor the
gloomy forest shadows darken.

Noble and pious band! Your
holy confidence was not in vain:
your "hymns of lofty cheer" find
echo still in the hearts of grateful
millions. Your descendants, when
pressed by adversity, or when
addressing themselves to some
high action, turn to the "Landing
of the Pilgrims," and find heart
for any fate — strength for any
enterprise."

Conference In Warren, Ohio

The Church of Jesus Christ met
in its semi-annual Conference on
October 4 and 5, in the Auditori-
um of the W. Junior High School
in Warren, Ohio. There was a good
representation of Elders present
from various States including
States as far east as New Jersey
and west from Kansas and Cali-
fornia. There were three sessions
of business on Saturday, and the
usual routine of business was car-
ried on. Among the most interest-
ing items of the Conference, was
two letters received from Brother
Biscotti, who along with his wife
are in Italy visiting and doing
some Missionary Work in that
country. According to the letters,
life is pretty rugged in that coun-
try, and Bro. Biscotti was not
too well.

He says they had to make a
Radar landing in London due to
the fog, and in arriving at Rome,
they did so in the midst of a
fierce lightning and thunder storm.
They have decided to return on
the Queen Elizabeth instead of by
plane. I am sure we all feel in-
terested in their welfare, and may
the Lord bless them. Our next

Conferenced will convene early in
April 1953.

The Sunday Morning services
were well attended. There was a
half hour song service preceding
the discourses of our brethren,
which was rendered by our young
people from the various Branches
of the Church in Ohio. The Choir
was conducted by Sister Amelia
Corrado of Youngstown, who mas-
tered the service very well. Words
of praise were spoken in behalf
of our young people for their
singing.

Bros. Sanders of St. John, Kan-
sas and John Duliss of Los An-
geles, Calif. took the lead of the
preaching service, speaking to an
audience of possibly 500 or 600
people apparently all eager for
food for their never dying souls.
They were followed briefly by other
speakers including our good
friend Tecumseh Morgan who
both spoke and sang for us. Mr.
Morgan is Indian, and a descen-
dent of the famous Indian General
Tecumseh. He is a very talent-
ed man, and I am sure that the
part he took with us was enjoyed
by all present, come back again
Mr. and Mrs. Morgan.

During the service, special pray-
ers were offered up in behalf of
the sick. Brother Burgess of Wind-
sor, Canada in behalf of Dorothy
Giovannone sang "How Long Wilt
Thou Forget," the fifth hymn in
our Hymn Book. I believe Bro.
Burgess sang this hymn at the re-
quest of Dorothy who is the 17
year old daughter of brother and
sister Dominic Giovannone of R.
D. 2 Warren, Ohio. She is a very
sick girl and much sympathy is
felt towards the family. I am
sure the song was very impres-
sive. May the Lord comfort them
all.

In closing the conference brother
Furnier made a short but a
very impressive talk to us all,
emphasizing his talk with the
words "We must do something."
The benediction was pronounced,
and then all wended their way
home once more. The hospitality
of the saints is much appreci-
ated. (WHC)

Jeremiah and The Last Days Of The Kingdom of Judah (By Sister Irene Bickerton)

Continued from last Issue
In the fourth year of the reign

of Jehoiakim, Jeremiah called Baruch, his scribe, and dictated all the words of the Lord to him, and Baruch wrote them down upon the scroll. Being as the prophet was shut up, he told Baruch to go to the temple and read the scroll in the hearing of the people. While Baruch was reading the scroll in the temple to the people of Jerusalem, it was reported to the princes of Judah. After listening to these words, they began to realize the seriousness of their sin. The princes knew that when the King heard these words, the lives of Jeremiah and Baruch would be in danger, so they went in hiding. When the king heard three of four leaves read, he slashed them off the roll with a penknife, and cast it into the fire.

By divine direction, Jeremiah at once prepared a second roll like the first, but with additional passages. Jeremiah was told to tell Jehoiakim that the king of Babylon would come up and destroy this land; and there would be none to sit upon the throne of David.

In the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, and the eighteenth year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon's army besieged Jerusalem. Jeremiah was put in prison because Zedekiah was very much disturbed by his prophecies which said the city would go into the hand of the king of Babylon. While in prison, the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah saying that Hanameel, the son of Shallum, his uncle, would come to him asking the prophet to purchase the farm at Anathoth, for the right of redemption belonged to Jeremiah. Hanameel came to the prophet in the court of the prison, and asked him if he would purchase the farm at Anathoth which was in the district of Benjamin. This was of the Lord, so Jeremiah agreed to buy the place and weighed out the money, seventeen shekels of silver. The prophet signed the deed and sealed it, and the witnesses witnessed it, and he counted out the money in their hearing. He gave Baruch the evidence of the purchase, the one that was sealed and the one that was open; and told him to place them in an earthen vessel so that they would continue for many days. The significance of this was that fields and vineyards would be possessed once again in this land.

When the Chaldean army temporarily raised the siege to meet the Egyptians, Jeremiah started to leave the city to go into the land of Benjamin to take over some property among his own people. Just as he reached the Benjamin-Gate of the city, he was arrested and accused of planning to desert to the Chaldeans. He was put in prison under the house of Jonathan, the scribe. Zedekiah commanded that Jeremiah should be given a piece of bread out of the bakers' street daily, until all the bread in the city would be used up. The princes told the king that the prophecies of Jeremiah were weakening the men of war in the city, so they cast Jeremiah in a filthy dungeon, and he was let down into it by cords. Ebedmelech, the Ethiopian, appealed to the king in behalf of Jeremiah, so Jeremiah was taken out of the dungeon and put in the court of the prison.

Zedekiah sent for Jeremiah, telling him he would ask a question and the prophet was not to withhold anything. Jeremiah said that if he told him the truth, he would kill him. The king took an oath that he would not harm the prophet nor turn him over to the men who sought his life. Jeremiah advised the king to surrender to Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, and his life would be saved and the city spared from destruction. But the King told the prophet he was afraid that the Chaldeans might hand him over to the Jews who had deserted and they would ill-treat him. Jeremiah told him this would not happen because the message he spoke was from the Lord.

Zedekiah asked Jeremiah to keep all of this talk to himself, and his life would be safe. If the Princes should ask him about the interview, Jeremiah was to say that he went to the King to ask him not to send him back to die at Jonathan's house. The Princes did ask the prophet what was said, then Jeremiah answered as Zedekiah had instructed him. They were not discovered and Jeremiah remained in the court of the prison until Jerusalem was taken, for he was there when the city fell.

In the eleventh year of Zedekiah, the city of Jerusalem fell. When Zedekiah and his men saw that the Babylonians were coming in, they left the city by night to seek security in the Jordan Val-

ley. But the Chaldeans pursued and overtook them near Jericho. The nobles of Judah were slain, together with the sons of Zedekiah, and Zedekiah's eyes were put out. The King's house and other homes were burnt. Nebuzaradan, the Captain of the guard, carried away captive all the rest of the people who had favored the Princes, and left only the poor people in the land. They were given vineyards and fields.

The Chaldeans looked upon Jeremiah as their friend, and Nebuzaradan, upon order from Nebuchadnezzar, released Jeremiah, spoke kindly to him, and allowed him to make his home wherever he pleased.

He elected to live under the rule of Gedaliah, whom Nebuchadnezzar had made governor of Judah. After the Babylonian army had departed, a man named Ishmael decided to kill Gedaliah. His plot was exposed by Johanan who informed Gedaliah of the plan to slay him. Gedaliah didn't believe him, but Ishmael carried out his plot and slew Gedaliah and all the Jews that were with him.

After the murder, Johanan and the leaders of the Jews, with the people, asked Jeremiah to ask the Lord where they should go. The Lord said they were to abide in the land and not go down into Egypt. He said they should not be afraid of the king of Babylon for God would deliver them from his hands and show mercy upon them. Jeremiah warned them if they did not obey the word of the Lord but went to Egypt, they would all die in Egypt by the sword, famine, and by the pestilence.

But Johanan and the other leaders disobeyed the Lord, and took the people, and also Jeremiah and fled to Egypt. The word of the Lord came to the prophet in Tahpanhes, and told him to take great stones and hide them in the clay; upon these stones the king of Babylon would set his throne. When the king came, he would smite the land of Egypt and burn all the idols. There was a promise given, though, that a remnant would escape from the land of Egypt.

There is no certain knowledge of the fate of Jeremiah. According to tradition, his countrymen, offended by his faithfulness, put him to death at Tahpanhes, in Egypt.

Besides the prophecies to which came out of the fire, his reason

life, he said: "And now brethren, his name is attached, and his Lamentations, he may have written some of the psalms, which resemble his compositions in style. The book of Jeremiah is evidently a continuous composition, prepared at the close of his ministry; for prophecies of different periods are placed together and those of the same period are often dispersed. The book consists of an introduction narrating the prophet's call, three sections of prophecy, and a historical appendix, added probably by a later writer. The three prophetic sections are: Prediction of the approaching judgment of Judah, the promise of restoration from exile, and a general denunciation of Judah.

Fifth Of A Series On The Book of Daniel

Daniel —4th Chap. Nebuchadnezzar the King, unto all people and languages that dwell on the earth. Peace be multiplied unto you. I thought it good to show signs and wonders that the high God hath wrought toward me. How great are his signs and how mighty are his wonders toward me, his kingdom is an everlasting kingdom and his dominion is from generation to generation. These three verses sound like one of the prophets, or a latter day saint preacher — a God of signs and wonders — surely he had seen enough to melt the heart. People are ready to tell what God has done for them in the way of blessings and benefits. We ought to tell what God has done for us in the way of humiliation and chastisements. The king set us a good example in this respect as we shall see from the subsequent parts of this chapter. He thought it good to show these things. He was at rest in his house and flourishing in his palace. Everything that his heart desired, the wealth of Babylon and Judea was at his hands and God began to trouble him and show him again his condition. At rest in his house, he had subdued Syria, Phoenicia, Judea, Egypt and Arabia. It was these conquests that puffed him up and betrayed him into such vanity and self confidence, and it was at this time when he felt secure, when he thought nobody could disturb him. This was the time for God to disturb him. He had a dream and the visions of his head troubled him. He was made a terror to himself. There

came another decree to bring the wisemen of Babylon. The first time they said, "Tell us the dream and we will tell thee the interpretation." The dream was told and they could not tell him the interpretation. At last Daniel came in whose name was Belshazzar, master of the magicians. That was the name the king had given him. "I know that the spirit of the Holy God is in thee and no secret troubleth thee. Tell me the visions of my dream that I have seen." It takes courage to tell a king his downfall. The dream I saw was, and behold a tree in the midst of the earth a remarkable illustration of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar. This is symbolized by a tree in the midst of the earth. Babylon was then in the center of the then known world. The tree reached unto heaven and the leaves thereof were fair. Its external glory was great, also it had internal glory—its fruit was much and it had meat for all the beasts of the field, and had shadow for all under it. The fowls of heaven dwelt in its boughs and all flesh was fed of it. Nothing could be more plainly described, prosperity for all, but (that little word but) it had to be cut down. It was ordered that the stump of the roots should be left in the earth and protected with a band of iron and brass that it might not be wholly given to decay, but that the source of future growth and greatness might be left; let it be wet with the dew of heaven and let his portion be with the beasts in the grass of the earth.

Let his heart be changed from man's and let a beast's heart be given unto him, and let seven times pass over him. The watcher had decreed, his fate was certain, the living may know that the most high ruleth and giveth the kingdom to whomsoever he will, even the beasts of men, to bring about his purposes. His purposes they ripen fast, unfolding every hour — the bud may have a bitter taste but sweet will be the flower. Daniel was astonished for one hour, and his thoughts troubled him when he heard this wonderful dream. "Tell me the interpretation," said the King, "Don't be troubled." Little did he know what was going to befall him, so Daniel started a little slow, no doubt. "The dream be to them that hate thee and the interpretation to thine enemies."

Just as Daniel told him "Thou art that head of gold." He told him "Thou art this tree. Thou hast grown and become great and reachest up to heaven. They shall drive thee from men and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts and thou shalt eat grass like the oxen and seven times shall pass over thee till thou know that the most high ruleth." Too bad that he could not have stayed humble without being forced to humble himself. Alma speaking to his people said, "I am glad you were put out of your churches and you have been compelled to be humble, but more blessed are they that will humble themselves without being forced to be humble." What a ruler he could have been if he would have stayed humble but he would not heed. At the end of twelve months he said, "Is not this the great Babylon that I have built by the might of my power and for the honor of my majesty" and while the word was in his mouth, there fell a voice from heaven saying, "O King Nebuchadnezzar to thee it is spoken, the Kingdom is departed from thee. The same hour was the thing fulfilled. He failed to profit by the warning he had received, yet God bore with him twelve months, and all this time he was cherishing pride in his heart — is not this the great Babylon that he had built. The time had come for his humiliation. A voice from heaven threatened his judgment and Divine Providence proceeds to execute it. His reason departed — no longer the pomp and glory of this great Babylon charmed him, when God with a touch of his finger took away his reason. Freedom and reason make us men — take these away, what are we then? Mere animals just as well, the beasts may think of heaven or hell. Seven years of eating grass like the oxen he forsook the great city and sought a home among the beasts of the field. The dew of heaven fell upon him until seven years had passed over his head, so that his hair had grown like eagles' feathers and his nails like birds' claws. At the end of the seven years his reason returned unto him. The affliction had its designed effect. Lifting up his eyes his understanding returned and he blessed the most high who lieveth forever. If he had stayed in the place he was when the three Hebrew children

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EDITORIAL

I had expected a "write-up" by one of the brethren concerning the two days services held in the High School Auditorium in East Detroit on July 26 and 27th. For some reason I have not received it. However, we met as planned and the two days were spent very nicely. Quite a large crowd gathered on Saturday Morning, and the theme introduced for our morning service was read from Rev. 14 Chapter, "I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven." If I remember right, the time was occupied by Bros. W. H., A. B. Cadman, and T. S. Furnier. The matter of the Gospel being restored of course, is a wonderful subject. I believe the time was very well spent.

In the afternoon service there was six brethren selected from different parts of the church, who were given twenty minutes time each, to tell of their experiences, particularly in their own localities. To me this was interesting; among them were Bro. Joseph Lovalvo of Detroit who, is laboring much among the Indian people in Canada and his experiences were interesting. Also Bro. Joseph Benyola of Hopelawn, N. J., gave us quite a talk concerning their labors in their state. They are gathering sheaves into the garner of the Lord. The other brethren gave interesting talks of their labors in their respective places.

In the night meeting, we had a wonderful program of song service. There was possibly forty of the younger set on the rostrum. They sort of dramatized in song, the return of the Prodigal, and to me I thought it was worthy of much praise. A group of our Indian folks were present and rendered several selections of songs, some of them they sang in their own tongue. We were glad to have so many of them with us. Brother Plain and his little daughter both played and sang for us. I will say here that there is a wonderful auditorium in this school building. Seating capacity is 1500.

Of our services on Sunday, I

cannot give you much information. Something happened that was "off-program." That was, that apparently I had eaten something that did not agree with me. I appeared in the auditorium in time for the services, but I was taken in time for the services, but I was Paleno, near by, and spent the day in bed. I returned to the afternoon meeting about a half hour before it closed. I understood that they had a very nice day. It was estimated that there was 1,000 people seated on Sunday. I wish to draw attention to the fact, that, that is a big crowd for any "one" part of our Church to have to care for.

By Monday I was feeling very well again, but I will add, that in all my years in attending conferences etc., it was the first time I was obliged to spend some of the time in bed. However, I addressed the Sisters of the Ladies Uplift Circle on Monday evening at the Devine Church, and on the next day my wife and I along with brother and sister Bittinger went to Windsor, and with Sister Ford visited some patients at the County Sanitorium, and attended a meeting in our Church in Windsor. We returned home the next day.

(Editor)

would have stayed with him, and now Nebuchadnezzar praised and extolled the king of heaven whose works are truth and those that walk in pride he is able to abase. Thus closed the life of this remarkable man — first the dream of the great image — second — his experience with the three men in the fire and last we have the wonderful experience in this chapter. We hope we shall meet him in heaven — his last words as far as we have any record — and those that walk in pride he is able to abase. May God bless these words to us as latter day saints.

P. S. Pride goeth before Destruction, and a Haughty Spirit before a fall, Prov. 16th Chapter and 18th verse.

Your Brother in Christ,
JAMES HEAPS

An address delivered over radio,
Sarnia, Ont., Aug. 6, 1950

By Thurman S. Furnier

Good morning radio friends:

My subject this morning is, "Repentance."

To repent is to amend or re-

solve to amend one's life, as a result of contrition (sorrow for sin) of one's sins. To feel regret for what one has done or omitted to do. For this cause "came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea." "And saying, Repent ye! for the kingdom of God is at hand." (St. Matt. 3:1, 2).

"Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the Gospel of the kingdom of God." "And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel." (St. Mark 1:14, 15). "When the scribes and Pharisees saw him eat with publicans and sinners," they found fault with him. "When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." (St. Mark 2:16, 17). Jesus "called unto him the twelve, and began to send them forth by two and two; and gave them power over unclean spirits;" (St. Mark 6:7). "And they went out, and preached that men should repent." (St. Mark 6:12). The scribes and Pharisees sought a sign from Jesus; he reminded them that "The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and behold, a greater than Jonas is here." (St. Matt. 2:41).

After Jesus had related the parable of the lost sheep to the publicans and sinners; and described the joy that accompanied the shepherd and his friends when the lost sheep was found; he continued: "I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that hath repented, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance." (St. Luke 15:7). After Jesus's crucifixion and resurrection he appeared to his disciples; "And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:" "And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." (St. Luke 24:46, 47). When the lame man was healed at the gate Bountiful, and the people were filled with wonder and amazement, and had gathered in Solomon's porch, the Apostle Peter addressed them, calling their attention to the death of the Prince of I wot that through ignorance ye

did it, as did also your rulers." (Acts 3:17). "Repent ye therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the time of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;" (Acts 3:19). The Apostle Paul stood in the midst of Mars hill, where he had found a superstitious people. He said to them: "For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you." (Acts 17:23). "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent;" (Acts 17:30). "Because he hath appointed a day in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he ordained:"—(Acts 17:31 in part).

When the same Apostle was relating to king Agrippa, the experience that he had on the way to Damascus, he said; "Whereupon O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision:" "But shewed first unto them of Damascus, then at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance." (Acts 26:19, 20). The Apostle Peter instructed the people: "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." (2nd. Peter 3:9). Therefore we must conclude that repentance is the means whereby the human family can avert God's anger, and enjoy his blessings.

You will note from the word of the Lord that came to the prophet Jeremiah, not only do individuals, but also nations come under the same category: Jer. 18:6-11. "O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the Lord. Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel." "At what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, and to pull down, and to destroy it;" "If that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them." "And at what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it;" "If it do evil in my sight,

that it obey not my voice, then I will repent on the good, wherewith I said I would benefit them." "Now therefore go to, speak to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith the Lord; Behold, I frame evil against you, and devise a device against you: return ye now every one from his evil way, and make your ways and your doings good."

The word of the Lord also came to Ezekiel: Ezek 14:13-20. "Son of man, when the land sinneth against me by trespassing grievously, than will I stretch out mine hand upon it; and will break the staff of the bread thereof, and will send famine upon it, and will cut off man and beast from it:" "Though these three men, Noah, Daniel and Job, were in it, they should deliver but their own souls by their righteousness, saith the Lord God." "If I cause noisome (injurious to health, noxious, disgusting TSF) beasts to pass through the land and they spoil it, so that it be desolate, that no man may pass through because of the beasts:" "Though these three men were in it, as I live, saith the Lord God, they shall deliver neither sons nor daughters; they only shall be delivered, but the land shall be desolate." "Or if I bring a sword upon that land and say, Sword, go through the land; so that I cut off man and beast from it:" "Though these three men were in it, as I live, saith the Lord God, they shall deliver neither sons nor daughters, but they only shall be delivered themselves." "Or if I send a pestilence into that land, and pour out my fury upon it in blood, to cut off from it man and beast." "Though Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, as I live, saith the Lord God, they shall deliver neither son nor daughter; they shall but deliver their own souls by their righteousness."

Dear friends: Again I repeat, "not only do individuals, but also nations come under the same category." **AMERICA WILL BE NO EXCEPTION.**

To be continued.

WINDSOR, ONT.

ROMANS I, Chapter 16 Verse

"For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."

I love the way in which Paul is quick to clear any doubt as to

his position before God and man. One very common ailment found in people today (and without much effort) is that they are afraid to move against popular opinion if it jeopardizes their social standing. We treat with great care the name we have made for ourselves in the select circle of life, or in our so-called group of educated friends, and we are very slow to admit a thorough belief in such biblical events which stretch our imaginations to the utmost such as "Jonah being swallowed by a whale and being spewed upon the shores of Ninevah, or the sun extending beyond its time limit to allow Joshua the time to win a battle. This class of people are on a parallel with those that followed Christ, and were even termed disciples, yet when Jesus said, "He was the bread of life they could not believe such a broad statement and they left him." Such a group I am certain Jesus would turn and say "Ye are not worthy of me." Remember, without faith it is impossible to please God; and if this vital essentiality is missing from the life of any professing to be a Christian, they throw themselves wide open for the indwelling of doubt and unbelief.

Anyone professing christianity, instantly upon such declares himself to be an enemy to this world, and an advocate of christian principles. You may ask, "What do you mean by this world?" Surely we will agree that there is an imaginary line that divides these two partisan groups. Jesus in praying to his Father shows this difference when he said "Oh righteous Father the world hath not known Thee, but I have known Thee, and these have known that Thou hast sent me." I believe that before we can enjoy any real heavenly communion, we must find and recognize this dividing line, and restrict ourselves accordingly. We could not expect to be a citizen of Canada and cling to foreign ideology. Much less can we expect to be a representative of heaven and cling to worldly elements as Paul enumerates such as idolatry, adultery, fornication, lasciviousness and all manner of sensual pleasures. We must remember that the friendship of this world is enmity with God.

I, therefore, advance this theory that one of the greatest cause, if not the greatest, which leads to spiritual decay and moral ruin is the failure to stress the impor-

tance of this dividing line, and many have tried to join within their lives these two opposing opposite powers; and because they have not completely surrendered to either power but have tried to reserve a portion of each. They find their lives a continual battlefield and the site of an internal struggle with the result that their mind is distressed and troubled. Jesus said that we cannot serve God and mammon, and if we place ourselves in this state of neutrality it is only natural that we will be ashamed to be so bold as to say "I am a servant of God." Why? Because we have not completely and unconditionally surrendered to Christ. The words of Jesus to that rich young man were "Sell all that you have and give to the poor." Or in other words this new life with Christ will demand all of your attention and will warrant a complete and not a partial cleaning out of sin. These particles of sin that many allow to remain in their lives are like corks floating in water; while we hold them down they remain at the bottom, but at the slightest release they quickly pop to the surface. Matterless of how small a sin may appear to be it is always enlarged by the careful scrutiny of this world and the sad and pathetic part is that the church suffers and bears the scars that we make by our inconsistency and waywardness towards God.

I thank God that Paul did not have to make any apology for his life and example in the Gospel. He was able to say I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ. I do not know why so many people try to be so secretive as to their religious association, when we read in the Book of Acts that the apostles filled the streets of Jerusalem with the name of Christ. Jesus said "If ye are ashamed of confessing me before men, I will be ashamed of confessing you before my father which is in heaven." One of the first things we have to do is destroy fear within our lives. Fear will drive us into seclusion, it will force us to be non-combatant. Yes it will paralyze and freeze our growth until every ounce of strength and courage has been drained and we are left spiritually anemic. Fear is only a result of uncertainty, and if we are not fully convinced within our own minds can we hope to convince others? We must remember that fear is often followed very closely

by shame. Jerome one of the early Christian reformers underneath the onslaughts of his persecutors, and through fear of death, recanted and denied his testimony. Yet when he had time to think and pray, he grew ashamed of himself, and when he was brought before the council again he openly before all asked forgiveness of God and proclaimed he was willing to die for Christ, which he did.

A flower can only retain its beauty and scent as long as it is receiving nourishment. Its beauty soon fades if it is plucked and cut off from nourishment. While it may seem strange to say, yet I feel that persecution is the nourishment that brings the beauty to God's people even as much as the sun and the earth bring the beauty to a flower.

Had Christ not been persecuted, crucified and hung on the cross, we would never have been allowed eternal life. Had Paul not been persecuted and thrown into prison, it would be doubtful whether the jailor would have been converted. The words that he speaks wherein he says "I think that God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed unto death, for we are made a spectacle unto the world and to angels and to men. Yes it was persecution that gathered that little group in prayer as they prayed for the deliverance of Peter from prison. The great secret of their success was that they went contrary to nature and instead of lamenting over their trials they rejoiced that they were counted worthy enough to suffer shame for Christ.

I suppose many will say, "How can I overcome this fear and shame?" Well as Paul continues in this verse, he says that the gospel is the power of God. When we understand God's power then all fear and shame will disappear. It is one thing to believe in this power and another thing to utilize it. For years the great power of Niagara Falls lay idle until men gained knowledge enough to utilize it into making electrical energy. What good is a sun that cannot shine? Or a wind that cannot blow? Even so what good is a God that cannot act, that cannot speak? One that is just a spirit. Yes, many believe in the God of nature one that is in control of the elements. But how many lose sight of the fact that he has a personal touch with his creation. Yes, he has a personal interest in

you. He has a personal interest in me. The power of God could be very useful to us today as we face the problems of international importance. But, as Timothy says "That many would have a form of Godliness but deny the power therein." What good is a form? What we need is power. Yes, we feel like Paul as he said, "My speech and preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom but in demonstration of the spirit and of power. The tongue is capable of doing marvelous things, but without the intercession of God it is helpless to accomplish anything. In the days of Israel it was not through man's genius that the Red Sea was divided, but through the power of God. In the days of Joshua it was not by the armies of Israel that the wall of Jericho fell down, but through the power of God.

These great demonstrations of God's intercession testified to the close relationship of God and his children; and even after the lapse of over fourteen hundred years (1400) this same power possessed the apostles in the day of Christ—one that shook the prisons and broke down the door—a power that calmed the angry sea and raised the dead to life. This power was seen and felt by people on earth like you or I and the intervening years between the messianic kingdom and Christ's kingdom could not diminish this power. Then why should we be so foolish as to think that God has lost this power since the apostolic church which is not yet two thousand years (2,000).

We of the Church of Jesus Christ do strongly affirm that we have felt this power and we have recorded in the history of our church since it was organized in the year of 1862 many exhibitions of such. We have an experience which took place in Green Oak, Pennsylvania, which I wish to relate to you at this time.

One Sunday morning as some of our members attended church they had to cross a river to go home in between the Sunday services. When they were returning in a small boat a storm arose with such magnitude that their lives were in danger. Realizing their plight they began to sing a hymn; and the words of that hymn were:

"Fear not brethren, Lo 'tis Jesus Holds the helm and guides the ship

were, we had a large crowd for es in New Jersey. The results

Heads the sails, and catch the breezes
Sent to waft us through the deep."

At this time a brother who was a minister of our church realizing the need of God's intercession instantly rebuked the wind in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and the storm was calmed and the occupants of the little ship arrived safely on the shore.

I could relate many other experiences of God's power but time will not permit but I would like to say in closing that if we expect God's protection then we must love his service and as he said "If ye love me keep my commandments, which we feel that the first steps are Faith, Repentance and Baptism. May God bless you is my prayer.

Robert Watson, Jr.

FROM CLEVELAND, OHIO

I copy the following from a letter from Bro. Malano dated August 1952. Brother Cadman, just this evening in Church I have conferred with Bro. Rocco Biscotti concerning the general gathering that they are going to have in Italy when he gets there, and so am contacting my brother so that they can arrange things ahead of time, by securing a Hall and the Pullman for those who are relatively far from the designated place of gathering, which I presume will be Buccino in Salerno, where the bulk of the Saints are.

This past week, Sister Philomena Bartuccio whose husband is now sojourning in Italy for the purpose of visiting the Saints there; has just written a very encouraging note about the Saints. His first visit was to San Dime-trio, Corone, Cosenza. This is what he has to say: "Dear Brothers and Sisters, just a few lines to let you know what goes on here. Yesterday (Sunday, August 18, 1952) we had a wonderful service. I can truly say that God was in our midst. And while Presiding Elder Azzinari was speaking, he spoke in the gift of tongues, and the Lord Himself gave the interpretation with these words: 'Hear ye Him, for it is not him that speaks but I.' The most culminating part is, that he was so impressed to see everyone in the service active, and none went home without thanking God."

This seems to confirm and indicate that our brothers efforts are not in vain, but rather are genuine.

Needless to say, My dear broth-

er Cadman, my soul rejoices immensely to hear the news about our brethren over there. I am particularly happy too, to know that my brother Emidio, definitely has taken the Gospel seriously, may God bless him all the more. And judging from his letters, is already well versed in the true religion of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

I want you to know also, brother Cadman, that my friends in Yugoslavia have received the Gospel News, and are now corresponding with my brother, and are asking him to go and visit them. Thus we see that the Love of God is now beginning to spread throughout the world and in a very peculiar way, namely, through the love-letter basis. So chance ordained, where my brother lives (in Italy) there is a Slovenian woman who writes letters in Croatian for my brother. Brother Cadman, I would like to go on talking to you, for I feel a great blessing, but I'm afraid I have to stop here. May God bless you and extend your life, for you are yet needed in the Gospel of our Lord. Amen. Bro. Mario Milano.

APPRECIATION FROM BRO. & SISTER CHRISTMAN OF CORAOPOLIS, PA.

Brother Cadman:

We certainly have got a blessing from the last Gospel News (September Issue) and we can see how wonderful God is working with His people.

We were going to write and tell you of God's mercy to us, and how He healed our little girl this summer when she was so ill. We had to keep her head and throat packed in ice for a throat infection that was spreading to her head; then she took measles and pneumonia, so you see that we had a very sick little girl. But God had mercy and healed her. The doctor said it was a higher power than his own that brought her through. God has done so much for us, and we take so little time to do something for Him. Pray for us that we might in some way repay Him for all His goodness and mercy to us.

UNEXPECTED LETTER SEPTEMBER 19, 1952

Dear Bro. Cadman,

I suppose you are surprised to hear from me, but in hearing the wonderful experiences through the Gospel News, it gives us joy to know that God gives you pa-

tience and the inspiration to keep this little paper circulating throughout the Church.

I am fairly well. I am getting around the best I can with the help of God. I have been attending Church this summer pretty regular, and it feels good to be with the saints to share God's blessings with them. Since I've been sick I have missed a lot of Conferences, but I hope to attend the General Conference in Heaven, for that is the best Conference of all.

Remember me in your prayers that God may give me strength and courage to continue on; for we know the Way of the Cross leads Home. May God bless you for every good effort you make for the Church. Your brother in Christ, Ishmael D'Amico.

P.S. You all know that Bro. Ishmael is the victim of a stroke of paralysis. He writes this letter with his left hand. May the Lord bless him. He has been stricken now for about four years. Bro. Cadman.

A TRIP TO NEW JERSEY AND BRONX, N.Y. BY BRO. W.H. CADMAN

I boarded a train late in the night of September 11th at Pittsburgh for New Brunswick, N. J., arriving there about eight o'clock the next morning. Sister Carmela Mazzeo came in to the station and took me to her home. I was pleased to meet our folks once more. After getting a rest I attended a meeting at the Church in New Brunswick that evening. There was a very nice audience present and I enjoyed myself in their pulpit, even as I have on many other occasions. Since my last visit, they have made quite an improvement to their church by installing new pews. They are very nice I am sure, and while it was quite a venture for them financially, the sisters got behind the matter and soon cleared off the debt. May the Lord bless our sisters. Brother Mazzeo took me out visiting on Saturday and in the evening I attended an Elders meeting in their church.

Our folks in New Jersey had planned a get-together-meeting for the next day, Sunday, with our folks in their Church at Bronx, N.Y. So we left early in the morning in a chartered bus for Bronx. I believe there was three buses all told, from the various Branches in New Jersey. The results were, we had a large crowd for

morning and afternoon services. Brother and Sister Biscotti of Cleveland, Ohio were present, while on their way to Italy. They took a plane on Tuesday, 9:30 p.m. for Rome. We had a very nice day at the Bronx church. Brother Biscotti officiated at two baptisms during the day in the waters of the Atlantic Ocean. Anthony Picciuto, a son of brother and sister Picciuto of Painesville, Ohio, was one of the converts. He is stationed in camp on Long Island. At the close of the day's services, I returned on the bus to New Jersey.

Brother and Sister Biscotti came over to Hopelawn, N.J., the next day, and on short notice a meeting was arranged for them in Hopelawn, while I myself attended another Elders meetings in New Brunswick. This was Monday. At the close of the meeting in Hopelawn, brother Joseph Benyola took brother Biscotti and his wife to brother Galante's home in Brooklyn, where it would be handy for them to board their plane at the International Airport, known as Idlewild Airport.

On Tuesday I visited in the Stelton district, Sister Elsie Miller Ensano taking me around in her car. In the evening I occupied the pulpit in our church in Stelton where Bro. Rocco Ensano is the Presiding Elder. There was a very nice crowd present, and I enjoyed speaking there once more. The next day Wednesday, I spent at Hopelawn. Brother Benyola took me to Englishtown, N.J., about 25 miles distant, where we visited a "home" wherein two of our afflicted brethren are being cared for. I was very much pleased to see our brethren so well cared for. A beautiful home, and I might say it was spotless. The Home is in charge of a colored Minister and his wife, and they were very friendly to us. We had prayer there with our brethren.

It was a lovely drive out to this home, and judging from the fruit-stands along the Highway, it would seem that New Jersey is a land flowing with milk and honey.

Returning to Hopelawn, I attended a meeting in our church there. I had a very nice audience to talk to, and I enjoyed the evening. At the close of the meeting, and after having a light lunch at brother and sister Benyola's home, they drove me to Trenton, about 25 miles distant where I boarded a late train for Pitts-

burgh, arriving home safe and sound. I wish to add, that while visiting among our people, I visited at the home of a couple late from Puerto Rico. They were baptized recently and are very much at home with our brothers and sisters in New Jersey. Their speech is Spanish, the brother speaks understandable English, but the sister cannot. She is an Indian. I was pleased to meet them. As I understood this brother from Puerto Rico, he was raised Catholic, but had never seen a Bible until he purchased a Spanish version since being baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ.

DOUBLE WEDDING AT THE EWING HOME R.D. 1 LAKE, MICH.

The home of Brother and Sister Earl Ewing, was prettily decorated with huge baskets of gladiolus for a beautiful double wedding when their daughter Velma Jean became the bride of Kenneth Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Allen of Farwell, Mich., and Joanne Lamson daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lamson of Lansing, Mich., became the bride of their son Paul.

Elder Earl Ewing performed the wedding ceremony for his daughter and son at high noon Saturday, August 23rd.

Miss Doris Ewing was bridesmaid, and Albert as the best man. Both the grooms served at Camp Breckenridge, Ky., together. Kenneth returned from Korea in July, receiving his discharge in June. He is employed in Mt. Pleasant, Mich., while his bride has been employed at Clare, Mich. Mr. Ewing is employed in Alma, where he and his bride will make their home.

After the ceremony a lovely chicken dinner was served by Edit Wicks, and Joan Eisenhower. The wedding cakes were cut in the traditional manner. Both couples left for a short honeymoon in Canada.

The Gospel News extends the best of wishes to both these young couples.

AN EXPERIENCE BY CHARLES KING, JR

I got off the train at New Brunswick, N.J., I had to go to Camp Kilmer, but I did not know how to get there. I was standing on the platform facing the door when a small man just seemed to appear from out of nowhere. He had a small mustach and had a coat over his arm. He came to

me and said: "You are going to Camp Kilmer aren't you?" I said yes, but I don't know how to get there. He said: "I will show you where to catch the Army bus." I then put my duffel bag on my shoulder and reached down to pick up my small hand bag. He said: "Let me carry that, because we are supposed to help share one-another's burdens."

He led me down the steps to the corner. I put my duffel bag down and sat on it. He began to talk to me and he said I could call him brother Pop. He also said he belonged to the same church as me. I said maybe you do. He said he belonged to The Church of Jesus Christ. I told him that I did too. We then began to talk and when he was ready to go he said: "When things look dark and gloomy and there seems no way to turn, that he would come around to see me." He then shook hands with me and went around the corner. I looked around the corner and he was gone.

There wasn't any place he could have gone, because on one side of the street there was a high wall, and on the other a high fence. He just disappeared. That is the end of my experience.

NEWS ITEMS

Brother Samuel Kirschner conducted a weeks services during the week of Monday, Sept. 22 in the Jefferson Church at West Elizabeth, Pa., and a very nice week was spent. There were visitors and speakers from the various neighboring branches of the Church present. A number of non-members were present at most of the meetings, and apparently were interested. One half hour's singing preceded the speaking each evening.

In Franklin County, Mo., Circuit Judge Emmett J. Crouse ruled that no church-controlled school should receive support from tax funds. Taxpayers had objected to such funds going to institutions which were called public schools, but were owned and controlled by the Roman Catholic Church, and in which nuns were teaching. (Lookout).

P.S. Not much wonder the taxpayers were making objections. Any church within the bounds of the United States, including the Catholic Church, knows that such work is at variance with our American way of religious freedom and liberty. (Ed).

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BRIGHTEST AND BEST

Brightest and best of the Sons
of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend
us thine aid,
Star of the East, the horizon
adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeem-
er is laid.

Cold on His cradle the dewdrops
are shining,
Low lies His bed with the beasts
of the stall;
Angels adore Him in slumber re-
clining,
Maker and Monarch, and Saviour
of all.

Say, shall we yield Him in costly
devotion,
Odors of Eden and off'rings di-
vine?
Gems of the mountain and
pearls of the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest and gold
from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample ob-
lation;
Vainly with gifts would His
favor secure;
Richer by far is the heart's ador-
ation;
Dear to God are the prayers of
the poor.

Author Unknown

THIS SEASON OF THE YEAR

We are now approaching the sea-
son of the year when some utter-
ances of the prophets are brought
more forcibly to our minds than
at other times. Personally I would
think it very strange if it were
not so. It will not be long until
the names of Washington and Lin-
coln will be spread upon the pages
of the daily papers, magazines, etc.
And why not? Surely they were in
the purposes of God, in establish-
ing and preserving freedom for
the inhabitants of this great land
of America. Yea, and how wonder-
fully we have been blessed there-
on. And yet, we are prone to com-
plain in the midst of full and plen-
ty. We must not forget that "mur-
muring" brought the displeasure of
God upon His people Israel, and
He changes NOT.

As we approach this season of
the year then, I cannot help think-
ing of Him, the Saviour of the
world, whom prophets of old testi-

fied so much of. It matters not to
me if the date December 25th is
not right, it is the greatness of
Him whom we are remembering.
Yea, it was said of Him, "never
man spake like this man." Why
not remember then, His humble
entrance into this world? The
prophets rejoiced to see His day,
they did like to talk about Him
before He was born, they preached
about Him, they talked to their
children about Him. Abraham of
old rejoiced to see His day. The
prophet was caused to exclaim:
"For unto us a child is born, unto
us a son is given; and the govern-
ment shall be upon his shoulder;
and his name shall be called Won-
derful, Counsellor, The mighty
God, the everlasting Father, The
Prince of Peace." And suddenly at
His birth: "There was with the
angel a multitude of the heavenly
host praising God, and saying,
Glory to God in the highest, and
on earth peace, good will toward
men." In celebrating the Christmas
Day, let us not forget it is the ac-
knowledge day of birth of Him,
whose NAME is above all.

Bro. W. H. Cadman

THE BOOK OF MORMON STORY OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS

We are all well acquainted with
the Bible story of the birth of
Jesus and know how it took place
over in Bethlehem, but there may
be some who do not know the re-
action of the people over in Amer-
ica as to His birth.

In the eighty and sixth year, the
Nephites remained in wickedness
while the Lamanites observed the
commandments of God. In this
year, one Samuel, a Lamanite, came
into the land of Zarahemla and
began to preach to the people. He
was put out of the city of Zara-
hemla and was about to return to
his own land. But the Lord told
him to return and preach again
and Samuel obeyed and went back
to the city. The people refused to
let him into the city and so Sam-
uel got up on the city wall and be-
gan to warn the people of the judg-
ments of God. He told them that
after five more years the Son of
God would come into the world,
to redeem all those who would be-
lieve on his name. For a sign of
his coming, Samuel said, there

would be great lights in heaven
insomuch that in the night before
the Lord would come, there would
be no darkness and it would ap-
pear as day. Then there would be
a day and a night and a day, as
if it were one day. A new star
would appear, one they had never
seen before.

After five years had passed since
Samuel had prophesied of the sign,
there began to be greater signs
and greater miracles wrought
among the people. It was now 600
years from the time that Lehi left
Jerusalem, in the ninety and first
year. There were some who began
to say that time was past for the
words to be fulfilled which were
spoken by Samuel. They made a
great uproar throughout the land,
and the people who believed began
to be very sorrowful for fear that
those things which had been spo-
ken might not come to pass. They
watched faithfully for that day
and that night and that day which
should be as one day as if there
were no night. The unbelievers set
apart a day, that all those who
believed in the coming of Christ
should be put to death if the sign
did not appear. When Nephi, the
son of Nephi, saw this wickedness
among his people, he became sor-
rowful and cried to God in behalf
of those who were about to be de-
stroyed because of their faith in
God. The Lord spoke unto Nephi
saying, "Be of good cheer; for be-
hold the time is at hand, and to-
morrow I come into the world." The
word of God was fulfilled very
soon for when the sun went down
the same day that Nephi prayed,
there was no darkness. The unbe-
lievers fell to the earth for fear
of their iniquity and unbelief and
they now realized that the Son of
God would appear shortly. There
was no darkness all that night,
but it was as light as mid-day and
the sun rose in the morning ac-
cording to its proper order; and
the people knew that it was the
day the Lord was to be born.

Also a new star appeared accord-
ing to the word of Samuel. From
this time forth Satan sent forth
lies among the people to harden
their hearts so that they would
not believe the signs and wonders
which they had seen. But the ma-
jority of the people believed and
were converted to the Lord. Nephi.

and many others went forth among the people baptizing all repentent souls and the people began again to have peace in the land.

How happy the faithful people must have been that evening when the sun went down and it did not get dark! Their lives had been spared and they were given the assurance of Eternal Life. We living today also have that joy and hope of salvation. We should praise God every day that He saw fit to send His Son into the world.

Sister Irene Bickerton

A TRIP TO THE BIG SMOKIES

Brother and Sister W. H. Cadman, and Brother and Sister Bittinger left on October 16th in the Bittinger car, for a visit among the Cherokee Indians at Cherokee, N. C., arriving there late the next day.

It is a wonderful trip at this season of the year. I never saw the mountains look so beautiful as they did this time. The unseen Artist apparently with His brush, had splashed the mountains and hills with many colors. In fact they looked like huge banks of floral display. In the mountain state of West Virginia, the colors seemed so rich. It is beyond my ability to describe.

On arriving at Cherokee we obtained a two roomed cabin to spend our nights in, and it was very cold at night. We visited among the Indian people and attended their services at three different churches. I spoke briefly at one of their meetings. We also held a meeting at one of their homes, Mr. and Mrs. George. We enjoyed ourselves very much in their home, singing the praises of God, and talking to them concerning our faith and interest in their race. Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Owle had us at their home for several meals, they have a nice family and were very friendly with us. While at their home, Mr. Owle got us in his car and took us up on the mountain top to visit their burial ground. I understood it was the oldest one on the Reservation. It was a very crude road, and I am sure it would be a very difficult task for them in taking their loved ones to the mountain top for their last resting place. May the Lord bless and comfort their souls.

In the cabin where we stayed just off the Reservation, the morning we left there for Kentucky, we left without washing, for the hot and cold water pipes were frozen.

On our way to Nortonville, Ky., a distance of about 400 miles, we had a very mountainous ride. The winding roads, and climbing them are almost indescribable. But we arrived safely at the home of Brother and Sister Parrott at Nortonville about eight o'clock in the evening. They had a big supper awaiting us and it was enjoyed by us all, also a good warm house to shelter us.

This was on Tuesday night, and we held meetings in their home each night including Saturday night and three meetings on Sunday. We made good use of our time while there. We had good meetings and very well attended by neighbors of Brother and Sister Parrott. Much interest was made manifest and we, or rather Brother Bittinger, baptized a lady on Sunday. We feel that good seed has been sown there, and if we could only stay and cultivate it as it should be, no doubt much good could be done.

We left for home on Oct. 28th and had a very nice day to drive. Of course Brother Bittinger does the driving, and I do the sleeping. While passing through Elizabethtown, Ky., we called at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Morse. Mrs. Morse is a sister of Sister Laird of Coraopolis, Pa., but she did not happen to be home. Mr. Morse came out to our car and we had a friendly visit with him. He is the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of that city.

We then continued on our journey homeward, passing through a rich farming country in Kentucky. We crossed the Ohio River at Maysville, and put up for the night at West Union, Ohio, and it was very cool when we started out in the morning for home. We arrived home about five in the evening none the worse for the trip, which was about 1800 miles. We had the consolation that we had done some good in preaching the gospel to hungry souls. Sincerely, Bro. W. H. Cadman.

San Fernando Valley, Calif.

Brother Editor:

On August 3rd we had our Young Peoples Meeting. There were not many present, and we were just a little-bit discouraged. We had planned to have a program. Seeing we were a little discouraged, Bro. Meo called us to prayer, and as he prayed, God seemed to come in the door into our hearts. I felt sorry that those who did not come, were not present, for the Lord did come and dine with us, and blessed

our program.

Bro. Louie Perravano spoke concerning what the Church means to him. We all rejoiced in it. I then sang "Just As I Am." I was asked to tell of my life up to the present; this was not hard to do, for it is only one year and three months since I was born again in the Church of Jesus Christ. Bro. Alex. Cavalaro spoke on the subject "what America means to him." We always enjoy his testimony, for God blesses him greatly. Bro. Azzinaro and Sister Darlene Collins gave their testimony. Darlene is the youngest member of our Branch, and we love to hear her testimony. Brother Meo told us not to be discouraged on account of us being a few, for God will not forget us. And indeed He did not, for we had a wonderful time. Bro. Cadman, I know that God will bless us and help us to build His church here in this valley. While sitting at home the other day, a prayer seemed to go through my mind. I got a pencil and wrote it down. God gave it to me. It is as follows:—Dear God, be merciful to us, for we are so weak. But help us to partake of the wonderful and never ending strength that You have to give us. Help us, oh God, to gather into our hearts the love and many blessings You shower down upon us each day and moment of our lives; for You are so good to us.

Help us to understand our friends and neighbors as You understand us, although sometimes I wonder, dear God, how you do understand us, but then I am so glad You do. So glad that You are always at the door of our hearts when we open them and let You come in. Oh God, help us to love and cherish one another. To be better brothers and sisters to one another, better wives to our husbands and better husbands to our wives. To be better mothers and fathers to the children You have been so good to give us.

But above all, dear God, let us be better servants unto Thee, for as we all know, dear God, You are so good to us. Amen.—This, God gave to me in thought, Brother Cadman, and I do want to share all things God gives to me.

Sister June Jones

TIME TO SOW

By Bro. Ishmael Humphrey
Clairton, Pa.

As the expression of day rapidly yields itself to the enticing shadows of the night, it shall take its place in the yesterdays, time alone

cannot express life in all its beauty, neither spirit alone, nor elements.

But time must have its elements of growth to express itself therein. For in the creation, time has infringed itself within the elements of yesterday; for all matter is confined — time, space, and motion, slowed down within a definite frequency and magnitude in its rightful orbit of space.

God hath commanded it, and it was. Who shall declare the mystery of God's creation? For is not our future in the past ways of our lives? How and what we sow today, tomorrow we reap the expressions in spirit. Thus if we sow good deeds, kindness and love in today's soil of our lives, tomorrow we reap godly expressions which entice us to do more good, yea, but if we today, sow bitterness, wrath, hatred, tomorrow we reap the reflections that entice us to do more sin.

Let us be wise, do good for thy neighbor while in the way, speak kind words to others, return favors for unkind words. We must forgive others to be forgiven by our Lord. When we forgive others, this force of evil is broken down in us, then we are in a position to be forgiven.

Brethren and Sisters, let us be obedient to the Restored Gospel, partake of the sacrament and feast upon the wisdom of our Lord, and we shall desire to do more good, and grow into the image of our Lord Jesus. Not only shall we reap in this life, blessings, but in the next, life to come.

Camp Haugen, Japan
October 11, 1952

Dear Brother Cadman,

My mother wrote and told me that you had been there and so I decided to write to you.

Although at times the road seems rough and lonely, the Lord has not left me alone. When I look around I manytimes wonder why the Lord has sent me here. However, I know along with all the saints He has given me a job to do. If it be His will that I should remain humble and faithful or go out and proclaim His gospel may He find me watching, waiting and willing.

I know that the saints of New Jersey have prayed in my behalf. The things that He has shown me and blessing that He has given are evidence that He is answering some one's prayer.

I'd like to ask all the saints to remember not only me but the helpless others who know not the

truth, not only those of the armed forces but those here in Japan and other people like these who are less fortunate. Surely I know that the Lord will not leave their prayers unanswered.

May God give us the strength to endure matterless what might be our lot.

Your brother in Christ,
Matthew Rogolino

Dear Bro. Cadman—Please send me the Gospel News. Bro. Matthew, the Gospel News is being mailed to you regularly. Bro. Cadman.

A MODERN APPLICATION

(Continued from last issue)

Jeremiah's warnings to the people of Judah about their sin in not worshipping God, but turning to idols; can be compared to the country of America today who are so deep in sin, and who rely not upon the help of God in battle but only upon how large the military forces are.

Jeremiah denounced the ecclesiastical leaders for preaching lies and practicing deceit. The people loved this, though. In this time, there was a general spiritual apostasy everywhere, and the prophets and spiritual leaders of the day were proclaiming false doctrines in the name of the Lord while the priests were using their office for selfish purposes and to secure power and wealth. He was also addressing the people of this day, because some preachers and Modernists are taking away the meaning of the word of God in the Bible and putting their own interpretation into it. "But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." Matthew 15:9. Also, "For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." Matthew 24:24. Some preachers care more about how they can please their congregation than they care about preaching the word of the Lord.

At the gate of the city, Jeremiah addressed a message to the throngs of people gathered there telling them to take heed that they bear no burden or engage in trading on the Sabbath day. They were reminded that on that day they were to do no work, but rest on that day. The promise was given them if they refrained from doing any business on that day that kings and princes would enter in the gates of the city and sit upon the throne of David, and the city would remain forever. But they didn't

listen to the message, and when they turned completely away from observing the law of the Sabbath, the end of prosperity and peace came. Today, people have turned the Sabbath day into a day of profit and pleasure, thus forsaking the law of God to keep his day holy. Jeremiah's warnings were as true then as they are today.

The love of money and the power that is attained by having it has been the foundation of evil all through the ages, and many people have sold their souls for the possession of it. These conditions existed in Jeremiah's time: "As the partridge sitteth on eggs, and hatcheth them not; so he getteth riches, and not by right, shall leave them in the midst of his days, and at his end shall be a fool." Jeremiah 17:11. In this day, people are constantly being imprisoned for stealing money, or embezzling funds.

As has been evidenced, God speaking through Jeremiah gave the people of Judah many warnings, which still hold true today. Any nation which does not serve God is doomed to certain destruction. The end. By Sister Irene Bickerton, West Elizabeth, Pa.

THANKSGIVING 1952

I thank Thee for the gifts, in tenderness

Thou lavishest upon Thy creature, here;

Altho, so many times, I must confess

I recognize them not, when they appear.

So many times, I pray, "O Dearest Lord,

Pray, grant to me this thing I seek of Thee. . . !"

And tho' my heart and mind are in accord,

The thing I seek is given not to me.

Rather, the opposite may come my way

That causes me to say, 'O Lord, but why?'

But always, always, comes another day,

And then I understand, and cease to cry.

So that is why today I'm filled with praise,

And bow my head, and say, 'I thank Thee, Lord,'

And pray that for the remnant of my days

Thou wilt this same sweet loving care afford.

Catherine Poma

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EDITORIAL

I am being approached by many of our people as to what I think of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. So I have concluded to take the matter up some, in the editorial column of this paper. But be it understood that I do not want to be technical over a word, neither do I want to make a man an offender for a word. But let us all remember that "truth is truth" and facts are facts, matterless of whom we might disagree with. One object of the new version, is to simplify K.J. Version with more modern language.

First: let us turn to St. John, 10:16, "and they shall hear my voice," K.J.; turn to the R.S.V., "and they will HEED my voice." The word 'heed' does not convey the proper thought in this case. A person must know of, or hear, before they can give heed. K.J. says they shall hear my voice, meaning the other sheep. The Book of Mormon records that the Seed of Joseph did hear His voice, and many gave HEED to it, while some did not, in other words, some did not obey the Master.

Second: let us turn to Rev. 14:6 "having THE everlasting gospel to preach, etc.," K.J.; now turn to the R.S.V., "with AN eternal gospel to proclaim, etc." I think this is confusion—THE everlasting gospel, conveys the thought that there is but 'one gospel does it not? To my mind, 'AN ETERNAL gospel, the word "AN" being used creates the thought: there may be more than one eternal gospel, does it not?

To all believers in the Restored Gospel, let all remember that in the restoration thereof, you believe the Bible, which was the K.J., and the book of Mormon are the two sticks spoken of in Ezekiel 37—16, 17. You had better be careful about the various version of the Bible that are appearing today. I have in my possession several different translations of the Bible and New Testament for my own convenience and satisfaction, but when I preach the gospel, I use King James Version, the one we have always used.

I have several different editions of the Book of Mormon in my house, but now that we, The Church of Jesus Christ, have published one of our own, I use it in preaching the Gospel in preference to others. One strong reason in our printing the Book of Mormon under our own Church Title, was to get away from the stigma that has been created against the book because of the more 'than one wife question.' If you will take notice to the heading of the second chapter of Jacob in the Utah Book of Mormon, it says: "Plurality of wives forbidden because of iniquity." That statement is false, and it implies that if a man is a righteous man, he may have more than one wife if he so desire. The second chapter of Jacob forbids more than one wife because it is an evil thing—yea, an abomination in the sight of God. I will continue to note differences in the two different Versions of the Scripture in future issues of The Gospel News. (Editor)

NOTICE

The Ladies Uplift Circle will hold their General Meeting, beginning at 10:00 a.m., December 13th, at the home of Sister Sadie B. Cadman in Monongahela, Pa.

Brother Frank Sirangelo wishes to express his gratitude to you all who have been so mindful of him. It will be remembered that he was hit with a car and had a leg broken. While he is getting along very well, yet he is far from being able to get around as he once did. May the Lord bless Brother Sirangelo. He lives in Florida.

FROM THE BEGINNING IT WAS NOT SO

These are the conclusive words of our Lord Jesus Christ, in answer to the question put to Him by the Pharisees, when seeking to tempt Him, they asked, "Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement and to put her away?" Jesus then answered, "Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, suffered you to put away your wives; but FROM THE BEGINNING IT WAS NOT SO!" —Matt. 19:7, 8

From the dawn of time, the great majority of the human family have sought to excuse themselves in the weakness of their flesh, and invariably seeking to place the blame always on someone else. As in the case of our first parents, Adam blamed Eve and in turn, she blamed the serpent. Nev-

ertheless, I notice that the Lord justified none of the three, but rather, punished them all for their disobedience and rebellion, giving us to understand that God does not judge as a man but as the Great Judge that He is.

It was decreed of God in the beginning that it was good for a man to have a companion in life, and for this reason, created a woman for Adam. After their fall from the garden of Eden, God still continued to bless and consecrate the bonds of matrimony, for it is written that "Therefore, shall a man leave his father and mother and shall cleave unto his wife, and they shall be one flesh."—Gen. 2:24. It is conclusively and evidently the will of God that marriage should be holy and should last "until death us do part." If a man loves his wife and she in turn reciprocates this love, there is no danger of their marriage ending before "death us do part."

There is no question that two people who take the marriage vows have to learn little by little to bear with each other's weaknesses and faults and to share everything in common until that perfect understanding of spiritual and physical companionship is reached. There is seldom any danger of marriage tumbling on the rocks of destruction where love is the basis and foundation of that marriage. The secret of it all is love. Love is understanding, is kind, is compassionate. But it cannot be one-sided. Love must be mutual and it must be reciprocated.

Paul, the Apostle, says, "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands as unto the Lord, for the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the Head of the Church, and He is the Saviour of the body. Therefore, as the Church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be unto their own husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives even as Christ also 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." — Eph. 5:22-28. This is a wonderful portion of scripture as it shows that both husband and wife are duty-bound to love each other unquestionably.

Our divorce courts today are filled

with applicants seeking to destroy the bonds of wedlock by divorcing each other. And sad as it may seem, the laws on divorce in our nation are so confusing that divorces can be obtained on the slightest excuses, such as mental cruelty, incompatibility, desertion, and many other excuses. Strange as it may seem, the smallest percentage of divorces granted are on the grounds of adultery, which is the only reason that Christ said was permissible to put away the wife, or vice versa. In the vast majority of divorce cases, a remarriage takes place; yet, the laws in our nation are such that, for example, a couple living in one state who go to Reno, Nevada and obtain a divorce, and should one of them marry another person in Nevada, upon returning to their former state, can be accused of bigamy, because said state does not recognize the divorce obtained in Nevada.

I have before me an article written in the "American Weekly" which attack, and justly so, what the writer calls "the hypocrisy of our divorce laws." The writer states that in the last ten years, eight million Americans have been divorced, and according to the best available statistics, seven out of eight of them married again or will be within five years after the decree. Quoting the writer, "The Judiciary Committee of the United States Senate has reported, in this year of 1952, the refusal of various states to abide by the rulings of each other's courts, leaving perhaps as many as four million people in the United States facing, in the words of Justice Black, 'possible criminal prosecution and harassment'." The writer tells of many couples who, although divorced in one state, are called bigamists in another upon marrying again, and often receive prison terms. I quote the writer: "Most people who get a divorce outside the state of their usual or permanent residence do not know there can be any question of the legality of their remarriage. They suppose that the laws of one state are recognized in all. This is not quite true, because the Founding Fathers set up a system of government which leaves lots of power in the hands of the separate states. The Constitution did not insist that every state must recognize the laws of all others absolutely."

The confusion created by jumbled divorce laws of the separate states of our nation is certainly appalling. I am concerned over this matter

because I know that putting asunder the Institution of Holy Wedlock is a chronic disease that can undermine the life of any nation. At it is today, in many cases, the privilege of divorce and remarriage on the slightest provocation and excuse allows people the practicing of "licensed adultery." This sorry state of affairs is made sorer still when children are involved who become the innocent victims of this dread divorce disease which has gripped the hearts of eight million Americans in the last ten years. . . . "BUT FROM THE BEGINNING IT WAS NOT SO."

There is no question of a doubt that the basic reason which leads to a divorce court is that love has grown cold, and when love grows cold, the little faults and mistakes which were tolerated when love was warm, are now magnified to gigantic proportions. Ask any couple who has been happily married for years and years to what element they owe the success of their marriage and the answer invariably will be LOVE.

Love is the nucleus of every successful marriage; and in that sacred love, two people joined in marriage live for each other in all things until "death us do part."

Paul, in describing the union of husband and wife to Christ and His Church, calls it a mystery. Though it is a mystery, yet it can be understood and unraveled by those who have felt the true love of husband and wife which becomes sweeter and mellower as the years pass. As Christ's love and affection is holy toward His Church and in turn is reciprocated, so should husbands and wives consider sincerely the vows of wedlock, to love and cherish, for better or worse, in sickness and in health, in poverty or wealth, until death us do part.

When love grew cold, the Israelites demanded of Moses the right to put away their companions, and because of the hardness of their hearts, Moses consented to have a writing of divorcement instituted—BUT FROM THE BEGINNING IT WAS NOT SO!

It is my desire and prayer to convey to the world this message: To all that read this article, I ask all to give it due consideration. If there are some who read this, whose marriage is about to totter, consider well before you act. Take inventory of yourselves, and when you do, kneel before God and ask Him to restore love in your hearts.

To the Church, I say, let us watch and pray that we can forever

keep this evil from finding an inroad in the Church; and the only way we can do this is to stand firm on the written Word of God. I would rather be criticized by man for being strict in keeping the Commandments of the Lord than to be found "wanting" when weighed in the balances of God's judgment because of my laxity in observing His Commandments.

As it is true of divorce that "it was not so from the beginning," so it is with the rest of the Commandments of the Lord. Men today as in days gone by have changed the laws and doctrines of the Lord without regard to danger of Hell's fire in so doing. For example, men have changed baptism from its original form of immersion in the outside water to pool baptism, sprinkling and pouring, giving their unfounded reasons for the change, yet I repeat that FROM THE BEGINNING IT WAS NOT SO. It is only because of the hardness of the hearts and the love of God becoming cold within them that men are prompted to change and break His laws. I have only this to say to any that would seek to change the doctrines of the Lord to suit his purposes, to beware lest the displeasure of God fall upon you; and remember, whether it is divorce or baptism or the Lord's Supper, or any other doctrine or law instituted by Christ, that any should seek to alter, change, or remodel, that in the words of Jesus—"FROM THE BEGINNING IT WAS NOT SO!"

I exhort the Church to be strict in keeping the Lord's Commandments and to seek to draw closer and closer to Him. For this I know, that as we get closer to God, He will reveal Himself to us and bless us abundantly.

I wish one and all Godspeed. May the Lord bless us continually in humility and with His love. We are living in trying times and it is needful for us to draw near to Him every day. Therefore, in conclusion, I say, let us seek diligently "the Kingdom of God and its righteousness," and every other necessity God will provide.

Bro. V. James Loyalvo

An Address Delivered Over Radio Station CHOK, Sarnia, Can. Aug. 6, 1950, by Thurman S. Furnier
(Continued from a previous issue)

"REPENTANCE"

This great land of America came to the notice of the European nations, like a city of refuge, during the struggle for freedom from

churchly tyranny. It is the little horn kingdom, speaking great things, and referred to by Daniel the prophet, Daniel Chapter 7. The student of the Bible and secular history realizes that the land of America is a choice land above all others. It is a land of freedom and liberty. It is Joseph's land, (the son of Jacob) referred to by Moses: Gen. 49:22-26, "Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall." "The archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him and hated him." "But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob; (from thence is the shepherd, the stone of Israel.)" "Even by the God of thy father, who shall help thee; and by the Almighty, who shall bless thee with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that lieth under, blessings of the breasts, and of the womb." "The blessings of thy father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills: they shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren."

ALSO Deut. 33:13-17, "And of Joseph he said, Blessed of the Lord be his land, for the precious things of heaven, for the dew, and for the deep that coucheth beneath." "And for the precious fruits brought forth by the sun, and for the precious things put forth by the moon." "And for the chief things of the ancient mountains, and for the precious things of the lasting hills." "And for the precious things of the earth and fullness thereof, and for the good will of him that dwelt in the bush: let the blessing come upon the head of Joseph, and upon the top of the head of him that was separated from his brethren." "His glory is like the firstling of his bullock, and his horns are like the horns of unicorns: with them he shall push the people together to the ends of the earth: and they are the ten thousands of Ephraim, and they are the thousands of Manasseh." These blessings were pronounced by Jacob, the father of Joseph's sons, by their grandfather, Jacob.

Who are the ten thousands of Ephraim, and the thousands of Manasseh? We reply, the American Indian, so called. They were at one time a highly cultured and a God fearing people. Because of transgression they became benighted

in spirit, and lost the blessings of God that were bestowed upon their forefathers. The seed of Joseph, (the American Indian) have been smitten by the Gentiles, and his lands, (North and South America) have been divided among them (the Gentiles). Rich are the resources, and the blessings of God in this great land of America. Do we freely appreciate these blessings that God has so mercifully bestowed upon us as a people? Sin is being practiced in high and low places, a general condition of iniquity is rampant. It is a condition we cannot close our eyes to. Hypocrisy is practiced without restraint. Many say—Eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die; and it shall be well with us, nevertheless, fear God, he will justify in committing a little sin; lie a little, take advantage of one because of his words, dig a pit for thy neighbor; there is no harm in this. There are many who teach after this manner, false, and vain, and foolish doctrines, and seek deep to hide their counsels from the Lord. Because of pride, false teachers, and false doctrines, their churches have become corrupted.

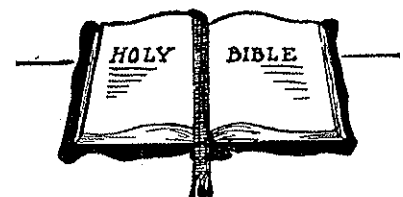
I say unto the Gentiles that if if you do not repent, after the blessings which you have received, that you will be rejected, and God will remember his covenant people, the seed of Joseph, (the American Indian) upon this land of America. The time is coming that God will work a great and a marvelous work among the children of men; a work which shall be everlasting, either on the one hand or the other: either to the convincing of them unto peace and life eternal, or unto the deliverance of them to the hardness of their hearts and the blindness of their minds unto their being brought down into captivity, and also into destruction, both temporally and spiritually, according to the captivity of the devil. — For the time speedily cometh, that the Lord God shall cause a great division among the people; and the wicked will he destroy: and he will spare his people, yea, even if it so be that he must destroy the wicked by fire.

All these things must come according to the flesh. Therefore, woe be unto the Gentiles, if it so be that they harden their hearts against the Lamb of God: Turn, all ye Gentiles from your wicked ways, and repent of your evil doings, of your lyings and deceivings, and of your whoredoms, and of your secret abominations, and your idola-

tries, and of your murders, and your priestcrafts, and your envyings, and your strifes, and from all your wickedness and abominations, and come unto God, with full purpose of heart that you may receive a remission of your sins, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.

Dear friends: Whether you give heed to my words or not, the condition still exists. We are living in troublesome times. After Jesus had instructed his followers that there would be kingdom arise against kingdom, that there would be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, he said: "All these are the beginning of sorrows." (St. Matt. 24:7, 8) The only way we can expect to escape the judgments that are coming upon the earth is through repentance and righteousness. Awake, awake, ye people of America, for the sword of God's vengeance is hovering over this land. The people of this land will be no exception, and when they have ripened in iniquity, the wrath of God will be poured out. O people of America, doubt not, but be believing, and begin as in times of old, and come unto the Lord with all your heart, and work out your own salvation with fear and trembling before him. "For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begins at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?" "And if the righteous scarcely shall be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?" (1st. Peter 4:17, 18)

Dear friends, you will note that I have quoted scripture to support my text, "REPENTANCE." May I add this warning: "All scripture is given by the inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." "That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." (2nd. Tim. 3:16, 17) My hope is that the God of heaven will give you a spiritual ear, that you may give heed to the word of God, and repent before these things come upon you. May God bless you.



HAS GOD STILL REMAINED THE SAME?

If so then all professing Christians should profit by THAT which is written.

Deuteronomy 28:1, 2, 3, 4, 5—And it shall come to pass, if thou (speaking to Israel) shalt harken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and do ALL His commandments which I command you this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:—And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt harken unto the voice of the Lord thy God.—Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field.—Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.—Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store, etc.”

Beginning at verse 15 I read: “But if it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not harken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all His commandments and His statutes which I command thee this day; all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:—Cursed shall thou be in the city, and cursed shalt thou be in the field.—Cursed shall be thy basket and thy store.—Cursed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.—Cursed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and cursed shalt thou be when thou goest out.—The Lord shall send upon thee cursing, vexation, and rebuke, in all that thou settest thine hand unto for to do, until thou perish quickly; because of the wickedness of thy doings, whereby thou hast forsaken me.—The Lord shall make the pestilence cleave unto thee, until He have consumed thee from off the land, whither thou goest to possess it.—The Lord shall smite thee with a consumption, and with a fever, and with an inflammation, and with an extreme burning, and with the sword, and with blasting, and with mildew; and they shall pursue thee until thou perish.—And thy heaven that is over thy head shall be brass, and the earth that is under thee shall be iron.” etc.

The above scripture certainly reveals the character of the Mighty God. And I as one of His servants want all men to know that I teach a God who is the same God today, a God whose character has not

changed, yea a God who is full of kindness and love towards the obedient, as this scripture has revealed, and a God Who is a TERROR to those who disobey His commands. If there is any doubts in our minds as to the wrath of the God whom Jesus prayed to, as His father, read the account as given in Joshua 7th chapter because of one person transgressing the command of God. Yea, turn again to Number 16 beginning at verse 16 and see what befell all the men that appertained to Korah, and of the 250 “who were consumed by a fire which came out from the Lord,” not from the Devil, but from the God who because of His love for His creatures sent His only begotten Son into the world that all men might be saved and not perish. I say it is a wicked thing to wilfully transgress the commandments of God.

I wonder what the Lord thinks when He looks down upon this world and sees His creatures who cannot wait until Monday to start off on their vacations, but they must start off on the Sabbath Day. Will there be an exception made on account of what church they belong to? In First Nephi 14-10, “Behold there are save two Churches only; the one is the church of the Lamb of God, and the other is the church of the devil; wherefore, whoso belongeth not to the church of the Lamb of God belongeth to that great church, which is the mother of abominations; and she is the whore of all the earth.” The Apostle James says: “For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.” It was transgression of the commandments of God that brought Israel down. Transgression of the LAWS or COMMANDMENTS of God will bring the Gentiles down, and it will not make any difference whether they believe in the Restored Gospel or do not believe in it. To transgress the commandments of God is a wicked thing to do. It is written in First Nephi 17-35 “Behold the Lord esteemeth all flesh in one; he that is righteous is favored of God.” Therefore, to transgress the commands of God, is a wicked thing to do. Heaven is a place prepared for those who do His will. Bro. W. H. Cadman.

MAZZEO-AZZINARO NUPTIALS

The marriage of Miss Josephine Azzinaro to Anthony Mazzeo was solemnized at 3 p.m. on October 4th

in The Church of Jesus Christ on Charles St., New Brunswick, N. J., by the father of the bridegroom, Bro. Gabriel Mazzeo. Music was by Mrs. Carl Huttenberger.

Salvatore Azzinaro of Lockport, N. Y., gave his sister in marriage. Miss Palma Mazzeo, sister of the bridegroom, was maid of honor and Miss Susan Scalzone and Angelina Cristello were bridesmaids. John Coppa was best man and ushers were Frank Mazzeo and Vincent Maffeo. After a reception for 85 guests, the couple left for a trip to Niagara Falls and Canada. They will live in 86 Loretta St., home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Vincent Azzinaro; daughter also of the late Mr. Azzinaro of Bronx, N. Y.

The bride is a graduate of the Middlesex County Vocational School for Girls, and is employed by the Acme Super Market in Livingston Ave. Mr. Mazzeo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mazzeo of 251 Milltown Rd., Milltown, N. J., attended New Brunswick High School and the Middlesex County Vocational School. He has just finished a year's service in Korea and is stationed at the Marine Base in North Carolina. The Gospel News extends best wishes to Anthony and Josephine.

FLEMING-KING NUPTIALS

Mr. Charles E. King, Jr., the son of Brother and Sister Charles E. King of Grindstone, Pa., and Miss Newanna Lee Fleming, the daughter of Brother and Sister Ray Fleming of R. D. 1, Dawson, Pa., were united in marriage in the Vanderbilt Church on Friday, August 8th at 8 p.m., Bro. Joseph Shazer officiating.

The bride was given away by her father; Kenneth Fleming, a brother of the bride, served as best man, while Nina Hawk was the bride's maid of honor. “Because,” and “I Love You Truly,” were sung by Loretta Lowther, accompanied by Mrs. Neff of Redstone.

A reception and supper was held at the residence of Brother and Sister Joseph Shazer. The bride is residing at the home of her parents, while the groom is a member of the Armed Forces, and is stationed in the Panama Canal Zone. Both bride and groom are members of The Church of Jesus Christ.

The Gospel News extends best wishes to the young couple.

NEFF-KIRKPATRICK NUPTIALS

Mr. Edward Kirkpatrick, Jr., the son of Brother and Sister Clarence

Kirkpatrick of Dawson, Pa., R. D. 1, and Miss Anna Lou Neff, the daughter of Mrs. Neff of Redstone were united in marriage on Saturday, August 2nd, Brother Joseph Shazer officiating, and in whose home the wedding took place at 5 p.m. Sadie Bell Kirkpatrick, a sister of the groom, served as the bride's maid of honor. The songs "Because," and "I Love You Truly," chosen by the bride, were sung by Janet Kirkpatrick, a sister of the groom. A reception was held a week later at the home of the groom's parents. They were the recipients of many beautiful gifts.

The newlyweds are residing at the home of the groom's parents in Dawson, Pa. The groom is employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad. Both the bride and groom are members of The Church of Jesus Christ. The Gospel News extends best wishes to the young couple.

KOON-CORRADO NUPTIALS

Sister Phyllis Corrado, daughter of Bro. and Sister Corrado of Niles, Ohio, became the bride of Eugene Harry Koon, son of Mrs. Elsie Koon Franklin, at a lovely wedding, Saturday, September 13, 1952, Bro. Phil Dreer officiating.

Esther Ford, sister of the bride, was her only attendant and Daniel Corrado, Jr., brother of the bride, served as best man. Ushers were David J. Russell and Andrew Corrado, another brother of the bride. Mrs. Robert Stevens was the soloist, accompanied by Mrs. George Wheeler at the organ.

At the end of his furlough, Harry will return to Norfolk, Va., where he is stationed with the U. S. Navy and Phyllis will remain at home with her parents at Niles, Ohio.

"BEYOND LIFE'S GATEWAY"

There's an open gate at the end of the road

Through which each must go alone

And there in a light we cannot see

Our Father claims His own;
Beyond the gate our loved one
Finds happiness and rest

And there is comfort in the thought

That a loving God knows best.

IN MEMORY OF

Dorothy Alice Giovannone, born February 15, 1935, in Lordstown, Ohio. She lived 17 years and 8 months, and after seven months illness, passed away at 5:00 A.M., October 14, 1952.

She was Blessed in the Church of Jesus Christ on March 17, 1935. She attended this Church all her

life, taking an active part as pianist and singer. She was also an active member of the Sunday School, the Ladies Uplift Circle, and the Missionary Benevolent Association. She also attended the Lordstown High School until her illness, taking part in all activities.

Besides her parents, Dominic and Marietta Giovannone, she leaves to mourn one sister—Elizabeth Ruth; six brothers, namely — Anthony, Frank, Benjamin, James, Raymond, and Jerry; her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Toto; four nieces and six nephews; also a host of relatives; the School Faculty and all her Schoolmates. She was loved and respected by all the members of the Church of Jesus Christ and all who knew her.

She was laid to rest on October 17, 1952, in the Union Cemetery, Niles, Ohio.

Services for Dorothy Alice were conducted from the First Presbyterian Church, Niles, Ohio on October 17, 1952.

During the hour that the body lay in state in the Church vestibule, many beautiful hymn selections were rendered by the organist, Mrs. Martha Johnson.

Services were conducted by Bro. William Gennaro, of Warren, Ohio, and Bro. Clifford Burgess of Windsor, Ontario. Bro. Burgess also sang a solo entitled "Some One Will Go," changing the words a little to fit the occasion.

The choir consisted of Dorothy's Sunday School teacher and her Sunday School classmates, accompanied at the piano by Miss Norma Jean Waggoner. The Flower Girls consisted of three cousins and nine school classmates. Pallbearers were William Gennaro, Jr., David Ciarrochi, Daniel Corrado, Jr., Peter Molinatto, Jr., Thomas Molinatto and Guy Jackson.

Bro. and Sister Giovannone and family wish to thank all the brothers and sisters and friends who sent encouraging cards to Dorothy and visited her during her illness. We also wish to thank everybody for the kind sympathy cards, encouraging words, flowers and all that helped in any way during the hour of our sorrow.—Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. Psalms 116:15.

Bro. Frank Giovannone P.S. I am sure that Brother and Sister Giovannone and all the family have the sympathy of all their brothers and sisters throughout the Church. Bro. Cadman.

NEWS ITEM

A group of young men from the Windsor and Detroit Branches of

the Church of Jesus Christ gather together every Saturday night at the Windsor Branch.

Our aim and purpose is to grow in greater knowledge of the things of God and to propagate the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Our next Project is an Evangelistic meeting to be held Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 1, 2 in the Windsor Church. The main speakers will be Bro. Robert Watson, Jr., of Windsor, Ont., Bro. Dominic Moraco and Bro. Dominic Thomas of Detroit, Mich.

All are welcome to attend. We invite all to come and hear the true and unadulterated Gospel of Jesus Christ. Bro. Anthony Gerace

Selected from the pages of "One Moment, Please!" by James Keller, M.M.

The Christopher Daily Guides to Better Living

On the wall of a small gasoline station in New Hampshire, I saw a cartoon that conveys an old lesson with a humorous twist. It shows an automobile completely torn apart, the engine hoisted out, wrenches, springs and pistons scattered over the garage floor, all indicative of the grim determination to discover the cause of the trouble. A mechanic is stretched under the car, pulling the crankcase apart.

Leaning down to speak to him is a fellow mechanic, obviously delighted at the discovery he has made. "I think I've found the trouble, Scotty," he is shouting. "No gas!"

One wonders why those whom God has blessed with great intelligence let their childish pride blind them to what is most obvious. They turn to everything but God.

Today, more so-called specialists than ever before in history are trying to find what's the matter with man. They are examining him from all angles and with all sorts of gadgets.

You may do a big service to one or more of them by stepping up and saying that you think you've found the trouble with modern man: "No God!"

