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To The Readers Of The Gospel News

Before this paper reaches you, the year of 1952 will have passed on never more to return. If it was well spent, we may have no regrets, if it was mis-spent all the regrets we may have will not change it. It is now past history whether good or bad. The year of 1953 is now with us, shall we do any better before it passes away? Shall we profit by our short-comings of the past year? Or shall we still continue to look on green pastures in the distant future and neglect our duties in laboring in the Vineyard of the Lord today?

I believe it is the Apostle James who says: To him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin. The TRUE Church of Jesus Christ of today as in all other days, must bear the responsibility of preaching Jesus Christ and Him crucified, and abiding in the laws of God, or pay the penalty of the transgressor. The Gospel News wishes you all — all the readers of this little volume, a Happy and a prosperous New Year. May God bless us all.

(Editor)

Questioning

I ask the new year, "What am I to do
The whole year through?"
The answer came,
"Be true."

I asked again, "And what am I to say
To those who pass my way?"
"The kindest words," he said,
"That you can say."

"What thoughts am I to think,
day long, year long?"
And clearly as a quick-struck gong,
The answer,
"Think no wrong."

"And what roads take across
the earth's worn sod
Where many feet have trod?"
Swift came the answer —
"Those that lead to God."

By Grace Noll Crowell

Our Mother The Church
(By Bro. Ishmael Humphrey)
Brother Editor: Another year
rolls past in the Restored Gospel
to take its place in that great

shadow of past events. Sometime ago I was inspired by the Holy Spirit to write this piece concerning the saints labors in the past in the Restored Gospel, thought this would be the appropriate time of the year to send it. — It is as follows:

As our minds drift across the threshold of yesterday we see the silent foot-prints engraved upon the spiritual elements of time — left by the saints of God, as they trod upon that straight and narrow way.

As we view in spirit the silhouettes of the past, how it strikes a nostalgic note upon the harp string of our souls. How it vibrates a vivid chord of praise, for the saints of the most high, who have given us through their experiences and faith of the past the mother, the Church, created through this same faith our Saviour Jesus who died and suffered for this same faith which is revealed in the saints and their children today! through the inherent powers, we have fallen heirs, brethren — not to waste our substance in this life, but to spend our spiritual talents for a righteous cause.

While the past may serve as a good example, we may hallow these things wherein the expression of the past lives in our hearts, reflecting its glorious and sacred principles emanating its spiritual response so strengthening to our souls.

'Tis good to dwell upon these things at times when in the spirit, but we can never live these things again. While we feel many times to salute the saints of old, let us render our due thanks for the labors and travail of the saints and priesthood by our obedience to the restored gospel, that through the Lord Jesus we shall inherit a spiritual body, not created from the flesh of this life and lusts of this world, but a body created through the inheritance from our Lord through grace and mercy.

Oh what a sure foundation we are built upon brethren and sisters. While clouds of uncertainty and doubt may gather upon our spiritual horizon at times concerning conditions in our church in general, the dutiful need not fear; for the day shall shortly come

when the clouds of gloom shall pass away. Then the saints shall stand upon the threshold of that new spiritual day, when we will look back upon our troubles, sorrows and experiences of the past and thank our Redeemer; for it is written — the Bride weepeth till the Bridegroom cometh.

No clouds of gloom shall obscure that day, we will be fortified with the Lord's spirit of strength to proclaim His holy name from the house-tops or the high places in the world. Blow ye the trumpets of the Lord in Zion, for the Lord shall rise in His strength.

My Thoughts on New Years Eve Dec. 31, 1951

By Brother Melvin Gibson

(Son of Virdie Gibson) Kovich
Since time has come, and time has gone,

I now can look back, to what I done wrong,

When I was small, and so very young,

I could never pay attention to what I had done,

I just did the things, as does everyone,

That is called and named a Mother's son.

Now every Mother and father, too,

Knows that their son is some one new,

They work all day, and dream all night,

Their son will grow up, to be so bright,

I could never debate, or start a fight,

To show the people, that I am just right.

If I could do this, in a world so broad,

I would know I was ready, to face my God,

We had a dear mother, my brother's and I,

But one day this year, our Mother did die,

All through her life, she tried to live true,

But still she had troubles, as you and I do.

Her life was hard, I now can see,

What she went through to watch over me,

I wasn't the only one she had to protect,

Because there are three more beside me yet,

As long as I live, I'll try and obey,

To do what she taught us, day after day.

It was on this night, I was shown the Lord's might,

My mother was pleased, I turned to be right,

As long as I live, I pray I'll stay,

And throughout my life, be on the right way,

If I can hold fast, and try to do right,

Some day my brother's and I will unite.

I pray I'll keep going, and grow to be strong,

Some day they will know, they are in wrong,

If they follow with me, and try to obey,

We will live as our Mother, did always pray,

Now ending this poem, and ready to close,

Always be right, for our Saviour knows.

A REMINDER

(Our Teaching Almost 50 Years Ago)

"Now we find that the last has become first, (that the Gentiles in receiving the gospel in this last dispensation has become first) and they that were first are last. Then cannot we see that it was the purpose of God for Paul and Peter and those in authority to carry the gospel to the Gentiles? Then, is it not the duty of the Church today to carry the gospel to the House of Israel?" end of quote. The Gospel Reflector, August 1905 by Bro. A. B. Cadman.

An article titled "Word of God" — "There is a great deal more on this subject we could write about but we have all got the written word and we can all read it, and I would ask the saints to read the parable of the tame olive tree in the Book of Mormon, how the Lord was to set His hand the last time to prune His vineyard, and that time commenced at the restoration of the gospel" end of quote, The Gospel Reflector, August 1906. by Bro. A. B. Cadman

An article entitled "The Thousand Years Reign" — "We cannot

be saved without obeying the law of the Gospel, and He has provided for this in Revelations 20th chapter and fifth verse where he says: "Blessed and Holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection, on such the second-death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and Christ." — And as Christ preached to the prisoners that are spoken of in First Peter 3rd Chapter and 19th verse, that they should have a chance to hear the gospel, Why not others? He preached to them while in the tomb; our work is not finished because we have come forth in the first resurrection. In the millenium the Kingdom is more disciplined and prepared by the consolidation of all who have served God from the beginning." The Gospel Reflector of April 1907. By Bro. Cherry.

Title a "Letter From Tennessee" — "The Gentile Saints will never by themselves build up Zion. They must take the Gospel to the Red Man." The Gospel Reflector, April 1908 by Elder J. S. Weeks."

"What We Believe" — "We believe that marriage is ordained of God, and that the law of God provides for but one companion in wedlock, for either man or woman except in cases, where the contract of marriage is broken by death." The Gospel Reflector of 1908.

"Religious Experiences" by William Cadman now deceased. — Page 5 — In our General Conference, of July, 1869 this Mission (the Indian Mission) was practically laid aside and abandoned. I fought against this step desperately, but was overwhelmingly defeated. This people were as unreasonable and unbelieving, at that time, as ever the Hosts of Israel were at any time;"—A little lower down on page 5 — "From the time this spirit of unbelief took possession of our people, in the fall of 1868, the course of this Church has been steadily downward, until within the last several years." On page 10 I read as follows: "Now my Brethren and Sisters, whom I love in the truth, and with whose assistance and cooperation I hope and expect to accomplish these glorious results." Religious Experiences was written in 1899 and on page 10 the writer says: "You will observe that we are just where we were in the winter of 1867 and 8, nearly

32 years ago." — On page 8, the writer in speaking of Latter Day Saints says: "They have been encouraging themselves by the promises made to Israel, under the covenants, and have neglected the first step in that direction, which is preaching the Gospel to the seed of Jacob." — May I ask: Have we profited by past experience? Are we not much concerned today about the Peaceful Reign and of sitting under our own vine and fig tree, and taking life easy with all it's luxuries? May I ask another question? What are we sacrificing in order to preach the Gospel? — To me, rejoicing in the future blessings of the Kingdom of Christ, and neglecting to do our duty towards Israel and Gentile, reminds me of the old saying: "Got the cart ahead of the horse." (WHC)

Everybody Take Notice November 10, 1952

Dear Brother William: In this letter which may be long: I want to express my thoughts, and I hope you and all concerned would consider and do what you think best.

It is a matter of putting in our Church Treasury, sufficient funds that if we cannot go our selves, that others could go and carry the Restored Gospel more to our Lamanite People. While we have done some Missionary Work, the field is VERY large, and much work is yet to do. I admire and agree with Bro. Furnier's closing remarks at our October Conference. "Quote" — Bro. T. S. Furnier made the closing remarks saying: "that the seed had been planted, but he had not been entirely satisfied with the results. There is going to be a great work done among the remnant of the House of Israel, but it is going to take a greater effort than WE are making, and also much self-denial to bring this work about." end of quote.

Don't you agree that we have been lax in doing our duty more fully making the Lamanites (Indian People) acquainted with the Restored Gospel? (I certainly do agree that we have been lax, and very lax too. WHC.)

With finances we can send several of our good Elders in the Missionary Field among the Indian People. And I am satisfied that our work and efforts would be blessed. That is our duty and

it should be upper-most in the minds of all our members of the Church of Jesus Christ. The following are my thoughts.

I suggest: Starting Dec. 1, 1952, and covering a period of (6) six months. The members of the Church, not compulsory, but voluntarily — To those who are WAGE-EARNERS, or has an income only. That they might set aside \$1.00 each week for a period of six months, or a total of \$25.00 each. Is this asking too much? Or may be some would rather voluntarily send in what they can.

I sincerely believe that a great blessing is in store for all of us, when we more fully start our work among our Indian People, whether we are Elders ministering, or whether we are the ones that cannot go.

We will be blessed because of the satisfaction that we have contributed to the progress of the work which we believe and teach.

"The whole need not a Physician, but rather those that are sick. I suggest a writing by you on this subject be put in the Gospel News for a period of six months. I suggest it to be set aside for Indian Mission work only, called Indian Missionary Fund. With this letter my wife and I are enclosing a cheque for \$50.00— Very good my brother and sister.

P. S. Instead of me writing on this matter as suggested by my brother, I am publishing his letter. It may have more effect than anything I might write. My old brethren knows the past history of the Church on this question. In another column of this issue of the Gospel News, I have quoted the words of the deceased president William Cadman "that Latter Day Saints have encouraged themselves in the covenants made to Israel instead of doing their duty towards them, that is, preaching the gospel to Israel." I am afraid that the same condition has befallen us as a people today. It seems to be human nature, that instead of starting at the bottom of the ladder, want to get on the top first. If the House of Israel and obedient Gentiles are to set under their own Vine and Fig-Tree some day; then who ever is the true Church of Jesus Christ, must preach the gospel to Israel, as well as to anticipate the blessings of the future.

Remember brethren and sisters we cannot expect to Be carried

to the skies on flowery beds of ease, while others fought to win the prize, and sailed through bloody seas. Do you really believe that God is still the same?

WHC

A Trip to Italy

Just a few comments on our recent trip to Italy. We returned home on the Queen Elizabeth, the largest ship afloat, and a very beautiful one. We had a very rough crossing with high winds, and yet we crossed in four and a half days.

You can be sure we were very happy when we first sighted land, and no one knows the feeling of our hearts as the Queen Elizabeth came by the "Statue of Liberty" — a very fitting symbol for this wonderful land.

Our trip to Italy and the missionary work is such that we will never forget. America was always appreciated by us; but after what we saw and observed in Italy, you can be sure that America will be appreciated even much more.

I am writing about our trip more in detail, and I hope it can be printed, for I think it will make good reading. May God bless us all, and be closer to one another and serve the Lord sincerely — so that we may always enjoy His blessings which are bestowed upon this land of America.

There is much work to be done in Italy, but freedom of religion is not there; there is need of Bibles over there. As I returned home I spoke to a gentleman concerning the need of Bibles in Italy, so he gave me a cheque for \$100.00 for Bibles to be sent there. This man, Mr. Lawrence Cooney is Vice President of the Austin Co. here in Cleveland, and is much interested in work of this kind. May God bless him. I got in touch with the American Bible Society and turned the cheque over to them, and they will send Italian Bibles to Italy direct from New York, dividing the amount between the Island of Ponza, S. Demetrio Corone and some to Peschici, my birth place, and where I baptized five persons before I left Italy, so a new work has started there.

I must also mention of two other Austin Company executives, who are much interested in the spreading of God's word. Before I left home for Italy, Mr. Allan Austin gave me a cheque for \$100.00

and Mr. George Bryant gave me a cheque for \$50.00 to help me in this work of spreading the Gospel in Italy.

I am very grateful for all the help I have received. May God bless and reward all in our efforts to spread the Gospel of Christ. Bro. Rocco Biscotti.

"Slightly Soiled, Greatly Reduced"

Walter Carvin, Waterloo, Iowa

I saw the above sign in a clothing store window, which sign is not only true of clothing but of people. We have known some supposedly lovely and upright people who for the want of self-control, went off like a gatling gun and greatly reduced their loveliness, or perhaps it was the little white lies that greatly reduced their influence slightly soiled by smoking and thus become greatly reduced by the world. A Godly Quaker seeing me with a pipe in my mouth said, "Walter, if the Lord wanted thee to smoke he would have placed a chimney on thy head." The movies have slightly soiled some Christians until they have become greatly reduced in their testimony for Christ. All of this might also apply to preachers of the Gospel. I think they are the greatest group on God's earth, but it is possible for the desire for money to spoil their higher ideals in life. I am reminded of the prayer a deacon made, "Lord, you keep our paster humble and we'll keep him poor" and now, because of the lack of sufficient funds to keep up the standard of living forced upon them, their lives and influence have become reduced. I am sure I have seen this very principle work out in churches. All in all their testimony was good; their theology sound; but it took a slightly soiled business meeting to greatly reduce their testimony in the community, or a slightly soiled church official to greatly reduce the rest of the members.

A soiled theology can greatly reduce a church. I'm told when a person is under the influence of bootleg liquor, such an one has the tendency to see double. Instead of seeing one light they see two. Now when a theologian or a preacher seeks two Isaiahs or two Daniels, I'm suspicious that such an one has been drinking bootleg theology, which goes to say

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EDITORIAL

In the last issue of The Gospel News, I commented some on the differences between the Revised Standard Version, and King James translation of the Bible. My reasons are, I have been approached by various ones, asking me what I think of the R.S.V. I will draw your attention to some things that do not appeal to me.

First: Turn to First Corinthians K. J. 15, 44 "It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body and there is a spiritual body." Now turn to the R.S.V. "It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. IF there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body." You will note that the K. J. declares "there is a natural body." The R.S.V. questions that by adding the word: "IF" there is etc. Why do they add the word "if?" May I ask, is that making things plainer to us? Further: Turn to verse 55, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? K. J. Now turn to R. S. V. "O death, where is thy victory? O death where is thy sting?" It is written: "The sting of death is sin." Sin is the cause of all our trouble in this life, and it is the cause of death. The grave captivates the body, and the "grave" would be the Victor had it not been for the power of the resurrection in Jesus Christ. I ask again: Why does the R.S.V. change the word GRAVE to death? Does it make things plainer? I think not.

Second: Turn to Rev. 12—1 and 3 read this scripture, I must say that the word "WONDER" is certainly well in place, easy to comprehend. Read the same scripture in the R.S.V. and it makes John say: "a great PORTENT" — I imagine that nine out of ten readers of their Bibles will be obliged to stop reading and get their dictionary and learn what the word PORTENT means. It is a word that you seldom hear.

Third: Turn to St. John 1 — in verse 5, "and the darkness comprehended it not." — K. J. —

Now turn to the same scripture in the R.S.V. "and the darkness has not OVERCOME it." I cannot understand these learned men that are the authors of the R.S.V. The words "overcome" and "comprehend" are two different words entirely, they are not synonymous with each other. The facts of this scripture are: that Jesus was the light, and the Jewish people did not comprehend or realize that He was their long expected Messiah.

My counsel to all Bible readers is, beware of these Modern Bibles.

Edt)

NOTICE

I have received a very nice offering towards building a Church in Italy, very good of you in being so thoughtful I am sure. But please understand, that the first thing to do in Italy is to incorporate the Church in that Country.

If we build prior to incorporating, our doors would be closed and the building confiscated. Such a move would be foolishness on our part. As president of the Church, I have written two letters to the American Ambassador in Rome, the letters were acknowledged with the information that they were turned over to proper authorities, but after the passing of two or three years, they have not given me any information as to how to proceed lawfully. Understand that there is not religious freedom in Italy as we have it in America, far from it. Brother Cadman

such persons have been greatly reduced before the Lord.

Take the account of Joseph. How easy it would have been for his life to be slightly soiled and greatly reduced. He could have become slightly soiled by saying, "After all a man must live, and besides, I'm only a slave and far from home and who would know it? Did not the Lord promise me rulership in my dream and here is a good chance through Potiphar's lovely wife." But Joseph did not think that way. He took care of his character and left his reputation with God, which is another way of saying "Character is what you are in the dark." He did not think for a moment, a man must live. He knew a man did not wish to live or die slightly soiled and greatly reduced.

Perhaps right now you are concerned about the

life that has soiled your testimony; reduced your influence; robbed you of power with God and man. You have been shunning the big sins in your life. You have been saying, "greatly soiled but only slightly reduced." You're wrong. It takes but a little hole to ruin the garment; a single match to destroy a factory; "slightly" soiled! greatly reduced.

Contributed by D. Giovannone
The Baptist Bulletin.

SIXTH OF A SERIES ON THE BOOK OF DANIEL

By Bro. James Heaps

At the feast of Belshazzar and a thousand of his lords,

While they drank from golden vessels, as the Book of Truth records —

In the night, as they reveled in the royal palace hall

They were seized with consternation — 'twas the Hand upon the wall!

See the brave captive, Daniel, as he stood before the throng,

And rebuked the haughty monarch for his mighty deeds of wrong;

As he read out the writing — 'twas the doom of one and all,

For the kingdom now was finished — said the Hand upon the wall!

See the faith, zeal and courage, that would dare to do the right,

Which the Spirit gave to Daniel. — 'twas the secret of his might;

In his home in Judea, or a captive in the hall,

He understood the writing of his Goa upon the wall!

So our deeds are recorded — there's a Hand that writing now;

Sinner give your heart to Jesus, To His royal mandates bow;

For the day is approaching — It must come to one and all,

When the sinners' condemnation Will be written on the wall!

'Tis the Hand of God on the wall! 'Tis the Hand of God on the wall! Shall the record be "Found wanting!" or shall it be "Found trusting!" While that Hand is writing on the wall?

Daniel then describes the closing scene of the Babylonian Empire; the transition from the gold to the silver of the great image, Daniel

(Chap. 2) and from the lion and the bear of Daniel's vision.

This feast is supposed by some to have been an appointed annual festival in honor of one of the heathen gods. Darius, who was then besieging Babylon, learned of the celebration and had laid his plans for the overthrow of the city. Belshazzar having invited a thousand of his lords, drank before the thousand showing that in addition to whatever weaknesses he may have had, he was a heavy drinker and while he tasted the wine he commanded that they bring in the golden and silver vessels which his father had taken from Jerusalem, that this festival had some reference to the Jews. A gala affair it must have been that the king, his princes, his wives and his concubines might drink therein. They drank wine and praised the gods of gold and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood and stone. They celebrated the heathen gods over the God of the Jews, but not for long. When God wants to bring an end. He does it quick. In the same hour came the finger of a man's hand on the wall and wrote over against the candlestick on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace, tracing mystic characters upon the wall. Terror seized the king. His countenance was changed so that the joints of his loins were loosed and his knees smote one against another. The king cried for the soothsayers. These astrologers surely would have a lot of gold about their necks and dresses; could they have given Nebuchadnezzar and Belshazzar the interpretation of these things which God was trying to show them. Daniel said, "Let thy gifts be to thyself and give thy rewards to another, yet I will read the writing on the wall." The king forgot his boasting and his revelling and cried aloud. It appears that Daniel had been lost sight of for awhile. This doubtless was because he had been absent but the queen drew his attention to it. She said, "Let not thy thoughts trouble thee, there is a man in thy kingdom in whom is the spirit of God and in the days of thy father, light and understanding and wisdom like the wisdom of the gods was found in him, whom the king, I say thy father made master of the magicians and soothsayers, for as much as an excellent spirit and knowledge and understanding, interpreting of dreams

showing hard sentences and dissolving doubts." What a record the queen had of this man, Daniel, she must have remembered the wonderful counsel Daniel had given in his father's reign. "O, thou King, the most high God gave thy father a kingdom, majesty, glory and honor and for the majesty that He gave him all the world trembled and feared him. Whom he would, he slew and whom he would, he kept alive, but when his heart was lifted up in pride he was driven from the sons of men and his heart was like the beasts and thou his son, has not humbled thyself although thou knewest all these things. There might have been some excuse if he had not known all these things and thou hast worshipped gold and silver, wood and stone, which see not nor hear not; thy breath hast not glorified, for this reason, God showed him the handwriting on the wall. This is the writing: MENE, MENE, TEKEL UPHARSIN — This is the interpretation — MENE — God hath humbered thy kingdom and finished it. TEKEL — Thou are weighed in the balance and found wanting. PERES — Thy kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians. In that night was Belshazzar slain and Darius, the Mede took the kingdom being about three score and two years old; while Belshazzar was indulging, while the angel's hand was upon the wall the soldiers marched through the empty channel under the wall of the great city they found him and slew him there.

(To be continued)

The Good Samaritan
By Bro. Oliver Lloyd
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The story of the Good Samaritan was told in answer to the question of a Lawyer: "Who is my neighbor?" St. Luke 10:29. Every man, brother, sister or child in distress is our neighbor. St. Luke 10:30, 35 inclusive, and Jesus answering said, a certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell among thieves which stripped him of his raiment and wounded him, left him half dead, and by chance there came a certain priest that way and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite came and looked on him and passed by on the other side. But a certain

Samaritan as he journeyed came where he was and when he saw him, he had compassion on him and went to him, bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and took him to an Inn, and took care of him and on the morning when he departed, he took out two pence, gave them to the host and said: take care of him and what-so-ever thou spendest more, when I come again I will repay thee.

What makes a man a good neighbor is God's love in his heart. The point of the parable is, that some neighbors have to be helped in their distress at the cost of our inconvenience. The need is often the greatest where the least is asked. A good Christian is always obligated to help the weak. How many forms of misery are there lying within our knowledge? If we draw a line on our love that is not God's love in our hearts, we cannot gain life everlasting by just loving a handful of people. We must love the whole world — if we cannot love those whom we have seen, how are we going to love those whom we have never seen? Christ loved the whole world regardless of race, creed, or color — and let me add, brothers, sisters and friends; no one is useless in this world who lightens the burden's for some one else. A good example of love as it is written, was the love Ruth had for her mother-in-law, and Ruth said Entreat me not to leave thee or to return from following after thee, for whither thou goest I will go, and where thou lodgest I will lodge; thy people shall be my people, thy God my God. Ruth 1:16.

All must face God. It is not the religion we had twenty, thirty or forty years ago that counts, it is the religion we have today that counts. It is not what people think about you, it's what God thinks about you that counts. We all should have a purpose in life, and that purpose should be to serve Christ in Spirit and Truth. If such is not our plan or goal and purpose, then our life becomes dissatisfied. God's way is the best way. Some folks go through their entire life with hatred, malice, bitterness in their hearts — enemies with their brothers and sisters, mothers, fathers, children, and as Timothy says: ever learn-

ing and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. Lovers of pleasure more than the lovers of God. If we gain the whole world and lose our souls, what is the profit? It is true is it not that the solution to the troubles of the world today is found in the teachings of Jesus? There will come a day when all will have to stand before God.

Psalm 103:13, Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him. Verse 19, The Lord hath prepared His throne in the heavens and His kingdom ruleth over all. Are we positive that we are good Christians, are we doing everything we can to please God? Are we in harmony with our brothers and sisters? The Lord said to Cain: Where is Abel thy brother? And Cain said, I know not, Am I my brothers keeper? — We ourselves are our brothers keeper, that is if we are good Christians. I am disappointed in the Christians lack of love for each other. The Apostle Paul says: "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." First Cor. 13:3. — Psalm 133:1, 2 Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity, it is like the precious ointment upon the head that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard that went down to the skirts of his garments. It has always been my desire to bring closer relationship between all peoples, especially those that made a covenant with God. There is things we see around us each day of our lives that we cannot put our finger on. This indeed grieves us very much. Let me put it this way, the heart-aches of this life, happenings on the streets in the city in which we live, sometimes we feel like crying out and saying as did the brother of the prodigal son's father. St. Luke 15:31 and he said unto him, "Son thou art ever with me and all that I have is thine." Now is the day of salvation, something must be done.

We owe everything to God. Serving Him in Spirit and Truth should always be our first concern. We have a hymn in our book called The Pearly White City," No heartaches are known in that city, No tears ever moisten the eye. There's no disappointment in heaven, No envy or strife in the sky. The saints are all sanc-

tified wholly, They live in sweet harmony there. My heart is now set on that city, and some day its blessings I'll share." Brothers, Sisters and friends, this is our goal that we set out to gain some 37 years ago. Is this your goal and purpose in life? We all need each other, we are a part of each other. If we come right down to it, there is only one race of people, and that is the human race. When we get in the spirit of love, then we become one people; then we can cry out and say as Ruth said: "thy people shall be my people, thy God my God." All one people in Christ Jesus, and where ever we go, we may meet a brother or a friend — striving to make heaven our home is worth while. May God bless you all.

SIoux INDIANS VISIT THE CHURCH IN MONONGAHELA

On Wednesday evening, Nov. 19, five Sioux Indians on their way home from Washington, D. C. stopped at the home of Bro. and Sister W. H. Cadman and spent three nights with them. Their names are as follows: Harvey Kingman, Alvysions Black Cloud, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Howard and Clyde Lowdog, all of South Dakota. Mr. Kingman is a very well preserved man at 86, Mr. Black Cloud is 79, Mr. Lowdog is 42, while Mr. and Mrs. Howard are a young couple.

They were all strangers to us, except I have been in contact with Mr. Lowdog through the mail for a number of years. Mr. Howard served two years in Korea and returned home last June. His wife Mrs. Howard is a registered nurse and on returning home will leave again soon, to take a position in the State Hospital at Stillwater, Okla. Mr. Lowdog is a decorator (painter) and serves as an interpreter among his people, has been to Washington prior to this occasion. The old gentleman, Mr. Kingman is a man of note among the Indian people, and has made several trips to Washington. He was ten years old at the time of the Custer battle and he remembers it well. His father was killed in the battle.

Their object of calling here, was to get acquainted with us, and to attend our Church services. On arriving here just at supper time, we gave them their supper

and then took them to prayer meeting. We held meetings the next two evenings especially for them, that they might learn something about us, and our faith. There was quite a number of our members from various places met with us each of the three nights, consequently they had an opportunity to meet a number of our people, they were much delighted to get acquainted with so many of us. Mr. Kingman sang for us in his native tongue, also Mr. Lowdog and Mr. Black Cloud sang "Nearer My God To Thee" in their own tongue, and then Mr. Lowdog by himself sang "Guide Us Oh Thou Great Jehova" in his own tongue. All told, we had three very nice meetings while they were here.

They would like to have seen the town while here, but it was very wet the three days, so did not have that opportunity. However they enjoyed themselves very much, and we were all glad to meet them, and they were very well impressed with our services, and hospitality towards them. They would like us to have a church out in their country, South Dakota. Before they left for home on Saturday morning, we took some pictures and they had a nice morning to start home, cool but the sun was shining. It is the faith of The Church of Jesus Christ that the American Indian people are a part of scattered Israel. The Book of Mormon is a history of God's dealings with their fore-fathers, and Israel's Messiah, Christ Jesus visited them on this land of which we call America in fulfillment of St. John 10, 16 before His final ascension to Heaven. What a wonderful story is in the Book of Mormon, yet so few will give heed to it. Bro. W.H.C.

Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary

By the time you read this, brother and sister Charles Behanna will have observed their fiftieth Marriage Anniversary on December 24, 1952.

Charles Behanna was the son of Brother and Sister Abraham Behanna, (both deceased) Maggie Ferguson was the daughter of Brother and Sister Archibald Ferguson, (both deceased) and their youthful lives were spent in the Monongahela vicinity. They were united in marriage by Bro. William Cadman (deceased) on Dec. 24, fifty years ago. They were well

known here, having spent their lives in this community until about four or five years ago, they moved to Wesleyville, a suburb of Erie, Pa.

Their family consists of two daughters, Mrs. Mary Mancini of Wesleyville, Margaret Blackwell of Linden, Iowa. Two children died in infancy, while the eldest child Archetta, married Paul Evans of New Eagle, Pa., and in about two years after, they were both laid away to rest. Their only daughter, Sister Elaine Evans Sechez, was raised from infancy by Bro. and Sister Behanna. There are four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Charlie and Maggie were both members of The Church of Jesus Christ in the days of their courtship, and like many of us, they have triumphed over the storms of life thus far, and have enjoyed the sunshine much. They have both passed the three-score-ten mark. May the Lord's care continue to abide with them.

Bro. W. H. Cadman

Anthony Ross Passes On

Brother Anthony Ross of West Aliquippa, Pa., age 77 died on November 6, 1952 at his home following a month's illness. Brother Ross was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ since the year of 1929.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Ross; three sons, John and Joseph of Aliquippa, and his son Sgt. Theodore Ross who just recently returned home from services in Korea. Two daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth DeFelice of Aliquippa, Mrs. Antoinette Marchando of Pittsburgh, also eight grandsons.

The services were held in The Church of Jesus Christ in West Aliquippa on November 8, 1952 at 2:00 p.m. Brother Philip Mileca officiating, with Bros. Casasanta and A. A. Corrado assisting. The services were well attended by the saints and friends. The Gospel News extends sympathy to the family in their bereavement.

P. S. It was through an experience which brother Ross had, that caused him to save all the "dimes" that came into his possession and which he saved in a glass jar, and gave them to The Ladies Uplift Circle, to be used for Indian Mission Work. I believe Sister Sadie Cadman has a record of his donations. In fact, a partly filled jar of dimes was found in a strong box after his

death, which will be given to the Uplift Circle at their next quarterly meeting by the immediate family.

Sincerely,
Bro. Daniel Tamburrino.

Leroy E. Griffith Passes On

Brother Lee Griffith, the son of Bro. James Griffith of Allenport, Pa., died in the Allegheny General Hospital on Nov. 26, 1952, after a long siege of affliction. He was born at Fairhope, Pa., on March 21, 1918. He was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ in November of 1938. He was buried from our Church in Roscoe, Pa., on Nov. 29. Bro. W. H. Cadman officiating, while Bro. John Majoros, Jr. and Sister Ruth Mountain furnished the music and singing.

Brother Griffith leaves to mourn his passing, his beloved wife and five children, Sandra Lee, Carol, Thomas, Kathleen and Ronald. His father two brothers, and five sisters also survive, besides many other relatives and friends.

The Gospel News extends sympathy to all the loved ones, and especially his wife and children. May the Lord have a care over them. Sincerely.

Mr. Charles Melenzyer was the Funeral Director, and in his Funeral Home in Belle Vernon, Brother Griffith's body laid until it was removed to the Church for final services.

D'ANTONIO-ROSS NUPTIALS

Miss Concetta D'Antonio, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Angelo D'Antonio of Aliquippa, Pa., and Sgt. First Class, Theodore Ross, son of Mrs. Mary Ross of West Aliquippa, Pa., were united in marriage at the home of Bro. John Ross of Aliquippa.

The groom is a veteran of World War Two, and has served sixteen months in Korea. The bride is at present employed at the Federal Enamel Co., McKees Rocks, Pa.

The ceremony took place at two o'clock in the afternoon of Nov. 15, 1952 with Elder John Ross, a brother of the groom officiating. The witnesses were Sue DeLuca, and Joseph Ross a brother of the groom. After the ceremony, a reception was held at the bride's home. The couple then left on a honeymoon trip. May God be with them always. Daniel Tamburrino.

FROM THE WRITINGS OF DAVID WHITMER, WHO DIED IN JANUARY, 1888

It is recorded in the American Encyclopedia and the Encyclopaedia Britannica, that I, David Whitmer, have denied my testimony as one of the three witnesses to the divinity of the Book of Mormon; and that the other two witnesses, Oliver Cowdery and Martin Harris, denied their testimony to that Book. I will say once more to all mankind, that I have never at any time denied that testimony or any part thereof. I also testify to the world, that neither Oliver Cowdery nor Martin Harris ever at any time denied their testimony. They both died reaffirming the truth of the divine authenticity of the Book of Mormon. I was present at the death bed of Oliver Cowdery, and his last words were, "BROTHER DAVID, BE TRUE TO YOUR TESTIMONY TO THE BOOK OF MORMON." He died here in Richmond, Mo. on March 3, 1850. David Whitmer.

DYING TESTIMONY OF DAVID WHITMER 65 YEARS AGO

(As printed in the Richmond, Missouri, Democrat).

On Sunday evening, at 5:30, January 22, 1888, Mr. Whitmer called his family and some friends to his bedside, and addressing himself to the attending physician, said: "Dr. Buchanan, I want you to say whether or not I am in my right mind, before I give my dying testimony." The doctor answered: "Yes, you are in your right mind, for I have just had a conversation with you." He then addressed himself to all around his bedside in these words: "Now you must all be faithful in Christ. I want to say to you all that the Bible and the record of the Nephites (Book of Mormon) is true, so you can say that you heard me bear my testimony on my deathbed. All be faithful in Christ and your reward will be according to your works. God bless you all. My trust is in Christ forever, world without end. Amen."

P.S. I will add that I remember well of my father and older brother, Joseph, when on their way home from St. John, Kansas in November 1887, via of Richmond, Mo., calling at the home of Mr. Whitmer and my father conversed with him on his sick bed. In their

conversation, he told my father that he had written about all he had to say. His death occurred shortly after. W.H. Cadman.

November 21, 1952
Youngstown, Ohio.

In Honor of our Seventh Anniversary, the Youngstown Ladies Uplift Circle met at the Church building, Thursday, Nov. 6, 1952. Sister Minnie DePiero gave a few verses of welcome to the sisters present. Meeting was then opened with hymn and prayer.

A short Circle History was then read by our president, Sister Josephine Dell, followed with a solo, "Think of His Love For You," beautifully sung by Sister Ann Damore.

Our lesson was questions, prepared by our teacher, Sister Dorothy Damore, covering the Book of Genesis, and answers given by the Youngstown Sisters. As part of our program sisters of Niles, and Warren Ladies Circle intermittingly sang a hymn.

The Circle Hymn composed by Sister Sadie Cadman was recited by Sister Josephine Dell, following with the chorus, sung by all.

A few words of encouragement were given by Brothers A. A. Corrado, and William Gennaro. We closed the enjoyable evening by reciting our pledge, followed in prayer by A. A. Corrado.

A light lunch was then served in the basement.

Josephine Dell, president
Youngstown, Ohio.

Are We Abiding In Christ?

Quotations from the Fourth Book of Nephi: Beginning at verse 15. "And it came to pass that there was no contention in the land, because of the love of God which did dwell in the hearts of the people.—And there were no envyings, nor strifes, nor tumults, nor whoredoms, nor lyings, nor murders, nor any manner of lasciviousness; and surely there could not be a happier people among all the people who had been created by the Hand of God.—There were no robbers, nor murders, neither were there Lamanites, nor any manner of ites; but they were one, the children of Christ, and heirs to the Kingdom of God.—And how blessed were they! For the Lord did bless them in all their doings; yea, they were blessed and prospered until an hundred and ten years had passed away, and the first generation from Christ had passed away, and

there was no contention in all the land.—And it came to pass that Nephi, he that kept this last record, (and he kept it upon the plates of Nephi) died, and his son Amos kept it in his stead; and he kept it upon the plates of Nephi also.—And he kept it eighty and four years, and there was still peace in the land, save it were a small part of the people who had revolted from the church and taken upon them the name of Lamanites; therefore there began to be Lamanites again in the land."

Oftimes we hear this scripture referred to. I do not believe there is anything on record that surpasses the joys and happiness of these people. They were just common ordinary people, the devil was still extant, but they did not only repent and be baptized for the remission of their sins, but they continued to abide in the commandments of their God.

In verse 2 I read that they "dealt justly with one another." May I ask, "can we serve God otherwise?" In verse 3, I read that they "had all things common among them," they were not rich and poor, bond and free, for they were all made free. They were living in fulfillment of the teaching of Christ. They loved their neighbor as their selves. Could they serve God otherwise? Verse 7 reveals unto us that they were a thrifty people, not idle. And God blessed and prospered them. In verse 10 I read that they multiplied exceedingly fast, and became a fair and delightful people.

In verse 11, I read that they were married and given in marriage, and were blessed according to the promises of the Lord. They could not be happy if they were divorcing one another, could they? The divorce evil has brought as much trouble into this world, even as any other evil could do. Jesus Himself, in speaking of this evil, says Moses suffered it, but adds, "From the beginning it was not so." In verse 12, it says "they walked no more after the law of Moses." Nay, they walked after the commandments which they had received from the Lord. Yea, they fasted and prayed, and met together oft to pray and hear the word of the Lord. The Apostle James tells us: "Be not hearers of the word only, but doers of it too." In verse 14, it says that there was no contention in all the land. Nay, there was no contention, for such is the fruit of disobedience. Peace and happiness are the fruit of obedience to

the teachings of the Saviour. They were a happy people, they must of been obedient, were they not? There was no contention in the land, because the love of God did dwell in their hearts. There was the secret of all their joys, they abided in Christ. He taught man as follows: "If ye love me keep My commandments." With these people I read that there were no envyings, no strifes, no telling lies, no murders, the results were there could not be a happier people in all the world.

We are taught that the tree is known by its fruit, it is the Saviour that says so. May I ask: why such a contrast between these people, and the people of the restored Gospel today? Is it not time yet to enjoy the wonderful blessings of God? I ask is it not time? or has the Gospel of Christ lost its power? Or is it because men and women have failed thus far to meet the requirements of God? As for myself, I cannot conclude anything else but what the people of the restored gospel have not abided in that which is written as they should of done. WHC.

THE G.M.B.A. AT DAWSON, PA.

The General Missionary Benevolent Association met in Dawson, Pa. on November 8, 1952. There was a very good attendance, and delegates were present from Pennsylvania, Ohio, New York, Michigan and Canada.

The officers for the coming year were all retained with the exception of three organizers. The newly-elected organizers are Bro. Joseph Shazer, Bro. Charles Curry and Bro. Anthony Gerace.

There was a very interesting discussion concerning the young people's putting forth a greater effort to become more spiritually inclined. As the result a motion was passed that we conduct our business in May in the morning session and devote the afternoon to a spiritual meeting.

The meetings for the coming year are scheduled as follows: The third Saturday in May at Detroit, Mich. Branch No. 2 at 10:00 a.m.; the second Saturday in November at Cleveland, Ohio at 10:00 a.m.

The Vanderbilt Local gave a program in the evening on God's dealings with man. There was a good attendance which was very encouraging and inspiring to the young people.

President: Bro. Domenic Thomas
Secretary: Sis. Ruth E. Ackerman

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"INSPIRATION"

By Bro. Charles E. Smith
The Sun that shines so brightly,
Within my soul today;
Was at one time in days gone
by,
Covered by clouds of gray.
What caused this change of
greatness,
To come into my life?
To joyfulness, and loveliness
Instead of pain and strife?

It was our Lord, who saw that
I would harken to His voice,
Now I can say with all my heart
I'm thankful for His choice.
I know that He will guide my
steps,
Wherever I might go.
If I do justice in His sight
And fight against His foe.

This is not as the world now
does,
There enemy overthrown.
But through our acts of right-
eousness,
Wherein no evils show.
Come help me fight
This battle over sin.
And you will receive a crown,
When the victory we will win.
Contributed by Sister Ruth Carr,
R. D. 1, Export, Pa.

IT IS SWEET TO LIVE

By Sister Nastasi, Niles, Ohio
A question was asked of me:
"Why does 'man' ask help from a
doctor, or from God when he is
sick, if he knows Heaven is a bet-
ter place than Earth?"
My answer to this question is,
"Life is sweet."—God did not make
man to die. We die because man
failed to carry out the command-
ments of God.

God in His mercy has given man
70 or 72 years to live here on earth.
The Bible says: "Honor thy moth-
er and father and thy days shall
be long on earth." Life may be bit-
ter to man while he is on earth,
yet he desires to live. A man that
is clean and upright before God
desires to live.

John the divine, though he was
placed in burning oil, yet he de-
sired to live. We find in the Bible
that Job was in a miserable condi-
tion, sores covered his body; his
wife tells him to "curse God and
die."—Job said to her, "you talk
like a foolish woman." Therefore
to live is sweet, be it ever so bit-
ter.

My life has not been very pleas-
ant on earth, yet I live for one pur-
pose only; and that is to confess
the Name of Christ to sinful peo-
ple, that their souls might live for
Eternity.

The question I will ask is: are
we ready to die should we be called
today? We know that when we
pass away from this body, we pass
on to Eternity. The Spirit of man
never dies, because it is a portion
of God's Spirit, and God is eternal.

DO YOU JUST BELONG?

Are you an active member—
The kind that would be missed?
Or are you just contented
That your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings
And mingle with the flock,
Or do you stay at home
To criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part
To help the work along,
Or are you satisfied
To only just belong?

Do you ever go to visit
A member who is sick?
Or leave the work to just a few
And talk about the "Clique"?

You know the scripture tells us
Our prayers will be in vain,
If we adhere not to His teaching,
We will not heaven gain.

Think it over member,
You know right from wrong,
Are you an active member,
Or do you just belong?

—Author Unknown

STELTON MISSION ASSUMES STATUS OF BRANCH

At a special meeting November
5 the officers and congregation of
Stelton Mission, Stelton, N. J., took
on the responsibility of becoming
the newest branch of the church.
Election was held for all offices
and in most cases prevailing offi-
cers were retained. Newly elected
were Anthony Micale as teacher;
Anthony Ensana as assistant teach-
er; and John Buffa as assistant
deacon. These latter three officers
were ordained by the washing of
feet and laying on of hands during
the following Sunday afternoon
service. Newly appointed by presid-
ing elder Rocco Ensana were: Pat-
sy Rogolino as first council and

John Cantamessa as second coun-
cil.

In a brief recap of the mission
history, brother Ensana cited the
extraordinary service of brother
Patsy Rogolino.

"It is doubtful," said brother Roc-
co, "if the Stelton Mission
would have survived to become a
branch if it were not for the devo-
tion of brother Patsy. For years
he relinquished the privacy of his
home for services when the mis-
sion was in need of a meeting
place."

The congregation was stoutly
charged with their responsibility
as a branch. Presiding elder En-
sana cautioned all against the pit-
falls often encountered by a branch
and implored each to maintain the
spirit of love and peace.

The branch is happy to welcome
to its ranks Mr. and Mrs. John
Buffa. The Buffas were in Detroit
for a prolonged stay but now plan
to live in New Jersey permanently.

Brother Clarence Robinson from
Clairton, Pa., paid a visit here re-
cently. All were gladdened at his
presence for it was feared little
would be seen of him since moving
west from Philadelphia.

Recently baptised to the church
were Olga Garschgo and Carmella
Peterkin. Sister Olga was immersed
by brother Rocco Ensana and con-
firmed by brother Patsy Rogolino.
Sister Carmella was administered
to by brother Patsy Rogolino and
brother John Cantamessa.

Brother George Funkhouser, Jr.

General and President George Washington, Known As The Father Of Our Country

Henry Lee (1756-1818) was se-
lected by Congress to pronounce
the funeral oration upon Washing-
ton, whom he designated as "First
in war, first in peace, and first in
the hearts of his countrymen." The
oration is lengthy, and rich in sub-
stance, and as his memory is al-
ways revived very much at this sea-
son of the year, February being the
month of his birth, I will quote a
few excerpts from the Oration of
the Hon. Henry Lee. On Dec. 26,
1799.

Desperate, indeed, is any attempt
on earth to meet correspondently
this dispensation of Heaven; for,
while with pious resignation we
submit to the will of an all-gracious
Providence, we can never cease la-

menting, in our finite view of Omnipotent wisdom, the heartrending privation for which our nation weeps.

The founder of our federate republic — our bulwark in war, our guide in peace—is no more! O that this were but questionable! Hope, the comforter of the wretched, will pour into our agonizing hearts its balmy dew. But, alas! there is no hope for us; our Washington is removed for ever! Possessing the stoutest frame and purest mind, he had passed nearly to his sixty-eighth year, in the enjoyment of high health, when, habituated by his care of us to neglect himself, a slight cold, disregarded, became inconvenient on Friday, oppressive on Saturday, and, defying every medical interposition, before the morning of Sunday put an end to the best of men. An end did I say? —his fame survives! bounded only by the limits of the earth, and by the extent of the human mind. He survives in our hearts, in the growing knowledge of our children, in the affection of the good throughout the world; and when our monuments shall be done away; when nations now existing shall be no more; when even our young and far-spreading empire shall have perished, still will our Washington's glory unfaded shine, and die not, until love of virtue cease on earth, or earth itself sinks into chaos.

How, my fellow citizens, shall I single to your grateful hearts his pre-eminent worth? Where shall I begin in opening to your view a character throughout sublime? Shall I speak of his warlike achievements, all springing from obedience to his country's will—all directed to his country's good? Will you go with me to the banks of the Monongahela, to see your youthful Washington, supporting, in the dismal hour of Indian victory, the ill-fated Braddock, and saving, by his judgement and by his valor, the remains of a defeated army, pressed by the conquering foe; or, when oppressed America, nobly resolving to risk her all in defense of her violated rights, he was elevated by the unanimous vote of Congress to the command of her armies? Will you follow him to the high grounds of Boston, where, to an undisciplined, courageous, and virtuous yeomanry, his presence gave the stability of system, and infused the invincibility of love for country; or shall I carry you to the painful scenes of Long Island, York Island and New Jersey, when, com-

bating superior and gallant armies, aided by powerful fleets, and led by chiefs high in the roll of fame, he stood, the bulwark of our safety, undismayed by disaster, unchanged by change of fortune? Or will you view him in the precarious fields of Trenton, where deep gloom, un-nerving every arm, reigned triumphant through our thinned, worn down, unaided ranks; himself unmoved? Dreadful was the night. It was about this time of winter, the storm raged, the Delaware rolling furiously with floating ice, forbade the approach of man. Washington, self-controlled, viewed the tremendous scene; his country called; unappalled by surrounding dangers, he passed to the hostile shore; he fought; he conquered. The morning sun cheered the American world. Our country rose on the event; and her dauntless chief, pursuing his blow, completed, in the lawns of Princeton, what his vast soul had conceived on the shores of the Delaware.

Mr. Lee further says: "The finger of an overruling Providence, pointing at Washington, was neither mistaken nor unobserved when, to realize the vast hopes to which our Revolution had given birth, a change of political system became indispensable."

P.S. This article is longer than I wished for, but the oration of the Hon. Henry Lee is much longer and is very effective. All students of the Book of Mormon must see that the Mighty God was with the man Washington in his great struggle to bring about a life of freedom on this Land of America. From what we read in Book of Mormon, it was the power of God that was with our forefathers in the struggle to rule themselves, rather than be ruled by some European Despot. Yea, where men could worship their God as they choose to. But remember that the price of liberty and freedom was high. Let all men be careful and use their liberty to walk in the narrow way which Jesus says leads to eternal life. (WHC)

Second Inaugural Address

(On the 4th of March, 1865, Abraham Lincoln spoke his last words to the American Nation.)
Fellow-Countrymen:

At this second appearing to take the oath of the presidential office, there is less occasion for an extended address than at the first. Then, a statement somewhat in detail of the course to be pursued

seemed very fitting and proper; now, at the expiration of four years, during which public declarations have constantly been called forth, concerning every point and place of the great contest which still absorbs attention and engrosses the energies of the nation, little that is new could be presented. The progress of our arms, upon which all else chiefly depends, is as well known to the public as to myself. It is, I trust, reasonably satisfactory and encouraging to all. With a high hope for the future, no prediction in that regard is ventured.

On the occasion corresponding to this four years ago, all thoughts were anxiously directed to an impending civil war. All dreaded it. All sought to avoid it. While the Inaugural Address was being delivered from this place, devoted altogether to saving the Union without war, the insurgent agents were in the city seeking to destroy it without war,... seeking to dissolve the Union, and divide the effects by negotiating. Both parties depreciated war, but one of them would make war rather than let it perish, and war came. One-eighth of the whole population were colored slaves, not distributed generally over the Union, but located in the southern part. These slaves contributed a peculiar but powerful interest. All knew the interest would somehow cause war. To strengthen, perpetuate, and extend this interest was the object for which the insurgents would rend the Union by war, while the Government claimed no right to do more than restrict the territorial enlargement of it. Neither party expected the magnitude or duration which it has already attained; neither anticipated that the cause of the conflict might cease even before the conflict itself should cease. Each looked for an easier triumph and a result less fundamental and astonishing. Both read the same Bible and pray to the same God. Each invokes His aid against the other. It may seem strange that any man should dare to ask a just God's assistance in wringing bread from the sweat of other men's faces: but let us judge not that we be not judged. The prayer of both should not be answered; that of neither has been answered fully, for the Almighty has His own purposes. "Woe unto the world because of offenses, for it must needs be that offense

come; but woe unto that man by whom the offense cometh."

If we shall suppose African slavery one of the offenses which, in the providence of God, must needs come, but which having continued through His appointed time, He now wills to remove, and that He gives to both North and South this terrible war, as was due to those by whom the offense came, shall we discern that there is any departure from those divine attributes which believers in the living God always ascribe to Him? Fondly do we hope, fervently do we pray, that this mighty scourge of war may speedily pass away; yet if it be God's will that it continue until the wealth piled by bondsmen by two hundred and fifty years' unrequited toil shall be sunk, and until every drop of blood drawn with the lash shall be paid by another drawn with the sword, as was said three thousand years ago, so still it must be said that the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and orphans; to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and a lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations.

P.S. In reading this Inaugural Address, one cannot help but realize that the Hon. Lincoln saw that God changes not, and that He lets His wrath fall upon the nations because of their sins. May I ask: what can any professed man of God expect from a nation of people who transgress the law of the Sabbath, the law governing marriage, and blasphemes His Holy Name, as is being done both by professing and non-professing Christians in this land of America? May I ask: Do we really believe that God is really the same God today? (WHC.)

THE SIXTH ARTICLE OF BRO. JAMES HEAPS Cont.

Book of Daniel

Art thou the prophet? Read me yonder scroll.

Whose undeciphered horror daunts my soul.

There shall be guerdon for the grateful task

Fitted for me to give, for thee to ask,

A chain to deck thee, and a robe to grace,

Thine the third throne, and thou the third in place.

He heard, and turned him where the lighted wall

Dimmed the red torches of the festival,

Gazed on the sign with steady gaze and set;

And he who quailed not at a kingly threat

Bent the true knee and bowed the silver hair,

For that he knew the King of kings was there;

Then nerved his soul the sentence to unfold,

While his tongue trembled at the tale it told.

And never tongue shall echo tale as strange

Till that change cometh which shall never change.

"Keep for thyself the guerdon and the gold:

What God had graved, God's prophet must unfold;

Could not thy father's crime, thy father's fate

Teach thee the terror thou has learned too late?

Hast thou not read the lesson of his life,

Who wars with God shall strive a losing strife?

His was a kingdom mighty as thine own,

The sword his scepter and the earth his throne;

The nations trembled when his awful eye

Gave to them leave to live or doom to die;

The lord of life, the keeper of the grave

His frown could wither, and his smile could save.

Yet, when his heart was hard, his spirit high,

God drave him from his kingly majesty,

Far from the brotherhood of fellow-men,

To seek for dwelling in the desert den;

Where the wild asses feed and oxen roam,

He sought his pasture and he made his home;

And bitter-biting frost and dews of night

Schooled him in sorrow till he knew the right,

That God is ruler of the rulers still,

And setted up the sovereign that he will.

Oh! hadst thou treasured in re-

pentant breast

His pride and fall, his penitence and rest,

And bowed submissive to Jehovah's will,

Then had thy scepter been a scepter still.

But thou has mocked the Majesty of heaven;

And shamed the vessels to his service given.

And thou hast fashioned idols of thine own

Idols of gold, of silver, and of stone;

To them hast bowed the knee and breathed the breath,

And they must help thee in the hour of death.

Woe for the sight unseen, the sin forgot!

God was among ye, and ye knew it not!

Hear what he sayeth now: "Thy race is run,

Thy years are numbered, and thy days are done;

Thy soul hath mounted in the scale of fate,

The Lord hath weighed thee, and thou lackest weight;

Now in thy palace porch the spoilers stand.

To seize thy scepter, to divide thy land."

He ended, and his passing foot was heard,

But none made answer, not a lip was stirred;

Mute the free tongue, and bent the fearless brow;

The mystic letters had their meaning now.

Soon came there other sound,—the clash of steel,

The heavy ringing of the iron heel,

The curse in dying, and the cry for life,

The bloody voices of the battle strife.

That night they slew him on his father's throne,

The deed unnoticed and the hand unknown;

Crownless and scepterless Belshazzar lay,

A robe of purple round a form of clay.

IS BAPTISM ESSENTIAL TO SALVATION?

By Thurman S. Furnier

We "The Church of Jesus Christ" affirm that it is; under one condition, if baptism is preceded by faith and repentance, otherwise baptism does not mean a thing. No

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EDITORIAL

I still draw your attention to some variations between the King James and the Revised Standard Versions of the Bible. And as I have already said, I do not want to be technical over a word, nor to make a man an offender for a word. Yet very often, a small word makes a change in sense.

The Saviour in speaking to the Jewish people in St. John, 14:1 says: "ye believe in God, believe also in me." To my mind that is an acknowledgment that they believed in God. He then ask them to believe in Him. K. J. — In the R.S.V. the word "ye" is omitted and I quote "believe in God, believe also in me." I might add, that as far as I can observe, the Jewish people did believe in God but did not understand the coming forth of a Messiah in the way that He came. It is possible to believe in God, and yet not understand His ways. In verse 2 of this same chapter, it reads: "In my Fathers house are many mansions: if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you." K. J. — In the R. S. V. it reads: "In my Fathers house are many rooms; if it were not so, WOULD I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? A question is made out of this, and to my mind it is not as plain as is K. J.

In the R.S.V. the 53rd Verse St. John 7 is omitted, but is inserted in very small print, likewise the first 11 verses of the eighth chapter. The same thing again in Mark 16; After the eighth verse, it is recorded in very small print. Yet the object of the R.S.V. is to make things plainer. It surely is administering confusion to the average person.

In Galations 1-15 of the K. J. It reads: "But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mothers womb, and called me by his grace." Note the contrast in the R. S. V. Gal. 1-15. It reads: "But when he who had set me apart before I was BORN, and had called me through his grace,"

—Who is right in this matter? — I have before me the Douay Version, The Moffit translation of the N.T.

The translation by the "World Bible Translation Committee"—A. D.—1950 published by the Watchtower Bible and Tract Asso. —The translation of the N. T. by George Campbell, James Macknight, and Phillip Doodridge, Doctors of the Church of Scotland in 1826, and also the Revised Version of 1881. I have looked up these six versions of the scriptures, Galations 1-15 and they are all in harmony with King James Version, while the R. S. V. is at variance with at least seven other Versions. What a contrast between scholars of 1946 and their predecessors of the years that have gone by. I think that Bible readers today, have a just right to ask the question, Who, among these Bible translators is RIGHT. Editor. P. S. The new address of Joseph Lovavo, 15695 Navara St., Detroit, Mich.

IS BAPTISM ESSENTIAL

Minister of the gospel should baptize any person, unless they have faith in God and have sincerely repented of their sins; wherefore "he that is under no condemnation, cannot repent; and unto such baptism availeth nothing." (Moroni 8:22 in part) The very first act that Jesus did preparatory to His Ministerial labors was to be baptized: St. Matt. 3:1, 2 — "In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." St. Matt. 3:11-17—"I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire." "Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." "Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordon unto John, to be baptized of him." "But John forbade him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?" "And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he suffered him." "And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him." "And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved

Son, in whom I am well pleased."

The very last command Jesus gave to His Apostles prior to His ascension into heaven was: St. Matt. 28:19, 20—"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost." "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen." The next witness testifies a little stronger: St. Mark 16:15, 16. "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." Nor was John the beloved less explicit in his statement of what the Saviour said to Nicodemus: John 3:1-7—"There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again."

There are they who believe that if they live a moral life and a life of honor among men, and have their name on a church book, that they will be entitled to an inheritance in the kingdom of God. To all such, let the scripture once more speak: See Acts 10th. Chapter. I refer to Cornelius, a devout man, one that feared God, which gave alms to the people, and prayed to God always. He saw in a vision an angel, which conversed with him. He was told to send to Joppa for Peter and he would be told what he ought to do. After Peter's arrival at the home of Cornelius, and having heard the experience he had; Peter began to expound the mission of Jesus Christ to him, and others that had assembled together, beginning with the baptism which John preached, that this same Jesus was slain and hanged on a

tree, him God raised up the third day, etc. While Peter was speaking, the Holy Ghost fell on them which heard the word, they spoke with tongues and magnified God. Although Cornelius had conversed in a vision with an angel, he and those on whom the Holy Ghost fell were commanded by Peter to be baptized in the name of the Lord. See Verses 47 and 48. "Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?" "And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days."

When Jesus was speaking of the greatness of John the Baptist, "And all the people that heard him, and the publicans, justified God, being baptized with the baptism of John." St. Luke 7:29—"But the Pharisees, and lawyers rejected the counsel of God against themselves, being not baptized of him." St. Luke 7:30. Dear reader: Be careful that you do not condemn baptism and reject the counsel of God against yourselves. We will now refer to the account of the baptism of the jailer. See Acts 16:23-33. Paul and Silas were cast into prison. At midnight they prayed, and sang praises unto God: Suddenly there was a great earthquake. The foundations of the prison were shaken. All the doors were opened, and every one's hands were loosed. The keeper of the prison seeing the prison doors open was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had fled. "Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas. And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." "And they spake unto him the words of the Lord, and to all that were in the house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway." The Apostle Paul told the Galatian Saints they were the children of God by faith, and they had put on Christ having been baptized into him: Gal. 3:26, 27 — "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ." (To be continued in a future issue)

DIVORCES TOPPED BY MARRIAGES

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 1 (AP)—It was a tough fight, but Los Angeles

County's marriage license bureau finally managed to get an eyelash decision over the divorce courts.

The 1952 figure: 30,177 marriage licenses, 29,496 divorces.

This year it may be different, though. The 1952 marriages were only 718 more than in 1951, while the divorces showed a 2,862 increase over those for 1951.

Last year's marriage and divorce figures don't compare to the bumper crop in 1946, what with fighting men back from the wars. That year there were 42,064 marriage licenses, 35,731 divorces.

P.S. Jesus taught while on earth that all power was given unto Him, both in heaven and on earth. —That being true, His words are supreme. He also says: "Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, suffered you to put away your wives, but from the beginning IT WAS NOT SO."

Surely the weight of sin is growing very heavy on Adulterous America, sin and corruption in high places as well as low. The scripture speaks of a Crooked and Perverse Generation. Who dare say that it cannot be applied to the so-called Christian America?—America! America! Awake, awake, for the sword of God's vengeance hangeth over you, and unless you repent and turn back to God, it shall fall upon you. Two great nations of people came to naught on this great land we call America before the days of Columbus, because of their wickedness. It is a common saying: "History repeats itself." We are not too great to fall. (WHC).

A SHORT TRIP

On being called to Cleveland, Ohio to attend the funeral service of our late Sister Ambrose on Dec. 12th, I went on the next day to Windsor, Ont., where I met Bros. Thomas and Milantoni the next morning (Sunday) and went to the Muncey Indian Reservation and spent the day at our Church there. I wish to say that we had a very nice day with our Indian people. Our brethren have bought a station wagon in which to travel there, and they make good use of it and their time, by gathering up our Indian people and bringing them into Church. I have been going to Muncey quite often, ever since the first trip I made there in 1932 with other brothers, and I always enjoy myself with them in the service of God. We had a nice gathering on this occasion and I heard some good testimonies borne among the Indian people. May the

Lord continue to bless them, and also, may the Lord bless our brethren from Detroit who are so faithfully laboring among them. Brother and Sister Brutz of Detroit came in the meeting a little late. They had driven on to London, a distance of twenty miles in order to bring Sister Gadd to the meeting, but she was too poorly to come. Sister Gadd is well up in years and is getting feeble. Very good indeed on the part of brother and sister Brutz to be so thoughtful of her. Bread cast upon the waters will surely bring GOOD in return.

I returned to Windsor in Bro. Brutz' car, and spent the night with brother and sister Henderson. I did some visiting in Windsor and attended their meeting on Tuesday night. The audience was not very big (due partly to sickness) but still I enjoyed myself in their pulpit.

On the next morning I crossed into Detroit, and after having a visit at Sister Ruzzi's home, I attended a joint meeting of the Detroit Branches of the Church in the Devine Street Church and enjoyed myself speaking to a very large audience for about one hour. Brother Furnier who had just returned from a visit to California was present and occupied the pulpit for a half hour or more, making it well on towards ten o'clock when the meeting adjourned. However, I believe all enjoyed the meeting.

They appointed a meeting for the next night (Thursday) at the West Side Church on South Electric St. Our crowd was not near so large as on the previous evening, but still there was a nice audience present. I occupied the pulpit again, and I believe all enjoyed the evening. Brother Brutz is the presiding Elder at this Church. At the close of this service, brother and sister Carlini took me in their car to the R.R. station where I boarded a sleeper for Pittsburgh, arriving home in good time to observe my 76th birthday, Dec. 19th, with my family at home.

While in Detroit, I learned that Sister Poma was still in the hospital suffering the effects of being struck with a bus sometime ago. Also that Sister Scarsella of the West Side was confined to the hospital having gone through an operation of some kind. May the Lord bless them both. Sincerely, Bro. W. H. Cadman

Are You Doing Your Own Duty?

In Second Nephi, 3-6, 7 there is a personage referred to as a "Choice Seer." I do not recall

of him being referred to under that title, except in this chapter of which I am quoting from. There has been, and still is, much speculation as to when he will come, how he will come, and is he born yet? To my mind, controversies of such a nature will only generate strife and contention, of which the Apostle Paul warns against. It should suffice us to know, that the utterances of the prophets of old shall be fulfilled as time rolls on, even as they were in times that are past. And too, we should remember that people in various ages, generally speaking, were unprepared for the events that came to pass, for instance, when John came neither eating nor drinking, they say: "He hath a devil." Then when Jesus came "eating and drinking," they say: "Behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners." Is it not impossible for us today to have wrong conceptions concerning the Choice Seer, and find ourselves unprepared to accept him when he does come? Let us take notice of that which is written, and abide in it, and preach Christ and Him crucified for the saving of the souls of mankind, and the Lord will bring forth His servant in His own due time, in His own way. I say: it is foolish to act otherwise.

The Joseph referred to in verse 3 is the son of Lehi. The Joseph referred to in verses 4, 5, 6, and 7, is the man Joseph who was sold into Egypt. And from his descendants, one shall raise up known as a Choice Seer. In verse 9, it says: He shall be great like unto Moses. Please read your Bible and learn what a wonderful man Moses was. Then satisfy yourselves with the fact, that the Choice Seer will be likewise. Remember this fact, that while Moses was a great man, yet he displayed his weakness as well. It is evident that from his birth, he was destined to deliver his people Israel. In Exodus 2-14 it is said of him: "And Moses FEARED, and said, Surely this thing is known. (He had slain the Egyptian) The 15th verse shows that he fled Egypt. He goes to another land, marries and settles down. He deserted his own people. It is generally understood that he was forty years old when he fled. When about eighty years old the Lord appears to him in the Flaming Bush, and after much controversy on Moses part, the ANGER of the Lord was kindled

against Moses. Exodus 4-14. The Choice Seer then, is likened unto Moses. And the Lord did not send Moses on his mission of deliverance until he was 80 years old.

Reverting to Second Nephi again, chapter 3 and verse 13. It says: "And out of WEAKNESS he (the Choice Seer) shall be made strong, in that day etc." Who can measure this expression: "out of weakness." It certainly implies that there would be a time, when he and his surroundings would not be strong. The following verse 14 says: "Behold, that seer will the Lord bless; and they that seek to destroy him shall be confounded." Yea, he is like unto Moses. In verse 15, "And his name shall be called after me; (Joseph of Egypt) And it shall be after the name of his father. (The Choice Seer shall bear the name of his own father). In verse 18, The Lord raises up a spokesman for the Choice Seer, even as he raised up Aaron as a spokesman for Moses. In verse 22, "And now, behold, my son Joseph, (Lehi's son Joseph) after this manner did my father of old prophesy. (Father, Joseph of Egypt). Verse 23 Wherefore, because of this covenant thou art blessed: (Lehi speaking to his son Joseph). For thy seed shall not be destroyed, for they shall hearken unto the words of the book." The Book of Mormon, not excluding other records that may have come forth.

In verse 24, the one MIGHTY that is to rise up among them, is this same Choice Seer, "who shall do MUCH good," etc. It says that he will bring to pass MUCH restoration unto the House of Israel. It does not say that the Choice Seer will completely restore Israel, but it says MUCH. He is to be like unto Moses. You know God raised up Joshua to finish the work of that time.

My object in writing this article is, to caution believers in the Book of Mormon as to how they express themselves concerning the Choice Seer coming forth. Jesus came forth in His Father's own due time. He was baptized. the Apostles who proved to be such wonderful men, were baptized likewise. In fact Jesus teaches that a man cannot enter heaven, unless he is baptized by water and the spirit. The Apostle James in speaking of Elias says, that he was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain and it rained not on the

earth by the space of three years and six months. The Choice Seer will be a man similar, will he not? But out of weakness he shall be made STRONG, says the Book of Mormon. He probably, and will to my understanding of God's ways, be brought up much as other children are, and eventually obey the Gospel the same as other men. When he shall come or how he shall come, the scripture does not inform us. But I have confidence in God, that when His time comes this man will yield himself to the will of God and perform his duty and like Paul, save some of his people. For I read that God, and His Son Jesus Christ are the same yesterday, today and forever. The Gospel was restored that the inhabitants of the world might have it preached to them for the saving of their souls. What are YE doing?

As for the troublesome times that will befall the Gentiles in these last days, the Book of Mormon is very plain in the fact, that the Lord will take care of His own, even if He has to send fire down from heaven. But we can rest assured, that if L.D.S. allow themselves to become blemished and spotted by this sinful world—and burying their TALENTS in the ground, instead of using them for the saving of their fellowman, the wrath of God shall fall upon professed Latter Day Saints as quick as it will on any others. As for me, I teach that God is not a respecter of persons. WHC.

The Young Mens
Fellowship Group
By Anthony Gerace,
Detroit, Mich.

On August 22, 1952 a group of young men from the Windsor, Ont., and Detroit Branches of the Church of Jesus Christ gathered together in Windsor for the purpose of forming a young mens fellowship class. That we might learn more of the things of God, that we might receive greater knowledge of His Divine Will, with the ultimate objective of propagating the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our aim is to act and carry forth our work by the direct revelations of God.

We know that we have found the true path of Salvation and the true church of Jesus Christ. We have been blessed with the light of the Restored Gospel, and we desire to raise it up as a beacon light for all who are searching for the truth.

We realize that in these latter days God will reveal His will unto us and guide and direct us in His own way. He will use men as instruments in His hands for the day when His Gospel will cover the earth.

After gathering together for several weeks, we came to the realization that in order to progress and grow, there must be action. We made it a sincere matter of prayer and on Saturday night of October 17, 1952 by divine inspiration we were directed to have an Evangelistic meeting in Windsor, and those chosen to speak and take charge were Bros. D. Moraco, Robert Watson, Jr., and D. Thomas. We set aside Saturday night and Sunday of Nov. 1st and 2nd. for the meetings. Photographs of the speakers and an advertisement was placed in the city's newspaper, and a large sign was bought to hang on the outside of the Church.

Our efforts were well rewarded. We had a wonderful attendance and those in charge were truly inspired of God to speak. There was a refreshing and invigorating Spirit throughout the meetings, both on Saturday and Sunday.

It was certainly encouraging to see our first attempt a great success. We are gathering in fellowship every Saturday night with the hope and expectation that the Lord will use us for a greater work. But whether our work be small or great, it matters not as long as it is directed by the Revealed Will of God.

Our hope is in Jesus Christ. For in Him and the establishing of His kingdom on earth, so we desire to extend our energies and God-given talents.

We have a wonderful group of young men; the unity and harmony and understanding that prevails is a joy in itself. We extend a welcome hand to all who desire to serve God and learn of Him. And to all members of the Church of Jesus Christ, we ask that you remember us in your prayers; for the day shall soon come and is well nigh at hand that the banner of Christ will go forth over the earth, and the ensign of the latter days shall be raised on high, for all people, kindred, tongue and nations.

SISTER ROSE AMBROSE PASSES ON

Sister Ambrose, age 86 and born in Italy in the year of 1866, came to America in the year of 1900. She

was the mother of eight children, seven of whom still survive. The grandmother and great-grandmother of 17 children.

She was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ in 1920 at Dunlevy, Pa., while living at Belle Vernon, and where she resided until recent years, and then with her son Samuel, moved to Cleveland, Ohio where she died on the morning of December 9th. 1952.

Sister Ambrose has been very faithful to the covenant she made with her God at the water's edge, and has endeavored to help others in preference to herself. She will always be remembered and loved by all who knew her.

She was laid away to rest on Dec. 12th from The Church of Jesus Christ on E. 200 St., Cleveland, Ohio, Brother W. H. Cadman officiating at the service, assisted by Bro. R. Biscotti. Interment in Lake View Cemetery. May the Lord's comforting Spirit abide with her loved ones.

Take Notice

We have a new Printing of the Leaflet known as "The Way of Salvation," large type, and a very nice job. Bro. Bucei had these printed in Youngstown, Ohio. These are good reading matter, and we want to move some of them. Will you please, every Branch and Mission in the Church send us an order for at least 100 copies at \$5.50 per hundred post paid. Smaller quantities at 6 cents each. Get busy. Send orders to Librarian James F. Campbell, Jr., 231 Vine St., Monongahela, Pa.

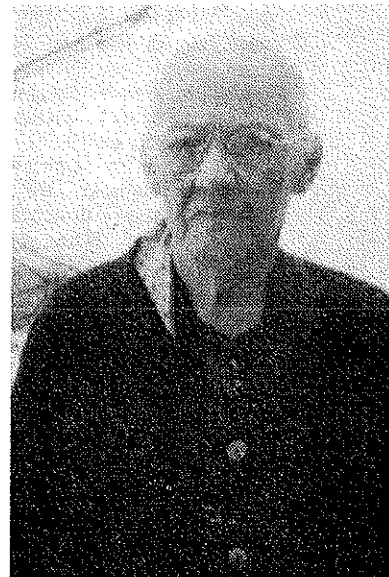
MARTORANA-MOLLI CA NUPTIALS

Sister Lena Mollica, daughter of Bro. and Sister Sylvester Mollica of Niles, Ohio, became the bride of Russell Martorana at a lovely wedding Saturday, Dec. 6, 1952 with Bro. Phil Dreer receiving the exchange of vows.

Jean Mollica, sister-in-law of the bride, served as maid of honor and Dora Ciarolla and Jackie Martorana (sister of the groom) were bridesmaids. Philip Natoli attended the groom as best man and the ushers were Joe Martorana (brother of the groom) and Phillip Mollica (brother of the bride).

Also in the wedding party were Elaine Casamento (cousin of the bride) as flower girl and Dennis Mollica (nephew of the bride) as ring bearer.

After a week's tour of the southern states the newlyweds will reside at 433 Walnut St., Niles, Ohio.



Mrs. Drusilla Gollick
Passes On

Sister Drusilla Gollick, aged 91 formerly of Roscoe, Pa., died at the home of her daughter Mrs. Ella Pomerson, Sandusky, Ohio, October 25, 1952.

Sister Gollick was born December 16, 1861 in Fayette City, Pa. The daughter of Jeremiah and Emaline Logan Abbott. She is survived by two sons, William of Dearborn, Mich., Howard of Charleroi, Pa.; four daughters, Mrs. Clementine Stark, of Roscoe, Pa., Mrs. Ella Pomerson, Sandusky, Ohio, Mrs. Bertha O'Neil, R. D. 1, Coal Center, Pa., and Mrs. Emma McCusker of Charleroi, Pa. One brother, Jerry Abbott of Cleveland, Ohio. Two sisters, Mrs. Ida Wright of Granville, and Mrs. Mattie Brewer of Lowber, Pa. Thirty grandchildren, sixty great grandchildren, and sixteen great-great grandchildren, and four step-grandchildren.

Sister Gollick was baptized into the church in the year of 1875 or 1876. She was a faithful worker in the church many years, and in the years gone-by was well known by all of us in the church. Bros. William Bailey and L. Waltz was in charge of the services which were held in the Church at Roscoe, Pa. Interment at Belle Vernon, Pa., on Oct. 25, 1952. She leaves 102 living descendants. We extend our sympathy to the family. Her husband, Bro. Gollick passed on many years ago.

SISTER ELVERA DUCA FAIR PASSES ON

Sister Fair of South Greensburg, Pa., was born on July 26, 1887 and

died on December 12, 1952 in the 66th year of her life. She was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ in November, 1924 and was a very faithful member of the church until death.

She leaves to mourn her departure, her husband Bro. Fred Fair, one son and one daughter, also four grandchildren. The services were conducted in the Church at South Greensburg Dec. 15th with Bro. A. B. Cadman in charge and Bro. Swanson assisting him.

Interment at the Westmoreland Memorial Park. May the Lord comfort Brother Fair and his children.

THEIR FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Brother Patsy Fyre of Lorain, Ohio, and Sister Mary Scott formerly of Warren, Ohio, were united in marriage by Brother William Gennaro, Sr., of Warren on February 5, 1952; at the home of the bride. They are making their residence at 2710 Apple Ave., Lorain, Ohio.

We, the Saints of the Warren Branch, wish to congratulate them on their anniversary, and may they enjoy many years of happiness together.

Brother Frank Giovannone

UPLIFT CIRCLE MEETING

On Saturday, Dec. 13, 1952 the General Meeting of the Ladies Uplift Circle met at Sister Sadie Cadman's home in Monongahela, Pa. Quite a number of the sisters were present. The different nearby Circles were represented by delegates, and the far-away Circles by letter. Sister Anna Dreer from Warren, Ohio attended the meeting. A special prayer was offered up for the sick at the opening of the afternoon session.

Sister Cadman reported of the trip made by herself, Bro. Cadman and Bro. and Sister Bittinger to Cherokee, N. C., to visit with the Indian people there. They were made welcome, and held meetings while there. Sister Cadman also told of several Indians from South Dakota visiting at their home recently. They attended meetings while here in Monongahela.

After the business was completed, the scripture recorded in the 2nd chapter of Luke and the Book of Mormon concerning the birth of Christ was read. "Silent Night" and several of the Christmas songs were sung. Sister Mabel Bickerton was requested to sing hymn 416, "Have You Thought."

An enjoyable day was spent in the service of God. The meeting was closed with singing hymn 489

to the tune "I Wish You a Merry Christmas" and prayer by Sister Skillen.

ATTENTION PLEASE

Just prior to Christmas I received two envelopes through the mail with very nice offerings in them for the Church. No names signed, but a statement that the responsibility would be upon the Treasurer and myself to take care of. Whoever you may be that have been so generous towards the Church at this Christmas Season, I thank you in behalf of the Church for your generosity, and I assure you that your offering has been taken care of. Bro. W. H. Cadman.

Further: Considerable has been sent to me towards building a Church in Italy. It has been placed in the hands of the Church Treasurer under the title of a building fund for that purpose. Though I explained to you in the last issue of this paper, that the Church would have to become incorporated in Italy before we build a church there. WHC.

HELP WANTED

Needed as soon as possible, financial assistance from all Brethren and Sisters or friends to help complete our Church building. All donations, great or small, will be sincerely and gratefully appreciated by the Saints of Detroit Branch No. 4. Send all donations to: Mr. Dominic Moraco, 11422 Martindale, Detroit 4, Michigan.

P.S. This Branch of the Church is meeting in the basement of their contemplated building, have been for a few years. I learned while in Detroit recently that the roof is causing them trouble. They deserve help—they have laboured hard, and are still making every effort to raise finances to finish their Edifice to worship in. Everybody give them a helping hand. Bro. Cadman

A NICE LETTER TO PASS ON

Dear brother Cadman, days, weeks, and years are passing rapidly, and the Day of the Lord is fast approaching.

It is now going to be two years since I left Detroit. I am writing this letter in my living room where we have set a 16-foot table, awaiting thirty guests for dinner. Last night we had our New Year's Eve watch meeting at Bro. Catalano's home with 28 attending. Sister Meo from Los Angeles, son Billy, and daughter Rachel are with us these holidays.

I was truly happy to see so many, considering the length of

time that I am here. May the Lord, our heavenly Father bless us all through this coming year in our service to Him. It is written that our Saviour sent them out two by two on the mission to preach His gospel, to me alone.

I have been, and am in great need of another Minister here. The Lord knows my need. I did not come here for any other purpose than to preach the gospel of our Lord, and did not know what this country looked like, or how the climate would be, as this is central California. The people we came to, knew nothing about the Church, and they were ill-informed against it. Today my heart is full of joy, and happiness to have these few wonderful people who are so dear to me.

While our beginning was hard, yet the Lord did not leave me alone. He is my strength and my stay; in Him I trust, and Holy is His name.

Sister May's family (my in-laws) have moved to Modesto. It is a blessing to have them with us. Brother Van Bree is also visiting with us. I could never have imagined that this Valley could be so rich. Last year it produced \$600,000,000. worth of fruit. It would seem unbelievable that the roads are splashed with the fruit of the land during the fruit season. The many trucks of fruit rush to canneries or fruit depots; much of the fruit falls on the roads, especially grapes.

We are still awaiting your visit. Love and best wishes from us all to you and family, and the Church. Bro. Mark Randy, Modesto, Calif.

RESTORED

Restored to the world
And hope flares anew
The Gospel of Jesus
With power endued.
Authority given
For men to go out,
Proclaim to the world
Not to fear or to doubt.
For Jesus is coming
His bride here to claim,
And those He finds watching
With Him shall reign.
Awake then ye people
Arise and go forth,
Bring in all the weary
And let us rejoice.
For hope fills our bosoms
And joy fills our hearts
The time is far spent,
And now we must start.
To proclaim to the world
A Gospel restored
While love leads the way
And we work in accord.

MARGARET HEAPS

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MAN'S BOAST

My name is MAN, and I have conquered much;

My flight through air is swifter than a bird's.

The ocean's secrets, are no longer such,

And, as I speak, all nations hear my words.

I know what makes this world of mine revolve,

And in due time, I'll penetrate the stars...

No problem is too difficult to solve,

Some day I'll even journey into Mars...

I've piled brick upon steel to form a tower

Who's awesome height extends into the sky;

It stands a monument to my great power...

There's naught I cannot do if I but try.

To which the voice of God replies, "You fool.

I've listened to the praises that you've sung,

But there's one thing you haven't learned to rule:

You've been unable to control your tongue!"

Catherine Poma

THREADS OF LIFE

While time silently weaves its cloak of expression around us: Who shall choose the thread of good or evil, that shall enter there in? For will not our cloak of this life's experience's be our garment in the next life to come, as a cloak of good or evil? Yea let us strive through the Lord to thread this garment with good deeds, kindness and love towards one another; for 'tis written—God is Love, and each thread of kindness—good deeds—time and experiences, shall weave a garment that will have much warmth and strength in God's love in the next life.

Marvel, and fear not Brethren, while the evil man boosts in his strength, and threads his garment of experiences with much evil conversation; his strength shall flee him in death weakness shall be the thread of his lot and reward. For at the last day before God, every evil man shall fall

by the sword of his own weakness. But the righteous shall stand forth in the strength of the Lord, clothed with the love of God.

Oh evil man, thou hast boasted—the tongue has spoken harshly against the goodness of God. Dost thou not consider that the fields give thee thy strength to boast, art thou not fed by meat from the fowl and cattle that feed from the grass? Dost not thy strength and energy in this life come from the Creator, and His breath of life?

Awake "Oh" evil man, wherein shall thy strength be when these things pass away? Will not the strength of thy evil boasting and pride return unto thee in weakness and death? Therefore come to the Lord with thy burdens—use thy boasting in His good works, and sacrifice. Take upon you His Holy Name, and labor while we have strength in this life, lest we fall by the sword of our own conceit, for where we shall go?—In death there is no strength, only in God and His love. With love from Bro. Ishmael Humphrey.

WORK FOR A CROWN

My work is to do the will of the Lord

His will is to keep Jesus' law
With works I'll obtain a crown
says His word

With faith combined and love without flaw.

My work shall consist of humility and love

Visiting the sick, encouraging the feeble

Raising the fallen by His help above

And being a blessing to all that I'm able.

I shall pattern my work by the word of God

By denying myself the pleasure of sin

Dying each day of the things of this world

I'll reach His kingdom and there enter in.

Work, says the Good Book, while it is yet day

For no man can work in darkness of night

So in Christ the Light of the World, I say

I'll work with all my strength, my mind and might.

Humble works I'll lay at His holy feet

Works I pray that like stars shall be aglow

And a crown shall be mine when the Saviour I meet

For all the good work I have done here below.

V. James Lovalvo

AN APPRECIATION

I would like to express my appreciation of the wonderful work you have done and are doing with the Gospel News. I so enjoy reading it. The letters submitted by the Saints keep us in touch and helps remind us of the endeavors others in the Gospel share with us though we are miles apart. May God bless you in all that you do.

Sister Antoinette Marinetti, Rochester, N.Y.

THE SECRET

There is a fable about a pig that was lamenting his unpopularity. He complained to the cow that whereas people were always talking about the cow's gentleness and kind eyes, they never had a good word for him.

He admitted that the cow gave milk and cream, but pointed out that pigs gave bacon and ham, and that people even went so far as to pickle his feet. And he wanted to know the reason for such a disheartening lack of appreciation.

The cow thought for a while and then said, "Maybe it's because I give while I'm still living."

Frank A. Kostyu

A Visit From Cleveland

Brother and Sister Biscotti, and their youngest son visited this Branch here in Monongahela, on Feb. 8. We had expected them prior to this date, but owing to bad weather they were detained. We were glad to see them, and Bro. Biscotti gave us an interesting account of their recent Missionary trip to Italy. Sister Biscotti spoke briefly of their trip, too. They left here at noon to visit the Glassport Branch, and also to visit brother and sister Ashton. Sister Ashton has been confined to her bed now for a long time. She is very poorly and needs your prayers. May the Lord bless our brother and sister Ashton.

SEVENTH OF A SERIES ON
BOOK OF DANIEL

By James Heaps

Our last lesson shows us the beginning and the end of Belshazzar; the Head of Gold of Daniel Ch. 2 was destroyed by the Medes and the Persians. They took the throne but Daniel was the chief actor and a president of Babylon and of the affairs of the Kingdom. Daniel touches on the fact that there were 120 princes and three presidents and Daniel was first. Daniel was preferred because an excellent spirit was found in him and as then and at this present time, the spirit of jealousy was there to destroy Daniel but it only destroys the one who has it. Then the princes sought to find fault with Daniel but they said, "We cannot find any fault except it be against the law of his god." Daniel was preferred by Darius because an excellent spirit was in him. These princes had to work out something to get Daniel out of the way, therefore these presidents and princes went before the king and requested a law be written that whosoever shall ask anything of any God or make any petition to any God save the king shall be cast into the lion's den. "Now O King establish the decree and sign the writing that it be not changed according to the law of the Medes and the Persians, which altereth not." Mark the course these princes took to accomplish their purposes. They came as though some urgent matter had suddenly sprung up and they had come to present the matter before the king.

The decree was more or less to flatter the king's vanity and the more readily to gain his assent; for a king to grant the only petition to any man for thirty days was never heard of. Hence, the king signed it without even thinking of the evils it might encounter and put it in the statute books as a record that could not be changed. Mark the subtlety of these men. If the law has read that no petition be granted only through the God of the Hebrews the king would not have signed it so they gave it a general application. Daniel foresaw the conspiracy against him but took no means of stopping it, but when he knew the law had been signed, he turned his face toward Jerusalem as King Solomon prayed at

the dedication of the Temple, "If my people are taken captive or wherever they may be if they will turn their face toward Jerusalem hear their prayers, O Lord." Daniel kneeled down in his chamber as before and poured out his supplication unto the Lord, his God. It only remained for these princes having set the trap, to watch their victim that they might ensnare him.

This time they came to Daniel's residence as though some important business had called them suddenly together to consult the chief of the presidents and lo, they found him on his knees praying to that God who had delivered the three Hebrew children from the burning fiery furnace. So far all had worked out well. They were not long in going to the king to tell him of what they had found. Hear the words of jealousy. That Daniel which is of the children of captivity of Judah, yes, that poor captive, who is entirely dependent on you for all he enjoys, regards not the king nor the law which is written. Then the king saw the trap which had been prepared for Daniel and also for him and he labored till the going down of the sun to deliver Daniel, probably by personal efforts to repeal the law. The law was sustained. The king went to his palace and spent the night fasting and his sleep was gone from him. Then the king rose up early in the morning and came to the lion's den and cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel. The king said, "O, Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God whom thou servest continually able to deliver thee from the lions?" Then said Daniel unto the king, "O, King live forever. My God has sent his angel and hath shut the lion's mouth." Here stood Daniel who had been preserved by a power that was greater than any earthly power.

No hurt was found on him because he believed in his God and what shall I more say for time would fail me to tell of Gideon and of Barak and of Samson and of Jephtha, of David, also of Samuel and of the prophets who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions; quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness was made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

Women received their dead raised to life again and other were tortured not accepting deliverance that they might obtain a better resurrection and others had trials of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment. They were stoned, sawn assunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins being destitute, afflicted, tormented, of whom this world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and in the mountains and in dens and caves of the earth and these all having obtained a good report by faith received not the promises, God having provided some better thing for us that they without us should not be made perfect. "Ho" says the apostle, "We shall all be made perfect together." The result of Daniel's deliverance was another proclamation to serve the true God.

"DARE TO BE A DANIEL"

Standing by a purpose true
Heeding God's command,
Honor them, the faithful few!
All hail to Daniel's Band.

Many mighty men are lost,
Daring not to stand,
Who for God had been a host,
By joining Daniel's Band.

Many giants, great and tall,
Stalking through the land,
Headlong to the earth would fall,
If met by Daniel's Band.

Hold the gospel banner high!
On to victory grand!
Satin and His host defy,
And shout for Daniel's Band.

Chorus:

Dare to be a Daniel
Dare to stand alone
Dare to have a purpose firm!
Dare to make it known.

Be Ye Holy; For I Am Holy

Brother Editor:

I have been in prayer before God for sometime to know the meaning of, "Be ye Holy; for I am Holy." I cannot find where it is in the Bible this morning, but I find in Ephesians 1-4 which says: "that we should be holy and without blame before him in Love."

Many persons tell me that it is impossible to be Holy. My point is

this, would the bible tell us to be something, that would be impossible to be? (very good question, Sister, WHC).

"Holy" means clean. If we keep clean in thoughts, words, or deeds we will be HOLY.

I know it is impossible to be as good as the Father which is in heaven, because we are clothed with flesh and blood. But, I have received sufficient light from God to know that "man" can be holy.

Many times I have heard preached that it is impossible to be holy. I think it was Christ who said: "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." Would Christ tell us to be something that would be impossible for us to be or do?

Kindly let me know, Bro. Cadman if I am right or wrong, because I seek to know the truth. I believe "Holy" means clean, and man could be clean before God.

P. S. I am going to withhold this writers name, at least for the present. She says: "Many people tell me that it is impossible to be holy." I will answer thus, that who ever teaches such a thing (impossible to be Holy) either in this church or in any other church, is either ignorant of the scriptures or does not understand them. "Be ye holy for I am Holy," is found in First Peter 1-16. The same thing is found in the Old Bible as well. The Apostle Paul in various places, speaks or refers to his holy Brethren, and if you will refer to Second Peter 1-21, you will learn that holy men of God spake, as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. Those men were the prophets of old, they were subject to the same passions as we today, yet Peter says they were Holy.

I do not want to take too much time or space with this question, but should there be preachers of the Restored Gospel, preaching that it is impossible to be Holy; I want especially to draw their attention to what is recorded in the Book of Mormon.

Turn to Moroni 10th Chapter. I will quote verse 33, "And again, if ye by the grace of God are perfect in Christ, (is it possible to be perfect in Christ and at the same time be UN-HOY? WHC) 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."

Now turn to Third Nephi 7th chapt. I will quote part of verse 27. "Therefore, what manner of men ought you to be? Verily I say unto you, even as I am." All readers of the Book of Mormon surely know that Jesus Christ was the "Holy One of Israel" and in teaching His disciples, yea, men with the same passions as we have today, He bids them to be like Him, and He was Holy and undefiled.—I have been taught by my old brethren,—I am taught in the word of God, and I teach that the God of Heaven is still the same God.

Yes, my Sister, you are right, and it is not only possible for men to live HOLY lives, but it is required that our lives be holy without spot or wrinkle, blemishes, etc. And I will add Woe be unto the servant of God who teaches the contrary. Bro. W.H.C.

DREAM OF SOCRATES

The day when Socrates was to drink the hemlock had come. Early in the morning his beloved disciples assembled around him; with chastened sorrow they stood about the couch of the philosopher; some of them were weeping. Then the wise martyr lifted up his head, and said: "Why this mournful silence, my beloved? I will tell you of a cheerful thing, a dream which I dreamed last night." "Couldst thou sleep, and even dream of joyous things?" said the good Apollodorus; "I could not close my eyes."

Then Socrates smiled, and said: "What would my past life be worth, if it could not even sweeten my last sleep? Dost thou not think, Apollodorus, that I have devoted it to Celestial Love?" Several voices, tremulous with grateful emotion, answered this question. Apollodorus could reply only by silence and fast flowing tears.

"Know, then," said Socrates, "that to him who devotes his life to her service, she sends down lovely Graces. Secretly and invisibly they beautify his hours be the hours of joy—or hours of suffering with heavenly lustre, and surrounded them with ambrosial fragrance. But above all, the sweet Sisters are busy about him in the last hour of his life; for, this is the most serious of all, and hath greatest need of heavenly light. Thus the last hour of the day is the most beautiful; the beams of evening brighten it like a stream of glory from Elysium.

"I dreamed I saw a beautiful youth entering my prison. On his countenance were visible that serene gravity and calm composure which justly befit a divine form. In his right hand he held a burning torch that spread a rosy lustre like evening light, over the darkness of my prison. The more cheering and sweet this brightness and the aspect of the youth were to me, the more miserable and dreary the night of my prison appeared.

"Slowly the divine youth lowered the torch. But methought I seized his arm and cried: 'What would'st thou do?' He answered: 'I extinguish the torch.' 'Oh! NO!' implored I; 'It spreads a sweet light through the darkness of my prison.' But he smiled and said: 'It is the torch of terrestrial life. Thou needest it no longer; for, so soon as it is extinguished, the bodily eye will close forever, and thou wilt rise hand in hand with me to a higher world, where a pure eternal lustre will surround thee. How couldest thou, then, feel the want of the self-consuming earthly torch?'

"'Oh! Then, turn the torch!'" cried I, and awoke. I was alone in the night of my dungeon. Alas! I grieved that all had been a dream. But, behold, here comes the cup which will realize it." The jailor entered with the boy who carried the cup of poison. The voice of weeping and lamentations arose among the disciples of Socrates, and even the jailor wept. Krummacher. Contributed by Bro. Charles Ashton.

An Appreciative Letter

By W. Tecumseh Morgan
Editor:

My very dear friend, I just finished reading the January issue of the "Gospel News." I enjoy every edition but this one more than any other. I am happy to know that those Indians from S. Dakota were your visitors. Having visited in your home myself, I know they were treated royally. This I wish to thank you for.

There are thousands of Indians in the Dakotas, Montana, Idaho and Wyoming. They are known as the "Northern Plains Indians." I assume those visiting you were Sioux. They have more than one Reservation. At one time they were the most handsome, proud, happy people that ever roamed the Northern plains. They are a God fearing people and in a great

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EDITORIAL

In further comparing King James Version of the Bible with the Revised Standard Version. I find the following. In K. J. Second Timothy 1-12 it reads, "for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."—The R. S. V. reads thus, "for I know whom I have believed and I am sure that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me." You will readily observe that in K. J. it is what Paul committed to the Lord. While in the R. S. V. it is what the Lord has entrusted to Paul. Which is right?

In Hebrews 1-2 in K.J. I read, "Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his son," — In the R.S.V. it reads, "but in these last days he hath spoken to us by 'A' Son." We are taught that Christ is the ONLY Begotten Son, are we not?

Take note of Second Peter 2-9 "The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgement to be punished, "K.J.—The R. S. V. reads as follows: "The Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trial, and to keep the unrighteous under PUNISHMENT until the day of judgement." You will readily note the difference here. The K. J. says they are reserved until the judgement day to be punished; while the R. S. V. says they are under punishment until the day of judgement. Quite a contrast, is it not?

Take note First Peter 4-6. K.J. says: "For this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged accordingly to MEN IN THE FLESH, but live according to God in the spirit. The R. S. V. says: "For this is why the gospel was preached even to the dead, that though judged in THE FLESH LIKE MEN, they might live in the spirit like God." If I understand this as is written,

the K. J. says the dead will be judged like men in the flesh, while the R. S. V. says that the dead will be judged in the flesh. I have already said that I did not want to make a man an offender for a word, nor do I want to be technical, but to my mind, instead of the R. S. V. making things more plain (as was one of its objects) it is ministering confusion.

I want to draw the attention of all believers in the Restored Gospel, that David Whitmer, one of the three witnesses to the Book of Mormon, says, that they were not called to bear testimony only, to the Book of Mormon being the word of God, but that the Bible also was the word of God. King James Version was the one in question without doubt. Let us all hold fast, allowing the consequences be what they may.

EDT.

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majority of Protestant Faith, greatly in need of proper teaching. There is not a people in the U.S. that has been treated as badly by their white brothers as they. The Church of Jesus Christ could do wonders for these people as well as the entire Indian population. I hope I have not been misunderstood when I have pleaded with all the members of your Conventions, the few times I have had the opportunity that, their main field lay in the Continental U.S.

I am happy to know of the wonderful work being done for my people in Canada, but I guess I am a little prejudiced when I want you to center on those here at home. I know the way they have suffered and are still suffering. I know of the prejudices, the slurs, the enmity that still exists. I also know there is but one way out, and that is through the teaching and acceptance of Jesus Christ, by the proper people, with but one thing in mind, the saving of SOULS. This brings me to the letter on page 2 (Jan. Gospel News) under the heading — "Everybody Take Notice, Nov. 10, 1952." I most heartily agree with the writer. For I know just what the job will be. At times you will be called upon to assist the physical man, for in some districts there is still hunger and sickness. It is rather hard to try and preach to a hungry and sick people.

I don't know how I can be of any help, but if it is at all possible for me to assist in any way, please contact me. For the first time in my life I wish to help a people of whom I know are ready and willing to help my people. Heretofore I have not had any use for Missionaries, because I have seen the Hell to many of them brought with them. Knowing your people as I do, I know they will live a Sermon as well as preach them. We know that the words of Wendell Phillips spoke over a Century ago have been true quote "The Indian race is the one which the people of the U.S. must dread at the Judgement Bar of Almighty God."

We can do nothing about the past for it is history. But we can do something about the present and the future. I pray God's blessing upon all of you in your great work, especially you and your lovely wife. That you may be spared years to guide your good people in the way they should go.

It is indeed a pleasure to call all of you my friends. God be with you 'till we meet again. Very sincerely your Friend. W. Tecumseh Morgan. Lucille sends regards to you, Mrs. Cadman and all your family.

P.S. Mr. Morgan is a Cherokee Indian from Oklahoma, now living in Youngstown, Ohio. We have entertained him in our home, and, I have been entertained in his home. He has written this letter of his own accord, and I am passing it along for you all to read. It is true that we have not done much in behalf of his race, but I give God praise for the friendship thus far gained among His covenant people. And I imagine that if my old venerable father were here today, tears of joy would flow down his cheeks on receiving a letter like we have received from Tecumseh, a descendant of the famous general of the same name. I ask you all, and especially you older brethren, Are the covenant people of God knocking at our doors? Have we not slumbered long enough? And, are we ready to WAKE UP? Bro. W.H. Cadman.

Letter From Windsor, Ont.
Brother Editor:

We would like to write a little news to you concerning the activity of our young men here in the vicinity of Detroit and Windsor. While we have been meeting

each Saturday evening to present ourselves to the Lord, that we might become more pliable in His hands and that we might gain a greater understanding of His ways, we have truly been blessed in our efforts and activities.

One Saturday night while in our meeting we mentioned a couple of places that we might go to see if we could do some good and one brother suggested we go to a branch in Detroit to hold our regular Saturday night fellowship. There was a fairly good response and we held a prayer and testimony meeting. In the course of this meeting while our brother was praying another brother saw a vision. In this vision he saw a person dressed in white and this person said these words "Blessed are ye that have assembled yourselves together" This gave us much courage and strength because we felt that the Lord was pleased with our efforts.

The Sunday between Christmas and New Years a car-load of the young men went to Muncey Reserve for the day, and evening program given for the children. While there we witnessed a baptism of a young brother. Also present that day was a Sunday School class from Branch No. 2, Detroit. We had a full day, and it was very much enjoyed by all.

While we have our meeting each Saturday to discuss ways and means to get closer to God, we are also trying to be active in as much as we are able. Bro. Ewing has been in the hospital, and we decided to go over and have our class with him one evening, so he came to No. 2 Branch Detroit and met with us.

While we are just a small group of young men, we feel that the Lord is looking upon our every effort, and blessing us accordingly.

May we sincerely ask that the saints everywhere remember us that we might some day be vessels fitted for His use to establish peace on earth and good will to all men.

Bro. Joe Collison.

God Still Blesses
His Children

Brother Editor:

I have received two copies of the Gospel News and I want to tell you how I enjoyed them. They were a very good inspiration to me, especially some of the testi-

monies. I am just a new member in the Church, having been baptized on October 26, 1952. I had a baby girl born May 1, 1952 and she was supposed to have had "leukemia," a disease of the blood that is incurable. But through God, my baby has been healed. I have had her blessed and anointed by Bro. Lupo. Why God healed my baby is the big reason for me wanting to do what is right in His sight.

I was a sinner even when she was being prayed for, and I had that doubt that she could be cured. But God knew, that through my child He would gain a soul. Just awhile before I went through the waters of baptism, I had a vision: "A lady dressed in a beautiful dress came to me with outstretched arms. I saw her come into my bedroom, and I asked her who she was and what she wanted. She didn't answer me, but she smiled and seemed to float thru the wall. I know she was real because I heard her walking before I saw her. And it didn't scare me, 'but I was awed..'

Then something seemed to keep telling me to say the 23rd Psalm, and I didn't know it so I had to get up and read it. Since then I have been reading the Scripture.

Last night we had a gathering at my home. It was small, but you could feel the presence of God here. We sang hymns and talked of the Bible, and really had a wonderful time. Brother and Sister Lupo, Bro. Andy Feola, his wife and son, Sister K. Henshaw, and Sister K. Todaro were here. Bro. Lupo is the pastor of our Church, and when I told them I was going to write to you, they said to give you their best regards.

All my brothers and sisters at the Church are wonderful people. I thank God all the time that I have found them. I never forget them in my prayers. My one aim in life now is to bring up my children to live only for God. They know that I would do anything to help them, but how much more God can do than I.

If show them that I love God above all things, it will be a good example for them. So I pray that God gives me strength to do only His will. I want to love Him and worship him as long as I am on this earth, and when I go to Him, He will say: Well Done. God bless you brother Cadman, and all of our brothers and sisters wherever they may be. And, may God

give us the strength to withstand any trial or temptation that may come to us, so that we will all meet in that wonderful land He has made ready for us. Your Sister in Christ.

Ina Sucre, Bronx, N.Y.

Anniversary Meeting

The Ladies Uplift Circle of West Elizabeth, Pa., was held in the Jefferson Church on Nov. 14, 1952. This marked our 20th anniversary which was organized Nov. 2, 1932, also the 13th Anniversary of Coal Valley Circle, which was organized seven years later Nov. 2, 1945. Both Circles have always met together on these occasions. Brothers and Sisters from various places were invited to meet with us.

The meeting was opened with hymn, "Best Of All Good Meetings," followed with prayer by Bro. W. H. Cadman. Then hymn "Jesus Set The World To Singing." Sister Mabel Bickerton had charge of the meeting. She read the First Chapter of the Book of Ruth. Sister Sara Mancini from Monongahela, Pa., sang a hymn "Memory."

The theme of the meeting was "Memory." Sister Bickerton asked the different Circles to give a brief history of their Circles. Sisters from West Elizabeth, Coal Valley, Glassport, Monongahela and Rock Run gave a short talk about the organizing of their Circles. Sister Mary Wilson from West Elizabeth gave a talk of the first meeting when the Circle was first organized in 1920. Sister Clara Stevens read the minutes of their last anniversary meeting. Sister Elizabeth Davidson read a poem written by Bro. Albert Sarver, in honor of the Circle, which is found in the Church History page 411. A hymn was sung by the Rock Run Circle Sisters. A poem was read by Linda Grimes composed by her mother.

Sisters had turn in reading a part of how the Circle was started, and is being conducted as follows: What year was the Ladies Circle organized? Ans. 1920.—Why was it organized? Ans.—Sister Sadie Cadman felt the need of the Sisters of the Church getting together for spiritual up-building and helping with the Missionary Work. — Who was President of the Church at that time?—Ans. Bro. Alexander Cherry. — How did he help? Ans. He felt that Sister Cadman had been inspired to form an organization for the Sisters, the same as he had been in-

spired to organize The Missionary Benvolent Asso. for the young of the Church. — What was the name of this organization to be? and who gave it? Ans. The name was The Ladies Uplift Circle, and Sister Violet Sarver suggested it. — Who were the Sisters who met together to organize the first Circle? Ans. Sisters Minnie Kennedy, Isabelle Griffiths both from Dunlevy, Pa. Mary Wilson from West Elizabeth, Pa. Mary Gilbert, and Hannah Skillen from Coal Valley, Pa. Rebecca Behanna, Marie Sowers, Elizabeth Toye, Margaret Behanna, Violet Sarver, Margaret Chester, and Sadie Cadman from Monongahela, Pa. — Are any of these Sisters still with us? Ans. Yes, Sisters Sadie Cadman, Mary Wilson, Margaret Behanna, Elizabeth Toye, Violet Sarver, and Hannah Skillen. — How many Circles were organized on this day? Ans. One for Monongahela, the other one for Dunlevy. Did any other Sisters have any feelings toward the Sisters getting together? Ans. Yes, Sister Rebecca Behanna had felt for sometime that the Sisters should meet together, probably in cottage prayer meetings. Others present at the first meeting expressed the need of such an organization. — Who were the first officers elected that day? Ans. Pres. Sadie Cadman, Vice Pres. Minnie Kennedy, Sec. Mary Wilson, Treas. Violet Sarver. Librarian Marie Sowers. — What was the first publication the Circle printed? Ans. The Way of Salvation, prepared by Bros. W. H. Cadman and Charles Ashton. — What do the Sisters do in their meetings? Ans. They open their meetings with hymns and prayer. Study a passage of scripture and discuss it. Answer questions, Roll Call, etc. — What do they do with their offerings? Ans. The Circles have two funds, the General Fund, and Indian Mission Fund. These are turned into the General Circle each Quarter. Circles are permitted to have a 'fund' besides these which may be for their own use. — How many Circles are there today? Ans. There are twenty Circles throughout the Church.

Our visiting brethren had an opportunity to speak and express their feelings concerning the Circles, which was encouraging to the sisters.

The meeting was brought to a close by singing "The Day Is Past and Gone," and prayer by Bro. Anthony DiBattista. The offering that was taken up, was donated to

the Indian Mission Work. After the meeting, a light lunch was served. Sec. Clara Stevens.

Interesting Letter From California

Brother Editor:

It has been sometime since I have felt in my heart to write to you. But I have been so blessed that I cannot help but write to you. Sunday Nov. 2, 1952 is a day I shall never forget, because that day I attended my first Conference since joining The Church of Jesus Christ. Oh! how happy and joyful I was, to meet brothers and sisters from San Diego, Modesto, and of course Bell, and the S.F. Valley, and there was some from other places too. There were so many there, that I am sure I did not get to meet them all. Our meeting in the morning and in the afternoon was truly blessed by the visitation of the holy spirit.

We enjoyed hearing our visiting Ministers speak, and all those who took part in the program. In the afternoon meeting, Brother . . . from San Diego, talked to an angel who gave him some money for the Church. (This was my first time to see anything like this and I thank God for giving me a believing heart). Because, even though I did not see the angel, I truly felt the Holy Spirit.

The Bell Choir sang some beautiful numbers which we all enjoyed very much. I had the pleasure of singing a solo which was written by David Dicheria. This young man, we are humbly proud of in our Mission, for he is a great help and inspiration in our Choir. He won a Scholarship to U.C.L.A. College last year, and he is majoring in music. I hope and pray that some day soon, he will embrace the Church completely and be baptized; for he meets so many young people in College that he could give his testimony too. The hymn that he wrote is titled "Those Who Wait Upon The Lord." I hope they all enjoyed it at the conference. Our Choir then sang a number and then the meeting was turned over to everyone who had something to say, or to bear their testimony. I cannot recall all the names of those who spoke, but the names don't really matter, its the wonderful things they had to tell. And, what wonderful things they did have to tell us. Things that God had done for them — such as saving their souls, healing them, giving them greater love, faith, charity and hope. Oh, dear brother Cadman, how can, I

ONE so lowly, tell you of the wonderful things I heard and saw. God did not give me the gift of writing beautiful things, nor of speaking pretty things, but He did give me His great love, for which I shall ever be humbly grateful. Two sisters were anointed and I feel in my heart that they will be healed.

There are many things that happened which I am not capable of putting on paper, but you having been in this Church for so long, have seen far more glorious things than I. But I tasted a "little bit of heaven" that Sunday. And I shall ever be grateful to God, for letting me be there. I know some one will write to you, and give you more of the names and details of that meeting. But I wanted to write to you, and tell of the wonderful joy it brought to me. May God bless you and yours. Sincerely Sister June Jones, Canoga Park, Calif.

Guadagnin-Rosati Nuptials

Sister Mary Guadagnino, the niece of Sister Antoinette Nicosia of Rochester, New York became the bride of Mr. Albert Rosati, son of Mr. Frank Rosati of Rochester, New York. The bride was given in marriage by her uncle Peter Locicero.

The lovely ceremony was performed the morning of Nov. 27, 1952 at the Church of Jesus Christ. Bro. Patsy Marinetti officiated. The maid of honor was Sister Victoria Parrone and Sister Gloria Marinetti was the bridesmaid. The best man was Bro. Paul Francione and Bro. Guido Marinetti was the usher.

Scala-Benyola Nuptials

The marriage of Miss Elizabeth Scala, daughter of Mrs. Immaculate Scala of 449 Paker Place, Perth Amboy, N. J. to Mr. James Benyola, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Benyola, of 90 Lorretta Street, Hopelawn, took place at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 20, 1952 in the Church of Jesus Christ, Florida Grove Road, Hopelawn, N. J. by the brother of the bridegroom, Brother Paul Benyola. Music was furnished by Sister Mary Benyola and soloist was Sister Mary Feher.

Pvt. John Scala, of the U. S. Army gave his sister in marriage. Sister Mary Persico, sister of the bridegroom, was Matron of Honor while Robert Ziegner of Colonia, N. J., was best man. After the reception at the bride's home

the couple left for New York City. Upon return they will reside at 90 Loretta St., Hopelawn, N. J.

The bride is graduate of Middlesex County Vocational and Technical High School and is employed in the office of Flagstaff Foods, Inc., Perth Amboy, N. J. The bridegroom is a graduate of Woodbridge High School and is now serving as a member of the 25th Army Band stationed at Camp Kilmer, N.J.

News From New Jersey

Brother Editor: The M.B.A. held a meeting on Christmas Day in Hopelawn, having a large attendance. A topic on the birth of Christ was given by the young people which was very interesting. It is a blessing and does our hearts much good to see the Young People take a hold of the things of God. May God bless and keep them steadfast and firm, for we know they are the Church of tomorrow.

In this meeting, the engagement of brother Joseph Perri, and sister Mary Benyola was announced. Brother Perri is the son of brother and sister Eugene Perri of New Brunswick, while Sister Mary is the daughter of brother and sister Joseph Benyola of Hopelawn. May God bless them.

By Ivy Fisher.

Jacob Christman Passes On

Brother Jacob Christman Sr. departed this life Dec. 12, 1952 after a short period of suffering from internal ailments. He died in the Presbyterian Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pa., where the doctors made a final try to save his life. His stay there was anything but pleasant because of great suffering, however, during his last moments the peace of God came over him. He was baptized into the church 39 years ago and has remained a faithful member through trials and afflictions.

Funeral services were held at Troxel Funeral Home, Coraopolis, Pa., with Brother Charles Ashton, officiating. Interment was made in Richland Cemetery, Dravosburg, Pa.

He leaves to mourn his passing a son, Brother Jacob Christman, Jr., a daughter, Mrs. Bertha O'Donnel, two sisters and several grandchildren.

His clear voiced testimony, and zealous determination to spread the Gospel will be long remembered, by the saints throughout the

church. P. S. Brother Christman was an Elder of the Monongahela Branch of the Church.

Samuel Salerno Passes On

Bro. Sam Salerno died on Monday, Jan. 12, 1953 following an illness of two months. He was born June 8, 1925 in Niles, Ohio. At the age of 18, Sam was called into the U. S. Army and served with them for three years - 2 1/2 years of this time being spent in overseas duty in Japan.

In Feb. of 1948 he became a member of the Church of Jesus Christ and in January of 1949 was married to Ruth Molinatto. A son was born to them in Sept. of 1950 and in April 1952 Ruth passed away from this life to be joined just nine months later by her husband, Sam Salerno.

Surviving his death are a son, Romeo; two brothers, and his parents, Bro. and Sister Romeo Salerno of Niles, Ohio.

Funeral services were conducted by Bros. Phil Dreer and A. A. Corrado.

Is Baptism Essential To Salvation By Thurman S. Furnier

Continued from a former Issue

There is a great difference of opinion among men as to the object for which baptism was instituted. Many of which have no scriptural proof. Much evidence abounds in the scripture to prove that the ordinance of baptism is for the remission of sins. I will furnish a few of them: Mark 1:4 "John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance, for the remission of sins." St. Luke 3:3 "And he (John the Baptist—TSF) came into all the country, about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins;" On that eventful day of Pentecost, when nearly three thousand persons were convinced that Jesus whom had been crucified, was the Son of God, they "said unto Peter and to the rest of the Apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?" "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Acts 2:38 Let us now refer to the conversion of Saul of Tarsus, (whom is later known to us as the Apostle Paul). While on his way to Damascus to bring the Saints which were bound to Jerusalem for to be punished,

about noon suddenly there shone from heaven a great light round about him. He fell to the ground, heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? He answered, Who art thou Lord? He was told, I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecutest, go into Damascus, and there it shall be told thee of all things which are appointed for thee to do. He could not see for the glory of that light, being led by the hand of them that were with him. Ananias, came unto him, and said, Saul receive thy sight, and the same hour he looked upon him. After Ananias told him he was chosen of God to be a witness unto all men of what he had seen and heard, Ananias added these words: "And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord." Acts 22:16 (See Acts 9th. and 22nd. Chapters) Although Saul had conversed with Jesus Christ, he was commanded to be baptized, and wash away his sins. Therefore we must conclude from the evidence we have given that baptism by immersion is essential to salvation, after the candidate has confessed his or her faith in Christ, and have repented of their sins, and furthermore, we must conclude the object of baptism is for the remission of sins. WHAT IS THE MODE OF BAPTISM? There are many conflicting opinions on this question. Churches have departed from the teachings of Christ and his Apostles, and have instituted the practice of sprinkling or pouring and call it baptism. I will endeavor to furnish proof, both scriptural and historical that baptism was practiced by immersion during the first and second centuries of the Christian era, and that sprinkling and pouring, as a mode of baptism, is an innovation of the third century, and was not taught by Jesus Christ or practiced by his Apostles. Baptism is translated from the Greek word "BAPTISO", "Baptiso" means to bury, to cover, to plunge, to immerse. The word sprinkling in the Greek language is "RONTIZO." The word pouring in the Greek language is "CHEO." Therefore if the mode of baptism were any of the three methods, i. e. immersion, sprinkling or pouring, the writers of the New Testament would have used any one, or all of the three words. NOT SO May I repeat? The word baptism

was translated from the Greek word "BAPTISO," and therefore means, as I have said, to bury, to cover to plunge, to immerse.

Let us now consider some of the scriptural teachings with reference to baptism: (Immersion) Matt. 3:16 (ir part) "And Jesus, when he was baptized, went straightway out of the water." If sprinkling or pouring were the mode of baptism, would it have been necessary for Jesus to go down into the water? Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." again he said: "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." (See St. John 3: 1-7) How can any one be born of the water unless he is buried or covered with water? St. John 3:23 "And John also was baptizing in E'non near Salem, because there was much water there: and they came, and were baptized." Again I ask, if sprinkling or pouring were the mode of baptism, would not a small vessel of water have been sufficient to perform the ordinance? There is an interesting account of the baptism of the Ethiopian eunuch by Philip recorded in Acts 8:38, 39: "And he (Philip—TSF) commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him." "And when they were come up out of the water, the spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing." Would it have been necessary for Philip and the eunuch to go down into the water, and come up out of the water, if sprinkling or pouring were the mode of baptism? The Apostle Paul taught as follows: Romans 6: 3-5 "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?" "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

"For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection!" Colosians 2:12 "Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead." We

will now refer to Ecclesiastical history with reference to the subject: "The mode of baptism." The form or mode of baptism underwent a radical change during the first half of the third century—whereby its symbolism was destroyed. Immersion, typifying death, followed by resurrection, (See Rommans 6:3-5) was no longer deemed as essential, and sprinkling with water was allowed in place thereof. Cyprian the learned Bishop of Carthage, advocated sprinkling in lieu of immersion in cases of physical weakness and the practice thus started, later became general. The first instance of record is that of Novatus, whose opinions or doctrine was at variance with Christian principles, who requested baptism when he thought death was near. TERTULLIAN, one of the Latin Church Fathers; lived from 150 A. D. to 220 A. D., thus refers to the immersion ceremony common in his day: "There is no difference whether one is washed in a sea or in a pool, in a river or in a fountain, in a lake or in a channel nor is there any difference between those whom John dipped in Jordan, and those whom Peter dipped in the Tiber." ... "We are immersed in the water." JUSTIN MARTYR describes the ceremony as practiced by himself. First describing the preparatory examination of the candidate, he proceeds: "After that they are led by us to where there is water, and are born again in that kind of new birth by which we ourselves were born again." "For in the name of God, the Father and Lord of all, and of Jesus Christ, our Saviour, and of the Holy Spirit, the immersion in water is performed; because the Christ hath also said; "Except a man be born again, he cannot enter into the kingdom of heaven!" Therefore in the light of reason we must settle this matter once and for all time, in accordance with the scriptures etc. cited. i. e. That faith and repentance preceded baptism. Baptism is for the remission of sins, and that the mode of baptism is immersion.

My Truest Friend

Holy Jesus, Friend devine,
Only Saviour, Thou art mine
Friend to hear me when I call,
Friend to lift me when I fall.
Friend to guide me when I go,
Friend to hide me from the foe,

Lovely Jesus truest friend,
Stand thou by me to the end.

Other dear ones may forget,
Even loved ones may neglect.
Fail to help me when I need,
Fail to hear me when I plead.
Fail to hold me when I'm weak,
Fail to prove the friend I seek.
Only Jesus, constant Friend,
Faiileth not unto the end.

In the city dark with sin,
With its ceaseless, clang, and
din,
He will hear my weakest cry,
Only Friend forever nigh.
In the desert lone and drear,
When no other soul is near,
I will find Him by my side,
Ever near, my constant Guide.

On the battlefield be near,
When my heart is full of fear.
When the bombs fall all around,
When no shelter can be found,
Cover me beneath Thy wings,
Help me in the war to sing.
Jesus loves me this I know,
For the Bible tells me so.

Holy Jesus, true to me,
Oh, my Friend for ever be.
Hold me though I oft rebel,
Truest Friend and I love so well.
Friend who gave Thy life for me.
Keep me ever true to Thee.
Holy Jesus Dearest Friend,
Be my Guide unto the end.

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By David J. Fant

Slow me down, Lawd. Ah's goin'
too fast,
Ah can't see mah brother when
he's walk'in past.
Ah miss a lot o' good things day
by day,
Ah don't know a blessin' when
it comes mah way.

Slow me down, Lawd. Ah wants
to see
More o' the things that's good
for me,
A little less o' me an a little
more o' you.
Ah wants the heavenly atmos-
phere to trickle through.
Let me help a brother when the
goin's rough.
When folks work together it
ain't so tough.
Slow me down, Lawd, so I can
talk
With some o' your angels. Slow
me down to a walk.

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A BURNING HEART By FRANCES ERICKSON

'Twas that first Easter evening,
and the setting sun Gilded Jeru-
salem's spires with glory one by
one

But wasted was its beauty to
those two lonely men

Who turned their weary foot-
steps homeward once again.

Depressed they were in spirit,
burdened now with dread—

Did not Christ, the Hope of
Israel, lie dead?

As they walked along discussing
the happenings of the day,

A Stranger suddenly appeared,
and joined them on the way;

To Him they then confided their
every hope and fear.

(Somehow they felt comforted
just to have Him near!)

With patience He interpreted
God's prophecies to them,

Explaining that the Christ who
died must surely live again!

The truth, incarnate, glorious,
unfolded like a flower,

Until those eager, listening
hearts burned with holy fire!

A Saviour, on this Easter Day
rekindle in my soul

The flame of love I felt for You
when first You made me whole.

Renew my life with fervency;
anoint me from above;

Grant unto me a "burning
heart" — the zeal of that "first
love."

Easter Season Testimony

"St. Matthew 28. In the end of
the Sabbath, as it began to dawn
toward the first day of the week,
came Mary Magdalene and the
other Mary to see the sepulchre.
—And, behold, there was a great
earthquake: for the angel of the
Lord descended from heaven, and
came and rolled back the stone
from the door, and sat upon it.—
His countenance was like light-
ning, and his raiment white as
snow:—And for fear of him the
keepers did shake, and became
as dead men. — And the angel
answered and said unto the wom-
en, Fear not ye: for I know
that ye seek Jesus, which was
crucified. — He is not here: FOR
HE IS RISEN.

St. Mark 16. And when the Sab-
bath was past, Mary Magdalene,
and Mary the mother of James,

and Salome, had bought sweet
spices, that they might come and
anoint him.—And very early in
the morning the first day of the
week, they came to the sepulchre
at the rising of the sun. —And
they said among themselves, Who
shall roll us away the stone from
the door of the sepulchre? —And
when they looked, they saw that
the stone was rolled away: for it
was very great.—And entering in-
to the sepulchre, they saw a young
man sitting on the right side,
clothed in a long white garment;
and they were affrighted. — And
he saith unto them, Be not af-
frighted: Ye seek Jesus of Naza-
reth, which was crucified: HE IS
RISEN.

St. Luke 24. Now upon the first
day of the week, very early in
the morning, they came unto the
sepulchre, bringing the spices
which they had prepared, and cer-
tain others with them. — And
they found the stone rolled away
from the sepulchre. — And they
entered in, and found not the body
of the Lord Jesus. — And it came
to pass, as they were much per-
plexed thereabout, behold, two
men stood by them in shining
garments: — And as they were
afraid, and bowed down their fac-
es to the earth, they said unto
them, Why seek ye the living
among the dead? — He is not
here, BUT IS RISEN.

St. John. 20. The first day of
the week cometh Mary Magdalene
early, when it was yet dark, unto
the sepulchre, and seeth the stone
taken away from the sepulchre.
Then she runneth, and cometh to
Simon Peter, and to the other dis-
ciple, whom Jesus loved, and saith
unto them, They have taken away
the Lord out of the sepulchre,
and we know not where they have
laid him. — Peter therefore went
forth, and that other disciple, and
came to the sepulchre. — So they
ran both together: and the other
disciple, did outrun Peter, and
came first to the sepulchre.—And
stooping down, and looking in,
saw the linen clothes lying: yet
went he not in.—Then cometh Pe-
ter following him, and went into
the sepulchre, and seeth the linen
clothes lie, and the napkin, that
was about his head, not lying
with the linen clothes, but
wrapped together in a place by

itself.—Then went in also that oth-
er disciple, which came first to
the sepulchre, and he saw, and
believed.—For as yet they knew
not the scripture, that he must
RISE AGAIN FROM THE
DEAD."

The four writers vary some as
to the events surrounding the res-
urrection of Jesus, but what won-
derful testimony they give to the
world: HE HAS RISEN.

The Easter Season By Bro. Joseph Collison Windsor, Ont.

As we approach this season of
the year, there are many thoughts
which come to us, concerning
the greatest event since the founda-
tion of this mighty universe.
While Easter to some, means a
new hat, or suit, we are grate-
ful, that to those endeavoring to
serve the Lord, it means the
breaking down of all barriers be-
tween man and God. To make
this communication possible, en-
tailed a great amount of suffer-
ing, grief, humility and love, but
these were all overcome even to
death, by a supreme sacrifice.

From the time Christ was
born, the power of evil sought
His life. When He reached the
age of 30 His work of setting
up the kingdom of God on earth
began, with much opposition. He
was despised, spit upon, rejected
and cast out of many places. On
one occasion, a certain scribe
said to Him, "Master, I will fol-
low thee whithersoever thou goest,"
Jesus saith unto him, "The foxes
have holes, and the birds of the
air have nests, but the son of man
hath not where to lay His head."
(Math. 8:19, 20). Another time
He looked upon His people and
said, "How oft would I have gath-
ered you as a hen gathereth her
chicks and ye would not." And al-
so on another occasion when
Christ said, "A prophet is without
honor in his own house." How
true this is, for many times we
would be able to stand a severe
test from the world, but when it
comes from within the family, we
are thrown off balance, and are
soon overcome.

The grief that Christ must
have felt, when He prayed in the
garden of Gethsemane, when it
caused Him to sweat drops of
blood. The feeling that was in His
heart, for His own people must

have penetrated very deep. Can we realize how He must have poured out His heart and soul to God in behalf of His people, and yet they reviled and persecuted Him. In the face of all this, He continually returned good for evil. How did Jesus feel when Judas betrayed Him? After being taught to love our neighbors as ourselves. After His betrayal, how each one of His disciples being taught the principles of truth, and sharing the knowledge of salvation with Christ, to that extent, that He called them brethren. When He needed their support the most, each one of them denied even knowing Him. He must have been weighted down with sorrow and despair. The load must of been very heavy when He pleaded with the Father, "that if it were possible, to let this cup pass from Him, but not His will, but the will of the Father be done." While all these things happened to Him the weight of the sins of the world were continually mounting on His shoulders. Can we imagine the weight of the responsibility which rested upon Him in carrying out the will of God? Knowing He was being unjustly accused, yet submitting Himself, that righteousness might be established on earth. I believe this is enough to justify the fulfilling of the prophecy of Isaiah 53: 3. "He is despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and we hid our faces from Him, He was despised and we esteemed Him not."

While Christ suffered all these things, still there was a greater trial awaiting Him. Once being delivered into the hands of unjust men, He was brought before them and condemned to death, that the evil hearts of men might be satisfied. So fulfilled the prophecy, afflicted yet He opened not his mouth, He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb so he opened not His mouth." (Isaiah 53:7). While all this suffering sorrow and eventually the death of the Christ, it must have been a sweet smelling savor before God, to see the complete obedience of His son even unto death. While this happened out of necessity, the results are with us today, and will be till the end of time.

The crucifixion of Christ did not put an end to His mission here on earth, but was just a stepping stone to that crowning

day of victory when we would rise triumphant over sin and death. While Christ subjected Himself to the will of the Father throughout life, and also allowed men to do all manner of evil against Him falsely, yet this was the day He put to death the greatest of man's enemies under His feet, as the poet has penned, "Death where is thy sting. and O grave where is thy victory?" This was the day of liberation from the chains of death. The scriptures verify this for it is written, "Many of the saints arose, and were seen on the streets of Jerusalem."

What rejoicing there must have been among the saints to see the resurrected Christ in their midst. Well might we all rejoice and sing with the poet, "Christ Arose. A victor o'er the dark domain and He lives forever with the saints to reign." This is the day we celebrate each year, when we can see the son of righteousness shining forth to all people. May our hearts ever be grateful for the privilege, to serve Him in spirit and truth.

While we know Christ died on the cross of Calvary, we can realize that He is no longer on the Cross, but as the poet has penned "I serve a risen Saviour."

This is the day of triumph, when the plan of redemption was completed, and a full and free salvation was offered to all mankind. The Son of God had paid the supreme sacrifice, and all men were free to choose their own way of life.

The Last Week By BRO. JOHN MANCINI

The Saviour was preparing for this last week of His earthly existence. His enemies were closing in on Him. They were secretly plotting and planning to trap Him by using some loophole in their law to arrest Him. The Saviour knew that before the next Sabbath He would be crucified. So He began to prepare an attack on His enemies with a righteous fury that they would never forget. Let us remember that God has displayed His anger many times during the course of history against those who dare oppose His program whether it was His people or those who were not called by His name.

So what is commonly known as Palm Sunday to the Christian world today, the Saviour prepared to make a bold entry into

Jerusalem to announce his claim as the Messiah. When He and His disciples neared Jerusalem and had come to Bethphage and the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of His disciples on ahead saying to them, "Go into the village over against you and you will find an ass tied and a colt with her; loose them and bring them to me, and if any man say ought to you, ye shall say, 'the Lord hath need of them' and straightway he will send them." And this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet saying, "Tell ye the daughter of Sion, behold thy King cometh unto thee meek and sitting upon an ass and a colt the foal of an ass." So the disciples did as Jesus commanded them and brought the ass and colt and put on the clothes, and they set Him thereon, and a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees and strewed them in the way, and multitudes that went before and that followed cried "Hosanna! the son of David, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest." And when He came into Jerusalem, all the city was moved saying, "who is this?" and the multitude said, "this is Jesus, the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee."

The Saviour then entered into the temple and there beheld a scene that aroused His indignation. The cries of money changers and noisy marketing of buyers and sellers filled the air with discordant sounds which had no right in these sacred precincts. So Jesus cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple and overthrew the tables of the money changers and the seats of them that sold doves, and said to them, "It is written my house shall be called a house of prayer and ye have made it a den of thieves." The early part of the week was very strenuous and critical to the Saviour. We read of Him cursing the fig tree because of His disappointment in not finding any fruit on it. The challenge of His authority by the Chief Priests in the temple—He told them the parable of the two sons—one promised to work and didn't; the other did not promise to work but finally did. Then also the parable of the wicked husbandmen. The parable of the marriage of the King's son. They were trying every trick to trap the Saviour. They now brought the

coin with the inscription of Caesar and asked Jesus who they should pay tribute to and Jesus told them to render unto Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and unto God the things that belong to God. When they questioned Him about the woman who had seven husbands on the earth which one would she claim in the resurrection, the Saviour replied that there would be no marrying or giving in marriage in the resurrection, but "are as angels of God in heaven; that God was not the God of the dead but of the living.

Then when the Pharisees saw Him silence the Saducees, a lawyer which was among them asked "Master, which is the greatest commandment?" Jesus said "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment and the second is like unto it—Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thy self. On these two commandments hang all the law and prophets." As we follow the Saviour through this last week, we find Him confusing His enemies instead of being confused silencing them instead of being silenced which aroused their anger to a higher pitch and made them more determined than ever to do away with the Saviour. In the 24rd Chapter of Matthew Jesus unleashed one of His greatest attacks against the Scribes and Pharisees pronouncing a terrible woe upon them for their deceptive ways and methods of deceiving the people calling them hypocrites and a generation of vipers, etc. Jesus then predicts the doom of Jerusalem and also the destruction of the beautiful temple that was the pride of Israel.

The Saviour then went to the Mount of Olives and His disciples came to Him privately and asked Him about His second coming and the signs of the end of the world. Jesus then proceeded to explain the great calamities that would befall mankind preceding His second coming. He ended this discourse by giving them the lesson of the parable of the ten virgins—five wise and five foolish. Five were prepared to meet the bridegroom with their lamps trimmed and burning and five foolish who got very indifferent and careless and unprepared to meet the bridegroom. He also gave them the great lesson of improving their talents in a parable which He

quoted to them. Another great lesson of the last week was of visiting the sick, those who were in prison, clothing those who were naked, feeding the poor. And remember what He told them on that occasion, "Inasmuch as ye do it unto the least of these my brethren ye did it unto me, but inasmuch as ye do it unto the least of these my brethren ye did it not to one of the least of these ye did it not to me." He further shows where failure to abide with this request will bring, "everlasting punishment, but the righteous unto life eternal." So the first three days as we know them—Sunday, Monday and Tuesday were filled with boldness, rebuke, warnings disappointment, lessons on preparedness, prophetic utterances, quoting the prophets of old and exposing the hypocrisy of the Scribes, Pharisees, Sadducees, crooked lawyers and giving the world the greatest commandments of love to God and neighbor, and the duty of the fortunate to the unfortunate.

And after Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said to His disciples, "Ye know that after two days is the feast of the passover and the Son of Man is betrayed to be crucified. At the same time the chief priests, scribes and elders of the people met at the palace of the High Priest who was called Caiphas, and consulted that they might take Jesus by subtilty and kill Him, but they didn't want to do it on the feast day, fearing an uproar among the people. So Jesus spent Wednesday at the home of Simon, the leper, in Bethany where he relaxed and prepared for the most crucial and agonizing period that He was about to pass through which would climax His earthly mission. While at this home a woman having an alabaster box of precious ointment, poured it on His head as He sat at meat. Jesus' disciples were indignant at the woman, saying it was waste, that the ointment could have been sold and given to the poor. The Saviour corrected His disciples and approved what the woman had done, stating that the woman had anointed Him for His burial and the poor would always be with them. It seemed very inconsiderate on the part of His disciples to begrudge Jesus of this act of affection and devotion by the poor woman. Although there are many people today that while they profess to love Jesus Christ

yet they refrain from using some of their money for the work of the Church and spend it sometimes on less important things.

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8th Of A Series On The Book Of Daniel

We have closed the historical part of the Book of Daniel and now we come to the prophetic part which like a beacon light has thrown its rays over all the course of time, from that time to the present and is still lighting up the pathway of the church onward to the eternal kingdom (7 Chap. verse 1) In the first year of Belshazzar, King of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed. Then he wrote the dream and told the sum of the matter. This is the same Belshazzar mentioned in Chap. 5. This chapter should have preceded Chap. 5 chronologically but that the historical part might come in order it was written thus. All scripture language is to be taken literally unless there exists some good reason for supposing it to be figurative; it is to be interpreted by that which is literal. The language used here is symbolic—is evident from verse 17 which reads, "These great beasts are four kings which shall arise out of the earth." Notice again the four winds of Heaven strove upon the great sea. Winds in symbolic language denote strife, political commotion and war. (Jer 25: 31, 32, 33). Here the prophet speaks of a controversy which the Lord is to have with all nations. That winds denote strife is further evident. The winds striving denote kingdoms rising and falling and the principal of this controversy is called a whirlwind. The whirlwind that was soon to take place was the overthrow of Babylon The bible tells us the definition of seas and waters means peoples, nations and tongues. See Rev. 17:15. The symbol of the four beasts are four kings which shall arise out of the earth. The vision is definitely opened before us. The first was like a lion and had eagle's wings I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked and it was lifted up from the earth and made stand upon the feet as a man and a man's heart was given to it as these beasts denote. Four kings—we inquire what four? These beasts do not rise all at once but consecutively as first, second, etc. and the last one is in existence still living under the same king-

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EDITORIAL

A trip to the Six Nations Reserve in Ontario:—On Feb. 27 at 11:00 p.m. I boarded a train in Pittsburgh, arriving in Detroit the next morning where Bro. Burgess of Windsor, Ont., met me at the depot and took me to his home where I had breakfast and at about 2 p.m. Bros. Buffa, Kennedy and A. Lombardo called with their car and took me on to the Indian Reservation. Sister Ford and her aunt Libby (Sister Padden) accompanied us, though we left Sister Padden off at Lambeth, Ont., to visit with friends until we returned. Sister Padden is 90 years old, but gets around very good at that age.

It was nice weather to drive in, except the wind was strong and cold. We arrived in Branford about dark, and we called at Bro. and Sister Laird's home and spent an hour or more with them, had prayer and sang a few hymns. Bro. Laird was much better than I expected to find him, though he is very feeble. Sister Laird and children seemed very well. We went on to the Reservation, a distance of about 15 miles and it was getting very cold. On arriving there we stopped at Sister Lewis's home. I believe she is now past 80, and is looking very good. We then drove on to Bro. Beaver's home, arriving at about 10:00 p.m. where they set us down to a good warm supper, and later on we were given good warm beds for the night. They have electric lights in their home now. I believe brother and sister Beavers were the first ones to obey the gospel on the Reservation.

After having a good breakfast the next morning, we started off to the hall on the other side of the Reserve, possibly 10 or 12 miles away, where we had Sabbath School and a short preaching service. Bro. Jobbie Hill was in charge of the School. We had a very nice morning in service. There is quite a nice class of Indian Children, besides the adult class. At the close of these services, we drove possibly another 10 miles to the home of Bro. and

Sister Isaacs where we were set down to a wonderful dinner, I don't know of ever setting down to a better meal. Bro. and Sister Isaacs are prosperous farmers, their house is real old, but they are very comfortable within, and their surroundings are very nice. They have about 25 or 30 head of cattle and ship milk. They have electric lights also since I was there last. They are both members of the Church. They have no family. Sorry to say though, that Sister Isaac's mother was in the hospital on the Reservation and had one of her eyes removed.

Our next move was to go to the meeting at Sister Lewis's home in the afternoon, where we had a very nice meeting. We did not see Sister Hill on this trip, she being with some of her children in Buffalo, N.Y. We met Bro. Hill, and while he was stricken with a stroke of paralysis about two years ago, yet I never saw him look better than on this occasion. May the Lord continue to bless our Indian people.

I will add a word to my Gentile brethren: We are not putting forth the effort on this Reservation that we should be. I might ask: while we are moving here and there seeking our own welfare, what are our thoughts relative to moving on, or near one of the Reservations and spending some of our time preaching the Gospel to the Lost Sheep of the House of Israel? One thing we need on this Reservation, is a Station Wagon to help get the children to Sabbath School as well as to get others to church. We also need a building of our own to meet in. On returning from this trip, I attended a meeting in Windsor, one at No. 3 Branch and one at No. 4 Branch in Detroit. Then left on the midnight train for home, Bro. W. H. Cadman, P. S. Our brothers and sisters who are traveling to the Reservations are doing all that can be expected of them. A trip of this kind means better than 400 miles.

Book of Daniel

when all earthly scenes are brought to an end. Daniel was dom about 65 years — before this, he told Nebuchadnezzar's dream of the great image Chap. 2, "Thou art that head of gold." The first beast must compare with that head of gold which was the kingdom of Babylon. The first was like a lion and had eagle's wings

—I behold till the wings were plucked and it was lifted up from the earth and made stand upon the feet as a man and a man's heart was given to it. The first beast of this vision is none other than the Kingdom of Babylon. Why then was not the first vision enough "Thou art this head of gold" sufficient to prove who he was? That additional facts may be brought out to prove their true character shown by the lion which represents strength. Nebuchadnezzar said "Look at this mighty Babylon that I have built." The lion had two wings to give it added strength and do the work quickly. Note the rapidity with which Babylon extended its conquests under Nebuchadnezzar. At this point of the vision, a change had taken place. Its wings had been plucked. It no longer flew like an eagle upon its prey. The boldness and spirit of a lion had gone and a man's heart was given it — weak, timid and faint had taken its place. Daniel told the king, "Thou shalt eat straw like the ox. They shall drive thee from men and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, till seven times pass over thee" (seven being a perfect number), or until the one that is perfect gets finished with you, oh king. But that was not enough. Daniel said to Belshazzar, "Thou knewest all these things, yet thou would not humble thyself." Riches and luxury, — the bear was looking on this scene watching for the wings to be plucked, watching for his strength to vanish, waiting for the opportunity to overthrow him, yes, thou art weighed in the balances and found wanting. That night was the end of the lion. His wings had been plucked. God was displeased and God appointed over it whomsoever he will (verse 5) and behold another beast a second like to a bear raised itself up on one side and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it and they said thus unto it, "Arise, devour much flesh." As the great image in Chap. 2 so in this series of symbols a marked deterioration will be noticed as we descend from one kingdom to another. The silver of the breast and arms was inferior to the gold of the head, the bear was inferior to the lion, Medo Persia fell short of Babylon in wealth, magnificence and the brilliancy of its career and now we come to the additional particulars respecting this power—the bear raised itself up on one side. My,

what could this mean? God does not put them in the book unless they mean something. This kingdom was composed of two nationalities, the Medes and the Persians. The same fact is represented by the two horns of the ram in Chap. 8. Of these two horns it is said that the higher came up last and of the bear that it raised itself up on one side and this was fulfilled by the persian division of the kingdom which came up last but attained higher eminence becoming the controlling power of the nation. The three ribs in its mouth signify the providences of Babylon, Lydia and Egypt which were ground down and oppressed by this power. Their saying unto it "Arise, devour much flesh" would refer to the bear to plan and undertake more extensive conquest. The character of the power is well represented by the bear. The Medes and the Persians were cruel, robbers and spoilers of the people. One good thing this kingdom did was to restore Israel to their own lands. Thus Cyrus issued his famous decree for the return of the Jews and the rebuilding of their temple after the reign of Cyrus, ten monarchs reigned between 522 B. C. to 335 B. C. "Thou art weighed in the balances." He had scoffed at God and bowed to Idols of gold and iron and stone. He was a doomed man. That very night the bear rushed in, the waters of the Euphrates were divided by the genius of Cyrus and the invading army rushed in thru the dry river bed and the gates left open by the drunken guards. Soon all was over. Before morning the glory of Babylon had faded forever. The head of gold had been superceded by the breast and arms of silver. The bear had licked the lion. Yes, when man will not humble himself he is brought down. Jesus said, "He that humbleth himself shall be exalted, while he that exalteth himself shall be abased."

May God bless us and keep us a humble people. I extend my best to all our people and to those who have written me. I take this means to say 'hello' as I am a very busy man. Forgive me for not writing

Your brother in Christ,
JAMES HEAPS

Proverbs
8:22, 36 inclusive

22 The Lord possessed me in

the beginning of his way, before his works of old.

23. I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was.

24. When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water.

25. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth:

26. While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world.

27. When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth:

28. When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep:

29. When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth:

30. Then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him;

31. Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and my delights were with the sons of men.

32. Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for blessed are they that keep my ways.

33. Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not.

34. Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.

35. For whose findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favor of the Lord.

36. But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul; all they that hate me love death.

P. S. It has been said, that "Proverbs 8:22, 36 inclusive, with John 1:1 3; and Col. 1: 17, can refer to nothing less than Eternal Son of God"

Many mortals, have delved into the status of Jesus Christ, that is, His status before His birth by the Virgin Mary. A subject in my judgment, which is beyond the comprehension of earthly beings, and I question as to whether Angles would dare to tread therein.

Brother W. H. Cadman

ISN'T IT TIME TO PRAY?

Walter E. Isehour

When we consider the fact that we are in war, even though war has not been declared, and that we are losing many of our fine,

noble, worthwhile young men, with an outlook that thousands and thousands of others will be sent to far-flung battle fronts, with no promise of victory, isn't it time to pray

When we consider the fact that we, as a nation, are spending far more for beer, wine, and liquor than we are spending to Christianize the nation and the world, and that thousands of lives are being destroyed each year through drinking, and thousands of immortal souls are going to meet God unprepared, isn't it time to pray?

When we consider the fact that over half of the children and young people in the United States never attend church and Sunday school, and that the majority of the criminals are under twenty years of age, isn't it time, to pray?

When you consider the fact that the movies are packed with fathers and mothers, children and young people, who look upon scenes that are down-pulling and demoralizing, and that church doors are being closed because so few people attend, or none at all in many places, and that many pastors have no Sunday night services, due to the fact that their congregations stay at home, look at television, or pack the theaters, isn't it time to pray?

When we consider the fact that the masses of our American people, along with the masses of the people of all nations, are lost in sin and wickedness, and are on their way to hell, isn't it time to pray?

Surely, SURELY it is time to pray! Only God can save us and change the trend of things that threaten the very existence of our government, our religious liberty, our freedom of speech and freedom of the press; and this will be the answer to the earnest, sincere, effectual prayers of God's people. ISN'T IT TIME TO PRAY?

(From "The Midnight Cry.")

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Our needs are great and we appreciate hearing from so many wonderful brethren sisters and friends. May God repay your good efforts.

Bro. Dominic Moraco
11422 N. Martindale
Detroit 4, Michigan.

A LETTER FROM WICHITA, KANS.

Dear Brother Editor:

I thought that I would write to you to let you all know how things are out here, with this scattered group of the St. John Mission, here in Kansas. We are widely scattered as measured by miles, our 32 members are in five states and Germany, but how thankful we are that our separation of the spirit is not to be measured by miles. Our brothers and sisters in the entire church are close to our thoughts and prayers.

However, every two or three weeks, some of us are able to visit others at various distances, both those in the church, and others who are interested.

On the 18th of January I drove to Larned and spent a wonderful day and evening with Bro. and Sister Robinson. That afternoon we drove to St. John, where we learned that Bro. Charles, and Sister Eva Sanders had driven to Wichita with brother and sister Thomas Ring. So while we had no fellowship service in St. John that day, the three of us, Bro. and Sister Robinson and myself, spent many hours talking of the scriptures, the gospel of truth and the Church, as well as our experiences in this life. In the past three or four years, I have spent many wonderful times in that home, often extending till two or three o'clock in the morning. The visit ended when I returned to Wichita on Monday morning. I work second shift at Boeing, and don't have to leave for work until 3 or 3:30 p.m., so can extend my week-end visits with the brothers and sisters.

The next Sunday I met brother and sister (no name given) and their four very fine children, in McPherson, then we drove on to Salina, where we spent the afternoon and early evening with Bro. William and Sister Katie Cox. Sister Cox is a sister to Bro. Robinson, as well as a sister in the Church. Both are children of

Sister Lydia Robinson of St. John. Bro. and Sister Cox are the latest to obey the gospel here, being baptized in St. John last October. This was the first time I had met the Cox's, and I enjoyed the day with them. I believe that when the Lord called them into the gospel, He gave us a fine brother and sister. We planned to have a meeting, but as Cox's had just moved to Salina, many people kept stopping in, we spent the afternoon in singing hymns, talking of the Church and what it means to us and testifying of our blessings in the gospel. While we missed the regular service, this informal meeting was food enough for others who were in for a short time. In all we had a wonderful time, usually the case when followers of Christ get together.

On the first of February, I stayed in Wichita and worshipped with brother Jones and family. We had Bible study in the morning which is always very interesting. I notice that while brother Wergin seldom speaks, yet when he does, it is worth listening to. That afternoon an elderly lady of the "reformed" Church of Independence, Mo. was in our service, and we had a fine time in the service of the Lord. I was glad of the chance to take sacrament again.

The next Sunday the visitors were Bro. and Sister Thomas Ring of St. John, and bringing with them Sister Lassiter from Hutchinson. I was at Bro. Jones for Bible study that Sunday, but was unable to stay for the fellowship meeting. Sister Jones told me later that they had a fine service—just as they had when the group had come from St. John three weeks previous. So with the visit of Bro. and Sister Robinson to Wichita on Jan. 11, some of them had driven from 200 to 500 miles each in a few weeks, to visit with others in the church.

Even though we are as much as 140 miles apart here in Kansas, the tie of the spirit is sufficient to make those miles meaningless. All the brothers and sisters send their love and ask an interest in your prayers. We always remember the saints everywhere. Sincerely Bro. Pera C. Kirkpatrick.

**'TAKE NOTICE'
WORDS OF WM. CADMAN,
DECEASED; STILL SURVIVE**

"The Ancient of Days that will sit, then, is the original govern-

ment of God re-established upon the earth. Not Adam, but one exercising the same dominion as he. His garments being white conveys the idea of purity. "His hair as the pure wool" proclaims antiquity. The fiery stream that issued and came forth before him, and his wheels as burning fire, indicates the principal means used by the Almighty in the overthrow of the nations at that time, viz, fire. See Isa. 24 ch., 6v; Second Peter 3 ch., 10v; Rev. 17ch., 16v, and indeed we might make references to many more. The thousand thousands that will minister unto him and ten thousand times ten thousands that will stand before him indicate the glory and boundless extent of that glorious kingdom, as described by Daniel 7 ch., 27v. "And the kingdom and dominion and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven shall be given to the saints of the Most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom and all dominions shall serve and obey him."

"Now we wish it to be understood that this is not the coming of the Saviour, but it is the building up of the kingdom of God upon some part of the earth prior to His coming—the stone kingdom or fifth empire which will eventually become universal, when our judges will be restored as at first and our counsellors as at the beginning; as is evident by observing Dan. 7 ch. 13, 14v. I saw in the night visions and behold one like the Son of Man came with the cloud of heaven, and came to the Ancient of Days and they brought him near before him, and there was given him dominion and glory and a kingdom that all people, nations and language should serve him, his dominion is an everlasting dominion which shall not pass away and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.' Here we notice Daniel declares that he saw one like unto the Son of Man coming to the Ancient of Days. We must remember his wonderful description of what he has presented unto us under that term, and unless some person is found sufficiently reckless to maintain that Daniel in this instance is mistaken, we must conclude that the Ancient of Days will exist previous to the coming of Christ, and that Christ will come to the Ancient of Days."

FROM GREENVILLE, Pa.

Dear Editor,

I know there are many who read and enjoy the Gospel News as I do, and often think of writing their appreciation, and just as I do, neglect it. Many names become familiar because we read their contributions regularly and without these faithful ones the rest of us soon would have no Church paper to look forward to each month. Not forgetting the Editor who does so much more than we can know to keep it going. Our Mission intends to get several new subscriptions soon for this wonderful paper, which means so much to us because it publishes the faith of our Church and the activities of the members.

The articles about the work in Italy and among the Indians here interest me especially. So I liked the letter in the January issue asking that we all help that the Gospel may be preached more to these descendants of Joseph. I believe it is our duty to take the Gospel to all mankind that we are able to reach. But surely we have a special obligation to these of the House of Israel and I am proud that our Mission wants to help all we can in this and any other work the Church undertakes and wish we could do many times more.

There has been much done on the reservations in Canada, but we in the United States can not say as much.

It is good to read also of the young men in Detroit and Windsor who are so energetic in the service of the Lord and his Church. I am proud to be a member, along with such wonderful people, of the Church of Jesus Christ.

Martha Kelly.

**PLEA TO STAY
IN ITALY LOST
BY EVANGELIST**

NAPLES, Feb. 13 (AP) — Italy today ordered the expulsion of a Protestant American evangelist and his wife.

At least five other American evangelists and social workers have appeals from expulsion orders pending, or are living in this predominantly Roman Catholic nation on three-month extension permits.

The Reverend Anthony Caliandro, 54, Italian-born director of the Evangelical Biblical Institute,

announced Wednesday that he and his wife were ordered to leave Italy within 48 hours on last January 17, but that he had appealed to Premier Alcide de Gasperi.

Today Mayor Massimo Caprara of Naples, personally handed the evangelist a notice that the premier had refused to intervene.

Guglielmo Ceraso, chief of the foreign section at Police headquarters said there could be no further appeal and that if Caliandro refused to leave the ministry of interior would decide on the next action police would take.

"I have no idea why they want to expel us," the evangelist said. "We are assisting people. We are doing much good."

P.S. The Church of Jesus Christ whose Headquarters are in Monongahela, Pa., has members in Italy. One of our ministers from Cleveland, Ohio, a native of Italy, spent part of September and October of 1952 in the land of his birth preaching the Gospel of Christ Jesus. He reports that policeman paraded around on the outside listening to what he had to say.

It is reported in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette this day Feb. 15, 1953 that Pope Pius XII, intervened in Washington last December in behalf of convicted Communist spies against the United States Government. In view of the lack of religious freedom in Italy for Protestant Ministers it would seem that the reported clause in the Constitution of Italy, relative to Religious Freedom, is but a FARCE. "Editor."

MANTECA, CALIF.

FEB. 9, 1953

Brother Editor:

I wish to inform you that we are enjoying the blessing of God here. We are happy to say that we had Bro. James Loyalvo and family from Los Angeles, and Bro. Herman Kennedy of Detroit visit us in January. The day they arrived, we had our first meeting at the Prescott Hall in Modesto, for which we now rent every Sunday. We too have services at my home on Sunday evenings as usual. We enjoyed having them here with us, and felt like we were at Conference. The blessings of God were showered upon us.

Yesterday we had company from San Francisco. Brother and Sister Tullio LaChuita, formerly from Detroit. Bro. Tullio is stationed with the Armed Forces in

that place. We were happy to make their acquaintance. We had afternoon meeting instead of evening meeting in their behalf at my home. We had a very enjoyable time with them, and were happy to have them with us.

We also had Bro. Chris Van Bree from Canada visit us from Dec. to Jan., and it won't be too long that they will be making their home here in Calif.

In almost two years we have had nine baptisms. My daughter Josephine is getting along fine, please continue in your prayers for her. We want to say that we are very happy to be in the service of God, and all His blessings. He has bestowed upon us. Love to all from our mission.

Sister Jennie Catalano

"AWAKE"

Jan. 22, 1953

The above known paper, "Awake" treats on a passage found in the Book of Mormon in Third Nephi 21:23, 24 concerning the New Jerusalem which will be built on this land by men, and then confuses it with the city new Jerusalem referred to in Rev. 21:2 which comes down from heaven.

The facts are: the book of Mormon speaks of a city to be built on this land which will be called the New Jerusalem. It also speaks of the old Jerusalem in Palestine to be rebuilt and become a holy city unto the Lord. Hence, it is not called a new Jerusalem, because it was of old. It also speaks of the New Jerusalem which is to come down out of heaven.

It looks as though "Awake" deliberately confuses the city which is to be built by man, with the city that comes down from above. And asks: (And I quote) "Which is right, The Book of Mormon, which says it will be done by men, or the Bible, which says it comes down from God? It would be quite a job for men, because Rev. 21:16 says it is 12,000 furlongs long and equally wide and high. Twelve thousand furlongs is 1,500 miles! This width is staggering; but imagine that height! It amounts to 7.92 million feet, which, if taken literally, allows for a fantastic 660,000-story building, 6,470 times the height of the Empire State building!" end of quote.

For the publishers of "Awake" to apply the New Jerusalem which is to be built by man as

spoken of in the Book of Mormon, to the city which comes down out of heaven, is simply **RIDICULOUSNESS** to the extreme, even though the article is in a periodical styled "AWAKE."

To all sincere and honest people, The Book of Mormon speaks of the New Jerusalem to be built on this land. It speaks of the old Jerusalem in Palestine to be rebuilt. It also speaks of the New Jerusalem which is to come down out of heaven. Three different cities spoken of. "Awake!" you had better wake up. WHC.

SOPHIE SIPOS PASSES ON

Sister Sipos departed this life very suddenly on Dec. 6, 1952 in Woodbridge, N.J. She was born in Hungary, and came to this country in 1913 and was married to Julius Sipos in the year of 1919. At the time of death was 58 years old, and was baptized into the Church in 1939. She leaves to mourn her passing, her husband Julius, an elder in the Hopelawn Church, one son Steve, and four daughter, Helen, Ethel, Anna, and Elizabeth.

Sister Sipos was a faithful sister in the Church, and has now gone to reap her reward. May the Lord comfort Brother Sipos and his children.

MRS. CANDACE SMITH PASSES ON

Sister Candace Gibson Smith, aged 66, wife of John A. Smith of New Eagle, died at 5:30 a.m., Feb. 27 in the Monongahela Memorial Hospital, and was buried from the Bebout and Yohe Funeral Home in Monongahela on March 3 with Bro. Samuel Kirschner in charge of the service. Music by Sister Sara Vancik, two solos by Bro. John Majoros, and a duet by Bro. and Sister Kirschner, interment in the Monongahela Cemetery.

Sister Smith leaves to mourn her passing, her husband John A. Smith, one son Clyde Smith, coach at Arizona State College at Tempe, Arizona. And three grand children, also two brothers, Benjamin, and Harry Gibson of New Eagle.

Sister Candace was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ about 50 years ago, and was well known in this community.

She was a sister of our late brother Clyde Gibson. May the Lord comfort her beloved ones.

SOME NEWS ITEMS

A letter has been received from Sister Darlene Collins of 19134 Le-may St., Reseda, Calif. She was recently baptized into the Church, and is very grateful to become acquainted with this Church. She has a husband and two children, but she herself is not well, and has not been for two or three months. The doctors, apparently not doing her any good. She asks me if I would have the Church to pray for her. So all of you remember Sister Collins in your prayers. May the Lord bless you.

In a recent letter from Sister Nastasia of Niles, Ohio she informs me that her mother has undergone the severe ordeal of having one of her limbs amputated. Very sorry to hear of this I am sure, and may the Lord bless our aged sister. She is also the mother of Sister D. Giovannone of RD 2 Warren, Ohio.

A letter was received from Sister Gadd, 39 Garfield St., London, Ont., informing us of her observing her 82nd birthday. Sister Gadd is not too well and is getting feeble, but writes cheerful. But she is lamenting the conditions of the present day, that is, the wickedness that is abounding. She makes reference to the terrible divorce conditions of today, and of Christian people with their refrigerators, and their cars, yet so many of them do shopping on the Sabbath Day. Not much respect for the commandments of God.

I will add, that to keep the Sabbath Day holy, is just as much a command as it is to love one another. And if professed Christian people can do their shopping on the Sabbath Day, they should not try to each some one else what to do, either when in the pulpit or elsewhere.

A letter from West Aliquippa informs us, that Jerry Gianascoli was baptized in the Ohio River on Feb. 28 by Bro. Philip Mileca. Brother Jerry is an Ex-G.I. with 5 1-2 years service for his country, and is the son of brother Anthony Gianascoli contributed by Bro. Tamburrino.

"THINGS THAT GOD HATES"

Proverbs 6:17, 18, 19

A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,

A heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,

A false witness that speaketh lies, and HE that soweth discord among brethren.

Whare Are You Pasturing?

The old shepnerd who offered prayer in a Welsh revival meeting put it exactly right when he lamented his backsliding in these words: "Lord, I got among thorns and briars, and was scratched and torn and bleeding. But, Lord, it is only fair to say, that it WAS NOT ON THY GROUND; I had wandered out of THY PASTURE. Selected.

SOME "DON'TS" FOR CHURCH GOERS

Don't visit; worship.

Don't hurry away. Speak and be spoken to.

Don't dodge the preacher. Show yourself friendly.

Don't dodge the collection plate. Contribute what you are able.

Don't stop in the end of the pew. Move over.

Don't stare blankly while others sing, read and pray. Join in.

Don't wait for an introduction; introduce yourself.

Don't criticize. Remember to think of your own frailties.

Don't monopolize your hymn-book. Be neighborly.

Don't stay away from church because of company; bring them with you.

Don't stay away from church because the church is not perfect. How lonesome you would feel in a perfect church.

The Scots Observer.



That ye might have life

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A MOTHER

Harry Lorber

Although a hero or a knave,
Although a free man or a slave,
Though cowardly or very brave,
A Mother loves her child;
Although a failure or success,
Though just or steeped in wickedness,
Above the clouds or in distress,
A Mother loves her child.

Although in body will or ill,
Though highly trained or lacking skill,
In morals weak or strong of will
A Mother loves her child;
Though Christ or Judas he may be,
Through eyes of love will mother see,
This truth will stand eternally,
A Mother loves her child.

As God our Maker loves us all,
The rich, the poor, the great,
The small,
And lifts us gently when we fall,
A Mother loves her child;
The love of God with depths unknown,
In every word and act is shown,
As Jesus died to save His own,
A mother loves her child.

IT IS MOTHER'S DAY

May Genevieve McGee

This is the day when with loving, tender hearts we honor our mothers; when we honor every good mother, whether she is still in our homes or at home with God.

Not alone with flowers and gifts do we desire to honor mother but with such noble lives that a thrill comes to her as she thinks about her children. They may still be running in and out the front door or in a home of their own.

A noble life needs not agust surroundings or glittering trappings. It is a comfort that the majesty of a noble life will blossom and mature radiantly in the humblest home and the nobility of the mother and family is the only sure foundation for America's future greatness. And it is the mother who makes this home.

No career and no publicity in any direction can for one moment compare with the career of motherhood, where the mother by vir-

tue of her Christian qualities is queen in her home, pointing the way upward for her children and enthroned in the affections of a good, true man. Forever and ever this will be the greatest career for a woman.

Many great, renowned artists in various fields of accomplishment have learned that the bouquets of the public soon fade, but home-grown flowers never fade. They brighten with each passing year.

The distinction of a mother is not in the mere physical fact, which she shares with all creation, but her fine, tender, emotional qualities that bring a self benegation and a mental grasp of the problems of life, with a healthy outlook on the work that makes her a companion and guide for her children. She will lead them in straight paths that will make of them righteous citizens and an honor to God and the church. This is the sublime task of a mother and angels envy her.

America today needs mothers strong as the granite of the hills; mothers who know God and can unerringly point the way for their children; mothers who can guide their children away from the quicksands of life; who can reveal to them lovingly and persuasively the real attitudes that are attainable. God bless such mothers, whether in mansion or in cottage, in city or village or miles away from the country road. America needs such mothers.

It is not the first lady of the land who has the greatest power today. It is the thousands of unknown mothers who with love and sacrificial service follow the daily round of insignificant duties with a song in the heart and a face turned toward the sky. Yes, the greatest power is with mothers who patiently keep their faith, who see life as a whole, separating the chaff from the wheat, who hate sham and pretense; who love sincerity and integrity of purpose. It is mothers like this who are the bulwark of the nation today. We give thanks today for our precious mothers, beloved forever.

Foot Prints In
The Sand of Time
MOTHER'S LOVE

I've lived to learn that friends

grow weak,

When trouble marks you for its own;

The ones you love oft turn aside,
And leave the fight to you alone
I've stood on many scenes of strife,

I've stood where care and pain assailed,

And though friends often turned away,

Yet mother's hand has never failed.

As in that childhood far removed

She smoothed my brow and dried each tear,

Still, in young manhood's troubled hour,

With loving words she hovers near.

Oh! fickle love and friendship false!

Oh, glittering dreams and hopes bewailed!

You weakened in life's darkest hour,

But Mother's love has never failed.

What ever God shall choose to do

With this frail tenement of clay;
What ever use He finds of it
Along life's dark and dreary way;

I'll give my all at the Master's feet,

And let Him mold me as He will.

Then what ever trials and troubles I meet

His love is with me ever still.
Author Unknown.

MY MOTHER

Her hair was soft and silvery,
Her eyes were large and brown,
Her face was wreathed with sunshine
And seldom wore a frown.

The years when she was younger

She worked the whole day long
To clothe and feed her family,

And teach them right from wrong.

I often sit and wonder,
From whence her goodness came;

I'm sure that she is hoping
That I will live the same.

—Gospel Messenger

MOTHER'S DAY

(An excerpt from a letter from a grown son to his mother).

Some year a May will come with purple lilacs and a Mother's Day, and I will be wearing a white carnation, for you will not be here. But I will not think of you as gone—the only difference will be that I won't be able to see you any more. I know that you will never die—not really die. Only those who have never lived can die. You have put too much of yourself in me, and now I am passing what you gave me to my children and they, some day, will pass your gift to still others. Love spent, lives on forever and ever. And, Mother, I shall not be grieved when I think of you then. Being with you has always been happiness, and thinking of you when we are apart has never been anything but a joy. There can be no sadness in remembering a mother whose love has always sheltered me from the hour I was born until this moment.—Exchange.

Thoughts On Easter

As the blessed Easter season approached this year, my thoughts were more solemn and meditating than in previous years. I wouldn't have been human if I hadn't thought a little about my new clothes, but my mind was more engrossed on the seriousness of Easter. Far too many people forget that Christ, our Saviour, died a death of torture and agony upon the cross to atone for our sins. Another group of people just think about His death and resurrection on Easter and don't take even a few minutes of every day to ponder about Jesus, who is the truest friend we have. Since I've grown up to the adult stage, Easter has a deeper meaning than when I was a youngster. Easter bunnies, baskets, and colored eggs occupied my thoughts; but now I have come to realize that the people of the world must turn their hearts to the Saviour if we are to have any peace at all. Why is mentioned, the first thing is it that when the word Easter that comes to our mind is, that it is a day when we can show off our new finery? It is true that Easter is a day of rejoicing because of Christ's triumphant victory of conquering death, but let's try above all else to think about the subject a little more, rather than how we look in that certain dress and hat. It seems to me

that the reason why this world of our is so confused and insuch a turmoil, is because we are too busy trying to outdo our neighbors, rather than live in peace and harmony with them. Christ said, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than this." Strange as it may seem, only a minority of people consider Easter as a day of reverence and worship. I'm sure that Jesus doesn't care whether we have a new suit of clothes or not to wear but He looks deep down into our hearts. Indeed, the Easter season—the glorious season—is one in which we should meditate a little more than we do on the many blessings our risen Saviour has bestowed upon us.

Erne Casasanta
McKees Rocks, Penna.

"The Last Week"

By Bro. Mancini

(Cont. from last issue)

In the meantime Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve went to the Chief Priests and bargained with them to deliver Jesus into their hands for thirty pieces of silver. And now dawned Thursday, the feast of the passover, the day of fellowship, the time of farewell to friends. Jesus sent His disciples into the city to prepare for the passover. He then met with them in a designated place and ate the feast of the passover. He then told them that one of them would betray Him. They felt sorrowful and wondered which one of them it could be. He told them it was he who would dip his hand with him into the dish. Judas asked Him if it was he and Jesus said, "Thou hast said." Jesus then took the bread and broke it symbolizing His body offered as a sacrifice and poured the wine signifying His blood which would be shed and He gave to His disciples to eat and drink that it would be the last until they would meet in His Father's Kingdom. Supper being over Jesus asked for a basin and towel had proceeded to wash His disciples feet to leave with them the greatest example of humility that was ever given to mankind. Peter exposed his lack of understanding by telling Jesus, "Thou shalt never wash my feet." Jesus told him, "What I do now thou knowest not, but shalt know hereafter." As far as the act was concerned they could readily see that

He was washing their feet, yet He told them that they didn't understand what He was doing. It was more like they didn't understand why He was performing the act. Jesus then told them that they would desert Him because of what would happen that night. Peter spoke up and said that though everybody would leave, he would never leave Him. But Jesus told Peter that before dawn of the next day he would deny His Saviour three times.

Both Jesus disciples and His enemies did not know that they were standing upon the threshold of the greatest manifestation of God's power and glory and the ushering in of a new era. Today how many realize that there will be a last week. We are informed through the Restoration of the Gospel and the coming forth of the Book of Mormon that great and important changes will take place in the Latter Days, as is declared by the ancient prophets of God and yet many will be as Phillip of old when he said, "Lord show us the way." Remember the Saviour answering him and say, "Phillip, have I been so long with you and you have not known me; he that hath seen me has seen the Father; how sayest thou then, 'show us the Father.'" There will be many people that will be found in the category of the five foolish virgins. Thursday night and early Friday morning was a very tense time in the last few hours of the Saviour. Remember the agony of Gethsemane; and then the betrayal and arrest, and the preliminary trial before the Jewish Authority. As the morning wore on we see the denial of Peter, then the remorse of Judas, the trial before Pilate — he sends them to Herod, Herod sends them back to Pilate where the trial is resumed and completed. False accusations and false witness were produced. Pilate discerned the mockery of the entire trial and excused himself of all blame stating he was washing his hands of the entire matter. But the frenzied crowd continued to clamor, "Crucify Him, Crucify Him." They then mocked Him, spit upon Him, put a crown of thorns on His head, and forced Him to carry His cross to Calvary assisted by Simon part way where He was crucified.

At noon Friday darkness spread over the whole country and lasted until three in the afternoon. At

three o'clock Jesus called out loudly, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabach-thani" which means "My God, My God, why have thou forsaken me?" He gave a loud cry at the insult of the sponge with vinegar and died. Upon this land we read in the Book of Mormon that as had already been prophesied by Samuel, the Lamanite, that at the death of the Saviour on the cross that a terrible earthquake would rock this land. So we read that an awful destruction took place which changed the whole face of the land. Read Helaman 14 Chapter, 20th verse to end of the chapter.

Friday evening a rich man named Joseph of Aramathae went to Pilate and begged for the body of Jesus. Pilate granted his request. So Joseph prepared the body of Jesus for burial in his own personal tomb. A large stone was set before the opening and a soldier watch was placed there to guard the tomb.

In the end of the Sabbath as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week came Mary Magdeline and the other Mary to see the sepulchre, and behold! there was a large earthquake for the angel of Lord descended from heaven and rolled back the stone from the door and sat upon it. The keepers were very fearful. The angel told the woman, "Fear not ye for I know that ye seek Jesus which was crucified; He is not here for He is risen. Come and see where the Lord lay. Go and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead and He goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see Him." Remember how He rebuked the men on His way to Emmaus when they appeared puzzled at what had happened. He told them, "Oh fools and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken, ought not Christ to have suffered these things and to enter unto glory." This rebuke will no doubt be made again when God's wrath falls upon the nations as is outlined by the ancient prophets both in Bible and Book of Mormon, drawing to our attention the many things that shall happen in the last days. So let us remember that while we rejoice in a RISEN SAVIOUR, He also expects us to observe very closely the times in which we live that we may also be approaching the last week preceding a great catastrophe, even as the poet

has written that "empires shall tremble at Israel's returning," and that we will not be found, "fools and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets has spoken."

I wish to mention about an experience which a man at the General Electric plant where we are employed had about me. I have been talking to this man about the Restored Gospel for about a year and a half. About 2 weeks ago he had a dream. In this dream he saw me install a transmitting sound system in a large Catholic Church on the outskirts of Erie. This church has the reputation of having the largest bingo games going on in the church in this section of the country. Seven local buses are employed to carry people to the church from Erie and two large Greyhound buses to accommodate communities from near-by towns. Bingo games are held in the church Sunday nights and also one night a week. State police are called to direct traffic at this point of the highway because of the congested traffic. This man who had the dream about me said that he saw me connect a wire leading from the church building (before the people arrived) to a point about a mile away on a slope overlooking this church. I then spoke into a microphone and my voice carried into the building where the people were playing bingo and rebuked them as the Saviour did at the cleansing of the temple. He said that immediately he saw the people streaming out of the doors and jumping out of the windows in a mad rush to vacate the church building. (End of dream). It is a fact that the Saviour would need a large number of disciples to assist Him to cleanse all the temples erected in His name that are desecrating them to get gain. The Book of Mormon states in the last days churches will be erected to get gain.

Brother John Mancini

NOTICE

I have ordered better than \$100.00 dollars worth of Bibles. Can furnish you with a good Bible, leather bound for \$10.00 and prices ranging on down to 7 and 8 dollars, to as low as three dollars. The discount allowed me goes into the Indian Missionary Fund which is kept by the Ladies Uplift Circle.

Bro. Cadman.

Baptism: Infants not proper Subjects

By Thurman S. Furnier

Should infants, and children be baptized, who have not reached the age of accountability? We reply, absolutely NO. Infant baptism has become a practice of both Catholic and Protestant Churches. We say, that no foundation or justification for such a practice can be found in the scripture.

During the Apostolic era, and for many years thereafter, baptism was administered after the following requirements were met: The candidates had reached the age where they could be taught, they were to be capable of having observation, they were to confess their sins, they were to believe, they were to repent, as the following scriptures prove: Matt. 28: 19, 20 "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the son and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world. Amen." Mark 1:5 "And there went out unto him all the land of Judea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins." Acts 2:38. "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Acts 2:41 "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls." Acts 8:12 "And when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. Acts 8:36, 37, (Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch) "And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, if thou believest with all thine heart thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."

Where households were baptized, in the case of Lydia (Acts 16: 14, 15,) and the jailer, (Acts 16: 33, 34) It has yet to be proven that there were infants or children in those families.

When Jesus was on earth, and

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EDITORIAL

Hearken, O ye Gentiles, and hear the words of Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, which He hath commanded me (Mormon) that I should speak concerning you. For, behold He commandeth me that I should write, saying: "Turn, all ye Gentiles, from your wicked ways; and repent of your evil doings, of your lyings and deceivings, and of your whoredoms, and of your secret abominations, and your idolatries, and of your murders, and your priestcrafts, and your envyings, and your strifes, and from all your wickedness, and come unto me, and be baptized in my name, that ye may receive a remission of your sins, and be filled with the Holy Ghost, that ye may be numbered with my people who are of the house of Israel."

These words were uttered by the prophet Mormon, approximately 400 years after Christ. They are found in III Nephi, chapter 30, in the book of Mormon. He was an Israelite, and was one of the fore-fathers of the American Indian race. It is well known, that in the historical researches of this western hemisphere, the explorers have uncovered sufficient evidence to cause them to exclaim, that a people once lived here before the present race known as Indians.

Their findings are certainly borne out in our Bible. Turn to Genesis 11-8, and read, "So the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of 'all' the earth: and they left off to build the city." Surely my readers will not question this Bible statement; for they could not of been scattered abroad upon all the face of the earth, unless they were scattered upon the western hemisphere as well. The people who came here at that time were known as 'Jaredites,' who became extinct here because of their wickedness, and especially because of their secret combinations. The succeeding people who came here, known as Nephites and Lamanites 600 years B.C., from Jerusalem (now known as Indians) fell from the grace and

favor of God, because of their transgressions and wickedness, yet in the wisdom of God, a remnant of their race has been spared, and the Book of Mormon, a record kept by their forefathers has come forth in these last days, to acquaint us Gentiles of the decrees of the Almighty God concerning this land which was given by Him to Israel of old as recorded in Gen. 49-22 and 26 inclusive. And if this nation persists in it's wickedness as it is today, I am afraid that it will not be long until our 'cup' of iniquity will be running over. It is true that communism has become a menace to the welfare of this nation, but what about our Congressmen, who can stand on the floors of their official chambers and attack the characters of our citizens, and yet are "immune" from being brought to an account for their volubility. Would it not be wise for the United States Government to exert its power against some of our law-makers, as well as to punish law-breakers? Free Speech is a wonderful blessing, but when taken advantage of, as it seems to be, it can become a curse to any people.

It is decreed in the Book of Mormon, that all peoples who inhabit this land must either serve God or be wiped off the face thereof, when their cup becomes full of iniquity. I read therein, that the sword of God's vengeance hangeth over us, and I fear it will not be long until it falls, unless we American People mend our ways. —Americans! Americans! May God shed His grace upon us.

Editor.

P. S. On March 19 and 20, I spent the two evenings in the pulpit of our Church on South Forest St., in Youngstown, Ohio. The meetings were very well attended, and I enjoyed myself in speaking to the audience. Mr. Morgan, our Indian friend was present for one of the meetings and sang a solo for us, titled "He Lifted Me," our young Sister Ritz accompanied him on the piano.

During the two days I spent in Youngstown, Bros. Bucci and Capots took me around in their car visiting some. I returned home on Saturday morning, sister DiPiero accompanying me as far as Bro. Ashton's home, where she stopped to visit. I was home for part of the meetings of the General Circle being held on that occasion.

Bro. Cadman

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he said, "Suffer the children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them." Mark 10:13-16 (Compare with Matt. 18:2-4).

The Church of Jesus Christ follows the scriptural teaching with reference to children. Parents bring their children to the church and God's blessings are asked upon them, by a Minister of the Gospel, trusting that when they reach the age of accountability, they will be obedient to the commandments as taught by Jesus Christ.

In order to justify infant baptism the following scriptures is often referred to by many: Psalms 51: 5 "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me."

This scripture has no bearing on infant baptism whatsoever. Original sin was the rebellion of the first man (Adam) against his creator. A temporal as well as a spiritual death passed upon all men, being cut off from the presence of God. Had it not been for the infinite atonement and the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the first judgment which came upon man would have been endless. Even if it were possible that little children could sin, they could not be saved; but they are blessed; for behold, as in Adam, or by nature they fall, even so the blood of Christ atoneth for their sins. Wherefore little children are whole, and have eternal life, for they are not capable of committing sin; wherefore the curse of Adam is taken away from them in Christ, that it hath no power over them. Wherefore little children need no repentance, neither baptism. (Read the epistle of Mormon to his son Moroni on this subject. Moroni Ch. 8) The practice of administering baptism to infants was not recognized until the third century. (See Milner's Church History Cent. 3, Ch. 13.)

As for those whom have reached the age of accountability: God in his wisdom has prepared a way of escape because of the way of deliverance of the Holy One of Israel.

Therefore, all mankind will be resurrected, redeemed from the original sin, (fall of Adam) which passed upon the human family. But being redeemed from the original sin and being resurrected from

the tomb this alone does not entitle such an one to a place in God's eternal kingdom.

All mankind must obey the Gospel. Behold, baptism is unto repentance to the fulfilling the commandments unto the remission of sins, therefore he that is under no condemnation cannot repent; and unto such baptism availeth nothing.

All little children are alive in Christ. Little children cannot repent; wherefore it is awful wickedness to deny the pure mercies of God unto them, for they are all alive in him because of his mercy.

9th of a Series on the Book of Daniel

Daniel Chap. 7. We are still seeing the fulfillment of Daniel's dream and as we now know who the lion and the bear, we are to continue to find out who the leopard and the dreadful and terrible beast is. (6th verse) After this I beheld and lo, another beast like a leopard which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl. The beast had also four heads and dominion was given to it. The third kingdom to come into power was the Grecian kingdom. The leopard had four heads and four wings. This symbol denotes swiftness and strength. If wings on the lion denote swiftness so also with the leopard. The leopard itself is a swift footed beast but this was not sufficient to represent the career of this nation. It must have wings in addition. Two wings were not sufficient. We see in our day the swiftness of the aeroplane. The one motor was not enough. First they put in two motors, then four, then six — all for strength and swiftness. Now referring to the image again Chap. 2 Verse 32) his belly and his thighs were of brass. Brass was inferior to silver. In the spring 334 BC Alexander crossed over to Asia Minor at the head of an army of 35,000 Macedonians and Greeks. Four years later he had overthrown the Persian empire founded by Cyrus and set himself up as ruler by right of conquest. Another four years were spent in overcoming the wild tribes of the Iranian Plateau and the more civilized people of the Indus Valley. In this short space of eight years Alexander had annexed an area of little less than two million square miles containing a population of more than twenty million persons, the amaz-

ing rapidity of his conquest, a feat all the more remarkable in view of the small force at his disposal, but was due in large part to the superior organization of the Macedonian army, the excellence of Alexander's generals trained in the school of his father Phillip and his own qualities as a general and leader of men. The beast had four heads; the Grecian Empire maintained its unity but a short time after the death of Alexander which occurred in 323 BC, within 22 years after the death of Alexander, his brilliant career ended by 301 BC. The empire was divided among four of his leading generals which no doubt had reverence to the four heads, thus, accurately were the words of the prophet fulfilled as Alexander left no available successor. Why did not the huge empire break up? Because prophecy had said there should be four heads; the rough goat had four horns (Ch. 8 Verse 8) therefore the he goat waxed strong and when he was strong the great horn was broken and for it came up four notable ones toward the four winds of heaven; so we see here the four generals that took over the kingdom of Greece. The conquest of Grecia under Alex the Great has no parallel in history for the suddenness and the rapid speed in which he overcame; from Macedonia to the Ganges he marched his armies 51,000 miles without including his return to Babylon. Thus we see the end of Alexander in a drunken debauch; the empire divided into four parts — why not more? — because the prophet had told us how many parts by four heads on the leopard. (Ch. 8 verse 1) A vision appeared unto me even unto me Daniel after that which appeared unto me at first. This verse states the time it appeared in the 3rd year of the reign of Belshazzar. The first year of Belshazzar was 540 BC. His third year would be 538. If Daniel as is supposed was about 20 years of age when he was captured and taken to Babylon he was at this time about 88 years old — verse 2 gives the place. I was at Shuchan in the palace which is in the province of Elam and I saw in the vision (third verse) there stood before the river a ram which had two horns and the two horns were high but one was higher than the other and the higher came up last and I saw the ram pushing westward and northward and southward so that no beasts might stand be-

fore him neither was there any that could deliver out of his hand but he did according to his will and became great. In verse 20 an interpretation of this symbol is given us in plain language. The ram which thou sawest having two horns are the kings of Media and Persia. We have only to consider how well the symbol answers to the power in question. The two horns represented the nations of which the empire consisted — the higher came up last, — this represented the Persian element which from being at first was simply an ally of the Medes but came to be the leading division of the empire. The different direction in which the ram was pushing, denotes the direction in which the Medes and the Persians carried their conquests. No earthly powers could stand before them. Read Esther Ch. 1 — and so successfully were the conquests that in the days of Ahasuerus Esther 1-1 the Medo-Persian kingdom extended from India to Ethiopia the extremities of the then known world over a hundred and twenty seven provinces. This prophecy was fulfilled when it says he did according to his will and became great (verse 5). As I was considering behold an he goat came from the west on the face of the whole earth and touched not the ground but the goat had a notable horn between his eyes and he came to the ram that had the two horns which I had seen standing before the river and ran unto him in the fury of his power and I saw him come close unto the ram and break his two horns and then before him but he cast him down to the ground and stamped upon him and there was none that could deliver the ram out of his hand. The goat came from the west, Grecia lay west of Persia. Alexander swept everything before him. He touched not the ground — such was the swiftness flying from point to point with the swiftness of the wind. The same denotes the four wings which the leopard had. The notable horn between his eyes — this is explained in verse 21 to be the first king of the Macedonian empire. This king was Alexander the Great. He took the generals of Darius and the last great battle occurred 331 BC and marked the conclusion of the Persian empire for by this event Alexander the Great became complete master of the whole country. Darius sued for peace but Alexander the Great sent this

message "Tell your sovereign that the world will not permit two (suns) nor two sovereigns." The two horns were broken and the ram was thrown down and none could deliver him. The next beast is that terrible beast, seven heads and ten horns.

Bro. James Heaps

SURPRISE ON BRO. JOHN MANCINI

On the evening of March 8, the Erie Branch surprised Bro. John Mancini with their presence in his home in honor of his birthday.

After some hymns and prayer, the service was led by Sister Florence DiBattista in the form of, "This is your life," which led to many pleasant memories in the life of Brother Mancini. He received some lovely gifts from the group. At the conclusion, refreshments were served.

Besides Brother and Sister Charles Behanna, quite a number of friends were gathered for the occasion, including Mr. John DiBattista, his wife and family from Elizabeth, Pa. By Sister Mary Mancini.

P.S. Brother John, your wife has failed to tell us how old you are getting to be. However, we of your old Home Branch of the Church, know that you are not as young as you once were, and I take this opportunity in behalf of your brothers and sisters here, to extend our best wishes to you for many more such happy occasions. Bro. Cadman.

FROM SISTER EVA SANDERS

St. John, Kansas
March 9, 1953

Dear Brother Cadman:

We just received the Gospel News today and were very happy to again hear from the many brothers and sisters who have written to us through the medium of the best literature that the Church is publishing. I feel many times that I have been very slack in writing to the paper as my desire is to see it continued and I know that we must each try to contribute something from time to time that will fill a little space in its pages.

I have felt for some time that I should send you the enclosed dream for the paper and today when reading Mr. Morgan's letter I knew that I should be sending it.

Our desires are that we may be able to go soon to Oklahoma and try to contact a few who

might be interested in the gospel and try to create an interest there among the ancient covenant people of God. At the present time I do not correspond with anyone there but with God's help we will surely find someone to whom we can go.

We had Sunday School yesterday and a nice afternoon meeting, although we were just a few in number. In the evening much to our surprise and delight almost everyone who was at the afternoon meeting and also Sister Fry's son Clarence came over and spent the evening with us. We enjoyed ourselves very much as we talked of the gospel and sang hymns for an hour or so.

Sometimes we get discouraged but God gives us something to encourage us again. I hope that we may be able to have lots of happy evenings together singing hymns and offering praises to God for his many blessings.

May God bless you and yours as well as all of the brothers and sisters in the gospel.

THE INDIAN'S TWENTY-THIRD PSALM

The Great Father above is a Shepherd Chief. I am his, and with him I want not.

He throws out to me a rope, and the name of the rope is Love. And he draws me to where the grass is green and the water is not dangerous, and I eat and lie down satisfied.

Sometimes my heart is very weak and falls down, but he lifts it up and draws me into a good road. His name is Wonderful. Sometime—it may be very soon, it may be longer, or it may be a long time—he will draw me into a place between the mountains. It is dark there, but I will not draw back. I will be afraid not, for it is there between these mountains that the Shepherd Chief will meet me, and the hunger I have felt in my heart through this life will be satisfied. Sometimes he makes the Love rope into a Whip, but afterward he gives me a staff to lean on.

He spreads a table before me with all kinds of food. He puts his hands on my head, and the "tired" is gone. My cup he fills until it runs over.

What I tell you is true. I lie not. These roads that are away ahead will stay with me through life, and afterward I will go to live in the "Big Tepee" with the Shepherd Chief forever.

P. S. Translated by Indian Missionaries many years ago and claimed to have been a treasured Psalm of the Indians.

Contributed by Eva Sanders.

MY DREAM

December 30, 1952

I dreamed that my dad and I were riding in our car with another sister going to Oklahoma to visit the Indians there. It seems that we had been asked to come. When we were almost to the reserve the Indian men came out with their war paint and feathers on and were turning back all the cars behind us and wouldn't let them on the reservation. We didn't know what to do for it looked like they might be going to turn us away also, dad said, "I don't understand this as we were supposed to come here." I said, "Let's get out and walk." So we proceeded to get out of the car and started walking. I noticed there were several houses upon the reservation and as we were starting to walk towards them a sweet little lady came out and stood at the side of one of the houses and motioned to the Indians and told them we were friends so they smiled at us and allowed us to walk on up to the reservation.

I asked the lady—"What is wrong with the Indians and why did they behave thus?" She told us that the Indians had been treated wrong by the white man and that the white man had been teaching them false religions and that they were angry with them.

When I walked up to this lady she kissed me and cried and told me they had been waiting for us as they needed help to preach the gospel to the Indians. She told me her sister-in-law lived next door to her and wanted to see me. She was very nice and kind and when she saw me she also kissed me and cried and told me that she knew me by the letters which I had written to her. They were members of another church but in the restoration and wanted our people to come and teach the Indians the true gospel. We visited for quite sometime and while we were sitting in the sister's room I noticed several people go by the window with armloads of clothing and I asked her what they were doing and she said they were getting these things ready to distribute among the needy Indians. She

told me that the Indians needed food and clothing and unless they were clothed and fed it would be hard to teach them the gospel.

Sister Eva Sanders

**News From
The Muncey Reservation**

**By Brothers
Milantoni & Thomas
Feb. 20, 1953**

Brother Editor:

It has been sometime since we have written you in regards to the Muncey Indian Mission Work. Since your last visit there, we have had one baptism and one renewal, and one death. Our aged brother Treyton Best passed away shortly after the New Year. Bro. Kenyon George was restored and Leonard Beeswax was baptized shortly after your last visit. We are grateful for God's help in the work among the Indian folks.

At present there are some of our people who are, or have been afflicted with the flu. Brother and Sister Nicholas have been hard hit. Bro. Raymond Brandt as well as Sister Fisher are recovered quite completely. We have been holding services regularly, including our feet-washing service, which was a wonderful spiritual time of rejoicing. Bros. Cottelesse and R. Bologna have been assisting us in this work, and we certainly appreciate their help.

Perhaps you might find it convenient to visit us again in the future, this certainly would be appreciated by our brothers and sisters on the Reservation.

Have you heard more from the Indian people who visited you from South Dakota? We are also in contact with an Indian friend, a Mr. Harris here in Detroit, and he has visited our Church here.

Our prayers are that the Lord will ever bless our lives with spirit and truth, so that the goodness of the gospel will be apparent to those who come in contact with us unto their eventual conversion to the Restored Gospel.

**THE EVIL THAT MEN DO,
LIVES AFTER THEM.**
Bishop Phillips Brooks
(1835-1893)

Tell me you have a sin that you mean to commit this evening that is going to make this night black. What can keep you

from committing that sin? Suppose you look into its consequences. Suppose the wise man tell you what will be the physical consequences of that sin. You shudder and you shrink, and perhaps you are partially deterred. Suppose you see the glory that might come to you, physical, temporal, spiritual, if you do not commit that sin. The opposite of it shows itself to you the blessing and richness in your life. Again there comes a great power that shall control your lust and wickedness. Suppose there comes to you something even deeper than that, no consequences on conscience at all, but simply an abhorrence for the thing, so that your whole nature shrinks from it as the nature of God shrinks from a sin that is polluting, and filthy and corrupt and evil.

They are all great powers. Let us thank God for them all. He knows that we are weak enough to need every power that can possibly be brought upon our feeble lives; but if, along with all of them, there could come this other power, if along with them there could come the certainty that if you refrain from that sin tonight you make the sum of sin that is in the world, and so the sum of future evil that is to spring out of temptation in the world, less, shall there not be a nobler impulse rise up in your heart, and shall you not say: "I will not do it; I will be honest, I will be sober, I will be pure, at least tonight?" I dare to think that there are men here to whom that appeal can come, men who, perhaps, will be dull and deaf if one speaks to them about their personal salvation; who, if one dares to picture to them, appealing to their better nature, trusting to their nobler souls, and there is in them the power to save other men from sin, and to help the work of God by the control of their own passions and the fulfillment of their own duty, will be stirred to the higher life. Men—very often we do not trust them enough—will answer to the higher appeal that seems to be beyond them when the poor, lower appeal that comes within the region of their selfishness is cast aside, and they will have nothing to do with it.

Oh, this marvelous, this awful power that we have over other people's lives! Oh, the power of sin that you have done years and

years ago! It is awful to think of it. I think there is hardly anything more terrible to the human thought than this—the picture of a man who, having sinned years and years ago in a way that involved other souls in his sin, and then, having repented of his sin and undertaken another life, knows certainly that the power, the consequences of that sin is going on outside of his reach, beyond even his ken and knowledge. He cannot touch it.

You wronged a soul ten years ago. You taught a boy how to tell his first mercantile lie; you degraded the early standards of his youth. What has become of that boy today? You may have repented. He has passed out of your sight. He has gone years and years ago. Somewhere in this great, multitudinous mass of humanity he is sinning and sinning, and reduplicating and extending sin that you did. You touched the faith of some believing soul years ago with some miserable sneer of yours, with some cynical and skeptical disparagement of God and of the man who is the utterance of God upon the earth. You taught the soul that was enthusiastic to be full of skepticisms and doubts. You wronged a woman years ago, and her life has gone out from your life, you cannot begin to tell where. You have repented of your sin. You have bowed yourself, it may be in dust and ashes. You have entered upon a new life. You are pure today. But where is the skeptical soul? Where is the ruined woman whom you sent forth into the world out of the shadow of your sin years ago? You cannot touch that life. You cannot reach it. You do not know where it is. No steps of yours, quickened with all your earnestness, can pursue it. No contrition of yours can draw back its consequences. Remorse cannot force the bullet back into the gun from which it once has gone forth.

It makes life awful to the man who has ever sinned, who has ever wronged and hurt another life because of this sin, because no sin was ever done that did not hurt another life. I know the mercy of our God, that while He has put us into each other's power to a fearful extent, He never will let any soul absolutely go to everlasting ruin for another's sin; and so I dare to see the love of God pursuing that lost soul where

you cannot pursue it. But that does not for one moment lift the shadow from your heart, or cease to make you tremble when you think of how your sin has outgrown itself and is running far, far away where you can never follow it.

Thank God the other living thing is true as well. Thank God that when a man does a bit of service, however little it may be, of that, too, he can never trace the consequences. Thank God that that which in some better moment, in some nobler inspiration, you did ten years ago, to make your brother's faith a little more strong, to let your shop-boy confirm and not doubt the confidence in man which he had brought into his business, to establish the purity of a soul instead of standing it and shaking it, thank God, in this quick, electric atmosphere in which we live, that, too, runs forth.

LETTER FROM NEW JERSEY

By Bro. Vadasy

Dear Brother Editor:

As I sit here in my living room all alone, I am thinking of the happenings of the past few weeks, and especially of this past Sunday on which we had the pleasure of having Bro. Rocco Biscotti in our midst. By now you would have known of the Baptisms that have been performed here in New Jersey this past two weeks. We have had four new members come into the Church of Jesus Christ in Hopelawn Branch. The new members are all from Puerto Rico, and have brought into our Church a group of people from a new nation. The Lord blest us at these baptisms.

I would like to take the time to relate an experience that happened at Baptism two weeks from last Sunday. Brother Cattaro Ramos, one of the group to be baptized had a dream before his baptism. He dreamt that a large man came to him and told him that he was being baptized into our church. This brother answered yes, and this man then told the brother to wait and see what happens. Our Brother thought nothing of this until after his baptism, for a peculiar thing happened at his baptism.

On this day, Bro. Paul Benyola of Hopelawn, N.J. was the bap-

tist, and as he was preparing to immerse our brother into the life - giving waters, something came over this candidate as our brother was about to baptize him. He suddenly folded up as if he had a cramp, and Bro. Paul could not go through with the baptism as the brother was holding on to him, and Brother Paul had a hard time to manage holding him. Brother Paul called to the brothers on the shore "Help Brothers" and Brother Frank Riveria who was prompted by the Lord ran to Bro. Paul and started praying in Spanish, and while this prayer was being offered, our candidate who is quite tall was in some manner held at least twelve inches above the water. As soon as Bro. Riveria finished his prayer, the powers of evil that were there disappeared and our brother continued with the baptism. Here we find where Satan tried to the bitter end to prevent our brother from being baptized, but through the prayer which was offered, Satan's power was dispelled. This was only the beginning of the Blessings of the Lord which were to pour out upon us, the saints in N.J.

As you know the Lord many times sends us visiting Brothers and Sisters to help lift us up, and also to encourage us to keep on this narrow path that we have chosen.

This past Sunday, words cannot express the blessings that were poured upon us from on high from early morning to late at night. Early Sunday morning we had another baptism at which the Lord blessed us. After the Baptism, many of the Saints from the various Missions and Branches gathered at New Brunswick Church because Bro. Rocco Biscotti was to be there all day. The morning meeting was taken up in preaching and Brothers Biscotti gave us a wonderful talk and all of us were very happy and glad to hear our Brother.

The afternoon meeting was a meeting of testimony in which all the visiting Elder Brother gave testimony of the goodness and mercy that our Lord has extended them while they have been in the Church. Also a few of the Brothers and sisters were anointed and a wonderful spirit of revival took place among the mem-

bership.

The Poet says in Hymn 373, "Welcome Best of All Good Meetings," so it was that the meeting of the Young People was the end of a perfect day of giving honor to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. At the beginning of this meeting a spirit of singing came upon our young people and the hymns of our Church rang loud and clear, a sign that the Blessings of God were descending upon us. I, being President of the M.B.A., seeing this and knowing that Brother Biscotti is very much interested in the young of the church, requested our Choir to render a few hymns before he took over the meeting to tell us of his trip to Italy and his experiences while there, and also telling us of the conditions of the Saints in Italy. To me, as I sat there it reminded me of Paul on his missionary journeys as we read in the Bible.

Bro. Biscotti stirred the hearts of everyone attending this meeting and our hearts cried out to the Lord that He may send His richest blessings down upon the Brothers and Sisters in Italy. Our hope and continual prayer is, that the Lord will in some way find an opening to continue this great and marvelous work among our Italian Brothers and Sisters.

As Bro. Biscotti finished his talk, Bro. Paul Benyola, who is Vice President of the M.B.A. showed me Hymn No. 184, "The Star Spangled Banner" and I was in agreement with him that it was an appropriate hymn to sing at this time. We arose and sang the hymn, and as we were singing the Lord's Blessings came upon us, showing us what a wonderful land we have here, the promised land to His chosen people. This as you can see was an end of a perfect day in which the Glories of God shone brightly upon us.

To continue giving us more food for our Souls, Bro. Biscotti held a meeting in Hopelawn Branch Monday evening and preached a wonderful sermon upon the theme that we should give ourselves wholly unto the Lord. A wonderful meeting which was enjoyed by all.

May the Lord bless and keep us all in the constant prayer of the Saints here in New Jersey.

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FOOLISH MAN

Foolish Man, some day you'll journey

For the last time, then you'll know

That the treasures you'd take with you,

Must remain on earth, below;

But what you would leave behind you,

As a witness speeds ahead...

For the one thing that goes with you

Is your conscience, when you're dead.

Catherine Poma.

FROM THE RECORD

On a Korean island 300 people anxiously waiting for their chance to flee southward away from Communist domination started Bible-study classes. Their only Bible was barely legible, because it had arrived tied to the belt of a man who swam to the island. It is important news that the American Bible Society soon gave those people 300 New Testaments in Korean.

The words inscribed on our Liberty Bell, "Proclaim Liberty throughout the land, unto all the inhabitants thereof," are from the Bible—Leviticus 25:10. Today the Bible is proclaiming liberty in many lands; for whether a man reads in English, THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE, or the same words in Bolivian Quechua, VERDADTAJ LIBRASUNKACHEJ, his Bible speaks to him of hope, love, faith and redemption. Every hour of every day 1,800 copies of the Scriptures are being delivered where they are desperately needed. These are in English, Korean, Spanish, German, Russian, Greek, Japanese, Chinese, and 150 other languages and dialects. By time-tested methods our Society gets these Scriptures to people who want to read, in the language they can read.

The Bible Society is doing a valiant job, but it needs more money at once.

We need YOU in this great mission. Your 1953 gift will make you a continuing partner in proclaiming liberty.

I hope you will join me in sending your gift today.

Sincerely yours,
LOWELL THOMAS

P.S. The American Bible Society is certainly doing a wonderful work throughout the world in distributing God's word to the near, and far-off remotest parts thereof, and in its many languages. It seems very strange too, that in the present day of enlightenment that there are so many, not only afar off, but near at hand who knows so little of the "word" and some who never saw a Bible.

It is surely a blessing to the benighted people of every nation of today, to have an opportunity to read the story of Jesus. May the Lord bless every effort for good in this bewildered and war-trodden age. (Editor).

"Half Has Never Been Told"

By Sadie B. Cadman

A desire in the heart of King David,

A house for his God to prepare.

For the Ark and His Spirit a dwelling

And His people could worship Him there.

So he gathered the iron and the silver,

And the brass and the offerings of gold;

And the people of Israel gave willingly,

But the half: it has never been told.

But God gave a warning to David,

Thou shalt not build a house for my name.

But to Solomon, give thou the pattern,

And instructions to him, I'll explain.

And the temple was built in great splendor,

And the sacrifice offered to God,

Who consumed it with fire sent from heaven,

But the half: it has never been told.

Kings and Queens of the earth we are told,

Sought the wisdom of Solomon of old;

Placed in his heart by the great Almighty

For their secrets and glory unfold.

With questions hard, the queen of Sheba came,

Hearing Israel's King Solomons great fame

And said, beholding the greatness and wonders,

Thy wisdom; not half has been told.

So we read of many bright mansions

That Jesus went to prepare, For the saints who on earth have been faithful,

Will rest with Him over there.

There will be no more sin or sorrow,

There, we shall never grow old And the joys that there await us,

Not half: has ever been told.

Conference In Monongahela

The General Conference of The Church of Jesus Christ met here in Monongahela on April 3rd at two p.m. as was appointed. There was a fairly good number of Elders present for the after-noon and evening meetings, and many more arrived on Saturday morning. We had brethren here from California, New York, New Jersey, Ohio, Michigan, and from many places in Pennsylvania and a number from Ontario, Canada. Our brethren are always glad to meet one another in Conference.

Our business sessions are generally confined to the Elders, with the exception of Saturday evening session, is usually open to all our members who may wish to attend.

The business was all dealt with as usual, the election of general Church Officers, the Presiding Elders of the various Branches of the Church. Bro. W. H. Cadman was still retained as president of the Church, with Bros. Charles Ashton and Thurman Furnier as Counsellors. Bro. A. B. Cadman was retained as President of the twelve Apostles. Bro. Cliff Burgess of Windsor, Ont. as president of the Evangelist's.

There are some items of our business which takes up considerable time, and among them is the preaching of the Gospel among the Indian people on this Western Hemisphere, a subject we are very much interested in. There are several Reservations we are laboring on. Sometime ago the West

Side Branch of the Church in Detroit bought a Station Wagon (Automobile) to carry on with on the Muncey Reserve in Canada. In this Conference we decided to help the Windsor, Ont. Branch to buy one for their work on the Six Nations Reserve near Brantford, Ont. So on Saturday evening, we passed the hat around gathered close to 400 dollars towards it besides, at the close of Conference we found almost 170 dollars in our free-will offering boxes, making all told better than \$550.00, so we are sending a cheque to the brethren in Windsor for \$1000.00 to help them buy a station wagon to carry on with the work among the Indian people, And, may the Lord bless their efforts. All told, we had five busy sessions of business, which came to an end on Saturday night about 10:00 o'clock. But before dispensing with the business part of the Conference, I want to mention the fact of Brother Biscotti of Cleveland, Ohio, who, while we were in Conference six months previous, was in Italy laboring in the vineyard in his native land. He made an interesting report of his labors in the Saturday after session. While we were interested in his report, yet we heard of conditions that are very bad in Italy. It makes one wonder: If the Catholic Church is the true Church of Christ, and which has been dominant in Italy for so many centuries, why are they so poverty stricken, and too, many of them have never seen a Bible. Our brother reports, that those who had a little work, were liable to lose their jobs if they were baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ. Jesus said while here on earth that many would say Christ is here, and Christ is there and He says: believe them not. Something seriously wrong, is there not?

On Sabbath Morning (Easter Morn) a large crowd gathered at the Church here in Monongahela. The sun was shining bright on the outside, and on the inside everybody's face seemed to be shining bright with the sun - light of God, and of the risen Redeemer, yea, the very heavens was declaring the Glory of the Risen Lord. — the surroundings were manifesting His handy-work. It makes me think of David, when he called on all things and creatures, even the dragons to praise

God. May I ask. Who else deserves our praise except Him who triumphed over death on that Easter Morn of long ago?

Instead of Superintendent Idras Martin, conducting our Sabbath School as usual, that is in classes, he had the school to gather at 9:15 and spent one hr. in singing and speaking. Bro. Miller of Detroit, and Bro. Paul Benyola from New Jersey, I believe were the speakers for the occasion. Bro. John Majoros of the Monongahela Church lead the singing, and a very nice hr. was spent. We then gathered on the upper floor for our regular preaching service appointed for 10:30.

Well, the congregation gathered for the occasion was a beautiful sight to look upon. There were people of various nations and races, gathered together in honor to their God. It made me think of the language of the prophet in which he says: "And many nations shall say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths," etc. Yea, I must add, that there is only one way to have peace in this world, and that is: abide in the ways of Jesus, and walk in His paths.

Our upper floor was filled to capacity, and running over, for many had to stand, and many had to remain on the lower floor where they were served with a Loud Speaker, and I understand, it served them very well.

Brother Paul D'Amico of Lockport, N. Y., introduced, or opened the service, and in his prayer, remembered our sick and afflicted ones who were not able to be present. He was the first speaker in this service, and was followed by Bro. V. J. Lovalvo from Calif., then Bro. Ashton, Bro. Furnier of Detroit, Bro. Meo from Calif., all took part in the speaking. Bro. Lovalvo gave Sister Sadie Cadman an invitation to bear her testimony. She, for her first time of ever being in any of our meetings, accompanied Bro. W. H. Cadman to our Conference Sunday Morning Meeting (Easter Sunday) in 1901, better than 52 years ago, here in Monongahela in the Odd Fellows Hall on Second St. A few months later she became the wife of Bro. Cadman, and not long after, she was baptized in the Church. Well, time has made changes. She has

four daughters now, all members of the Church, also two of her grandchildren.

Well, to you who could not be present, we had a wonderful time on this Easter Sunday Morning. Our singing and speaking, and the very atmosphere was heavenly. It was after 1:00 p.m. when we closed the service. We will have a general gathering in Youngstown, Ohio, the last Saturday and Sunday in July, 1953 and will gather in our semi-annual conference in Hopelawn, N. J., the first Saturday in October 1953. Again in Monongahela in April 1954. May the Lord bless you all. Sincerely,

BAPTISM

Will Baptism Alone Save Us?

By Thurman S. Furnier

Whom then can be saved? Will baptism alone save us? I refer you to the words of King Benjamin, Mosiah 4: 5-13 "For behold, if the knowledge of the goodness of God at this time has awakened you to a sense of your nothingness, and your worthless and fallen state; I say unto you, if ye have come to a knowledge of the goodness of God, and his matchless power, and his wisdom, and his patience, and his long suffering towards the children of men, and also, the atonement which has been prepared from the foundation of the world, that thereby salvation might come to him that should put his trust in the Lord, and should be diligent in keeping his commandments, and continue in the faith even unto the end of his life; I mean the life of the mortal body; I say, that this is the man who receiveth salvation, through the atonement which was prepared from the foundation of the world for all mankind, which ever were ever since the fall of Adam, or who are, or who ever shall be, even unto the end of the world; And this is the means whereby salvation cometh. And there is none other salvation, save this which hath been spoken of; neither are there any conditions whereby man can be saved, except the conditions which I have told you. Believe in God; believe that he is, and that he created all things, both in heaven and in earth; believe that he has all wisdom, and all power, both in heaven and in earth; believe that man doth not comprehend all the things which the Lord can comprehend. And again: Believe that ye must repent of your sins and

forsake them, and humble yourselves before God; and ask in sincerity of heart that he would forgive you; and now, if you believe all these things see that ye do them. And again I say unto you as I have said before, that as ye have come to the knowledge of the glory of God, or if ye have known of his goodness, and have tasted of his love, and have received a remission of your sins, which causeth such exceeding great joy in your souls, even so I would that ye should remember, and always retain in remembrance, the greatness of God, and your own nothingness, and his goodness and long suffering towards you, unworthy creatures, and humble yourselves even in the depths of humility, calling on the name of the Lord daily, and standing steadfastly in the faith of that which is to come, which was spoken by the mouth of the angel; And behold, I say unto you, that if ye do this, ye shall always rejoice, and be filled with the love of God, and always retain a remission of your sins; and ye shall grow in the knowledge of the glory of him that created you, or in the knowledge of that which is just and true. And ye will not have a mind to injure one another, but to live peaceably, and to render to every man according to that which is his due." (Read the balance of the chapter).

And the first fruits of repentance is baptism; and baptism cometh by faith, unto the fulfilling the commandments; and the fulfilling the commandments bringeth remission of sins; and the remission of sins bringeth meekness, and lowliness of heart, and because of meekness and lowliness of heart, cometh the visitation of the Holy Ghost, which Comforter filleth with hope and perfect love, which love endureth by diligence unto prayer, until the end shall come, when all the saints shall dwell with God." (See Moroni 8:25, 26).

I now cite your mind to the words of Christ as given to Mormon: "And it shall come to pass that whoso repenteth and is baptized in my name, shall be filled; and if he endureth to the end, behold, him will I hold guiltless before my Father, at that day when I shall stand to judge the world. And he that endureth not unto the end, the same is he that is also hewn down and cast into the fire, from whence they can no more return, because of the justice of

the Father; And this is the word which he hath given unto the children of men. And for this cause he fulfilleth the words which he hath given, and he lieth not, but fulfilleth all his words; And no unclean thing can enter into his kingdom; therefore nothing entereth into his rest, save it be those who have washed their garments in my blood, because of their faith, and the repentance of all their sins, and their faithfulness unto the end. Now this is the commandment, Repent, all ye ends of the earth, and come unto me and be baptized in my name, that ye may be sanctified by the reception of the Holy Ghost, that ye may stand spotless before me at the last day. Verily, verily, I say unto you, this is my gospel; and ye know the things that ye must do in my church; for the works which ye have seen me do, that shall ye also do; for that which ye have seen me do, even that shall ye do; Therefore if ye do these things, blessed are ye, for ye shall be lifted up at the last day. (See 3rd. Nephi 27: 16-22).

In conclusion: Baptism in itself does not save a person. I am afraid many are in a spirit of complacency (inward satisfaction) and because of having been baptized by one having priesthood authority, have become negligent, care-free and indifferent. The results are that these are without the direction of the Holy Ghost, and have wandered off into many strange paths, lost in the mist of darkness, which has enveloped the peoples of this world. Brothers and sisters let us stir ourselves into action. The Apostle Paul taught as follows: Romans 13: 10-14. "Love worketh no ill to his neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand; let us therefore cast off the work of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof.

Thread of Excuses

Thought perhaps I might reflect a little gospel light and love

to you through this letter. Given through the Lord Jesus who was manifested in these latter times in the restored gospel, which was desired before the restoration in John Wesley's day's, but never founded by him.

Knowing how in times, past, people were carried away in Moses day by worshipping dumb idols that could neither move nor speak, But how in latter times they would be carried away by these mechanical idols that move, make light, and speak — that seem alive with spirit — complex idols of this world. Yea even some of our own people are being led by the thread of those excuses. Which was spoken of in the book of Mormon. This same evil thread, the evil one leads you by, till he has you in his everlasting chains of misery and woe, if they are not turned from the error of their ways, they will eventually perish in their sins.

Who shall free them from their prison of worldliness, going down into Egypt. How sitist they, some at the table in the Lords house and eat with one foot in the world — and eat also at the table of the world, — for will not one eating, sicken them at the other? Will they not sicken of the Lords house and despise afterwards to do good — they become victims of their own circumstances, turned to their own vomit, Yea rather they shall find no satisfaction or peace in the Lord, neither shall they find rest for their weary feet, unless they repent.

Dear Brother, for this cause, Moses, returning from the mountain top, beheld the people worshipping the golden calf — who in his godly anger, broke the tablet of stone. The children of Israel were sorely reproved by God, who commanded Moses to place a serpent of brass on a pole, everyone that looked upon it, escaped the wrath of God, but the others perished — symbolic of Christ in these latter times, that everyone who looked upon the risen Christ, and repented and was baptized by authority could be spared from God's wrath through obedience to the Restored Gospel — but through disobedience must be cut off.

This same God that shall reprove this generation — also they that are in the Restored Gospel, for it is written, the judgements of God will begin at His house. This same God who with His fin-

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EDITORIAL

To the readers of the Gospel News, I have been very busy making preparations for a trip to California. This is the June paper that I am now preparing to place in the hands of the printer before leaving home. This date is April 20 and the ground is white with snow. Brother and Sister Bittinger, my wife and I expect to start tomorrow in the Bittinger car for the west coast to visit our brothers and sisters in Calif. We expect to spend Sunday the 26th at our Church in St. John, Kansas and if all goes well, we will attend a Conference on May 2 and 3 at our Church in San Diego, Calif. This will be my first trip that far west, and we hope to be able to give an interesting account hereof in a later issue of these columns. This issue will be printed while I am away, and it may be a little late in June when it reaches you but I will do the best I can, and try and not be too late with it. The May paper is now in the mail sack and will be delivered to the post office on May 1. By that time I expect we will be in Calif. Best wishes to you all.

P.S. We are placing the material in the hands of a Printing establishment in Detroit, for the publishing of the Book of Mormon in the Italian language, it is a big job for us, and we will need considerable finance to carry on with the job. Everybody get busy and help us along. These books will sell at approximately \$3.00 each. All readers of this little paper who feels inclined to help us along, I assure you that your help will be much appreciated. Send in your orders to our Librarian, James Campbell, 231 Vine Street, Monongahela, Pa., or to D. Moraco, 11422 N. Martindale, Detroit 4, Michigan. Sincerely Editor.

ger has written upon the dead stone Tablet in the mountains, the ten commandments, this same law applied to the hearts of the children of Israel and lived

—became the faith of the spirit of Christ living in their hearts, —in latter generations were made flesh through the condescension of God in the Spirit — which was called God in the flesh. This same Christ Jesus would write upon the hearts of man in the latter days in the Restored Gospel, His law and commandments — who has now ascended to His Father God to answer for all, for all who live and follow Him, for unless they repent, it would be better that they never known Me. For it is written, thou shall have no other gods before Me, and thou shall worship the Lord thy God with all thy mind, heart and soul. Think Brothers and Sisters how shall we escape the wrath of the living God, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, if we become victims of the things of this life, the idols that get in our hearts that lives off the life of Christ in us, and robs us of our virute, God forbid, did not Christ say He would write His law upon the minds and hearts of His people, with the finger of His spirit? "Yea," and does He not through our experiences and trials, and mistakes under the law of Grace, write His laws individually and collectively in our minds and hearts, if we continue through obedience to the restored Gospel, seeking His forgiveness for our wrongs, knocking upon His door in prayer, walking in faith serving Him in spirit and truth, loving one another forgiving one another, will He not forgive us when we ask?

Yea, Brethren and Sisters, He will always open the door to those who serve Him. If they in Moses day escaped not from breaking the law in their hearts, how shall we escape the wrath of God? Brethren and Sisters, war not with one another, neither give wrong judgement—for good judgement is better than sacrifice. Love one another, for God is Love. May His blessings rest upon you through the everlasting sacrifice, Amen. Bro. Ishmael Humphrey, P. S. This was dictated to me by the spirit of the Lord — I am only the instrument in His hands.

'A Tenth of What I Leave'

Realizing that the church is not too well supported financially, brother Anthony Micale of Stelton, N.J., proposes the following suggestion.

"Many of the brothers and sis-

ters have gained notable material possessions during their lifetime. Much or all of this success is due to God's blessing and favor. Yet at the death of a brother or sister there is seldom a any material return made to God's work or His church. Often all of the estate of the deceased goes to an unbeliever or someone not needful.

"It is my suggestion that we all scan our wills to be sure some of what we leave goes to the church and its missionary endeavor. Every business needs finances; our church is no exception. If we have no will (very poor practice if we are up in years) compile one soon with stipulations that the church inherit some of the wealth we leave. It might be still better if we made it a specification that the funds be left in the hands of the local branch or mission to which we belonged when we died.

"Further, I think one-tenth is little enough to leave behind for the church. My inheritors certainly will not miss this small part, what with nine-tenths to divide. Yet a tenth of my estate (whether \$1 or \$1,000) may be just what is needed to launch a church enterprise.

"Give a thought, brothers and sisters. Is it not a pleasant feeling to know we can be of service to our church even after we pass on? I know it is, and so I say 'A tenth of what I leave goes to the Church of Jesus Christ.'"

Written by Brother George Funkhouser at the request of brother Anthony Micale.

MY TESTIMONY

Brother Editor:

Here and there, it seems there is a human being who needs a depth of love, compassion, mercy and understanding. This person is seeking and longing to satisfy needs, which human beings, no matter how kindly they may be can satisfy. Such a person has found life excruciatingly lonely, with hurts that seemed to gnaw away its very soul. With such an agony, one does not doubt or seek an explanation of the words in the gall of bitterness—one has lived with it too long. Almost as a friend so close has been the despair, yet the soul's worst enemy it is in fact.

This person always found it hard, seeing his own weakness

of the flesh and of others, but finding few who felt the desire of a haven of peace, set this person on a pilgrim way early in life. Even in young years, fatigue seemed to dog its footsteps. And the futilities of life, left but a dismal void, until one cry out—"Oh soul, Where is Thy rest, Where is Thy Communion Sweet?"

Then there came a time when this truth so long sought, seemed to exist in fact with all its sweetness and goodness. Like one sister spoke of another sister who had partaken of this love, as Christ alone can give that was like a Piece of sweet Bread. Its satisfaction is complete, there is no more longing of the soul. Then alone does one have ample to fill from one's own, another's cup. Then "Labor is rest, and Pain is sweet, if Thou O Lord art there."

And truly I felt—His Grace, Beauty, Tender love has truly won my heart; And here I lean in sweet repose, And never could I part.

Such was my experience with dreams and other blessings to reassure my strivings to progress. To lift one above the beggerly elements of the flesh, the cares of this life. And no longer must I ask, "Where is Heaven?"—but truly answer as one who knows. There have been experiences to indicate that friends and family would someday share this joy, and one showing of strength to take care of my children as pleasing to the Lord.

But most of all the promise of His Abiding and tender love. For with this I can leave all things in His Hands, and in patience abide. One experience I particularly cherish next to when I first received His blessed reassurance. This was on Easter, a few years back when His presence was so real I could not raise from the hilly of the valley, as I dug among them and thought of the nature of the Lord. The strength to abide in His love, for the loneliness and longing for the little boy the Lord saw fit to take.

It was like the Christmas I first knew hope when I sat alone in a hospital corridor and knew the love which made all things good. And quite recently when I was anointed, and knew once again that in patience I would possess my soul. And have strength for the day.

I trust that all my Easters al-

lotted in this life might be with the joy of the former one mentioned, and through all eternity. Then life is good, joy is boundless, death truly has no sting, and the tomb no victory.

As my responsibilities have increased spiritually, I need to walk more certain and steadfast in the truth. This is difficult, but worth all the endeavor one can accomplish.

I like the Chinese proverb which is much the same as the Lord has gently taught me—"It is better to see once than to hear a hundred times"—And the words of an old hymn the saints used to sing, "All the hopes that sweetly start from the fountain of the heart, All the bliss that ever comes to all the earthly human homes, All the voices from above, Sweetly Whisper—God is Love. Sister Louise Robinson, Larned, Kansas. (May God bless you Louise. Bro. Cadman).

AN EXPERIENCE

I dreamed I was carried away. I appeared to be on a large white cloud. I saw a house, but I could not see anyone around. So I went into the house. I saw a man working inside. The house was not finished except where the man was working. He was putting in seats, and I wondered if he was going to hold church meetings there. I ask him if he was, and he answered: ARE YOU STILL WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING? Don't you know the Lord has commenced to gather the House of Israel to prepare for His coming? Then I awoke. It was 4 a. m., and I could not rest until I got up and wrote the dream down. Brother Mitchel Shaffer, P.S. Brother Shaffer tells me that his mother was a full-blooded Indian. The Church of Jesus Christ is firm in the knowledge given us in the Book of Mormon, that the American Indians are a remnant of Israel. The prophets are very plain in the Bible and the Book of Mormon that the House of Israel shall be gathered to the lands of their inheritance before Jesus comes again. The gospel has been restored for that very purpose. (Editor).

A Letter

In looking over my files, I run across a copy of a letter written in 1949 in response to a letter written to me by a subscriber of the Gospel News. It might give

us all something to think about, even though we may not entirely agree. It is as follows:

Dec. 23, 1949

Sister , I am in receipt of your letter relative to my reference to eating swines flesh in my Article in the Gospel News. The scripture I quoted is the command of God through His servant Moses to His people Israel.

I am well aware that Christ fulfilled the law of Moses. But I think we should be careful and not take advantage of His words. I met an old Sister yesterday, and she mentioned that matter to me, and she is like me, if certain things was not good for the Jews and all Israel to eat, will you explain in what way they became good for us to eat? The Gentile world is full of disease, and undoubtedly it is what we are eating today that is at the root of it. And, it is being transmitted through nature to our off-spring. I fail to see where the nailing of Christ to the Cross had any effect upon things that are not good for food. But of course it is up to the individual to eat what he wishes, but if I stick my hand in a box where a Rattle Snake is, I have no right to claim the promise of God that the bite will not hurt me.

You make reference to what goes into the mouth does not defile a person, but it is that which cometh out, etc. Do you take from that scripture, that strong drink defileth not a man? Am I to believe that it is good for me to deliberately eat poison of any kind and expect to get by, by simply calling on the name of the Lord? The Hebrew children along with Daniel refused to defile themselves with the Kings meat. I heard of an instance where one used that scripture with a Minister, to justify the use of tobacco. The Minister sort of laughed at him, and says, you people have that scripture learned off by heart. I heard one of my old brothers declare publicly: "I know that tobacco has ruined my health." If his body has not been "defiled" with tobacco going in, what other name have we got for it? Strong drink goeth in, and it certainly degrades and degenerates a man.

You make reference to partaking the sacrament unworthily. I concede the followers of Christ may do so, but can you apply that to the whole Gentile world? If the

world is so full of disease, which it is, and there is no doubt in my mind that it is due to diet and in so many other ways abusing their bodies; shall the people of God be exempt when they are living the same way? We have an account in our history where one of our brethren drank some lie in a mistake; he claimed the promise of God, the results were, no harm done. It would have been a different story, had he done it intentionally.

You make reference to the poor woman that touched His garment, and especially the 26th verse tells why she had never been healed before. I fail to see where that verse says as you say. It is an instance that I oft refer too; The extremity of man is God's opportunity. She done all that she could to help herself, and had thus far failed. She had, no doubt heard much of Jesus, and when she had an opportunity, she reached forth her hand and was healed. I do not see your point in referring to this matter in connection with what I referred too in my article. I wonder what caused that blood disease that was in her body? Was it taking sacrament unworthily? Her body had undoubtedly been defiled with something.

Sister: you make reference to James 5-14 to 17. If there is any sick among you. Does it necessarily mean that they had taken sacrament unworthily? I do not believe in passing judgement like that, something may have gone into their mouths that defiled their physical systems, may have eaten something that did not agree with them, and caused them to be sick.

You also mention about the Lord making raw-meat sweet. I presume you refer to the Nephite people in particular. While traveling through the wilderness, the Lord did bless them in that respect. Undoubtedly, while traveling through the wilderness their facilities and means for doing, were very meager, and the Lord supplied their wants in that way.

Well Sister: this takes lots of writing, and I have lots of it to do. But I want you to know that I firmly believe that the things God forbid Israel to eat, are just as abominable for us to eat. And surely the Lord God in His mercy has saved us in many ways from sudden death and trouble, by serving Him as best we can un-

der the circumstances. If you will turn to page 11 of "Religious Experiences" you will find that my father entertained the same thoughts about our diet. I did not express my-self as I did in the article, to try to impose anything upon any one, but to give our people something to think about. If the people of God live as do the world, they will suffer with the world is my conviction. In Religious Experiences, page 12, my father applies the 65th chapter of Isaiah to us Gentiles, and the 4th verse speaks of abominable things in their vessels.

A few years ago a twelve year old child was brought into our meeting here to be anointed, she already had one limb amputated because of cancer. I do not know how she is, they do not live here. I was in a home in Ohio not long ago, there was a sixteen year old boy who had one arm amputated from the same cause. The papers are full of these conditions today. I read in the paper about a year ago of one of our large hospitals, wherein when a child was born, the first thing they did, was to put the babe through some kind of a process, in order to draw the cigarett poison out of its little system. Surely this kind of a condition should not be among the people of God. But it will be if we live as do the world.

My Bible teaches me that the Lord changeth not. Paul says the law was added because of transgression, it became compulsory. The law was fulfilled in Christ, but if we eat that which God has pronounced "Abominable" — eat it deliberately, we shall, and should suffer the consequences. I read when men gave a tithe previous to the giving of the law (apparently of their own free will) but under the law it was compulsory. Any one can give a tenth freely today if he is so minded. But that which was abominable to the Lord at one time, cannot be pleasing to Him now.

Sincerely, Bro. W.H. Cadman

Come Let Us Reason Together Saith The Prophet

Oft times I hear statements by speakers in public meetings concerning Noah, and the flood which are unscriptural, not only in the plainness of the word, but in sense as well. I believe it would be well to bring out the facts as recorded in the word of God. The

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

It has been taught that Noah was 100 years in building the Ark; where is it found in the Scriptures? It has been said that the Ark was built to save the world; where is it found in the word of God? I have heard more than once from the pulpit, that the rain that caused the flood, was the first rain — it had never rained before; I ask: where in the word of God can such a statement be supported? Let us peruse the scripture a little bit.

In Gen. 5-32, It says: Noah was 500 years old; and he begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. In Gen. 6-3, I read: "And the Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh, yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years." In verses 5, and 6, God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that the imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and in verse 7, God said that he would destroy both man and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls from off the face of the earth. But in verses 8 and 9, it says that Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. It says that he was a just man and perfect in his generations, and walked with God. In verse 13, God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

In Gen. 6-14, the Lord commands Noah to build an Ark, and instructs him how to build it. His determination is to destroy all flesh by water, verse 17. But in verse 18, the Lord establishes a covenant with Noah and his family, eight persons in all. They went into the Ark along with the designated animals, fowls, etc. They alone, were in the Ark and were saved from the destruction which befell the wicked world. God knew the hearts of all people. He instructed Noah to build an Ark for the saving of himself and his family. The scripture is very plain in that matter. The scripture does not say how old Noah was when he began building the Ark, but it does say that the

flood came in the six hundredth year of his life, and I wish to draw your attention to this fact: that while all people were destroyed from off the earth, except those who were in the Ark, it does not say nor imply that they all were eternally lost. For in First Peter 3-18, 19, 20, the Apostle informs us, that though Christ was put to death in the flesh, yet in the spirit, He (Christ) went to preach to the spirits in prison; Which sometime were disobedient, when once the long suffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the Ark was a preparing, etc. — From what is written here by Peter, it cannot be disputed from a scriptural stand-point, but what some of the antediluvians merited the mercy of God, and that the Father sent His son to visit, and preach to them, while His body lay in the tomb. And such has always been the faith of The Church of Jesus Christ.

Now, as to the rain in Noah's day being the first rain, where can the proof of such a statement be found in Holy Writ? I will answer that it cannot be found therein. As far as I have learned of men who take that attitude, they refer to Gen. 2-5, 6. It reads: 'And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew; for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground. But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.' The next verse gives the account of God forming man out of the dust, etc., which would be approximately 1650 years before Noah's time. To me I think it is preposterous for a mortal being to conclude from this scripture, that there was no rain on the earth for 1650 years, and especially when the scripture does not say so. Science may have concluded so, but, does not science dispute the Bible story of the flood being universal? A few years ago, I read of a group of young ministerial students at their school, debating the question as to whether the flood of Noah's time was universal or local. Their decision was: "the flood was a local affair." The Book of Mormon says in effect, that learning is good if properly applied, but when mortals allow their learning to step in between God's word and

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Signed: Bro. Giuseppe Buonfiglio

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Province of Cosenza

Dear Brother in our Lord Jesus Christ:

We are always happy to write of the things which God has done, especially to return thanks with much satisfaction for all that God does, knowing that He works in a mysterious way. It is wonderful to be in communion with God and to walk according to the way He has taught us. We know that the Doctrine of the Saviour and His Gospel is powerful to the extent to save all mankind if they but believe and

their own theories, they are treading on ground that angels would not dare do.

In Gen. 9 — beginning at verse 8, God makes a covenant with Noah, by setting a "bow" in the cloud as a token that He will not cut off all flesh any more by the waters of a flood, neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth. That is a matter that has been thoroughly understood by Bible readers throughout the ages. The earth has had its baptism of water, and it is the faith of The Church of Jesus Christ, that the earth will yet receive its baptism of fire. (WHC) P. S. May the Lord pity us poor mortals, for, We grow so soon, old; But we grow so late, smart.

obey. We are especially thankful that the Lord has been merciful upon us, poor gentiles, walking in darkness; and today we have been given the privilege to see and walk in the Light of the Gospel. If we prove faithful we know that one day we will meet Him face to face.

Dear Brother in Christ: I am very desirous to receive a letter from you and to hear of your counsels and spiritual advice so that the vineyard in this part of the world might produce more fruit for the Lord. I also pray that the Helmet of faith which you possess might illuminate the whole face of the earth, even unto the Salvation of all mankind.

I have been trying my best to perform the work of the Lord here in Italy, for there is much to be done. With our natural work on our hands we cannot spend as much time as we would like to, but nevertheless we do what we can. The Lord manifests himself among us in fellowship when our brothers and sisters bear testimony to the truthfulness of the Gospel. Dear Brother: I pray and hope that you will not forget or neglect us spiritually, nor temporally, for whatever the Church does for this part of the vineyard, will be reimbursed and repayed by the Lord.

I am enclosing a photograph of our group of saints taken as they

were leaving the house of worship on March 16, 1953. In the picture you will notice that I am holding the Bible in my hands, since I have been in charge of feeding the Flock of the Lord in Italy, Town of San Demetrio, Province of Corone.

In closing accept sincere regards from all the saints here to all there. Receive sincere regards also from me in the love of Christ and I remain:

Your Brother in Christ,
Giuseppe Buonfiglio

Please write a letter to the Saints of Italy.

MRS. MARIA FERNANDEZ PASSES ON

Sister Fernandez of Glassport, Pa., died at the age of 76 on April 1, 1953 in the McKeesport Hospital.

She was born in Portugal in October of 1876, and, before coming to Glassport five years ago, had lived in the district for forty years. Both she and her husband were baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ in Glassport some years ago, and she was faithful till the end of her journey. Her husband is not too well himself these days, he being well up in years. May the Lord bless and comfort him in the loss of his loved one.

The services were conducted by Bro. Anthony DiBattista and interment was in the Versailles Cemetery, McKeesport, Pa.

BROTHER JAMES CRALL PASSES ON

James E. Crall, beloved husband of Marjorie (nee Francis), father of Nancy; son of Elizabeth and the late Charles Crall of Monongahela, Pa., brother of Albert of Washington, D. C. and William of Cleveland, Ohio, step-brother of Harry B. Jacobs of Franklinville, N.Y. Residence 1490 E. 248 St. Cleveland. Funeral services were held in the Monreal Co. Funeral Home at Euclid Ave., and Shaw, on March 14, at 2 p.m.

Brother James died a young man. He was baptized a few years ago in the Church, but later married in Cleveland and after a siege of illness, has passed on

to his reward. His mother, Sister Elizabeth Crall, formerly of Monongahela is now making her home with her son William in Cleveland. Brother James was a nephew to brother Charles Sanders of St. John, Kansas. We extend our sympathy to his bereaved wife, mother and all his loved ones. May the Lord comfort you all.

LOUISE BRUNETTE PASSES ON

Sister Brunette of Brooklyn, N. Y., the widow of the late brother John Brunette, departed this life on April 5, 1953, age 74. She was born in Italy in July of 1879, immigrated to this country in 1916. She was married to John Brunette in 1895. Three sons and one daughter survive to mourn her passing.

Sister Brunette was baptized into the Church in 1928, and has been faithful to the end of her journey, and has now passed on to reap the reward that is laid up for her. Interment took place on April 9. Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Gabriel Mazzeo, who was assisted by Bros. Joseph Benyola, and John Galante. It is not often you hear of a hymn being sung at a grave anymore. But on this occasion, those who had worshipped God with Sister Brunette for many years, sang at her tomb in praise to their God, "Shed Not a Tear." Some time ago I stood by a grave with others and sang that same hymn. The care-taker remarked—"It is the first time I have heard a hymn sung in this cemetery for 25 years." Well, while death brings grief and sorrow, Solomon of old said: "It was better to go to the house of mourning, than it was to go to the house of LAUGHTER.

Bro. Cadman

MRS. IDA GIBSON PASSES ON

Sister Ida Mae Gibson, age 58, the widow of the late brother Clyde Gibson died at the home of her daughter near Monongahela on April 15. She had been poorly for a long time. She leaves to mourn her departure one son Theodore of Grindstone, Pa., one daughter Mrs. Marguretta Nusida

of Ginger Hill, near Monongahela, several grandchildren. Her aged mother, Sister Samuel Ringer of R. D. 1 Vanderbilt, Pa. She also leaves four sisters and five brothers and a host of friends to mourn her passing.

Sister Ida was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ about 40 years ago, and has now gone to her reward. Death has relieved her of her suffering, she had not been well for many years. May her soul find rest in the Paradise of God. Funeral services were conducted in the Kisinger Funeral Home in Brownsville, Pa. on April 18, Bro. Joseph Shazer of Vanderbilt in charge, while Bro. W. H. Cadman officiated at the grave in Flatwood cemetery. She was laid aside her husband who had preceded her in death just a few months ago. May the Lord comfort all her loved ones.

LETTER FROM SIX NATIONS RESERVE—ONTARIO

Dear Bro. Cadman:

Just a few lines to you this morning thanking you for the Gospel News which arrived in around about-way. However it found me and I am sure glad to get it, the first since I've been in the Church. It sure is nice to be able to read about what is going on in other Branches of the Church. You know I am not able to get around very much because of my leg. It seems that my good leg is giving out, and to walk as far as I do in order to get to church, really gets me down. It is nearly three miles to church and back; that is a long ways to walk on stilts.

I do not have any news of interest, other than we are having nice weather here. I believe this will be all for this time. Hoping this will reach you as it leaves me, still trusting in God. Please excuse my writing and give my best to all the saints. Respectfully your Bro. in Christ, Jobie Hill.

P. S. To you that may not know Bro. Jobie. In regards to it being hard on him walking so far, he has been unfortunate and has an artificial limb. I met him at Church the last time I was on the Reserve. He was in charge of the Sabbath School on that occasion, and he is a very nice singer.

Bro. Cadman.

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GOD'S MANSIONS

By Bro. Ishmael Humphrey
Many mansions of hope,
In the immensity of time
Fill the Bosom of God,
With truth sublime.

In a measure of peace,
"Lo," faith in elements suspend.
Mid Islands of bliss,
On whom—earthly mortals depend.

God's infinite love,
Is the binding force
Where the elements ding,
In their stately course.

Woven in a sacred carpet,
Of that heavenly sod
Where celestial angel feet,
In that glorious-Kingdom trod.

Oh morsel of faith,
Hope of today and tomorrow,
Written in trials of life
Through much grief and sorrow.

When life's many trials,
Are finished for me,
I shall make my abode
On God's endless sea.

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O thou, my soul, are buffeted
As on a stormy sea
A ship is tossed by angry waves
And rocked tempestuously.

I know the blessings of my Lord,
The peace they bring to me . . .
And yet, it seems some savage
horde
Is striving zealously;

To take them from thee, O my
heart,
And as from stem to stern
A ship is battered, rent apart,
Thus would you be, in turn.

And thus, would you be rocked
upon
The waters of the deep,
While swirling tides around you
rise,
The devil whispers, "Sleep!"

But no! For prayer is my sail,
My compass is God's Word,
And tho' they bellow, tho' they
rail,
Their plans shall prove absurd.

Eternal God, Thou see'st e'er
The conflict I may win,

Thou must my many trials share,
To keep me from chagrin.

Tho' I have naught to offer Thee,
My heart is Thine to hold . . .
So calm the waters of the sea,
That I may Christ behold!

Catherine Poma

A TRIP WEST

By W. H. Cadman

On Tuesday 11:40 a.m. April 21, 1953, Brother Joseph Bittinger and Wife, Brother W. H. Cadman and Wife started from Monongahela for a trip to the Western Coast. None of us had ever been that far west before. The trip was made in the Bittinger car.

There was snow on the ground when we left our home. Our first night was spent in a Motel just west of Richmond, Ind. We went from there to Carthage, Ill. where we visited the jail wherein Joseph Smith and his brother Hyrum were killed by a mob on June 27, 1844. It is a stone structure, and is owned by The Church of Jesus Christ of L.D.S. in Salt Lake City, Utah. The person in charge was very courteous in showing us through the building, and rehearsed much of its past history, especially that pertaining to the slaying of the Smith brothers, which of course is a dark blot in the history of the state of Illinois. The city of Carthage is a much larger place than I had thought of. It is a college town.

It was getting late in the day, but we left there for the city of Nauvoo, Ill., where the Smith brothers were taken from their homes to the aforementioned jail, only to be murdered in cold blood. Sorry, but we arrived there too late in the evening to have a guide take us through the city, and to observe the historical spots thereof. However, we called at the home of a member of the Utah church, and he very willingly got in our car and pointed out to us the places of interest, such as the home of the Smiths, their burial place, the home of Sidney Rigdon, and many other places of interest. Nauvoo is a lovely location on an elevation overlooking the Mississippi River. It was here where the Saints located, and in a very short time had built up a thriving city, after they had been driven out of the state of Missouri. On leaving Nauvoo, we drove to Monroe, Mo., and put up for the night.

We arrived in Independence, Mo., the next day at about noon. This is the city wherein the Headquarters of the Re-Organized Church of Jesus Christ of L.D.S. are located. It is also the home town of Ex-President Truman, in fact we were told that the home we slept in that night, was the boyhood home of Harry Truman. The town of Independence, and Jackson County are rich in history relative to the Church before the "breakup" which occurred through the death of its founder, Joseph Smith. The re-organized church has large holdings there, likewise, the Utah church has a Church there. An organization known as The Church of Christ has possession of the temple lot, which was designated by Joseph Smith in the year of 1831. We visited all these places mentioned while we were in the city. We called to see Apostle Wm. F. Anderson and his lovely wife at their home, and they insisted that we spend the rest of the day and night with them. We accepted, and appreciated their hospitality very much. The Andersons are members of the Church of Christ, which is commonly known as the "Temple Lot Church." They both are getting up in years, but entertained us wonderfully. Many thanks to them. While at their home, we met Apostle James Yates and his wife from California. They informed us of Apostle Wheaton bringing back with him a young Maya Indian from Yucatan. They have ordained him an Elder, and are tutoring him in their faith, in order that he might preach the restored gospel to his people. If I understand correctly, Apostle Wheaton will accompany him back to Yucatan. I met President Israel Smith while visiting in the Auditorium Building.

The next day, Friday (April 24th) we started for St. John, Kansas and we drove through heavy rains in eastern Kansas, but arrived safely in St. John about 3:30 p.m. Having lived in this town for eleven years, I had lots of old friends I wanted to see as well as to spend some time with our church people, but having left there in 1919, many changes have taken place, though I met up with many old friends and shook hands once more. Brother Bittinger and myself made our stopping place at the home of brother Sanders, while our wives

put up at the home of Sister Gertrude Bartle Burnett. At our meeting on Sunday, our folks from Wichita were present, also some from Larned, and Salina, all in Kansas, and with our members in St. John, we had a very good day together. Brother Sanders is aging, likewise brother and sister Jones of Wichita are far from being young any more, but I must say they are looking well and fine. We were all very glad to meet one-another again, and to sing the praises of God together, still bearing bright testimonies to the Restored Gospel. May the Lord still continue to bless our brothers and sisters in Kansas. One thing that somewhat saddened our stay in St. John, was the death of Sister Martha Morgan Ring's husband. He had been poorly for some time and died the evening before we left on our trip westward. We all had sympathy for the family.

We left St. John on Monday morning April 27th, for Trinidad, Colo., arriving at the home of brother and sister Cerame about five miles out of the city of Trinidad. It had been several years since I was at their home. They were glad to see us all, but sister Cerame is not a bit well. We had a short visit with them, having prayer and singing a hymn or two with them. They are both advancing in years and are getting feeble, and are mostly by themselves, their family all scattered around. May the Lord ever remember them.

On leaving their home, we headed for Raton, N. M., arriving there late in the evening, where we put up for the night. The altitude in crossing the mountains was about 8000 ft. and while Raton (quite a city) sets down in the valley, yet it has an altitude of 6600 ft. To me it was a lovely spot surrounded by high mountains.

The next morning we started off for Santa Fe, N. M., which is the oldest Capital City in the United States. We did not stay there long, but we found it to be a thriving and a very busy place. The buildings are low in construction, and I believe built much after the Spanish type of buildings. We went on to Albuquerque, N. M., which we found to be a growing city. Sister Louise DiBattista and her daughter live in this city. We hunted her up, and walked in on her very unexpected, but we were made welcome in their home. I knew Louise Framolino in Detroit when she was much younger than she is now. We had quite a visit and ate supper with them.

We slept in a Motel at Albuquerque and the next morning headed for Gallup, N. M. The route we took was very scenic going through the mountains. We went through Taos, N. M. It is an Indian town, and I suppose it has been there as long, and possibly longer than the name "New Mexico" has been. It is a very antique place. It rained and hailed on us while we passed through. It seemed like being in another country. We finally reached Gallup and at about noon we ate a late breakfast. These towns are mostly all one story buildings, and are of the Mexican or Spanish type. After we ate our breakfast I met an Indian lady in a store. I obtained her name and address, and I am now sending her the Gospel News. I also talked to a young Mexican girl, a clerk in the five and ten cent store. She told me that she was a full-blooded Mexican, born in this country. I am also sending her the Gospel News.

On leaving Gallup, we headed for Globe, Arizona. On this route we stopped at the Painted Desert. It is hard for a mortal to describe these places. I suppose there are thousands of acres of land not worth anything—so broken up, yet a beautiful sight, being composed of so many colors. The U. S. government has it reserved for tourists, and there are thousands who visit the place annually. Just after leaving this place, we passed through the famous 'Petrified Forest.' It is hard to believe or to realize without paying a visit to this pre-historic wonder. There are thousands of acres of fallen trees—when they fell? I know not, but today they are solid rock. In the Museum which is on the ground, they have quite a display of the ends of logs polished, and they are rich in colors—really beautiful.

While walking through the grounds, I ran across a tree lying there, apparently as it fell—but when did it fall? I stepped the length of it, and I made 27 big steps from one end to the other; it would of been much longer but for the fact, the top of it had disappeared. Strange, too, but about every four or five feet, the big logs are cracked in two. There is no growth on this land now, except what little grass is on the ground. These things gave me much thought upon Him, Maker of all things. One may ask: Why, and when did all these things happen? Is it a part of the play in the great drama that God has, and still is playing for the purpose of drawing His wayward creatures closer to Him for

their eternal redemption? Be that as it may, I like the saying of Paul in Romans 8-28—"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose." Personally, I always like to feel that God does all things well. But surely, He has moved in mysterious ways, And has performed His wonders. He has planted His footsteps in the sea, And has ridden upon the storm. Yes, Deep in unfathomable mines, Of never failing skill, He has treasured up His designs, And has worked His sovereign will.

In going through the Rio Grande Canyon where the river has washed deep into the gully, a large sign says it took 10,000 years for the river to wash its way down so deep. I believe it is in this same Canyon where there is a bed of lava 40 miles long—but where is the volcano? We went through the Salt River Canyon also, and it is a wonderful sight. We got out of our car to look—it made us dizzy to look down, and it made us dizzy to look up. What wonderful scenes.

I do not want to monopolize this issue with the account of our trip, and will conclude it in the next issue of the paper. I will add though, that we visited our places of meetings in Calif., and enjoyed ourselves very much. We visited an Indian Reservation while in the state. We visited the Cheyenne Reservation in S. Dakota and held meetings there. We met some of the Indian folks who visited our home about one year ago. Also visited an Indian settlement in Iowa. I will speak of these things more in detail in our next issue of the Gospel News. Bro. Cadman

VISITING FROM FLORIDA

Bro. Wm. (Billie) Tucker, with his wife and family, formerly of this place, but now residing at Tampa, Fla., are visiting with friends here in Monongahela.

"GOD WILL NOT FORGET"

This is a farewell poem, written for Geo. Walters, a member of the Roscoe Sunday School. George has enlisted in the Navy Air Corps and will leave sometime in June. I wrote this poem and read it at a Sunday School gathering we had for him.—Sister Mary Ward. (P.S. This poem is so long, I will write it out in prose which I believe will answer the purpose. WHC.)

We have come here tonight, to bid you adieu. Your Sunday School class And all your friends too.—Here's Betty our treasurer Who

keeps good account, Of the pennies and nickels That soon do amount. Velma our secretary who Writes in accord, the Things that we do In serving our Lord. — There's George and Mary, And Sister Irene, Who teaches the word Making Jesus their theme.—Now to be a teacher oft proves quite a task, To answer the questions The children do ask. — There's Mary and Guy and Poodgie they bring, Who join in the service of Christ our Great King. — Darlene and Alice, and Mary Ann, Who come to church Walking hand in hand.—Bonnie and Carol, Gerry and George, Who also come To worship the Lord.—Here Bucky and Dad Along with him too, Take their place with the rest, In the church pew.—Wanda and David are always here. To join in the praises we love to hear.—Now there are Brother and Sister Karelli, We call them our "Faithful Two" — For come rain or come shine, Or winds or snow They'll always be there, We have come to know. — Here's Bertha Jean Our pianist who, Plays our hymns We love to sing too.—Ella May and little boy, Who have joined Our Sunday School, To share our joy.—Sometimes there's a Shaeffer, A Kendall, Malee Whom we welcome, And greet wholeheartily.—Withal not omitting, Brother Al Cadman, Who comes quite a distance Assembled to be, One in the midst of our family.—Oh! I almost forgot, There's dear Brother Penn, Tho he cannot be with us, His blessings he sends. — These few I have mentioned, To keep in your mind, Altho you have gone And left us behind.—We'll love and we'll pray For your safe return, And oft in our hearts Your presence we'll yearn.—Now, there's one I haven't mentioned, Who is often our guest. And in my estimation As by far the best.—We praise Him in song and exalt Him in prayer, And oft in our lessons His presence is there.—And tho you forget The Johnsons and Wards, Waltz's and Griffiths and Martins too, Remember the Saviour, He will not forget you.

SAN DIEGO, CALIF.

We know you will all be interested to know that for the past few days we have had the pleasure of having our beloved Brothers and Sisters Cadman and Bittinger, here in San Diego. We have been joyously anticipating their arrival ever since we had first been advised that they were going to pay us a visit. They walked in on us

after our Thursday M.B.A. meeting, and after spending a week in fellowship with us, left for Los Angeles, intending to spend a few days with the saints there, and then continue on to Salt Lake City, or possibly further up North to Manteca, before returning home.

On Sunday, we held our conference meeting and had quite a gathering from various cities in California. Our brothers Cadman and Bittinger were among the speakers. While listening to our beloved Brother William Cadman speak, we couldn't help but liken him to another beloved Brother of olden days, Paul, as he exhorted and admonished and taught us in the ways of Christ, we thought that the disciples of old must have felt the same love and respect for Paul that we felt for our Brother William.

We must confess that during the meeting Sunday morning, our minds strayed occasionally, and watching the various brothers and sisters gathered together, we fervently prayed, 'O, Lord — How many of us will be gathered together up there on that glorious reunion day? Grant us faith that not a one of us shall be missing in that greatest of all Conference days where there will be no good-byes, ever.'

We ask an interest in your prayers, and may God bless you is my prayer thru Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Catherine Poma

BEHIND THE SCENES OF CONFERENCE

What makes a conference as we know it in the Church of Jesus Christ? Are the deliberations, discussions, decisions, the transactions of financial business, the quorum meetings, the exchange of various opinions and the utterance of thousands of words by many individuals; the primary forces which formulate the all-inclusive purpose of our conferences? I don't think so. In my estimation there are more vital factors which contribute to the ultimate activity and purpose of our conferences than normally appear on the surface. The important efforts which are contributed to the whole unit are operating many times in a quiet and unassuming manner.

To begin with, we have the wives of our conference-bound brethren, who days in advance—labor with infinite care in arranging and preparing our complete stock of traveling equipment in order that we may appear normally present-

able. Their energies are spent for our interest and welfare without the slightest degree of self thought.

After traveling long distances and even before we arrive at conference; we stop in at the numerous homes of our brothers and sisters. These kind church members not only expand their homes for us; but they even deprive themselves of their own beds, so that we may obtain rest for the night. How many times have our brethren and sisters slept on chairs and on floors in order that we might have the best they had to offer? They were the last ones to retire at night and the first to rise in the morning; so that we might have breakfast and be prepared to assemble at conference. Who can measure their contributions to the ultimate results of our gatherings?

At our assembled meetings while we discuss and formulate decisions, our sisters have altered their plans at home—in some instances placing our interest even before their children—so that they might assist in the preparation of various foods, and serve us brethren promptly and courteously during lunch time. Likewise, those who purchase the food, plan the various arrangements and distribute it in proper order; have discharged their responsibilities with the sole thought of performing their duties properly.

How often have we kept our church members and their families waiting long and late hours at their homes? While they worked all day making preparations to receive us with warm refreshing meals and clean comfortable beds; we were enmeshed in long and sometimes fruitless deliberations in our conference. Once again, can we measure in visible dimensions their contributions towards the success of conferences? We could focus our attention on many others who in various ways assist our cause; but space will not permit.

The innumerable kind acts of these many church members behind the scenes of our periodic conferences, many times have been taken too much for granted. These unselfish deeds have never been motivated for praises or honor; but out of their spontaneous and natural love, they have given the best that they had. Perhaps the parts these brothers and sisters play in in our church may not be sensational, or colorful, or outwardly conspicuous; but with unassuming manners and quiet consistency

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EDITORIAL

A few days ago I was handed a small pamphlet, titled "Mormons or Latter-Day Saints." It was copyrighted in 1950 by the Radio Replies Press, and printed in U.S.A.—Written by Rev. Dr. L. Rumble, M.S.C., evidently a Roman Catholic Clergyman. It is intended in particular for the Mormon Church, whose Headquarters are in Salt Lake City, Utah.—But in as much as the Book of Mormon is treated on, it involves any people who believe in the book, for mostly all such are referred to, as Latter-Day Saints, even though their particular church does not include such in their title. For this reason, I feel that I have a just right to comment on some of Rev. Rumble's statements relative to the Book of Mormon. But first, I wish to say that while the enemies of Joseph Smith, both Catholic and Protestant have little or no good to say of him, I feel to remind the Rev. that past history reveals the fact, that the enemies of the See, have very little good, if any, to say of some of its Pontiffs, and of many of the doings of the Catholic Church.

The Church of Jesus Christ with headquarters at Monongahela, Pa., is firm in the belief of the Book of Mormon. Joseph Smith is accused of teaching many things that neither the Bible and Book of Mormon does not sustain. But as for him living in polygamy, such has never been proved. Polygamy was for reproduction, and yet, his wife Emma is the mother of his children. I have read where she was interrogated on this matter after the death of her husband, and she answered in sense, that she was the only wife that Joseph had.

Now as to the comments of Rev. Rumble as to the origin of the Book of Mormon—He speaks of Joseph having the necessary psychopathic qualities for a "visionary" which Rigdon lacked, he said Mr. Rigdon went to Manchester, N. Y. and found a willing co-operator in Joseph Smith.

David Whitmer was associated with Joseph Smith in this work, and he has this to say: "Neither

Joseph Smith, Oliver Cowdery, Martin Harris or myself ever met Sidney Rigdon until after the Book of Mormon was in print. I know this of my own personal knowledge, being with Joseph Smith, in Seneca County, N. Y. in the winter of 1830, when Sidney Rigdon and Edward Partridge came from Kirtland, Ohio to see Joseph Smith for the first time in their lives." end of quote. Further, the Book of Mormon does not say that the American Indians are descendants of the lost TEN TRIBES of Israel—but it does teach that they are a remnant, or descendants of the one Joseph, who was sold into Egypt.

The Book of Mormon speaks of various animals including the horse, which were found here by the people who came from Jerusalem 600 B.C. Then he, Rev. Rumble says, and I quote him, "That it is 'certain' are not native here in America, having been introduced to that country by Europeans after its discovery by Columbus in the 15th century A.D. If the book were divinely inspired, that elementary mistake would not have been made." end of quote. The Rev. Dr. may be very bright, but he exhibits some ignorance here. I will quote from the 15th vol. of the New Standard Encyclopedia on page 483, issued by Funk & Wagnalls as follows: "Horse, Fossil. Remains of horses, often of extinct species, have been found in cave beds, river gravels, bone licks, and loess deposits in almost all parts of the world. Fossil horses of the age of Man are much like the existing species and are included for the most part in the same genus (*Equus*). They have been found in Europe, Asia, Africa, North and South America." end of quote. This certainly disproves the statement of Rev. Rumble as to when horses were brought to this continent. And the Fossil story certainly musters up proof for the Book of Mormon.

In translating and publishing the Book of Mormon, the pamphlet says: "No mention is made of any part in the work by Sidney Rigdon, the revivalist preacher who had such a facility in the quoting of scripture. The completed work was published as the 'Book of Mormon' in 1830." end of quote. May I ask the Rev. How could it be otherwise for Mr. Whitmer makes it very plain that Mr. Smith and Mr. Rigdon never met each other until after the book was printed. Mr. Whitmer was an honorable citizen

of Richmond, Mo., where, and when in 1887-88 he verifies his testimony to the Book of Mormon.

Now in regards to Lehi and his family coming to this land as described by Mr. Rumble, and relative to the youngest son, becoming the head of the tribe. I will give him a little more light on that matter.—Let me quote from "Ancient America" by J. D. Baldwin, Author of "Pre-Historic Nations." It should be good for the Rev. Dr. to read. In regards to the Peruvian Nation, "Ancient America has this to say: and I quote, "It was originated, he says, by a people led by four brothers, who settled in the Valley of Cuzco (Peru) and developed civilization there in a very human way. The youngest of these brothers assumed supreme authority, and became the first of a long line of sovereigns." end of quote. What a wonderful finding on the part of explorers! The Book of Mormon says that Lehi with his family left Jerusalem 600 B.C. There were four sons in his family, and the youngest one, Nephi, became at the head of a line of succession of kings, who carried on with his name. Yes, Rev. Rumble, Nephi became at the head, and the findings of the explorers bear out the fact. There were other sons born to the family after they left Jerusalem. I have quoted from page 264 of "Ancient America."

I quote Rev. Rumble as follows, "Again, Mormon is supposed to have engraven his record on the golden plates at least before 420 A.D., when they were entombed. How, then, did Mormon manage to incorporate in II Nephi, 1, 14, an expression clearly borrowed from Shakespeare's 'undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveller returns?' Mormon was writing over a thousand years before Shakespeare was born!" end of quote. This is really surprising. I will quote this passage as it is recorded. The verse in the Book of Mormon reads thus, "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."—And Rev. Rumble implies that it was borrowed from Shakespeare. Mormon was a servant of God. He had obeyed the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and even as in the Douay Version as well as in King James, in St. John 16, 13 that when "the spirit of truth is come, he will teach you all

truth." In the Douay Version as recorded in Genesis 11, 9 it says: "And from thence the Lord scattered them abroad upon the face of all countries." May I ask, would that not include the scattering of some people to this Western Hemisphere? And, is it not only reasonable that they would bring domestic animals with them, such as the cow and horse, etc.? You that are so well learned, why not use a little more reason in things that you don't know too much about?

I will quote the Douay Version again. Romans 10, 18, "But I say have they not heard? Yes, verily: their sound hath gone forth into all the earth; and their words unto the ends of the whole world." There was a people here when Columbus came and their record (Book of Mormon) says that Jesus Christ appeared unto them. Are we to exclude them from the ends of the world? Again I quote from the Douay Version, Colossians 1, 23, "If so ye continue in the faith, grounded and settled, and immovable from the hope of the gospel which you have heard, which is preached in all the 'CREATION' that is under heaven: whereof I Paul am made a minister."

According to these scriptures which are found in both Douay, and King James's Version, the words of God had gone to the ends of the world, and the Gospel preached to all the creation which is under heaven. When Columbus came here, he found a people on this side of the world. Their records show that Jesus Christ visited them, established His church among them and chose twelve disciples (not twelve Apostles as asserted by the Rev. Dr. Rumble) to minister unto them.

The antiquity discovered in North, South, and Central America, dates without doubt, beyond the days when Christ walked on the shores of Galilee. And the Douay Version, also King James, declares that people were scattered throughout the world at the confounding of languages, and surely they would keep a record of themselves in some way.—Freedom and and reason make us men; Take these away, what are you then?—Mere animals—just as well—The beasts may think of heaven or hell. Editor.

they fulfilled their individual responsibilities like active beavers building a dam.

Let us all join together then — especially we elders of the church,

who may under the pressure of our seemingly official importance, perhaps overlook the fact that we are so dependent on the efforts of so many others — and pay tribute to those whom tribute is really due. For upon the increase of brothers and sisters of this high caliber, must the church depend for its ultimate progress. These members are the life-line and backbone of our church. The role they activate in our midst is similar to the intricate gears in a fine watch. The gears may not be seen, but they move the indicators around the face of the watch which in turn records calculated time so perfectly. How great would the loss be to our church, if we were to be deprived of members with such accumulative consist energies and services? Therefore, by the same token, their supplemented support is our greatest gain. Members of this stature are truly indispensable. Bro. Patsy Marinetti, Rochester, N. Y.

THE BIRTH OF THE SPIRIT (HOLY GHOST)

By Thurman S. Furnier

The basic principles of the Gospel of Jesus Christ are: Faith, repentance, baptism (immersed in water) and the laying on of hands for the reception of the Holy Ghost. (The birth of the Spirit.) Obedience to each and every one of these principles are essential for our salvation. Previous issues of the "Gospel News" contain articles which I have written on the subject of faith, repentance and baptism. At this time I wish to treat on the subject, "The birth of the Spirit." It is the next step in the regular order of initiation into the fold of Christ, i. e. to secure the Holy Ghost. ("The birth of the Spirit") This being essential to enable us to pursue our course of duty in the service of God. That the Holy Ghost may be with us as an abiding gift, as a light to our feet and a lamp to our pathway through life. WHAT IS THE HOLY GHOST? It is written in our booklet, "Faith and Doctrine" No. 1, Section 2: "We believe the Holy Ghost to be the mind of the Father and the Son." In other words, it is the witness, by which we know God, and his Son Jesus Christ. The Apostle Paul says: "that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost." 1st. Cor. 12: Vs. 12 in part. One of the poets has written: "Tis eternal life to know him, O how he loves." And another: "When you know him, when you know

him, You'll love Him just as others do; A happy morn will dawn for you When you know my Jesus too." And still another: "O how you love him when you know him, know the Christ who died to set you free. On Calvary's cross his heart was broken, broken there for you, for me." The Apostle Peter knew Jesus, for the Father revealed himself unto him. See St. Matt. 16: 13-17: "When Jesus came into the coasts of Casarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, but whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven." Therefore it is an absolute necessity for the followers of Jesus Christ to obtain this gift, in order to please him, and to get the full benefit of that which is promised to his people.

The great Apostle to the Gentiles said: Rom. 14:17, "For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost." THE HOLY GHOST PROMISED AFTER BAPTISM: The following scripture proves this: John the Baptist said: Matt. 3:11, "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire." Jesus informed Nicodemus, a Pharisee and ruler of the Jews viz: St. John 3:5, "Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." On that eventful day of Pentecost, when the Holy Ghost was poured out upon the followers of Jesus Christ, and they began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance, many that were gathered there heard in their own tongue. Peter preached a wonderful sermon to them. Telling them that Jesus had been taken, and by wicked hands had been crucified and slain. "Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the Apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them,

Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." See Acts 2nd Ch. You will note that water baptism preceded the reception of the Holy Ghost. But says one, what about Acts, 10th. Ch. with reference to Cornelius and those that heard the word preached unto them at that time? They received the Holy Ghost before water baptism, didn't they? By reading the latter part of the chapter you will note "they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost." Please note the attitude which the Jews had about other nations, by reading the 28th. verse. "And he (Peter-TSF) said unto them, ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation, but God hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean." Therefore to confirm his word, "that God is no respecter of persons," God poured out the Holy Ghost upon the Gentiles, before water baptism, that the Jews would understand that "in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him."

The gifts of God are produced by the Holy Ghost: Book of Moroni 10: 8-18 (Compare 1st. Cor. 12: 1-11) "And again I exhort you, my brethren, that ye deny not the gifts of God, for they are many; and they come from the same God. And there are different ways that these gifts are administered; but it is the same God who worketh all in all; and they are given by the manifestations of the spirit of God unto men, to profit them. For behold, to one is given by the spirit of God, that he may teach the word of wisdom; And to another, that he may teach the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; And to another, exceeding great faith; and to another, the gifts of healing by the same Spirit. And again, to another, that he may work mighty miracles; And again, to another that he may prophesy concerning all things; And again, to another, the beholding of angels and ministering spirits; And again, to another, all kinds of tongues; and again, to another, the interpretation of languages and of divers kinds of tongues. And all these gifts come by the Spirit of Christ; and they come unto every man severally,

according as he will. And I would exhort you, my brethren, that ye remember that every good gift cometh of Christ." The fruit of the Spirit is also produced by the Holy Ghost: Gal. 5: 22-26, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another."

The Holy Ghost will cleanse and sanctify: Speaking of those that have been brought into the church, and do walk after the holy order of God, listen to what these men say: Alma 5: 54 (in part), they "having been sanctified by the Holy Spirit: and they do bring forth works which are meet for repentance;" Moroni 6: 4, "And after they had been received unto baptism, and were wrought upon and cleansed by the power of the Holy Ghost, they were numbered among the people of the Church of Christ, and their names were taken, that they might be remembered and nourished by the good word of God, to keep them in the right way, to keep them continually watchful unto prayer, relying alone upon the merits of Christ, who was the author and the finisher of their faith." Jesus said: 3rd. Nephi 27: 19, 20, "And no unclean thing can enter into his kingdom; therefore nothing entereth into his rest, save it be those who have washed their garments in my blood, because of their faith, and the repentance of all their sins, and their faithfulness unto the end. Now this is the commandment, Repent, all ye ends of the earth, and come unto me and be baptized in my name, that ye may be sanctified by the reception of the Holy Ghost, that ye may stand spotless before me at the last day."

To be continued in a later issue.

JEREMIAH ABBOTT PASSES ON

"Jerry" Abbott of Cleveland, Ohio, formerly of Pennsylvania, died on May 17th at St. Alex Hospital. He was the son of Jeremiah and Emmeline Abbott (both deceased) and was born at Jacobs Creek, Pa., on July 9, 1886. He was baptized into the Church in 1913 at Little Redstone church near Fayette City, Pa.

He leaves to mourn his departure, his wife Maggie, two sons,

Raymond and Harry, and nine grandchildren. Two sisters, Mrs. Ada Wright of Coal Center, Pa., and Sister Martha Brewer of Fayette City, Pa. He was a brother to the late Sister Gollic.

A service was conducted in the Thomas Funeral Home in Cleveland on Monday evening, May the 18th, with Bro. Biscotti in charge. His body was then moved to the McCrory Funeral Home in Fayette City, Pa., where final services were conducted with Bro. Wm. Bailey in charge. Interment was at the Belle Vernon Cemetery.

Sister Abbott wishes to extend special thanks to the Cleveland, and Red Stone Branches of the church for their kindness towards her during the time of her sorrow. May the Lord comfort all his loved ones, is our prayer.

SOLDIER DIES IN JAPAN

Gunners Mate Third Class John Dudley Hallas, Jr., U.S.N., 22, of R. F. D. 2, Dravosburg, died on March 25, 1953 in a naval hospital in Japan. Mr. Hallas was born on Dec. 1, 1930 in Mifflin Township, a son of Marie and John Hallas of New England Hollow and a grandson of the late Lena and Harry Nicholson, who was an apostle of the Church of Jesus Christ.

Survivors include his parents; his grandfather, John Hallas of New England Hollow; four brothers, Aaron W. of R. F. D. 1, Finleyville, Stanley of Dravosburg and Carl B. and Daniel A. at home; two sisters, Columbine Z. at home and Mrs. Carolyn M. Labashock at home.

Funeral services were held at the J. Sam Whetsel Funeral Home in Wilson district, Clairton, with Bro. Phillip Dreer of Warren, Ohio, in charge of the services.

Interment was in the Jefferson United Presbyterian Cemetery, Gill Hall, Pa.

VISION BY SISTER DELVIA LOWTHER

May 8, 1953, Los Angeles, Calif.

I had a wonderful vision one morning while I was reading the Bible. I saw the structure of a new temple, which was made of steel, also myself and brother Wm. H. Cadman in the inner courts. We had entered in at a straight gate which was of steel bars, which reached up into the heavens. There was an electric bulb on the gate. Men and women could not enter unless this light came on, then the gate rose straight up. Only men that were properly clothed could enter. If they were in their

shirt sleeves they were turned away, but if they had their coats on the gate opened. I saw many enter and many turned away. This great steel structure of this temple was so high I looked straight up, but could not see the top, it was round. I could see a stairway winding up through the structure. I had read the 37th chapter of Ezekiel, 38th, and 39th, also started to read the 40th chapter. I had only read two (2) verses of the 40th chapter when this vision came to me.

When I came to, I was weeping and my whole body shook. A voice spoke to me and said: Read the 4th chapter of Daniel, the 3rd verse. I did, and here is what it said: "How great are his signs! and how mighty are his wonders! his kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion is from generation to generation."

SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS

(Psalm 100:2)

I was somewhat surprised one morning last summer while in the kitchen and very busy getting things in order so I could get off to work, the above words were given to me and in receiving them I felt blessed, especially because my mind at that particular moment, because of the many household tasks to be done seemed so far away from spiritual things. Also, it had been some time since I had read any of the Psalms and it took some searching on my part to find the words, then I felt to read the remainder of the Psalm. That morning, time was slipping by so fast and I had so much to do with the baby and all, then to get to work on time, I wasn't sure I would make it. Yet for some reason or other those words were given me, and with it such happiness that it is hard to express. How good the Lord is to bless us even when sometimes we seem to be too busy for His things.

As I pondered on the words throughout that day and the days that followed, I wondered if we serve Him with sufficient gladness. We are more prone in these dark and troublesome times rather than serve Him with gladness, to go before Him in tears, pouring out our hearts filled with grief, for the troubles besetting us. For our weaknesses which seem to be so many and our disappointments for the things which we cannot accomplish. I later felt to read the Psalm wherein the above verse is

included and I read further: "Come before His presence with singing." Again I realized our shortcomings when I thought of how we usually approach Him with our broken hearts, rather than coming before His presence with singing and in a joyful manner.

Then I thought of David who is the author of most of the Psalms. How blessed he must have been in composing these words. He was a great king and had great riches but we know that he was just another person trying to serve the Lord. He had his moments of weaknesses and disappointments and he had his trials when his enemies almost conquered him. All of these were much more than the average person today would experience, because of the many responsibilities in his high position as king of the land. How badly he must have felt when he was not given the privilege to build the temple to the Lord, which he so much desired to do. This was not for him but for his son who came after him. We should remember this when we would like to accomplish things which we are not given the privilege to do. There is always a reason which I am sure can be within our understanding, if only we allow ourselves to see it. Also, if we would only remember "God's way is the best way" when those hours of sorrow, troubles, disappointments which we can expect and know will come upon us while we are clothed with this robe of flesh. If we notice, these things usually cause us to grow closer to God. Sometimes we are too concerned as far as being satisfied or disappointed, of our individual accomplishments in endeavoring to do good instead of those of the church as a whole.

The mere fact that the Church of Jesus Christ still stands today in spite of all she has gone through, together with the great hopes and expectations that we have in her and the knowledge that we, as individuals, have been chosen by a mighty and powerful God to have part in the great latter day work, should certainly cause us to "serve the Lord with gladness" and to "come before His presence with singing." Then too, as soldiers for the cause of Christ, we should be cheerful ones. So, when possible, how wonderful it would be if we could only forget ourselves, and the things that come before us, which, when compared to the things of the Lord; can usually be considered trivial, and instead, re-

joice because of the things that matter—those of the Lord.

Elsie M. Ensana
Stelton, N. J.

AN EXPERIENCE SISTER ROGOLINO

Stelton, N. J.

Submitted by Ivy Fisher

I dreamed I saw a well—built of blocks, flowers were planted on top of it. The water in the well was pure and was watering the flowers. I saw the young brethren picking a bouquet of the flowers, and I told them to leave one. When I went to church, the Spirit of the Lord fell upon me and I felt the presence of my son Matthew who is stationed in Japan, and the other bouquet of flowers was Matthew's.

When Sister Rogolino testified of the dream, Bro. John Buffa saw Matthew by the side of his mother—Bro. Ensano also testified that he felt a hand upon his shoulder, and a shower of blessing upon him. He then gave the privilege to the young brethren to take charge of the morning meeting.

It was wonderful to see our young brethren sitting upon the rostrum, each one speaking from different parts of the scriptures, wonderful Words of Life. Every word was enjoyed by all. The interpretation of the dream — The flowers the brethren picked, were the wonderful words spoken. The well is the Church, the water is the pure Gospel. Upon the rostrum was one empty chair—this was Matthew's.

Both the morning and afternoon meetings were wonderful, and the Lord was in our midst showering His blessings upon us. So we thank and praise God for all these things. Sister Ivy Fisher.

ROCHESTER, N. Y.

Dear Editor,

On March 19th the Rochester branch entertained about 20 brothers, sisters and friends from Lockport, New York. Among whom was Sister Azzinaro from New Jersey.

The morning service was opened by Brother Paul D'Amico who read from the Book of Mormon. Brother Perry Simone continued speaking in Italian. The service was dismissed by Presiding Elder Ansel D'Amico.

In the afternoon, we of Rochester presented an Easter program. The tiny tots began with their tiny parts about Easter and the Love of Jesus. They sang "Jesus Wants Me For A Sunbeam," a bit out of tune but so earnestly and sweetly.

They were followed by the older children whose recitations and songs were very well represented and very much enjoyed. Then our young group ended the program with a few hymns.

While the youngsters participated in the program, I and I'm sure many present whispered a word of prayer to God that these children would continue to grow strong both in body and soul, and that they may retain their simple faith in God and remember always their early teachings.

Directly following the program, the meeting was opened for testimony. It is always a refreshing and uplifting experience to be able to attend these get together meetings. We all felt it was a day well spent and we hope you the reader will derive a measure of blessing knowing of our day of fellowship.

Sister Antoinette Marinetti

WINDSOR DAILY STAR WINDSOR, ONTARIO

BOSTON, (AP) — Rev. Leonard J. Feeney, central figure in a Roman Catholic doctrinal dispute, has been excommunicated by the sacred congregation of the Holy Office in Rome.

The drastic action—stiffest penalty in the Roman Catholic Church—was announced last night in the Pilot, official publication of the Boston archdiocese.

The 55-year-old priest was previously deprived of his priestly functions because of his insistence that there is no salvation outside the Roman Catholic Church.

The decree, issued Feb. 13 and published Feb. 16 in the official bulletin of the Vatican, declares the former Jesuit priest who "automatically incurred excommunication has shown stubborn disobedience to an order legitimately enjoined upon him to appear in Rome before the authority of the sacred congregation."

By Sister Emma Perry

I want to sit in my Father's Kingdom;

I want to strip myself of pride and hatred;

Then be fit to sit down beside Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

I want my Jesus to look upon me, with my garments white as snow.

I made my promise at the water's edge, to die to the world and live for him;

To love my neighbor as myself, and their burdens help to bear—

My fellow man is my test.

I want to see my Jesus' shining face and hear him say,

My Faithful Servant, you have passed the test;

You loved your neighbor at your best;

You kept your promise, and you can rest

With your faithful fellow man,
And there will be no test.

HOW BIG SHOULD A PREACHER BE?

A western rancher had asked the district superintendent that a pastor be assigned to his community. "How big a man do you want?" asked the superintendent.

"Well, Elder," the man replied, "we're not overly particular, but when he's on his knees, we'd like to have him reach heaven."—"Sunday School Times."

NEWS FROM LOCKPORT, N. Y.

Dear Brother Editor:

We are writing you regarding a gathering which was just held at Lockport on May 31, 1953 with a representation from Detroit, Cleveland and almost all of the Rochester, N. Y. Branch. Mr. & Mrs. Greene of Appleton, N. Y. (Indians originally of the Six Nations Reserve) were also present.

Sunday Morning meeting was opened at 10:30 A. M. by Brother Joseph Lovalvo with hymn, "Where He Leads Me". Followed with a prayer by Brother Nick Pietrangelo. Continued by singing hymn, "Ye Who Are Called to Labor."

Brother Joseph Lovalvo gave a few comments on the Calling and Duties of an Apostle of the Church of Jesus Christ. Hymn was sung, "The Last Mile of the Way." Brother Joseph Lovalvo washed Brother Paul D'Amico's feet, after which he was accompanied by Brother Rocco Biscotti, and Brother Ishmael D'Amico in the Ordination. Brother Rocco Biscotti administered the prayer with a good feeling prevailing. Hymn No. 265 was sung. Brother Joseph Lovalvo continued the service by reading in the 4th Chapter of Ephesians, 11th verse. He gave a wonderful talk and related a number of ex-

periences. Continued with hymn No. 33. Brother Rocco Biscotti spoke next with a good spirit accompanying his talk, and in conclusion Brother Nick Pietrangelo spoke a few inspiring words. Sister Carmella D'Amico arose and spoke of a vision she saw while Brother Paul was being anointed and also gave the interpretation of the Gift of Tongues which was "I'll be with Thee." Brother Vincent Gallucci was anointed for his affliction. An invitation was given to all to stay and eat with the saints of Lockport. An experience was given confirming the ordaining of Brother Paul as an Apostle. The meeting was closed with Hymn No 291. ("God be with you till we meet again.") Prayer offered by Brother Patsy Marinetti. Immediately after the morning service, an Indian child was administered unto for affliction and also a blessing called upon him as is done in the Church of Jesus Christ to children presented by their parents. Brothers Frank Rosati and Patsy Marinetti of Rochester officiated.

The afternoon service was introduced with prayer by Brother Ansel D'Amico. Brother Amsel bore a jumble testimony to the Gospel and told of his calling into the Gospel in his youth. The meeting was then opened for all and a number of testimonies were given by members as well as brethren from the rostrum. A wonderful feeling prevailed throughout the day. After sacrament was administered Brother Paul D'Amico made a few encouraging remarks. Brother Ishmael D'Amico and two sisters were anointed for their affliction. Meeting was dismissed with Hymn No. 379. Closing prayer by Brother Michael Marinetti.

Your Sister in Christ,
Antoinette Giansante

NOTICE

Instead of gathering in Youngstown, Ohio the last Saturday and Sunday in July, we shall gather in Detroit. You shall be informed in plenty of time as to where the meetings will be held.

Furher: I ask you all to remember that at our late Conferencerence, we decided to buy a station wagon for use in Missionary work on the Six Nations Reserve in Ontario. Listen To This! We need money. Do the best you can. Bro. Cadman.

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T O D A Y

What is there in life today?
Just troubles here and troubles there.

Nothing as important we might say—

As our soul's salvation in Heaven so fair!

What is there in life today
That we cannot leave behind?
Is there some pleasure you find so gay

That in God's Heaven you could not find?

Is there anything in life today
Which you treasure in your heart?

And if so, can you still compare
The reward of Heaven, when from this life you depart?

Let us remain faithful in our life today—

For tomorrow great blessings await you and I—

When we dwell in the House of Lord always

With Choirs of Angels singing Heavenly lullabies!

We must prove to our God while we are here today.

That we want to love Him and serve Him continuously—

To be entitled to that which He has gone to prepare

For we who were sinners — so treacherously!

My dear Brothers and Sisters—keep humble and faithful

To God's calling, which we promised to obey.

Since there's nothing in this life as delightful

As living God's way—today, tomorrow and always!

Sister Mary Persico
Hopelawn, New Jersey

Lamentations For The Saints

Oh Lord how shall we stand without thy strength? Thy people groan and are burdened with much uncertainty and doubt. Yea Lord our hearts do hunger for Thee, burdened with pain. Oh Lord in Thee the saints have put their trust. We have no strength of our own, we are grieved Oh Lord. Have we not Oh Lord been given to Thee of Thy Father to be nourished by thy great strength, to nurse at the bosom of Thy love, to drink at Thy fountain of life? Yea Lord do

we not soweth Thy seed and there are few that hear and obey Thy voice? Gather Thy clouds of righteousness together Oh Lord and cause it to rain upon us the latter rain—when thou causeth Thy rain clouds to drift away, Thou mayest break forth upon us with the Sun Light of Thy countenance and fill our souls with Thy spirit of burning that we Oh Lord may offer an offering in righteousness, free from these earthly stains.

Oh Lord Thy bride doth long for Thy coming and is bowed with grief, and doth weep before Thine altar in the temple, and Thy priests doth cry out and utter their voices and there are few that hear repent—repent for the gift of salvation knocketh at the door, and they turn a deaf ear. Yea they are foot sore—and weary. Open up thy stronghold, Oh Lord let thy strength come upon Thy people—like the rising Sun in the morning that filleth man with hope of a newborn day.

Behold Oh Lord, Thou dost withdraw Thy love from Thy people—but for a fleeing moment to try their faith, but Thou dost return it again for generations to come. Amen.

P. S. When I finished writing this piece, the song came to me: "I Know In Whom I Have Believed."—Yes the saints that serve God in the restored Gospel—Know in Whom they have believed. Bro. Ishmael Humphrey

CALLING THE DISCIPLES

By Sadie B. Cadman

By the sea of Galilee,
Jesus called, "Come unto Me";
Drop your nets and come follow Me.

Fishers of men to be
I will surely make of thee,
But you must follow, follow me.

Peter and Andrew, men of the sea

As were the sons of Zebedee;
While Matthew, a tax collector he,

With Philip, Nathaniel, Bartholomew,

Thaddaeus, James and Thomas too.

Judas Iscariot and Simon too, who

Jesus called, Follow, Follow Me.

Jesus is calling still today,
Listen thou, and hear Him say,
Fishers of men I'll make of you
Will you come, I need you too.
For I gave my life for you,
Lay down your net and follow too.

A TRIP WEST

By W. H. Cadman

Continued From Last Issue

We arrived at Globe, Arizona late in the evening of April 29th, and put up there for the night. I might add, that the scenery on these different routes is beyond the power of mortals to describe—we may read of them, or see pictures of the various scenes—but after all, seeing them yourself, supersedes all imagination—yes, the heights, the depths of mountains and vales, the vast expanse of our desert lands, and its varied vegetation, along with the frightful conditions that many of the poor Indian people are obliged to live in, on desert lands—Yea, to exercise our imagination on these things and conditions, makes me think of the Apostle Paul, with all his experiences on, and after his journey to Damascus, he was unable to conceive the wonders of God; for he exclaims in Romans 11-33, 34 as follows: "O the depths of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgements, and His ways past finding out! For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been His counsellor?"

On the morning of April 30th, we left Globe for Phoenix and passed through country that was prolific with cactus, and other vegetation which is akin to desert countries, but in approaching Phoenix where there is much irrigation being done, the desert has been made to blossom as the rose. Citrus fruits and most all other kinds of fruit were in abundance, including the palms clustered with dates, and the many flowers of all kinds. It seemed evident to us, that the sandy deserts of the west are rich in productive qualities, all that is needed, is plenty of water and the faithful husbandman.

In view of what we have learned in the Book of Mormon concerning the Lamanites (Indians) to be restored again to them the things they have lost, through the trans-

gressions of their forefathers, is it not possible that the Almighty God has a wise purpose in mind, by holding back the rain from the deserts in the west? To my mind, it is one of the most likely things that could be, for God will certainly fulfill His promises to His covenant people. But I may be digressing some from my subject: "Our Trip West."

However, in heading for Yuma from Phoenix, it was mostly one big long sandy desert, the wind was blowing hard, and sand filled the air to the extent that it was hazardous driving most of the way. We finally arrived at Yuma, and we crossed the Colorado River into California. As we did so, the highway was blocked, it seemed as though we were entering a foreign land. We were stopped, and after being questioned, we assured our interrogators that we did not have any fruit in the car, they left us pass on. I had no other thought, that now we were in sunny California every thing would be the finest, but to my surprise we found ourselves in a worse sandy desert than ever. Both sides of the highway were nothing but bare sand, hardly any vegetation whatever. The wind was blowing strong, the sand blowing over the road like snow in a big storm. Sand on both sides of the road as far as the eye could see, and we traveled 50 or 60 miles before there was any let up; it beat anything we had traveled through thus far. Bro. Bittinger had his car sand blasted without any extra charge. But Californians offered us the excuse: "out of the ordinary."

That was encouraging, for we had laid plans for going well up into the state before turning our car eastward.

We had so many mountains to climb on this trip, that I naturally thought that when we arrived in California, everything would really be sunny, but we soon found ourselves almost encircled with mountains, and we soon learned that before we could reach the lovely place called San Diego, where some good people lived, we had to climb mountains again. It certainly took me by surprise, but still, we all enjoyed it. There is hardly any vegetation on these mountains, it looked as though a mighty big truck might of come along and dumped out a big lot of rock. A big sign read: 750 acres for 2.50 per acre. One thing I must say though, they have a fine four-lane highway over

these mountains.

We finally arrived at our destination San Diego, in the rain. We found the home of brother and sister Breci without much trouble, but their house was dark; we drove to our church, I believe on 38th street, and found our brothers and sisters gathered together in the service of God. This was Thursday evening April 30th.

At the close of their meeting, and after having a short visit with one another, we went home with brother and sister Breci and made their home our stopping place while in San Diego, but we visited around at some of the saints' homes and ate dinner or supper with them when we could. We also visited some of the scenes around that part of California.

Sister Breci accompanied us on a trip to Mexico, about 17 miles from her home. Crossed the border into the City of Tia Juana and spent a couple of hours there. I was told that there were about 80,000 people lived there. It seemed to be quite a thriving place, but no doubt the tourist business is a big item of income for them. I noticed that shop keepers were all on the alert, inducing tourists into their places of business to sell them their wares. I had a camera with me, and I took a picture of the rest of our party while walking across the street in Old Mexico. We also visited an Indian Reservation while in San Diego. It is located about 90 miles I believe east and north of the city. Like most other places, they are pushed into the remote places of our country. I had quite a talk to one old man while there. He was crippled up bad and used a cane. I told him of the Book of Mormon story of his ancestors, gave him some of our literature. In some way he asked me about that big building in New York City. (the Empire State) He seemed very anxious to learn something about it. I promised I would get him a picture of it and send it to him. He was much pleased at that. I wrote to Bro. Galante in Brooklyn, asking him to send me a picture of the Empire State Bldg. which he did. I have sent it to the poor old Indian man, and am sending him the Gospel News. I was glad for the opportunity of visiting his reservation, and am strong in the faith, that some day the Mighty God of Israel will come to their rescue. Amen.

While in San Diego, brother

Breci took us to where we could see the Pacific Ocean, the first time that any of our party had ever seen its waters. Sister Breci took us to the hospital to see our old brother Turano, who was struck with a hit and run driver several months ago. Both legs were broken, one arm broken, and the other one badly injured, and otherwise seriously hurt. He was getting along very well we were told, but what a terrible siege for one of his age to have to endure, laying there all this time and not able to help himself. We had prayer with him before leaving. I have not heard anything of him since. Before speaking of our Church services while we were there and with what I have thus far said, our people around San Diego are in a wonderful country. You can go out in their back-yards, and gather oranges, lemons, figs, apricots and I don't know what all, and TOO, gather them the most of the year round. Sister Breci pulled a lemon off a little bush about three feet high, it weighed 1 1/4 lbs. and measured 14 and 3/8 inches, she gave it to us to bring home. The lemon tree has on it, blossoms, little lemons, large ones, and green and yellow all the year 'round. There are flowers of all kinds and colors. Surely the desert is blossoming like the rose.

In going on this trip, and as far as I was concerned, was not to see the country, but to further along the cause of Christ as much as I was able to do—though we observed what we could along the route on which we were traveling. We arrived there on Thursday evening, and did not leave until the next Thursday morning. We held meetings every night while there, and enjoyed ourselves in the service of God with the Saints in San Diego.

In the conference they held on Saturday and Sunday, quite a crowd was gathered from within a radius of 500 miles, and everybody seemed glad to see one another. They have built a lovely building there in which to worship. The elders met on Saturday afternoon, and the time was spent by various brethren in talks relative to the spreading the Gospel, and in the manner of how we should conduct ourselves here among men, for the Saviour has commanded that we let our light shine. We should all remember the admonition of Paul as to our manner of living, for he says: "Where-

fore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend." May I ask, are you in harmony with the Apostle? Our elders meeting was very profitable to all present.

The night meeting was well attended by brothers and sisters, and possibly some strangers. We had a very good evening, various ones took part in speaking, and the meeting fairly rang out, with the singing of God's praises. To me, it was the best service we attended while in California. On Sunday we had meetings all day, until after 9 p.m. Well attended and I believe all enjoyed themselves. We stayed and held meetings the next three nights, with fairly good attendance, and our prayer is, that our labours will not be in vain. As for the treatment and hospitality afforded us in San Diego, we could not ask for more. Brother Brexi is the presiding Elder of the Branch, and may God bless you all. Farewell.

The next day Thursday May 7th we started on our way for Los Angeles. We had a wonderful drive along the sea coast for miles, stopped our car once and spent a little time at the water's edge. On this part of our journey, we stopped at Mission San Juan Capistrano, Calif. It is an old Mission which was founded by Father Serra in 1776. It is quite a Shrine now and is visited by thousands of tourists annually. Much of it is in ruins, while the major part of it is well preserved. The old bells have been hanging there since 1813. This is the place where the swallows return to, annually at the same time of the year. No doubt you have read of it in the papers. We arrived at the home of Brother and Sister Heaps about mid-afternoon. We were welcomed in their home, and our wives made their home their stopping place, while brother Bittinger and myself stopped at the home of brother and sister Lloyd Henderson. Bro. W. H. Cadman.

(To be continued)

TENTH OF A SERIES ON THE BOOK OF DANIEL

We understand now who the lion, bear and leopard are. Now we come to the fourth beast. After this I saw in the night visions and behold a fourth beast dreadful and terrible and exceedingly strong and it had great iron teeth; it de-

voured and break in pieces and stamped the residue with the feet of it and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it and it had ten horns. Inspiration finds no beast in nature which can represent this beast, no addition of hoofs, heads, horns, wings, scales, teeth or nails to any beast found in nature would answer; this power was diverse from all others and the symbol wholly nondescript. Verse 7 Chap. 7 shows us this description. The foundation for a volume is laid in Verse 7 just quoted. Verse 8 — I considered the horns. These horns on this beast was the outstanding characteristic of this beast. The beast of course, corresponds to the fourth division of the great image; the legs of iron, the feet part iron and clay.

John the Revelator in Chap. 17 Verse 16 says—"And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the Beast" having reference to the same beast that Daniel saw. John says it was a scarlet colored beast full of names of blasphemy having seven heads and ten horns. All Bible students no doubt have interpreted these verses to represent Rome. John says he saw a woman sitting upon this beast. Alexander was great in power but there never was a power as great as this beast; it devoured and break in pieces every thing or nation that came before it and stamped the residue with the feet of it and it was diverse from other beasts in the dread and terror which it inspired. The world has never seen its equal. It devoured as with iron teeth and ground the nations into the very dust beneath its brazen feet; it had ten horns which are ten kings or kingdoms which should arise out of this empire or beast.

John says the woman was sitting on the beast. If that is so then there came a time when this woman had control of this beast. The rider generally has control of the beast they are riding, and upon her forehead was the name written MYSTERY BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH and I saw this woman drunken with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus and when I saw her I wondered with great admiration; the beast that thou sawest, was and is not,—what a peculiar expression. The angel saw her before John was born; she held the world in slavery. Before Christ was born, the Caesars and the Her-

ods were there, so we see now the beast was in power but the time was coming that the woman which was riding the beast, had the power to tell the beast what to do so the beast was not, the spirit that controlled this woman came out of the bottomless pit and shall go into perdition and they that follow her shall wonder when they find that their names are not written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

Now the seven heads which thou sawest are seven mountains on which the woman sitteth; the ten horns and ten kings—these shall make war with the Lamb. Daniel considered the horns and behold among them another little horn before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots and behold in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man and mouth speaking great things. I will not touch on this little horn as Bro. Cadman Sr. has written a pamphlet on Daniel's Little Horn.

God bless all my brothers and sisters.

JAMES HEAPS

GMBA CONVENTION

The General Missionary Benevolent Association convened in Detroit, Michigan in Branch No. 2 on May 16, 1953 at 10:00 A. M.

The meetings were attended by members from the Pennsylvania, Ohio, New York, Michigan, and Windsor locals. After the morning business meeting, the afternoon was devoted to a spiritual meeting. That was the first time an afternoon meeting was turned from the usual business session to spiritual lines. Brother Furnier gave an interesting talk. He spoke on the "purpose" of the organization, and exhorted the young to strive for the Faith of Jared that they might give impetus to the Latter Day Work. After, the spirit of testimony prevailed, and many expressed their feelings toward the Church and the M. B. A.

The young people of Branches No. 2 and No. 4 presented an enjoyable program in the evening. They gave the meanings and details behind the origins of many of the Latter Day Hymns, along with a musical presentation of each hymn that was discussed.

The next G. M. B. A. will be held on November 14, 1953 in Cleveland, Ohio.

Sec. Ruth E. Akerman

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EDITORIAL

A Question—Did Peter tell the "truth" or an "untruth" when he said, I KNOW NOT THE MAN? In answering, I will quote that which is written.

In Matthew 16-15 "He (Jesus) saith unto them, (His disciples) But whom say ye that I am?" In verse 16 Peter answers "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

In the 17th verse Jesus says: "Blessed art thou, Simon BarJona: (Peter) for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven."

I have quoted the words of Jesus Christ, in which He declares that His Father in Heaven had revealed unto Peter who this man Jesus is. Hence when Peter at the trial of Jesus Christ said "I know not the man," he told an untruth, or in other words, Peter lied and denied his Master. And one of the writers says: "he went out and wept bitterly." Yea, his conscience had so pricked him. But as for me, I praise God for such a man as Peter, he repented and became reconciled to his Master. I wish also to draw attention to this fact, that it was not only Peter that was overcome in his weakness, for I read in Mark 14-50 "And they all forsook Him, and fled."—And even at the verge of His ascension into heaven, some of the eleven disciples still were doubting. Read Matthew 28-16, 17—Peter did not only forsake Him, but he denied Him, saying I know not the man—which was an untruth on Peter's part, but he repented and became one of the great men in the Church of Jesus Christ.

A LETTER FROM
FORT DIX, N. J.

By Pvt. August D'Orazio

Brother Editor:

I am writing this letter to you hoping it will find you in the best of health possible. You probably will detect from the address on the outside of the envelope, that I am

located at the Army Post, Fort Dix, N. J.

In this little bit of communication, I am interested in telling you what the Gospel News means to me, through the New Jersey M. B. A. I too, am receiving the Gospel News (same as the other servicemen) and I can surely say I'm grateful for it. It is good to receive some interesting literature, and the Gospel News is just that. It is very informative, as to religious matter and I feel that I can rely on it very much as a source of satisfaction. Along with that, I feel that the material therein can satisfy any person who is really interested in serving God.

We pray God, that all those who sincerely take part in the publication of this paper, will receive an extra blessing in their efforts to further the cause of Christ.

We, the younger brothers of the Church who have been inducted into the Armed Forces are continually feeling the need for strength and guidance of our Lord. Being left alone to act for ourselves can be somewhat trying, but, we know if we prove faithful to the promise we made to our Lord at the water's edge, we will be kept safe from whatever harm may spring up in our paths.

In closing, we ask all the brothers and sisters to remember us in their prayers, and we with God's help, will try to remain faithful in all things. I am enclosing a small offering for this work, use it where it can help.

P.S. I feel that the Missionary Benevolent Association in the various Branches of the Church, are doing a good work in subscribing for the Gospel News to be sent to our boys in Camp. Bro. Cadman.

A COUPLE OF DAYS WELL
SPENT IN GOD'S SERVICE

For quite some time we had a desire to visit our Indian Brothers and Sisters at the Six Nations Reserve, Ontario. We feel to thank God that this privilege was granted to us and we felt a portion of Heaven Saturday night and Sunday, June 8th and 7th, at Brantford and Grand River.

My sons, Frank and Raymond, daughter Betty, and (Bro. and Sis. Victor Ciarolla) daughter Virginia and myself left our home Friday Eve. arriving in Detroit, Mich. at Bro. Joe Milantoni's home about

9:00 p.m. Sis. Rose furnished us with a wonderful supper. May God bless such a fine young couple.

From there, we called upon Bro. and Sister Joe Lovalvo, and they desired for us to spend the night with them. We were very glad to be in their midst, and we truly felt that not only they opened the door of their home, but also their hearts. Bro. Joe was so glad to know that we were heading to spend some time with the Indian Bro. and Sisters. Bro. Joe offered a word of prayer, both Friday night and Saturday morning, asking God to watch over us on the highway and to Bless us on this missionary work.

Bro. Joe Milantoni met us at the tunnel to pick up the children, as they remained in Detroit, to leave more room in the car for the Bros. and Sisters from Windsor.

In Windsor we picked up Bro. Clifford Burgess, Bro. and Sister Bob Watson, Jr. and Sister Ford, and we continued our journey from there about 11:00 a.m.

On the way to our destination, we stopped to see Sister Gad in London, Ontario, and the Muncey farm and the place of worship. No one was there at the time we stopped. Continuing on, we arrived at Bro. and Sister Laird's home in Brantford, Ontario. They were glad to see all of us at their home. When I saw Bro. Laird in the condition he is in, I felt so sorry for him, words cannot express my feelings. I told Bro. Burgess that I felt to anoint the Bro. which I did. After Bro. Laird was anointed, Sister Laird's aged father, about 85, also asked to be anointed and the lot fell upon me again to petition God. A wonderful spirit prevailed at the Ordinance, and the home was filled with the Glory of God.

Bro. Burgess had appointed a meeting there for Saturday night, and many of the Indian Bros. and Sisters gathered with us in Bro. Laird's home. Since this was Bro. Frank's and my first trip there, Bro. Burgess left the meeting in our hands. The lot fell upon me to open the service, and I used a portion of Scripture found in 1st Nephi, 13th Chapter, beginning with the 30th verse to the end of the Chapter. I really enjoyed speaking unto our folks there. Bro. Watson, Jr. and wife bore wonderful testimonies, being at the end of this month, they are leaving for California. Bro. Frank and Bro.

Burgess made a few wonderful remarks, and a few Bros. and Sisters bore testimonies. During the Service, the granddaughter of Bro. Laird was Blessed. Sacrament was administered, so that Bro. Laird would be able to participate, as he isn't able to meet with the Saints on Sunday. All in all, Dear Bro. Cadman, we had a glorious time—

Bro. Burgess, Sister Ford, Bro. Frank and I went to Bro. Beaver's home for the night, while Bro. and Sister Watson retired at Bro. Hill's home.

When Bro. Frank awoke in the morning, he told Bro. Burgess that he dreamed he caught two fish and he told Bro. Watson, Jr. that he expected two baptisms that day.

We gathered in a hall on Sabbath morning, with a large number of young children and Bros. and Sisters, for Sunday School and Service. We had a group of Indians there, I don't believe any of them belong to our Church, who sang several hymns in their native tongue. We could not understand their language, but the Spirit was manifested so greatly that almost all of us Gentiles were shedding tears for joy. We held Sunday School, and then our preaching Service began. Again Bro. Burgess left the meeting in our hands including Bro. Watson, Jr. Both young Elders were overflowed with joy. They motioned for me to open the meeting, which I did using the 21st Chapter, 3rd Nephi, beginning with the 11th verse down to the 20th verse. Surely the prayers of Bro. Loyalvo and our prayers were answered. We felt almost like it was a day of Pentecost. All of us Elders took part in the Service, and we felt that someone would ask to be baptized. I had a strong feeling that Mary a daughter of Bro. Laird would be baptized on this trip. After the Service was over, I told Mary Laird, that I felt surely God had called her. She laid her head towards my shoulder and began to cry and she said, "I want to be baptized." Then I said with a loud voice that we had one that asked for baptism, and gave an invitation to others—Bro. Beaver's granddaughter, whose name is Pauline, raised an arm while crying and said she wanted to be baptized, too. Surely Bro. Frank's dream was fulfilled.

After we had a wonderful dinner at Bro. Hill's home, we met together again in the afternoon.



Mary Laird (left) of Brantford, Ont., and Pauline Poulous of the Six Nations Reserve, on the Grand River in Ontario were baptized in the Grand River on June 7th.—I am sure this looks good to me,

and may the Lord not only bless these two converts, but may He abundantly bless those who are labouring on the Indian Reservations. Bro. Cadman

The lot fell upon Bro. Burgess to baptize the two young Sisters, and then our Service continued on, with the Confirming of the young Sisters, Sacrament was administered, and many wonderful testimonies were given by the Gentile, and Lamanite Brothers and Sisters. The house was filled with the Glory of God.

We left the Six Nations Reserve bringing back home Sister Laird and her daughter Mary. At their home, we were given a wonderful supper. After some hymns were sung, we formed a Circle, and Bro. Frank offered a wonderful prayer.—It surely was a hard task in parting with the Saints there, we can truly say that we didn't see God or Jesus with our naked eye, but we felt Them in our midst.

Arriving in Windsor at Bro. Burgess' home a little after one in the morning, we found our children there. We retired to bed for about five hours rest and then began our return trip home about 8:00 a.m., reaching our home around 2:00 p.m. We feel to praise God that He brought us safely back home.

I would like to add, that all the Elders in our Church should try to spend some time, with the Covenant people of God.

Bro. Dominic Giovannone
of Warren, Ohio.

P.S. They surely need a station wagon or even a school bus to accommodate transportation for the Saints on the Six Nations Reserves.

A POEM

By Bro. Burgess

We left our homes in Windsor
Around noon on Saturday,
And headed east for Brantford
On No. 2 Highway;
When we arrived in Chatham
Only fifty miles away,
We met up with a Circus
Which had come there for the
day.

Before starting off for London
To visit Sister Gadd,
When we arrived at her home
It made her feel so glad
For she was recovering from
A cold, that was very bad.
After an hour visit with her,
We had to make our flight
For a meeting called at Bro.
Laird's
For eight o'clock that night.

Our brother is much afflicted,
Five years he's been in this
plight
And just to be in this meeting,
Sure filled us with delight;
Four Lamanite brothers and Sisters
From the reservation came,
And mingled their eight voices
In praises to His name.

Brother Dominic opened the
meeting,
Followed by Bros. Frank & Bob
And all rejoiced in the blessings
That came down straight from
God.
Sacrament was served by Bro.
Frank,
There was one he had to forsake,

Not being a member of the body
Of Christ, she was unable to par-
take.

However God did not allow her,
To stay that way very long,
As He called Mary the following
day,
To join His happy throng;
Bro. Bobby Watson asked the
blessing
On Sister Ruth's baby,
And God poured out His bless-
ings
And I don't mean maybe.

After the meeting, Sister Iris
Prepared a lunch for all
My brothers in the ministry,
Felt God had made a call.
We were all of one heart and
mind,
And suggested all should pray,
That God would through His
Spirit,
Call her the following day.

The midnight hour had come,
And we were twenty miles away
From Bro. and Sister Beaver's
home,
Where we generally always stay.
We arrived at last at "Home
Sweet Home"
And retired for a rest.
Thanked God for all those who
came,
And admitted they were blest.

The morning sun shone in our
room,
Came in from the east:
We arose, and thanked God for
rest,
And asked Him for a feast.
Brother Frank said I had a
dream
That we caught two fish,
What more could any child of
God,
Down in their heart more wish.

We had our breakfast, then we
Left for the Sabbath School,
Which is about twelve miles
away,
According to the rule.
There we met Brother Jobie,
Still beaming with the light
That he had received at Bro.
Laird's,
Just the previous night.

He had invited the Indian sing-
ers,
Which numbered only five,
But the songs they sang in Mo-
hawk,
Surely were all alive.
I asked the visiting brethren
Who desired to take the lead,
And give the forty-eight who
came,
Something their souls to feed.

Brother Frank couldn't speak,
He was so filled with the spirit
of God,
And the same thing existed,
With our young brother Bob;
Brother Dominic took over,
And the great Lord was good,
For all who were present,
Surely admitted they had food.

Bros. Frank and Bobby followed,
Oh what a Heavenly Rest
Just to be with God's Covenant
People,
And know that you are blest.
The meeting was coming to an
end,
In fact three hours long,
When I asked the Indian sing-
ers
To close it with a song.

I gave an invitation to all
Those who were there,
To cast their all on Jesus,
And then we closed in prayer.
The meeting it was over,
The Spirit with its might,
First called a young Gentile,
And then a Lamanite.

The blessing was so great, that
Even little children cried,
And tears flowed down their
faces,
Regardless of how hard they
tried.
We left for brother and sister
Hill's

To receive some natural food.
Fourteen sat down at their table,
To receive that which was good.

We assembled at Sister Susan's
For the meeting afternoon,
And there we enjoyed that same
Spirit, which came back very
soon;
Brother Frank opened in prayer,
Another song was sung,
And then we asked the candi-
dates,
To assemble with the throng.

We first asked Mary Laird, and
Then Pauline Poulous to see,
If either had a choice,
And they both chose me.
We retired to Sister Hill's home,
To prepare for the river;
To see the large assembly, would
Make one's heart quiver.

We returned to Sister Susan's
home
For the laying on of hands;
With Bros. Dominic and Frank,
According to God's command.
Brother Bobby asked God's
blessing
Upon the bread and wine,
And said it might be his
Last supper for a very long time.

As he was moving to California,
Some 3000 miles away,
But hoped that God would spare
His life was all that he could
say.

That he could enjoy God's bless-
ings,
In the same place someday;
And to be granted again this
privilege,
He asked us all to pray.

The meeting was closed in pray-
er.
We started our journey back;
Stopped off at brother Laird's
home,
And there we had a snack.
We arrived back in Windsor
After the midnight hour,
Instead of meeting one at home,
Lo we met with four.

Sister Burgess had a lunch pre-
pared,
But we were all filled,
With the blessings we had re-
ceived,
Caused us all to be stilled,
And offer our thanksgiving
To Him who called us all the
same,
In the Gospel that has been re-
stored,
And the Church that bears His
Name.

P.S. Our folks who made the
trip to the Six Nations Reserve in
Ontario on June 6th and 7th, had
a wonderful time, and brother Bur-
gess writes this poem after return-
ing home. It is a much longer poem
than I like for our small paper,
but many of us at least, are inter-
ested in the work among the In-
dian people (often referred to as
Lamanites as is used in the Book
of Mormon) and no doubt you will
be glad to know, that the labours
of our brethren and sisters are
not in vain. Let us all praise God
for the opportunity we have, of
living to see the day when the
words of the prophets are being
fulfilled—the Seed of Joseph—Is-
rael are returning back to their
home. Yes, praise God. Bro. W. H.
Cadman

A LETTER

Written To The Ladies
Uplift Circle
By Joseph Lovalvo

Dear Sisters—Ladies Uplift Cir-
cle: I am writing this letter trust-
ing in our Almighty Father that
you are all enjoying the best of
health, both temporally and spirit-
ually. I thank God for His grace
and tender care for me and my

family, and for all the saints throughout the Church.

I left last Conference with the greatest determination to keep faithful, and with the greatest desire to serve God that I ever had in my Spiritual career. I have enjoyed much of the blessings of God lately, especially among the Seed of Joseph (Indians), whom I love very much. They have become a part of my life, and by preaching the Gospel to them, I have learned to know and understand the ways of God more profoundly.

Sister Maness (one of our Indian Sisters) had a glorious experience at the time when the tornado hit Port Huron, Mich., and Sarnia, Ont., just recently. Two years previous to this great disaster, she had a dream that she was standing at the river shore, and many of the Indian people were there with her. She saw a great storm coming across from the United States side. As she stood there, a voice spoke to her saying: "Pray, so that your people might be spared."

At the time the recent tornado hit Port Huron, Sister Maness was standing at her front window which faces the city of Port Huron, and the St. Clair River. As the storm and tornado were heading towards her home and their Reserve, she remembered the above mentioned dream. She quickly took her children into the living room, and knelt in mighty prayer to God, seeking mercy for her home and for her people. The peace of God came upon her, and while she was still on her knees, she knew that God had answered her prayer. As she went back to the window, she saw the tornado over the river and headed northward, missing their Reserve completely. The tornado struck the downtown section of Sarnia, causing great destruction. The Maness family came to my home on Saturday morning full of gratitude and thanksgiving. We sang hymns of praise and glorified God for several hours.

I thank God for brother and sister Maness, who have received the genuine Spirit of the restored Gospel, and who are heartedly seeking to share it with everyone. Last Sunday, the Lord blessed us with another convert in Sarnia. We baptized an Indian woman who has attended our meetings for about a year. We were showered with the Glory of God. Pray for us.

P.S. We must give God the

praise for the protection rendered our people on their Reservation which borders the City of Sarnia, Ont., which was struck so hard by the storm, the damage running into millions of dollars. I received a card from Bro. J. V. Johnson of Port Huron, telling me that the storm struck two blocks south of our church, and did damage amounting to almost three million dollars. Our brethren very recently built a church in the City of Port Huron, Mich., for some reason there was no insurance on the building, but the good Lord saved the building by two blocks. Sister Maness on the Indian Reservation went to God in prayer. We are taught that the prayer of the righteous AVAILETH MUCH. Bro. WHC.

A LETTER FROM BRANTFORD, ONTARIO

Dear Brother Cadman:

In the name of One who loves us and gave His life for us, Greetings. It is a long time since it has been my privilege to write to you and the NEWS, and I do so now under some difficulty, but it is a pleasure to write and to address you again, Sir.

It seems that I should write at this time and tell you of the blessings that have been our portion the last few days. It was arranged a few weeks ago when Bro. and Sister Isaacs from the Reserve, called to visit with me, that we would have a Saturday evening meeting here at my home, as the Windsor Brothers came through on their way to the Reserve. This was arranged; when next we saw the Windsor folks, and Saturday evening they: Brothers Cliff Burgess, Bob Watson Jr., and Bro. Dominic Giovannone and his son Frank from near Warren, O. and with them was Sister Ford and Sister Watson who came to our place here in the early evening, then after some prayer and anointing, two car loads of our friends from the Reserve came in, and we had such a splendid meeting. We sang several numbers and Bro. Frank offered a very touching prayer. Bro. Bobbie dedicated our daughter's infant daughter to the Lord, and then because Ruth (our daughter) had to get the babies home, Bro. Giovannone blessed the emblems and administered the Lord's Supper; it was very solemn and heart touching. Earlier in the evening I had been anointed and my ailing body prayed for, and I

thank my God, that tho' I was not healed of my disability I was greatly relieved in my breathing. For a long time now, I breathe only with the aid of oxygen almost in constant use; since that prayer I have had it so much easier.

Our meeting carried on till about 11 p.m. and after a nice lunch prepared by our women, our friends left for the Reserve, tired but all of us very happy and all felt well blessed for them being here. The friends from the Reserve were Bro. and Sister Isaacs, Bro. and Sister Beaver, Bro. and Sister Hill, Sister Sadie Jamison and Bro. Jobie Hill. So you see we had quite a nice a nice company with us and best of all the Lord was present and all were blessed.

Sunday morning as many of my family as could, went to Sunday school. Our daughter Mary 18 years old this summer asked for baptism. I was unable to be present at the River but Mrs. Laird and several of the family were there and report a very lovely service. After the service at Sister Sadie's home, the Windsor friends came in and had a bit of supper with us and then away to Windsor and Ohio. We said goodbye to Bro. and Sister Bobbie Watson who are moving to California in a few weeks I believe. In all it has been a very blessed and worth while weekend to me and I believe to all who had any part in it. And for it all I do sincerely thank God for His great love and kindness to me.

I have plenty more to say Bro. Cadman but am sort of weary and so I think I had best stop now. All here join me in sending our love and our prayers for all of you. Please will you Bro. Cadman excuse all mistakes in this letter. Again be assured of our love and prayers, from Bro. Laird.

P.S. You most all know that brother Laird is very poor in health, being confined to his home most all the time because of his condition. It was very thoughtful indeed, of our brothers and sisters, including our Indian folks from the Reserve, spending the evening at the home of brother and sister Laird. May the Lord bless all your efforts. Bro. Cadman.

ARTHUR GRIFFITH
d'HAPPART PASSES ON

Arthur d'Happart, the 43 year old son of M. O. d'Happart of West Newton, Pa., and of the late Eliza-

beth Griffith d'Happart died on May 28, 1953 and was finally laid away to rest on June 15, 1953, along side his mother in the William Penn Memorial Park near Wilkinsburg, Pa.

Arthur leaves to mourn his passing, his father, his step-mother, two sisters and one brother besides many others including his aged grandmother Sister Ruth Griffith of West Elizabeth, Pa. The passing of Arthur was a rather sad affair and I feel sure that we all are in sympathy with the loved ones, and especially his father.

The services were conducted in the Carl H. Culler and Son Funeral Home in West Newton, Pa., by brother W. H. Cadman, who was an uncle to the deceased. May the Lord comfort you all.

IN MEMORY OF JAMES GALE WASELCHALK

James Gale Waselchalk, born October 6, 1938 in Winifred, W. Va. He lived 14 years and 7 months. By an accident which has occurred, his life was taken Wednesday afternoon, May 20th at 4:25 P.M.

He was blessed in the Church of Jesus Christ November 4, 1950 by Evangelist Dominico Giovannone. Taking active part in Sunday School of the said church.

He attended the Richwood High School taking part in all activities. Besides his parents John and Anna Mae Waselchalk, he leaves to mourn two brothers. Namely Gary Dale and David Alan, his paternal grandparents, and his maternal grandmother. Also a host of relatives, the School Faculty and all his school mates. He was loved and respected by his friends and all who knew him.

He was laid to rest May 23, 1953 in the Hinkle Mountain cemetery, Richwood, W. Va.

Services were conducted in the Calvary Methodist Church in Richwood.

During the hour that the body lay in state in the church, many beautiful selections were rendered by the church organist.

Services were conducted by Brother Dominico Giovannone and Brother Frank Giovannone. Brother Frank sang a solo entitled "After."

A couple of hymns were sung by a group of young people from the Warren, Ohio Branch.

The Flower Girls and the Pallbearers consisted of his class mates

from the Richwood High School. Brother Frank Giovannone.

GENNARO-RITZ WEDDING

January 13, 1953, sister Betty Jean Ritz and brother William Daniel Gennaro exchanged their marriage vows before the bridegroom's father, Brother William Gennaro, in an afternoon ceremony. Afterwards the young couple were honored at a reception given by the bride's parents, Bro. and Sister Nicholas Ritz, in the church parlor.

The bride was lovely in white nylon tulle over satin, fashioned with a long train. Her lace cap had a fingertip veil. She carried a Bible topped with a white orchid and lilies-of-the-valley.

The attendants were Miss Garnet Ritz in orchid net and Miss Vera Marszewski in green, with little Carol Lee Ritz as flower girl in yellow. Clyde Garnett served as best man and Daniel Ritz, Joseph Ciarolla and William Ritz ushered. The soloist was Miss Ann Kasparian with Rev. Sweringer at the organ.

Betty and Bill have gone to Daytona Beach, Florida for their honeymoon. Upon their return they will occupy their new home in Champion Heights, Warren, Ohio.

Pauline Ritz

A FEW NOTES FROM PORT HURON, MICH.

By Sister Jennie Hanna
Brother Editor:

I am enclosing you a sum for the renewal of the Gospel News for myself and Mrs. Jean Bonter of Dawson Creek, B.C., Canada, place the balance towards the Italian Mission Work, or wherever you think it is most needed. I wish I could send more. We had a good meeting here yesterday, though few in number. Bro. Leet and family of Detroit were here. There have been some more baptisms at Sarnia, Ont., recently.

The Gospel News is getting better or more interesting all the time. We were interested in the picture from Italy, and the good articles; a tenth of what I leave was a good suggestion. I hope all who have means, will heed it. I am thankful to our Heavenly Father for His wonderful blessings, and the privilege of finding the true Church of Jesus Christ, and I ever pray for the saints and the onward progress of the Gospel.

EVHORTATION FROM OLIVER COWDERY (1834-35)

A few words of Oliver Cowdery good for anyone to read, and especially for those who may not believe it is time to preach the Restored Gospel.

They are as follows:

"Sanctify yourselves, O ye servants of the Lord, for much is required at your hands; the blood of souls will cry against you except you hasten on your mission; yes, let all raise their warning voice, in meekness and in mildness, for soon will there be a famine for the word of God. Listen, O ye elders, for soon the voice from distant lands will salute you—Come over and help us! Think, for a moment, on the millions in your own land who are destitute of the word of life; think also on the vast multitudes whose thoughts never reached our shores, who are now perishing for lack of vision, and bowing to idols; think of the numberless islands where darkness and the shadow of death prevail, whose waters never covered a soul for the remission of sins, and whose groves, though spicy, were never saluted with the voice of one who proclaimed life and immortality through the power of a risen Lord."

NEWS ITEMS

The Roscoe Branch has just concluded a series of meetings, and they baptized a convert at the conclusion thereof.

Bro. Bittinger of the Bitner Mission, near Uniontown, Pa., has raised his tent, and is conducting a two-weeks series of meetings at this present time, July 1st.

On June 21st. Sister Scagline was baptized here in Monongahela. She is a granddaughter of our deceased sister, Ida Cratty.

Brother and Sister Olexa and their two children of the Monongahela Branch, are on a trip now to San Francisco, visiting their oldest son who is in the U. S. service. Left here on June 28th.

Brother and Sister Reno Bologna of Detroit, visited the Monongahela Branch here on July 5th. Bro. Bologna occupied the pulpit both morning and evening. We were glad to have them with us.

EVERYBODY: Remember we are buying a Station Wagon for our work on the Grand River Reservation: AND WE NEED MONEY.

THE GOSPEL NEWS

Vol. 9 No. 9 September 1953 THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST, MONONGAHELA, PA. Office 519 Finley St.

DON'T JUDGE TOO HARD

Pray don't find fault with the man who limps
Or stumbles along the road,
Unless you have worn the shoes he wears,
Or struggled beneath his load.
There may be tacks in his shoes that hurt,
Though hidden away from view
Or the burden he bears placed on your back
Might cause you to stumble, too.

Don't sneer at the man who's down today,
Unless you have felt the blow
That caused his fall, or felt the shame
That only the fallen know.
You may be strong, but still the blows
That were his, if dealt to you
In the self-same way at the self-same time
Might cause you to stagger, too.

Don't be too harsh with the man who sins,
Or pelt him with words of stone,
Unless you are sure, yea, double sure
That you have no sins of your own;
For you know, perhaps if the tempter's voice
Should whisper as soft to you
As it did to him, when he went astray
'Twould cause you to falter, too.
—Sel.

Proverbs 3-1 to 6 Inclusive.

My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments:—For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee.—Let not mercy and truth forsake thee; bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart:—So shalt thou find favor and good understanding in the sight of God and man.—Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.—IN ALL THY WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM, AND HE SHALL DIRECT THY PATHS.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

"Why choose a church that so obscure?"
My friends will of't decry,

"Why worship with the lowly poor,
When there are temples, nigh?
It costs no more to kneel and pray
With men of social class.
And think how proud you'd be to say
'That's where I go to mass!'
"We have cathedrals to inspire
An artist to great fame,
With architecture to admire
And put your church to shame.
We cannot understand your view,

A century ago
Your church did not exist, still you
Continue there to go.
"Your number is so very small,
While we are very strong.
Oh, God will surely pardon all
Why don't you join the throng."
To which I smilingly reply,
"I will not disagree."
Yet, in this church I'll live and die,
For here, God blesses me".
Catherine Poma

O LORD OUR LORD 8th Psalm

O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name, in all the earth who hast set thy glory above the Heaven, out of the mouth of babes and sucklings has thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars which thou hast ordained, what is man that thou art mindful of him and the Son of man that thou visitest him, for thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour, thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands, thou hast put all things under his feet, all sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field, the fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever, passeth thru the paths of the seas, O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the world.

By Bro. Oliver Lloyd,
Cleveland, Ohio

An Excerpt From A Letter By Sister Gertrude Burnett

A day or so ago I received the Gospel News, and before I came

to work this morning I was reading it. The article 'Serve The Lord With Gladness,' by Elsie M. Ensana gave me such an uplift for the days work. It is a joyful opportunity to be a Christian, and as Mrs. Ensana says, we usually approach the Lord at times of sorrow rather than coming before Him with gladness and singing. Your account of your trip to the west coast was very interesting. I'm so glad all of you could go.

"To Him That Overcometh"

By Sadie B. Cadman

Even though there was so much sin and evil in the churches, the Lord held out a promise to the individual — "He that overcometh".

The first promise is found in Rev. 2-7 — "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God."

2nd—Rev. 2-10, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

3rd—Rev. 2-11, "He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death."

4th—Rev. 2-17, "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden Manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it."

5th—Rev. 2-26, "To him that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations." Rev. 2-28, "And I will give him the morning star."

6th—Rev. 3-5, "He that overcometh the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels."

7th—Rev. 3-12, "He that overcometh, will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is New Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God; and I will write upon him my new name."

8th—Rev. 3-21, "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit

with me in my throne, even as I also overcame and am set down with my Father in his throne."

Eight wonderful promises, and Gods promises never fail—Are they not worth striving for?

A Trip West

By W. H. Cadman

(Continued From Last Issue)

In concluding my last article, we had arrived at the home of Bro. James Heaps at Los Angeles, Calif. We arrived at the home of Bro. Heaps on the afternoon of Thursday May 7th., and left there on May 12th. During our stay there we attended services I believe every night including Saturday night. Our folks bought a Church property in a place called Bell, I believe it is a part of the city of Los Angeles, if not, it is all just like one big city. They have a fine location and a very large lot. The building is small, but they have built an addition to it which helps out for the present, but their intentions are to build a larger Church as soon as they are able. They will have plenty of room on the large corner lot on which the present building stands.

They seem to be getting along very well, and are enjoying themselves in the service of God. Their presiding Elder James Heaps is as usual, pretty well fired up, and along with the help of his brothers and sisters, are making some progress in spreading the gospel. While we were there, the meetings were very well attended, and the members were very active in their duties. have a nice group of young folks, and have lots of good singing, and lots of good testimonies are borne. There are quite a number there whom we had never met before. For instance, Brother Biscotti of Cleveland has two brothers and a sister there, two of them we had never met before, then there are two or three sisters of Sister Buffa of Detroit whom have been added to our list of acquaintances. Like all other places, they have their inconveniences. One instance. Brother Heaps mentioned of having to go so far to baptize their converts, and too, the Pacific waters are very rough at times. Then too, they are scattered around away from one another considerable, and many of them are far away from their church. But these are conditions we all

have to encounter. But the Lord blesses them in their efforts to let their light shine as commanded by our Saviour.

During our stay with the saints in this community, we visited around what we could among them and took in some of the sights there was to see.

Among them is Knott's Berry Farm and Ghost Town. A Mr. and Mrs. Walter Knott in 1927 bought ten acres of land, and started to sell berries, and had a few tables where they could serve coffee, pie, biscuits etc. Today, 200 additional acres have been added and are devoted to berries and other produce. The little ten acre plot on which stood the little restaurant, has grown to a plot of sixty acres with parking lots, and a restaurant now serving as many as 5000 on week days, and 8000 on Sundays. It is a place of old and strange things and conditions. Most anything that one could expect to see, old time country stores, blacksmith shops, old time panning of gold, old jails, old printing shops, and too much for me to think of mentioning. We had a wheel chair for my wife, so we spent two interesting hours at the place. We went into the old printing shop, and the next thing I knew, they had a regular size newspaper published with big headlines splashed across the front page as follows: "Rev. W. H. Cadman and wife of Monongahela, Pa., visiting the Ghost Town." The next thing, we passed an old Jail, there was a sign inviting one to look in, I did, there was a hard looking case sitting in there, and to my surprise I seemed to be well known in there, for a voice spoke to me addressing me as Rev. Cadman and began asking me about my family etc. We were getting into strange places in California. They run an old train on the grounds, the train is 73 years old, much like was on the track when I was a boy. I have just gave you sufficient that you might have an idea what Ghost Town is like. There is thousands and thousands of people visit the place annually from all over the world. It is astonishing how a little thing has become such a big thing in such a few years. It seems as though wonders never cease. Sister Mary Spatta and Sister Heaps were chaperon's for us.

On another day, Bro. Heaps

took us to visit Forest Lawn Cemetery, a wonderful place indeed. He pointed out to us where a grave would cost you 1000 dollars, should you want to be laid away to rest there. There is one thing I want to make mention of while we were in this cemetery. It is: "This famous painting, completed in 1895, might have been lost to the world forever had it not been for Dr. Eaton's courage. In his zeal to express the tremendous import of The Crucifixion, the Polish-born artist had painted it too large for the world to see. Measuring 195 feet long by 45 feet high, the painting exceeded the capacity of established museums. Nor could any private collection effectively display it. But Dr. Eaton learned of its existence, and in 1944 bought it for Forest Lawn and ordered the construction of the massive, imposing Hall of The Crucifixion solely to house this majestic masterpiece." To any one visiting in Los Angeles who has any religious inclinations at all, it would be well worth your time to go and see this painting. It is not only a master piece of art, nor is it only a massive canvas on which it is painted, but it conveys the imagination scene of the Artist, and I will add, a very sacred scene of that great event, when the Lamb of God was suspended between the earth and the heavens. The big Hall is darkened except for the lights that play on the painting. An arrow darts all over the picture and stops at the various scenes, while the voice of some invisible person is explaining the different scenes, including the Centurion who was made to exclaim, "Truly this was the Son of God." I will add that while it is only a picture, the imagination of the mind of the Artist, but I will further add, that it is a very Sacred one indeed.

On the day we were leaving Los Angeles for the San Fernando Valley, Sisters Heaps, Mary Spatta, and Brother and Sister Stanley Labanauskas all accompanied us into the heart of this big city. They took us to Angelus Temple, Aimee McPherson the Founder. And what a wonderful structure it is. My wife went into the building, but was not able to go through it because of having stairs to climb. A guide took the rest of us through the building. I saw the most wonderful Auditorium I ever saw before. Its seat-

ing capacity is 5300. We looked into one room which was filled up with old crutches, canes, braces, wheel chairs etc.—People who claimed to be healed therein left then behind, Immense stores of clothing to help clothe any who were in need. A large prayer room (we did not see in it) where 24 persons are on their knees in prayer continually, being relieved I believe every two hours by others. This I understand goes on daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly—prayer without ceasing. They might be criticized by some, but after all, God knows the hearts of all men and women, and He will undoubtedly bless the good of all His creatures, and may we all remember that Him whom we call Lord, teaches us to pray without ceasing and faint not.

Before saying good-bye to our brothers and sisters who were so good and kind, they took us to the Clifton Place, as fine a dining room as one could wish to enter, and treated us with a good dinner. They then got into their car, and we got in ours, and they ploeted us out of the City of Los Angeles towards the home of Brother and Sister James Lovalvo in the San Fernando Valley. Farewell to you all in this big city until we all meet again, if not here on earth in your City, may it be in the City whose Builder and Maker is God. Amen.

We arrived at the home of Bro. James Lovalvo in Northridge about mid-afternoon, found Sister Mary at home, but James was working. We stayed there two nights and attended meetings at Brother Meo's Mission. Brother Meo with three help of others has built up a nice work in the Valley. The place that they have to meet in is very unsatisfactory, a very non-inviting place, however, they have done much good, and the two nights we were there, brother Bittinger and I occupied the pulpit, and as for myself, I really enjoyed preaching the gospel in that humble place. Non-members were present and seemed much interested in the service. They have bought a site in the town of Van Nuys near by, to build upon, as soon as they can get to it. The site cost them 3000 dollars and they have it paid for. I took a picture of the big Sign they have erected on the lot and will use it in the Gospel News before long. Brother Lovalvo was much tied up with his work while we

were at his place, so he did not get to attend the two meetings while we were there. We visited several homes of our folks while at this place. It is a great fruit country, but they had big bulldozers in the Orange Groves, rooting out the trees, and making room for dwelling houses, which they were building by the hundreds. Building homes every where we went. It makes one wonder what is going to be the end of all this hustle there is today everywhere you go.

We left the San Fernando Valley on May 14th and headed for Modesto in what I believe is called San Joaquin Valley, which is approximately 500 miles long, and in places about 200 miles wide. It is a rich fruit and farming country (Irrigated of course) and produces most any thing, even to rich oil fields. On this trip we went via Bakersfield which place was hit hard by an Earthquake not long ago. We arrived at Brother and Sister Marco's home in the evening, and found them all well. We attended their meetings while we were there. Some of their meetings were held in Manteca, a place about 17 miles north and west of Modesto, and within about 60 miles of San Francisco. Also brother Randazzo has a Hall rented out on one of the Highways, where he holds meeting on Sunday. He has succeeded in converting a number of people to our faith since locating there, but like some other places, they really need a place of their own in which to worship. Modesto is a very nice city. While there we visited the home of an Indian man and his wife whom we had met in a store, and had a nice visit with them. I have since been sending them the Gospel News, and also gave them a Book of Mormon to read.

Brother Marco and wife have built themselves a nice home, and apparently are getting along all right. There are immense walnut groves in that part of the country, and oranges, lemons etc. We were made at home with our brothers and sisters at this place, could not ask to be treated better I am sure. We left Modesto on May 19th headed towards Salt Lake City via Sacramento, and Reno, Nevada, which I will continue to write about in the next issue of the Gospel News.

Bro. W. H. Cadman.

Gathering In East Detroit, Michigan

On July 25th and 26th many of us gathered in the East Detroit High School Auditorium, spent the two days in the worship of God. There was about 500 souls gathered for the occasion, from various places far and near. There were some present from the states of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kansas, and many from various places in Michigan. There was also a group from Ontario, Canada, which included many of our Indian people from the Six Nations Reserve, The Muncey Reserve and also some from the Reserve at Sarnia, Ont. Everybody seemed glad to see one another again.

Three meetings were held on the 25th and one long meeting on Sunday. The time was mostly spent in speaking. President Cadman introduced the opening service by reading the Scripture from Rev 14th chapter, wherein John sees another Angel flying through the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people. Several speakers followed Bro. Cadman on this wonderful subject. This scripture is very familiar to all believers in the restored gospel, the angel having appeared to Joseph Smith and delivered to him the records that had so long slumbered in the earth, which came in fulfillment of prophecy, and was translated into what is now known as the Book of Mormon—this of course, is a wonderful subject to all believers in the restored gospel of Jesus Christ. Many took part in the speaking in the afternoon session.

In the night session, the meeting opened by Bro. Cadman who read scripture from Genesis 49th chapter, pertaining to the blessings laid upon the heads of Judah, and Joseph, and especially the blessing laid on Joseph's head. Their father, before passing on to his reward said: "Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the last days." This is another WONDER in the scripture, yet it is not heeded very much, except among those of the restored gospel. But I will add: that most all professing people concedes that we are living in the last days. Bro. Furnier followed Bro.

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EDITORIAL

To The Lamanite or Indian People.

Book of Moroni, 10-4 in the Book of Mormon: "And when ye shall receive these things, I would exhort you that ye would ask God, the Eternal Father, in the name of Christ, if these things are not true; and if ye shall ask with a sincere heart, with real intent, having faith in Christ, he will manifest the truth of it unto you, by the power of the Holy Ghost. And by the power of the Holy Ghost ye may know the truth of all things."

My dear Indian friends: I wish to advise you all to read the Book of Mormon for yourselves, and not only read it, but take the counsel of this man Moroni, one of your fore-fathers and go to God in prayer and in faith, and the promise is that He will reveal the truth unto you. Do not listen to the enemies of the Book of Mormon — You know, the Saviour had enemies, and they nailed Him to the cross. But He survived them. The Book of Mormon has had enemies now for over 100 years, and yet faith is abounding in it more and more everyday. The truth of it will survive, when rolling years cease to move, and it's enemies cease to be.

Take Note: I understand our folks in Erie, Pa., have made a deal for a property in which to worship. They need help — and I ask you all to do what you can for them. Mail your offerings to John Mancini, 2122 Union St. Wesleyville, Erie, Pa.

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Cadman in speaking in this meeting. The meeting was closed at about 9:45 p.m.

Sunday morning meeting was opened by Bro. Biscotti of Cleveland, Ohio and a very extensive discourse was delivered, and he was followed by Bro. Joseph Lov-alvo of Detroit. The meeting continued until about 12:45 p.m. Closing remarks were made by brothers Cadman and Furnier. On Saturday, brother Burgess of Wind-

sar, Ont. brought with him a chorus of Indian singers from the Six Nations Reserve near Brantford, Ont. They rendered several selections for us both in the Saturday Evening Meeting, also in the Sunday Morning Meeting. If I remember right, there were six voices, both men and women and they are very good singers. They sang, both in the Mohawk and English tongues. I believe it was enjoyed by all present. We had a very nice two-days together, but the weather was very hot. The hospitality of the Detroit saints, I am sure was much appreciated by all.

The Birth of the Spirit

(Holy Ghost) by
Thurman S. Furnier

Continued from a previous issue

HOW WAS THE HOLY GHOST GIVEN DURING THE APOSTOLIC ERA? The following scripture speaks in no uncertain terms; i. e. By the laying on of hands: Act. 8:14-17 "Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them; only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus:) Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost." Also Acts 19: 1-7 "And it came to pass, that, while, Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus; and finding certain disciples, He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. And all the men were about twelve."

There's an interesting account in the Book of Mormon with ref-

erence to the giving of the Holy Ghost: 3rd. Nephi 18: 36, 37 (in part) Jesus "touched with his hand the disciples whom he had chosen, one by one, even until he had touched them all, and spake unto them as he touched them; And the multitude heard not the words which he spake, therefore they did not bear record; but the disciples bear record that he gave them power to give the Holy Ghost. And I will shew unto you hereafter that this record is true." We turn to Moroni Ch. 2 for the record which is referred to above: "The words of Christ, which he spake unto his disciples, the Twelve whom he had chosen, as he laid his hands upon them. And he called them by name, saying, Ye shall call on the Father in my name, in mighty prayer; and after ye have done this, ye shall have power that on him whom ye shall lay your hands, ye shall give the Holy Ghost; and in my name shall ye give it, for thus do mine apostles. Now Christ spake these words unto them at the time of his first appearing; and the multitude heard it not, but the disciples heard it; and on as many as they laid their hands, fell the Holy Ghost."

The laying on of hands was not for the giving of the Holy Ghost alone. The scriptures, (both old and new testament) abound in evidence that by the laying on of hands men were ordained into the Holy Priesthood, also that the sick were healed and little children were blessed by the imposition of hands. HOW CAN THE HOLY GHOST BE RECEIVED TODAY? AND WHAT MUST I DO TO RECEIVE—HIS PRECIOUS GIFT? By following the teachings of Christ: Belief in God, faith in him, repentance of all our sins, baptism for the remission thereof, having hands laid upon us for the reception of the Holy Ghost, by one having been divinely authorized to administer in the name of Jesus Christ. And last, but not least, living a righteous, sanctified life before God and men and faithfulness until the end. The Church of Jesus Christ is composed of persons who have come to the years of accountability, and have been lead to believe and obey these principles. They are entitled through faith and obedience to these ordinances to enjoyment of all the gifts, manifestations, revelations, signs, healings, and other blessings, which belonged to

the primitive Christian church, the members of which were called Saints. Those disciples of the Saviour were called Christians in derision by their enemies, just as the members of The Church of Jesus Christ are some times nicknamed "Mormons" in these days. Dear Saints: Hearken to the words of the book. The seed of Joseph has spoken to us as prophesied that they would Thou "shalt speak out of the ground, and thy speech shall be low out of the dust, and thy voice shall be, as of one that hath a familiar spirit, out of the ground, and thy speech shall whisper out of the dust." Isaiah 29: 4 (in part.) Brothers and sisters let us meditate seriously, upon the words of Moroni 10: 18-34 viz: "And I would exhort you, my beloved brethern, that ye remember that every good gift cometh of Christ. And I would exhort you, my beloved brethern, that ye remember that he is the same yesterday, to-day and for ever, and that all these gifts of which I have spoken which are spiritual, never will be done away, even as long as the world shall stand, only according to the unbelief of the children of men. Wherefore, there must be faith; and if there must be faith, there must also be hope; and if there must be hope, there must also be charity; And except ye have charity, ye can in no wise be saved in the Kingdom of God, neither can ye be saved in the kingdom of God, if ye have not faith, neither can ye if ye have no hope; And if ye have no hope, ye must be in despair; and despair cometh because of iniquity. And Christ truly said unto our fathers, If ye have faith, ye can do all things which is expedient unto me. And now I speak unto all the ends of the earth, that if the day cometh that the power and gifts of God shall be done away among you, it shall be because of unbelief. And woe be unto the children of men, if this be the case; for there shall be none that doeth good among you, no not one. For if there be one among you that doeth good, he shall work by the power and gifts of God. And woe unto them who shall do these things away, and die, for they die in their sins, and they cannot be saved in the kingdom of God; and I speak it according to the words of Christ, and I lie not. And I exhort you to remember these things; for the time speedly

cometh that ye shall know that I lie not, for ye shall see me at the bar of God, and the Lord God will say unto you, did I not declare my words unto you, which were written by this man, like as one crying from the dead? yea, even as one speaketh out of the dust? I declare these things unto the fulfilling of the prophecies. And behold, they shall proceed forth out of the mouth of the everlasting God; and his word shall hiss forth from generation to generation. God shall shew unto you, that that which I have written is true. And again I would exhort you, that ye would come unto Christ, and lay hold upon every good gift, and touch not the evil gift, nor the unclean thing. And awake, and arise from the dust, O Jerusalem; yea, and put on the beautiful garments, O daughter of Zion, and strengthen thy stakes and enlarge thy borders for ever, that thou mayest no more be confounded, that the covenants of the eternal Father which he hath made unto thee, O house of Israel, may be fulfilled. Yea, come unto Christ, and be perfected in him, and deny yourselves of all ungodliness, and if ye shall deny yourselves of all ungodliness, and love God with all your might, mind and strength, then is his grace sufficient for you, that by his grace ye may be perfect in Christ; and if by the grace of God ye are perfect in Christ, ye can in no wise deny the power of God. 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. And now I bid unto all, farewell, I soon go to rest in the paradise of God, until my spirit and body shall again re-unite, and I am brought forth triumphant through the air, to meet you before the pleasing bar of the great Jehovah, the eternal judge of both quick and dead, Amen." The Apostle Paul called to remembrance the unfeigned faith that was in Timothy and adds: 2nd. Tim 1: 6 "Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands." Brothers and sisters, may God in his infinite mercy help all of us to stir up the gift of God, which

was also given us by the laying on of hands, when we first obeyed the gospel restored.

Does This Interest You?

In the January Paper of 1953 I published a letter which was sent me, relative to raising a missionary fund to be exclusively used in the Lamanite Missionary Field. I reported to our late conference of some money had been received by me, and instead of creating the proposed fund, I was instructed to turn the money into the General Church Missionary Fund, which I did. The same brother has written to me again as follows:

"Dear Editor, In receipt of your card of July 17, 1953. In it, I find no satisfaction: as to the efforts and intentions as originally introduced.

There was on my part, two points which I wanted to see very clearly. First: I was very much interested in seeing a large fund set up, for the Indian Mission Work, that through this fund, several of our Elders could spend full time in the Indian Mission work. And that sufficient funds would be available to encourage them to leave their present jobs if necessary, to do Indian Mission work in the field. And to continue and follow up this work. Second: I was very much interested to see just how much interest there is among our people to do the work, that we have for many years preached.

To be frank with all concerned, I am very much disappointed in this people. When I was baptized into this church at the age of 30 years, I was preached too. How a great-day awaits us in the restoration of the House of Israel, and how we as a people, have been chosen to carry this Gospel to His Covenant People. First to the Seed of Joseph etc. And how these records (Book of Mormon) has been placed in our hands, with the intent that this Gospel would be carried back to His Covenant People.

I am glad to hear of your plan of tent meetings in South Dakota. But that is just a very small effort, compared to the work that awaits this Church in this North America. I have traveled some and I know that it takes money, and I know that any Elders that are chosen to do mission work, must have financial backing by the church.

I believe we should continue our work in Italy, and elsewhere, and give our full support. And by the same token, we should bring our Indian Mission Work and efforts, equal the other work. In fact we should put Indian Mission work at the top of all efforts.

Myself and my wife, and I can speak for her, believe in this Gospel, but we are disturbed, on the evasive actions, to the very rock on which the Church of Jesus Christ is built. Some may have desires to be high in the Church, and justly, so, others do not have that desire, but desire to see this Gospel preached from the solid rock in which this Church was originally built upon. The Carrying of this Restored Gospel back to the Covenant Indian People. As for me, I will not be satisfied with this Church's activity, until I see many Elders in the Mission Field.

In this short letter, I do not wish to hurt any one, but this I believe with all my heart, and I know I am right.

I am not too much interested any more in hearing a Minister preach and teach us what we should do concerning our duty towards the covenant people, and the great things that await us. I am more interested in just a few words: Such as, We have work to do among the Covenant People, LET US GO.

Never in the history of this church, have we been treated so kindly by our Indian friends. (very true my brother. WHC) They are anxious to have us VISIT them, and we cannot because of the lack of funds.

I suppose you will not be able to let me know about how much money, or interest was shown by our church people. I know there are many that think as I do. I beg for them too, to speak out and do the thing we should be doing more forcefully. Love to all Sincerely, your brother in Christ."

P. S. I, brother W. H. Cadman am glad to see the concern of the writer of the above letter, in behalf of preaching the Gospel to the Seed of Joseph, and to others as well. I personally know that this CONCERN about our laxity towards carrying the Gospel to the remnant of Israel on this land, is spreading among this people. I am also glad that it is so. I am persuaded that the Lord will let this people reap

what they have sown, just as He has done with all others. I never sat under the voice of President Wm. Bickerton, but I have very much sat and listened to his successors, Presidents Wm. Cadman, and Alexander Cherry who have all gone to their rewards in the hope that we would carry on. As president of the church, and as a Minister of the Gospel, I have tried to do my best to forward this work on, but like my brother, I have also met with disappointment.

In the Literature we have published and scattered abroad, I read: "It signified that the Almighty had resolved to use this people (The Church of Jesus Christ, WHC) to accomplish this great and grand purpose of carrying the Gospel to the seed of Jacob, which will eventually result in the restoration of the whole house of Israel. By acceptance of the Gospel of Christ, they will be restored to the favor of Heaven, as in their former condition. The covenants made unto Abraham and unto Jacob, in their behalf, will be fulfilled. Gentile power, pride and hypocrisy will be suppressed and destroyed, and the fifth universal Empire, or what some call the Stone Kingdom, spoken of by Daniel, as the Ancient of Days, will be established." How people bearing the name of Latter Day Saints, and especially any one that has been raised up in this church, can rejoice in happy anticipation of GREAT THINGS to come and not be interested in doing what we can today in preaching the Gospel to Israel, IS MORE than I can understand. President W. H. CADMAN.

Brethren:—May I Say—Wake Up!

A few years ago, a man wrote me a letter from up in British Columbia, Canada. He is an old L. D. S., but because of strife and division, he is not in fellowship with any faction of them, but is still holding fast to the Restoration of the Gospel. I had mailed to him from Windsor, Ont., sometime ago, one dozen Books of Mormon, and I believe I sent him a half dozen from here. He has written to me lately wanting Italian Books of Mormon. This is August 5th, and he has the following to say in a letter received from him a few days ago. —"I am going to Vancouver, Canada with a convert to the Res-

toration Movement. Have you an Elder that God recognizes in that city, if so let me know."

In closing his letter he adds: "P. S. Have you an Indian Elder that God would send to My Indians if I would fly him up here?" Further, This man refuses to baptize his convert, for he says: "There is not a church on earth that I know of, that would sanction it." — The Gospel was restored much over 100 years ago, may I ask: Is it not time yet to preach IT to the Lamanite and Gentile? Had not Latter Day Saints better wake out of their slumber? President Cadman —The Gospel News is being mailed up into that country.

Mrs. Mary Aquilano Passes On

Sister Mary Aquilino died July 9, 1953 after an illness of four months. Born in Italy on February 15, 1893, married to Brother Vincent Aquilino on January 8, 1912. She came to America in 1913 and was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ on September 25, 1927.

She leaves to mourn her loss, Bro. Vincent Aquilino, and daughters, Josephine Dominico of Lorain, Ohio, Antoinette Ciaravino of Detroit, Mich. and Violet Thomas of San Diego, California, a brother, Frank Scoletti of Loraine, Ohio, five grandchildren. Sister Aquilino was a faithful servant all the years she spent in the Gospel, although she was always afflicted. She loved God and we know God loved her. She left a wonderful heritage behind her, in the life she lived. She died with the words of the poet David upon her lips, "The Lord is my Shepherd."

Brother Rocco Bisconti and Brother Wm. H. Cadman officiated at the service with Bro. Domenic Thomas assisting. The text used was "The Lord is my Shepherd." "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" and "It is well with my Soul" were sung.

With an anonymous poet we feel.

"The funeral anthem is a glad evangel, the good die not;

God calls our loved ones, but we lose not wholly what he has given.

They live in thought and deed as truly as in his heaven."

Mrs. Matilda Nemeth Passes On
Cleveland, Ohio

Sister Matilda Nemeth passed away on June 25, 1953 after an illness of several months.

She was among the first few members of the Cleveland Branch of the Church when it was established as a Mission in May 1921.

She leaves to mourn her passing, her husband Bro. Andrew Nemeth, her daughter Sister Rose Eiletz, five sons and six grandchildren. She was laid away to rest on June 29. The funeral services were conducted by Bro. R. Biscotti, with Bro. August Perlion assisting. — May the Lord comfort our Brother and his family.

**Mrs. Mary Tucker
Passed On**

Our aged Sister Tucker passed away on the morning of July 10th at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mary Cherry. Her husband, Bro. Joseph Tucker passed on 42 years ago. Had she lived two days longer, that is 'til July 12th she would have been 91 years old. Due to her aged and feeble condition, she has not been able to attend church for several years. She was baptized into the church 53 years ago.

She was born in England but had lived in neighborhood of Monongahela, Pa., for many years and was well and favorably known. The mother of fourteen children, of which twelve still survive as follows: Joseph, George, Harry, James, and Charles. Mrs. Teman Cherry, Mrs. Albert Neidermeyer, Mrs. Alma Rouse, Mrs. Anna Cline, and Elsie all of this community. (Monongahela). Mrs. Leonel Griffith of Coal Center, Pa. R. D. and Robert of Weston, W. Va., besides many grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was the grandmother of Bro. Wm. (Billie) Tucker of Tampa, Fla.

Sister Tucker after all these years spent in this world, has now passed on to reap the reward that is laid up for her. May her soul find a resting place in the Paradise of God until that great day. Services were conducted in the Church here in Monongahela, with Bro. W. H. Cadman in charge, who was assisted by Bro. Charles Ashton. Music and singing was rendered by Sisters Vancik, Bickerton, Mountain, and Bro. John Majoros. May the Lord comfort all her loved ones.

**Wedding Announcement
(June 1953)**

Sister Mary Lorraine Winebrenner, the daughter of Bro. and Sister Charles Winebrenner of Lonaconing, Maryland and Mr. Rob-

ert Thomas Weir of Lonaconing, Maryland, were united in marriage in the home of the brides parents, brother Joseph Bittinger officiating. Eugene Winebrenner, brother of the bride acted as best man, while Miss Elaine Weir, sister of the groom was maid of honor. The brides parents served dinner to the many friends who attended the ceremony, the young couple expect to make their home at Lonaconing, Md.

Question Box

Ques. Is the woman mentioned in John 8-3,4 whom was taken in the act of adultery, the same woman which is mentioned in Luke 7-37, 38 who washed the Saviours feet and kissed them?

Ans. — I do not know of any scripture which identified these two women to be the self, and same person. (If I am wrong, I will welcome some information). They should not be confused as the same person, without some scriptural authority.

From The Armed Forces

"What has God done for us, that we in turn might do for Him?"

God has given us many things. He sent his only begotten son down to earth to suffer the shame and persecution, the wiles of the Tempter, and last but not least, to die on Calvary's cross, so we might attain, through our efforts, the crown of life he has promised those who fulfill his will.

If we were to take our Bibles and leaf through it's pages, we would never find an end to God's miraculous gifts to mankind.

Let us take our natural environments and think of how they got there and of what importance they are to us. The air we breathe the food we eat, and the water we drink, are among the greatest natural gifts from God. God has not stopped there, but chose to give some men the knowledge to improve on these crude modes of existence to the point where they are available to mankind in an easier more bearable manner. We can therefore, see the part which concerns our natural lives and we know of what can be termed our Spiritual Advancements, for we read of them daily in our Bibles.

Now we ask the same question in reverse, "What can we do for God?"

Brothers, Sisters and Friends, this question can only be decided upon by the dictate of your own minds. A prayer offered in the middle of the day, showing mercy and kindness towards your fellowman, and being an example to your fellow worker. These are but a few. We don't always do these things, but we should always strive to improve ourselves spiritually just as we do for our natural existences.

In closing, let us bear this question in mind,

"What are we doing for God?"
Bro. August D'Orazio

**The Dependability
Of An Enlightened Conscience**

General Superintendent Williamson

Uncivilized peoples in their darkness and superstition have sought to guard themselves against evil by a taboo system. The Christian method has been to enlighten the conscience by the knowledge of moral standards according to the divine revelation contained in the Word of God. The former was enforced by fear of evil spirits. The latter is based upon the knowledge of the character of God and His will for the men who are created with the capacity for moral choice.

The founders and early leaders of the Church of the Nazarene have sought to summarize the teachings of the Bible in the general and special rules contained in the Manual. They were so sure they had covered the essential points that they included those rules in the constitution of the church. They then made it impossible to add to or subtract from that code except by two-thirds vote of the General Assembly and ratification by two-thirds of all district assemblies.

A great majority of the church are happy with the position which the Manual now upholds. They believe that the preachers should and will give forth the knowledge of the way with prophetic voice and that a reliable conscience will guide the church to victory according to its original purpose and pattern.

There are some who would multiply rules. That course would open the way for everyone to advance his pet notion with the view to making a new law. The result would be a yoke of bondage unbearable, and a Manual changed so frequently that it

would be without respect or authority. Furthermore, a code subject to additions would be subject also to subtractions.

Modern science has brought television into common use. Some reject it as of satanic origin. We cannot but recall the time when the devil was in the violin, the automobile, the radio. Now we have learned that, though these things are still used to promote evil, yet since they are here to stay we had better use them to promote good as well.

Television has possibilities for evil. Its offerings are sometimes sinful or senseless. The safety of our homes and society is in developing a dependable conscience as to what to see and when to turn it off. Children in Nazarene homes live in a television world. Many believe they will be safer to be taught by God-fearing parents what is good and what is evil than to see all they may, elsewhere, with no cultivation of their sense of discrimination. Again the enlightened Christian conscience is our greatest safeguard.

(Herald of Holiness)

NEWS ITEMS

The Church here in Monongahela attended to the ordinance of Washing Feet on July 19th. We had a very nice attendance, and a very good meeting was enjoyed by all present, including some non-members. Some Christian people say they washed feet because of wearing sandals in that day. Let us see what Jesus says about it, His word should be the best. In St. John 13-13, 14, 15, I read: "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." Could anything be written plainer?

Mr. Joseph Welles White, of Santa Monica, Calif., a college instructor, called at my home, Brother W. H. Cadman in Monongahela on July 20th, he had contacted me sometime ago, relative to obtaining information about Mr. Sidney Rigdon of whom he is writing a biography. It is known of course that Mr. Rigdon was one of the leading men

in the church in the days of Joseph Smith, in fact he is often referred to, as Joseph's right-hand man. Mr. White is not in any way associated with any of the L.D.S. churches, but is interested in the life of Mr. Rigdon. He is making a very extensive trip through the country, visiting some of the largest libraries, and the many spots where L.D.S. history has been made. His trip will take him as far east as Vermont, and he voluntarily promised me that he would acquaint me with some of his findings. While here, he purchased one of our Church Histories, and various copies of our doctrinal literature. I will be pleased to hear from Mr. White later on.

I, brother W. H. Cadman attended the gathering in Detroit, along with others from Monongahela, but before returning home, I was invited to address the meeting of the Ladies Uplift Circle's, a monthly affair if I understand right. The meeting was held in No. 1 building Devine & Hall Sts. on Monday evening. A very nice crowd of Sisters were present, also a few brethren. A very nice evening was spent. On Tuesday night I was in the pulpit of our Church in Port Huron. Our attendance was not very large, but I did enjoy myself talking to them. On Wednesday night I was in the pulpit of No. 3 Church on Seven Mile Road. A nice crowd was present for the occasion. On Thursday night, I was in the pulpit of No. 2 Church on the West Side of Detroit. The meeting was called on short notice, but still a very nice audience was present for me to talk to. On this same day brother Biagio Scarselli took me in his car to see our new church on Chicago Ave., known as No. 4. They expect to dedicate the building soon, and if it is right to be proud of a church building, the saints of the Branch of the Church, have a right to be proud of their accomplishments, I am sure. I left by train at 10:40 p.m., e.s.t. for home, arriving safely the next morning, none the worse for my trip. WHC.

Auto accident: Mrs. Mary Kirschner, the daughter-in-law of Bro. Samuel Kirschner, due to an

accident on the Highway, is lying in the Mt. Carmel Hospital in Detroit at this date, Aug. 5th, with two broken limbs and otherwise badly hurt, and her one year old baby has a broken leg. Mrs. Kirschner's husband, Vernon, is in the U.S. Army in Germany. We are very sorry indeed to hear of this happening, and we extend our sympathy to Vernon, Mary and their little babe. May the Lord comfort you in your trials.

Brother Ernest Schultz, along with his wife and some of his family of Delray Beach, Fla., have been visiting here in Monongahela for a week or so. As they were about to return home, Bro. Schultz was seized with a severe sick spell and was rushed to the hospital, and underwent an appendix operation. At this date August 6th, he is not too well.

I hear that there has been five baptisms in the Roscoe, Pa., Branch since last Conference. Also they have had several at the various places in California. In Hopelawn, N.J. Branch, they have baptized a number of Puerto Rico people. They were to have a baptism the Sunday after the Gathering in Detroit, at the Muncey Indian Reservation. We are glad to hear of the labours of our brethren being crowned with success.

On August 6th Bro. Meredith Griffith and Sister Irene Majoros Griffith became the parents of twin girls. Papa Griffith seems to be bearing up very well. Mother and babes are fine.

THE WORDS OF JESUS CHRIST II NEPHI 26-3, 4

"And He did expound all things, even from the beginning until the time that He should come in His glory—yea, even all things which should come upon the face of the earth, even until the elements should melt with fervent heat, and the earth should be wrapt together as a scroll, and the heavens and the earth should pass away;

And even unto the great and last day, when all people, and all kindreds, and all nations and tongues shall stand before God, to be judged of their works, whether they be good or whether they be evil—"

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LIVING EPISTLES

By F. W. Davis

We cannot be too careful
Of the life we live today,
For the sake of those about us
As we walk the narrow way.
Many do not read the Bible
But our lives are often read,
And God's cause is often hindered
By the thing that's done and said.

Yes, we are the Lord's epistles,
Known and read by every man.
If we glorify our Saviour,
We must live as Christians then.
Help us, Lord, to be more careful,
For the world is looking on.
We must guard our ways and
actions

If the world to God is won.
—Herald of Holiness

A REJOICING DAY

As many of you know, in our Hopelawn Branch we have had very good progress in the conversion of the Puerto Rican people.

Recently we had a visit from Brother Fernandez Valentine of Glassport, Pennsylvania. Brother Valentine, being of the Spanish nationality, held several meetings with our Puerto Rican brothers and sisters and friends during the week that he was in New Jersey. As a result of an all-Spanish meeting held on Tuesday evening, August 11th, two more candidates requested baptism. A young girl who recently came to this country and her father asked to be baptized, and before the end of the week a young man also requested baptism. These 3 baptisms were performed on Sunday morning, August 16th, in Perth Amboy by Brother Valentine. We now have a total of 15 Puerto Rican members in our branch.

The 3 baptisms were the start of a glorious Sabbath day. Also visiting us this day were Brother John Mancini and his family and Brother Charles Behanna and his wife. Brother Mancini spoke in our morning service and a great blessing was received due to God's spirit upon us. Brother Mancini's discourse was wonderful and encouraging and many interesting points were brought out surrounding the topic of how we are "Building a Kingdom." Brother Valentine followed Brother Mancini with an explanation of Brother Mancini's talk in the Spanish language for the

benefit of our Puerto Rican members.

The afternoon meeting was taken up with various testimonies and many visitors were with us including brothers and sisters from Erie, Glassport, Stelton, New Brunswick and a young brother Michael LaSalle from Detroit, Michigan, who is now stationed with the Army at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey.

The blessings of God were further showered upon us in our MBA meeting Sunday evening when again Brother Mancini favored us with an encouraging talk especially to all our young people, followed by a wonderful testimony of our young Brother Michael LaSalle and a testimony from Sister Mancini.

The glorious day was concluded with the New Jersey Choir singing "The Mystery of Grace." Words cannot express the wonderful Spirit of God which prevailed throughout the day.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

T'is the Church of Jesus Christ
The ramparts of the Lord,
The beacon light for souls
Who are searching for the Lord.

T'is the Church of Jesus Christ
That citadel of peace,
That city on a hill,
A haven from all ill.

A bulwark from all storms,
A fortress from the night,
Liahona of the righteous,
The guardian of the Saints.

O come all ye that hunger,
O come all ye that thirst,
You will be filled and satisfied,
In the kingdom of the Lord.

O sinner, whoever you may be,
T'is the hand of Jesus Christ our
Saviour
Outstretched to make you free,
A hand outstretched to lead you
to eternity.

The days are few, not many.
In the world there is no refuge
From the tempest and the darkness
From the pitfalls and the storms.

Tho' the battle may be heavy,
Tho' the trials severe and long,
There is a place of solace,
There is a place of rest.

There is a light that's shining,

Burning bright for you and me,
And you will find it if you are
searching
For the Church of Jesus Christ.

T'is the Church of Jesus Christ
The Zion of the Lord
The mountain of His majesty
The glories yet untold.

Anthony Gerace

DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

On August 16, 1953 we dedicated our new building, Branch No. 4, Detroit, Mich., to the honour and glory of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The Spirit of God was in our midst and His mark of approval was manifested in the gifts of visions, tongues were spoken and interpretation was given. We all rejoiced and our hearts were filled with thanksgiving. We were grateful indeed that the Lord had blessed our humble efforts in erecting another house of prayer and worship to His High and Holy Name.

Before we started to complete the building we went before God in fasting and prayer, before the close of the meeting one sister saw a vision of two men dressed in working clothes ready to start working. This was indeed very encouraging. We were not financially prepared for such a venture, nevertheless we saw the need for completing the building and so we put our trust in God, and the Lord has surely blessed us all the way. Whenever our finances were starting to run low there was always someone ready to donate and we managed to complete the building without any debts, for which we are certainly thankful.

The brothers of the Branch worked hard and sacrificed their time and effort. After working in the shop all day the brothers gathered together in the evening to work on the church. There was a tremendous amount of work involved, and because of our anxiety and inexperience we made mistakes but the hand of God was outstretched on our behalf and He delivered us from the dangers and misfortunes that might have befallen us. Through His tender mercies and His loving kindness we finally managed to build a beautiful little church for which we are truly grateful.

About a year before we had anticipated the completion of the

church, Brother Joseph Usai received a revelation and was directed to build a pulpit and communion table. Although he was inexperienced in this type of work, with a few tools that he found in his basement he turned out a beautiful piece of work and he stored it away until the building was completed and we were able to place the pulpit and table in its proper place.

So we are happy to see the work of the Lord progress. The small stone that Daniel saw cut out of the mountain without hands continues to roll and someday it will cover the earth.

A TRIP WEST

By W. H. Cadman

(Continued From Last Issue)

My last article states that we left Modesto on May 19th headed towards Salt Lake City via Sacramento, Calif. We really headed for Salt Lake on Monday the 18th via Yosemite National Park, but after spending some time in the Park, we learned that the Highway from there across the mountains to the state of Nevada, was not yet opened after being closed for the winter. Consequently we returned to Modesto, and spent another night at the home of brother and sister Randazzo, and then left the next morning, the 19th, via Sacramento.

While we were in Yosemite Park we saw many wonders—the deep canyons, the high mountains like rock walls thousands of feet high, and streams of water falling down over them, creating scenes that are hard to describe. One of our objects of going via Yosemite Park, was to see for ourselves the big trees that we read of, and the pictures we have seen of them. The trees are known as Sequoia gigantea, and it is said that the tallest one is 331 feet high, and some are as much as 29 feet in diameter, and are said to be about 4000 years old. If that be true, they would be very large trees when Jesus tread upon the shores of Jordan's stream. It is hard to realize, nevertheless the trees are there to be seen, and what a wonderful sight they are, so majestically they rise up into the heavens. We walked among them, took pictures of them with our wives standing by them; the highway is cut through one of the trees, and we drove through it with our car, really we drove through the tree. One big tree which had been blown out by the roots at one time lay there. A pair of steps are built up onto it, and then on the top of it a board walk is built, so

that one can walk along on the tree as it lay on its side. How long it has laid there, I don't think any one knows. But it is there.

To any one who has any inspiration towards God and of His creation, cannot help but meditate upon His doings in the ages past, and still we must not forget the fact that He is still the same Being. If the estimates of our scientific men are any-ways near right as to time, those trees were small sprouts or saplings, not too long after Noah's time.

And I read in the Book of Mormon, that when the waters receded from the face of this land, that that it became a land choice above all others with God. These trees are not down in the low places, but are high in the mountains, and if the trees are from three to four thousand years old, it would seem to indicate that the earth's surface had not changed much where the trees are during all these years. Yet all things are possible with God. These things arouse one's thoughts—May I draw your attention to the fact, that is according to the scripture, that the Ark rested on the other side of the world from here, but where was it built? I have heard it said that scientists claim that the materials used in the construction of the Ark (as mentioned in our Bible) are all found in the Mississippi Valley. Is my mind wandering on to strange things? May be, but I read of a minister who had lived in the neighborhood of the Serpent Mound in southern Ohio, and who had made a study of the Mound and its vicinity, and he came to the conclusion that it was the place of the Garden of Eden. Not impossible is it?

You may think that I am getting far away from the account of our trip to the west coast. However, the scenes and wonders of this great land of America, known in the Book of Mormon as a "choice land" above all others with God, and known as the "land of promise" by the forefathers of the American Indian race, and to us as the "land of restored Israel," certainly causes my mind to wander towards the God who has moved in mysterious ways His wonders to perform. Him, who has planted His footsteps in the sea, and has ridden upon the storm. Yea, Him, who has treasured up His bright designs and has worked, and is still working His own sovereign will. Yea, what a wonderful land this land of America is. It is not only wonderful in productivity of the things necessary to

our comfort and well being, but it has yielded from its bowels, the wonderful things of God as contained in the Book of Mormon, and the restoring this land of promise back to those who have been deprived of its blessings — the remnant of Israel, better known to us today as Indians. Let us all give praise to Him whose word cannot fail. Amen.

On leaving Yosemite Park, we returned to the home of Brother Marco and the next morning (May 19th) started on our way homeward. From Modesto to Sacramento, we passed through some wonderful country, very productive. It was raining when we passed through the Capital City, and we then headed on across the mountains for Reno, Nevada. It rained all the way going over the mountains and it was cold, much snow to pass through, though the highways were clear. These mountains have an altitude of 9000 ft. Where we crossed the altitude was better than 7000 ft. The railroad crossing these mountains has a shed built over it for miles and miles, to keep the snow from covering the tracks. It was certainly a big engineering job to build that railroad.

It was not long after we got down on low country again, until we came to the famous city known as Reno. It is advertized as "the biggest little city in the world." After getting some dinner there we traveled on, for we had no occasion to establish a residence in Reno. It is a long barren trip across the state of Nevada. Very little habitation, but we were seldom out of sight of long heavy freight trains with their Diesel engines on the plains, making their way to and from the Pacific coast. We finally arrived at a little town known as Winnemucca, a small place, yet well provided with Motels and other places to accommodate the many tourists with sleeping quarters. We stayed there for the night, and the next morning headed on our way.

Entering the state of Utah, we found ourselves driving on what is known as the Bonneyville Salt Flats. We drove for possibly 50 or 60 miles with salt on both sides of the Highway as far as we could see. It had the appearance of the ground being covered with snow. I had brother Bittinger stop the car and I walked out on it for my own satisfaction, and I tasted what looked like snow, but it was real salt. It is a sight hard to realize unless one sees it.

We reached Salt Lake City about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. I had been in the city once before, it sets

down in the valley between the mountains, and of course as is well known, is the headquarters of the Church of Jesus Christ of L.D.S. commonly known as the Mormon Church.

We stayed over night here and the next morning we went to the Temple Square, and fell in line with other tourists and followed the Guide through the grounds. They furnished my wife with a wheel chair otherwise we would not have been able to get around. The Guide is a well posted man as to the faith of their Church, and in this way they preach their faith to thousands of tourists every day, including the more than one-wife doctrine. The Guide quoted Jacob 2-30 "For if I will saith the Lord of Hosts, raise up seed unto me, I will command my people; otherwise they shall hearken unto these things." He used that verse to prove that God had commanded the doctrine of more than one wife, to Joseph Smith. I reminded him that he had ignored the punctuation marks in that scripture. I have no desire to speak in the way of reproach whatever, but it is surprising to see a man so well informed as was Elder the guide, I might say, to construe those words as he did to prove the doctrine of polygamy. The 27th and 28th verses of this same chapter read as follows: "Wherefore, my brethren hear me, and hearken to the word of the Lord: For there shall not any man among you have save it be one wife; and concubines he shall have none;—For I, the Lord God, delight in the chastity of women, And whoredoms are an abomination before me; thus saith the Lord of Hosts."

If the Guide is correct in his application (which of course he is not) of verse 30, then that which was an abomination to God at that time, becomes a pleasure to God under the Restoration of the Gospel. Yet the Book of Mormon along with the Bible, abounds with warning, that God is an unchangeable Being. I wish to make it clear, that while the "more than one wife" doctrine was brought forth in his talk, it was not done on my part, but I did question him on the matter, and told him that he was ignoring the punctuation marks in that verse. However, we enjoyed ourselves very much while in the city. The temple grounds are kept up to perfection, the finest of buildings; and a more courteous people than the Utah Mormons will be hard to find.

I have exchanged letters with the

Church Librarian, E. E. Olson, but we had never met each other. His office is in the administrative building. I went to his office and picked up some mail sent to me by members of my family. Consequently, I met Mr. Olson, also the Church Historian, Mr. Lund, and others of standing in their Church. They treated us with all the courtesy a man could expect to receive anywhere. (Brother Bittinger was with me part of the time.) We were shown through their Library, which is up to date in every respect, and a very extensive affair. Nothing seems to have escaped their attention in as much as it pertains to what I might term Latter Day Saintism. Mr. Olson showed us the "plaster paris masks" that were made from the faces of Joseph and Hiram Smith, after they were killed in Carthage Jail in 1844. Another official, I cannot recall his name, took me through the lower, or first floor of the building, showing me the various large chambers that are used by the several official quorums in business transactions. I must say, that I do not see how any artist could give a more beautiful touch in the finishing of walls, ceilings, furnishings, and the building in general, than what the Administrative building of the Mormon Church in Salt Lake City is adorned with.

In material things they have flourished and accomplished almost the impossible. It is certainly too bad, yea a great pity, that so much strife and division has gained an entrance and made so much havoc since the day that the angel of God condescended to the boy—Joseph Smith, a young man who was beloved of God. As it was in the days immediately following the primitive Apostles, so it is today, the enemy of all souls has certainly got in his work. My articles on our trip west may be making you weary, but I will have to ask you to bear with me in writing one more article, which I think will get me to the end of our journey.

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A TRIP TO CHEYENNE AGENCY, S. D.

Bros. Jos. Bittinger, and Thurman S. Furnier, with their wives left Bute, Pa., Aug. 10th. picking up Bro. Wm. H. Cadman at Monongahela, Pa., enroute to the above Indian Reservation. Bro. Bittinger had purchased a tent, chairs and other camping equipment which were loaded on a two wheeled trailer, (also purchased by him). This added about 1200 pounds

to our load. We didn't have any difficulty, other than the terrible hot weather, which heated the motor of his car considerably. We also carried several hundred pounds of clothing, which had been donated to the Indian people. We distributed them where they were needed the most. We passed through the states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, and Minnesota, arriving at our destination Aug. 13th., a distance of 1400 miles. Returning home we changed our course of travel, leaving South Dakota Aug. 24th., traveling through the cities of Sioux City, Iowa City, and Fort Madison, Iowa; Nauvoo, Carthage, and Danville, Ill.; Indianapolis, and Richmond, Ind.; Columbus, Ohio, Wheeling, W. Va., Washington, Pa., arriving at Bro. Cadman's home at Monongahela, Pa., Aug. 29th., 3:00 A.M. We aroused Sister Cadman out of a sound slumber, and after chatting awhile with her, the rest of us arrived at Bro. and Sister Bittinger's home very tired, where we were given a nice comfortable bed, and enjoyed a nice rest. Having covered another 1400 miles or more.

It is wonderful to know how the God of heaven has blessed our land of America. Each state we passed through was abounding in crops of various kinds. Wheat, oats, corn, beans, alfalfa, red clover, etc. The state of South Dakota had too much rain, delaying their harvest, while other states needed rain. Thousands of acres of hay were being harvested in South Dakota. On account of a drought in Texas, ranchers from that state were baling hay and shipping it from South Dakota to Texas.

Upon arrival at the U.S. Agency we stopped to inquire if we could erect our tent on the reservation to have Christian services, and were given permission to do so. We sought help among the Indian people to help us erect the tent, which is size 24' x 40' and weighs about 600 lbs. We soon found willing helpers in the persons of Mr. Wm. Horn, Joseph Mann and Oscar Two-Hawks.

We put a couple of notices up in the stores at the Agency, and news soon spread. We held a meeting the next night, Aug. 14th. (Friday) and every night thereafter, also meetings at 2:00 and 7:00 P.M. on the two Sundays we were there. Our meetings were well attended by both young and old. I believe our largest attendance was twenty-five adults one evening. We soon made friends with the Indian people. The Sioux Indians are rather

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EDITORIAL

Solomon's Mines Will Run Again

JERUSALEM, Sept. 7 (AP) — King Solomon's mines of biblical fame, which were operated nearly 3,000 years ago, will be producing copper commercially again in about two years. Dr. Bernard (Dov) Joseph, Israel's development minister, said today.

The old mining site is near Elath, Israeli port on the Red Sea. Nearby is the site of Ezion-Geber, biblical seaport where Solomon built a naval base and where an ancient copper refinery was situated. Under its development program, Israel plans to construct substantial harbor facilities at Elath.

Joseph said proved copper reserves in Southern Israel total 100,000 tons.

P.S. This is surely interesting to anyone who believes in the fulfillment of prophecy. The Book of Mormon, Ether 13th chapter shows that Jerusalem of old is to be rebuilt in the last days. Copper is a valuable metal, almost indispensable in these modern times, and according to Dr. Bernard Joseph, the deposit in Southern Israel is 100,000 tons—a mighty lot of copper, and no doubt much of it will be used in rebuilding the city where Jesus once tread.

In verse 9 of the afore-mentioned chapter, Ether speaks of a new heaven and a new earth, and says they shall be like unto the old save the old have passed away, and all things have become new. Then in verse 11 he says: "And then also cometh the Jerusalem of old; and the inhabitants thereof, blessed are they, for they have been washed in the blood of the Lamb; and they are they who were scattered and gathered in from the four quarters of the earth, and from the north countries, and are partakers of the fulfilling of the covenant which God made with their father, Abraham." How wonderful things are unfolding themselves today—preparing for the rebuilding of the old and famous City, wherein the "House of God" once was. In a conversation with our late brother Cherry once, he told me that he had reasons to believe that the Je-

rusalem to be built on this land of America, and the old City to be rebuilt in Palestine, would be preserved throughout eternity.—I will add, that the language of Ether in the 13th chapter of his book, certainly bears out that thought. We must concede, that the mighty God is able to preserve, as well as to destroy.—It is written that this earth will pass away, but the Mighty God will create a new one.

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a humorous people, (having a sense of humor) and can be drawn into a conversation easily. When the Indian women heard my wife's name was Birdie, they said her name in Sioux was Zantkala, meaning a bird. So Bird (my wife) asked them what kind of a bird, and they replied a nice bird like a dove. So Bird told them just to call her a black crow, for she loved corn. That made them laugh. But nevertheless the next day they brought us over a bag of roasting ears. "ha ha"

I must say this for the young people that attended our services: They were orderly and attentive. At times there were ten to twelve of them in our services. They have no Sunday School on the reservation. One evening I addressed them, asking them if they would like to have a Sunday School. Their faces seemed to beam with joy when this was mentioned. There is a council hall on the reservation. We were told that we had their permission to hold services and Sunday School there if we desired to do so any time in the future. Three persons asked for baptism, which was attended to by Bro. Bittinger on Sat., Aug. 22nd. These were confirmed by the laying on of hands Sunday, Aug. 23rd. Sunday, Bro. Cadman announced that we were expecting to leave for home the following day, (Mon) but if there were others that wished to be baptized that we would stay until they were taken care of. The next day when we were breaking camp, a young man who had been attending our services, expressed his desire to be baptized. This also was taken care of by Bro. Bittinger, and he was confirmed in the Council Hall. These baptisms were taken care of in the Missouri River. Missouri in the Sioux language means muddy. The river is well named, for it surely is full of silt, and sand. Another thing we wish to mention as a part of our success, among the Sioux women, is by having our wives with us, they made friends with the women, visiting their

homes, and they became fast friends.

We wish to make it clear that we only introduced the Gospel to a small portion of the Sioux nation. There are 40,000 of them in South and North Dakota. They live in an area of approximately 200 miles North and South, and 200 miles East and West. It seems to me that they are very much dissatisfied with the churches which they have attended, which are the Catholic and Episcopal. They are open for some one to lift them up both temporally and spiritually. One of the men that was baptized is Isaac Useful-Heart. He lives some distance from the Agency, about 70 miles North. He told us he has tried since a youth to get somewhere in the Episcopal church, but has had but very little success or encouragement from that people. Another who was baptized was James Meeter, he was a lay-preacher in the Episcopal church. He told us that since he has read our literature, that he realized he was not a fit person to preach the Gospel. Bro. Cadman told these two men, that he would have some Sunday School and Book of Mormon lesson pamphlets sent to them, and for them to try and have Sunday School where ever it was possible, and for them to meet with each other and have prayer, until we can visit them again, or send help to them.

Bro. Meeter has an afflicted child. He is a World War One veteran, and has been unable to appeal for help on account of having to travel too far to make application, both for welfare aid and otherwise. Many of their homes are very poorly built, and as for me, I don't know how they stand the cold winters, which we understand are anywhere from 25 to 40 below zero. Clothing is needed badly. We should have some kind of an organized system about sending clothing to them. We were told that many people back further on the reservation were badly in need of clothing, and that some were without food. They still live a primitive life, killing wild game, gathering and preparing the wild cherry, wild gooseberry, and wild plums for winter.

Many of the older people obtain their names from some peculiar circumstance which happened at the time of their birth. I will give you a number of the people's names which we became acquainted with viz: Clyde Low-Dog, Frank White Buffao Man, (a grandson of Sitting Bull) Oscar Two Hawks, Wm. Running Rattle, Thos. Blue Coat, Wm. Shoot'em Phillips, Isaac Useful Heart, Moses Two Bulls, Mark

Garter, Raymond Hand Boy, Eli BadWarrier, Anthony Swift-Bird, Henry White Dog, Wm. Horn, Jos. Mann, Edward Roan Bear, Jas. Meeter, Wm. Buck, Louie White Eyes, Milford S. Benoist, Evelyn Runs After, Laberta Pretty Bear, Angelic Pretty Weasel, Catherine Holy Eagle, Carolyn Maupin, Audelia Right Fielder, Audry Red Fox, Lula Little Eagle, Ramona Y. Benoist, Lilly Mann, Katie Roan Bear, Irene Buck, and Ida Buck. If we have missed naming any that we made acquaintance with, it was not done purposely.

We also ask God's blessings on seven children. On our way homeward we stopped at an Indian Sac-Fox village near Tama, Iowa. One of the men we talked with told us they had purchased 80 acres of land in that village, then as they obtained money from the U. S. Gov't. they purchase as much as 1,300 acres, now they own approximately 5,000 acres. This is not an Indian reservation, but their own land, purchased with U. S. currency. We bought a few Indian hand made trinkets from an Indian woman at the entrance of their village. A Gentile living near them, who also sold Indian souvenirs, told us they had several ancient religious ceremonies. Some send to Mexico and purchase some sort of a plant, (I believe he said loco weed) which they eat, during their religious ceremony, which makes them feel high, and that they see the Lord. The use of this plant is not habit forming. He also said that another religious ceremony is known as dog feast day. This day they kill their dogs and eat them. Some of them belong to Protestant churches.

We are living in hopes that God will raise up men among the Indian nations, that will have God given experiences, that this Gospel will soon reclaim them from their fallen state. "I once was pleasant Ephraim, When Jacob for me prayed, but Oh! how blessings vanish when man from God has strayed"! The Sioux people fell in love with this hymn. They had us sing it at least twice in every meeting we held with them. The outdoor life which we led, was not the most pleasant thing that I have experienced in my life time. I never saw so many grass-hoppers, crickets, spiders, grand-daddy-long-legs, flies, thousand legged worms, mosquitoes and insects in my life before. We cooked our meals and slept in the tent. Bro. Bittinger had provided a two holed gasoline stove for preparing our meals. We all received our share of insect

bites. They have Buffalo Flies there that bite the blood out of a person. Bro. Bittinger and I got mixed up with chiggers and sand fleas. They surely made a feast on us. The best remedy we found to get rid of the effects of their bites was to wash in creolin and rub alcohol.

The Indian people have their water hauled to them in 55 gal. steel drums. We obtained our water supply by going to the power house of the Agency, and from a friendly family on the Agency, in a ten gal. pail, and a thermos jug. Toilet facilities were nil. We washed in an old fashioned wash basin. We were all glad to get a place to take a shower the first night after we broke camp. It was rather a rough life for us city fellows, but all in all we feel well paid for our efforts. Our discomfort was nothing compared with Ammon, his three brothers, in company with others, who were fourteen years preaching the Gospel to their brothers the Lamanites in the land of Middoni, Ishmael, etc. May God bless these people, also any efforts that may be made by our people to help them, and become nursing Fathers and Mothers to them.

Thurman S. Furnier

P.S. In addition to what Bro. Furnier has written, I will say that after the first three converts were baptized on Saturday afternoon, and confirming them the next day, that we also administered the Lord's Supper. Then after we baptized the fourth convert on Monday noon, we administered sacrament again before leaving for home.

In regards to clothing for the Indian people, I want to say that we have sent a lot of good clothing to various Reservations, and it has been much appreciated. May I advise all of you who give used clothing—see that it is mended where needed, and especially, see that it is clean. We do not want anything that could be classed as RUBBISH. The Indian people tell us that the churches on the Reservations have clothing, but they have to buy it. Sincerely, Bro. Cadman.

THE LESSER AND GREATER THINGS

Third Nephi 26 chapt. And beginning at the seventh verse, I read as follows: "But behold the plates of Nephi do contain the more part of the things which he (Jesus) taught the people. — And these things have I (Mormon) written, which are a lesser part of the things which he (Jesus) taught the

people; and I (Mormon) have written them to the intent that they may be brought again unto this people, from the Gentiles, according to the words which Jesus hath spoken. (The lesser things spoken of here, are the things contained in the Book of Mormon. WHC)

And if it so be that they (the remnant of Joseph) will not believe these things (the things in the Book of Mormon) then shall the greater things be withheld from them unto their condemnation. (I take from this, that the greater things shall not come to the seed of Joseph, until after they receive the lesser things, which things are, the things in the Book of Mormon.)

Behold, I (Mormon) was about to write them, all which were engraven upon the plates of Nephi, but the Lord forbade it, saying: I (the Lord) will try the faith of my people. (the seed of Joseph)

There has been much said about the great things of God today, relative to the WORK among the Covenant people of God. If I understand plain English as it is used in this scripture, I say without fear of contradiction, that the Lamanite people (known to us today as Indians) must come to a knowledge of these things through obedience to the Gospel, and if it is not preached to them, how can they obey it? The Apostle in Romans, Chapter 10, has asked some questions as follows: 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? The seed of Joseph are ready to listen to those who are sent, at least such is my experience in visiting among the Indian people. May I ask a question now instead of Paul: After all our preaching, ARE WE SENT, OR ARE WE NOT? President Cadman

Experiences As Recorded In
"Religious Experience"
By Wm. Cadman (deceased)
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Now, my Brethren and Sisters: We have high hopes and expectations, not in the least too high, in as much as they are true. A perfect knowledge of truth concerning futurity can only be had from God. We can rely upon that source, and we can rely upon no other.

I remember, when I had only been in this Church a very short time, I had a remarkable experience. (This writer obeyed the Gospel in Dec. 1859) I was taking a short journey when I fell in company with a man I did not know;

he began to talk to me as we walked along the road together. His conversation was upon a subject which was entirely new to me. He expounded the 48th Chapter of Genesis to me, that is, that portion (particularly) which refers to the seed of Joseph. (American Indians WHC) Also the 33rd Chapter of Deuteronomy and several other portions of Scripture bearing upon the same subject. He spake upon the subject of God's promises to Israel, very extensively and elegantly, which delighted me exceedingly. I was so enraptured in his conversation that I listened intently and said nothing. After traveling slowly together for nearly two miles, he left me, bidding me a pleasant farewell. I looked after him with feelings of astonishment and delight and wished I had the understanding that he had. I concluded that he was some member of the Church, with whom I had not obtained acquaintance, and promised myself a more extended acquaintance with him at our coming Conference, which I presumed he would attend. I never saw him since and I will add that nothing could now persuade me otherwise, than, "That he was a heavenly messenger." (This writer died in 1905)

Shortly after this experience, I had another in the shape of a dream, concerning the same subject. I dreamed that I was in some building, seemingly a dwelling house. I opened a door for the purpose of entering into another room; I met Jacob, the father of Joseph, in the doorway, I knew him instantly as a familiar acquaintance. He spake to me (as I understood) in his own language. I understood his words and answered him (understandingly) in the same language. He then complained to me very sorrowfully, concerning the hardships of his descendants, and seemed in very great distress and trouble concerning them; his countenance became more sad as he proceeded, until he seemed a very pitiable creature of misery and distress. My mind was then wonderfully opened up on the prophecies pertaining to the gathering of Israel, and I was able to expound them to him extensively. As I did so his countenance changed, and gave evidence that his heart and soul were overflowing with unbounded joy and satisfaction. At this juncture, I grasped his hand and shook it energetically, shouting loudly, "Well might the prophet say, Jacob shall not now be ashamed, neither shall his face wax

pale. But when he seeth his children the work of mine hands, in the midst of him, they sanctify my name, and sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and shall fear the God of Israel." As soon as these words were uttered, I awoke.

My feelings, on awakening out of that dream, are best known to myself and are difficult to explain to others, except they have passed through similar experiences themselves. That dream convinced me that I was in the Church that would make Jacob's face shine. It was given to me in 1860, soon after I had entered into this Church."

I, Brother W. H. Cadman wish to warn the Church of Jesus Christ, that the American Indians are Jacob's descendants, and generally, they are in a pitiful condition. To the "true people of God," it is time you are awakening up.

A TRIP TO MUNCEY, ONT.

Brother Editor:

The young people of Branches No. 2 and 3 of Detroit, along with Bros. Milantoni and Reno Bologna took a trip to the Muncey Indian Mission in Canada. After traveling some distance we decided to stop and eat a lunch on the roadside. Along the way we sang many familiar hymns. After an enjoyable meal, we continued on our journey.

We then reached the Indian Reservation. The brothers then went to pick up the Indian members who attended the meeting. We had a brief Sunday School conducted by brother Milantoni, which was enjoyed by all. We then had a brief recess.

The Fellowship Meeting then followed. Brothers Milantoni and Bologna expressed themselves as to how thankful they were to be in the Gospel. The meeting was then left open for all who felt to express themselves. The brothers then anointed a Mr. Jay West, a very ill man who has been afflicted with a nervous condition. The sacrament was administered, and various hymns were sung. The meeting closed by singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." Prayer was offered by Bro. Geo. Nicholas.

The trip was very enjoyable, and we arrived home safely in Detroit by the grace of God. Also we hope to meet there again soon. Sincerely, Marcella and Virginia Morle.

AN EXPERIENCE FROM MANTECA, CALIFORNIA

Bro. Editor:

I want to relate an experience I had on August 3, 1953: Bro. Charles Van Bree, who has been sick for

the past two weeks, came to my home. As he was sitting in the living room. He got up and came to the kitchen. All of a sudden he was in great pain. He asked me to call brother Marco, so he could anoint him, and for me to pray for him, that he would be all right. I did just as he asked me. When I came back, I asked him how he felt, he said his pain was gone, and that he felt better. He said that for a moment he thought he was going to die.

While I was praying, I felt the Spirit of God all over me, but didn't know that he was going to be well. I am thankful to God for giving me such an experience. In the meantime Bro. Marco came and anointed him.

Bro. Van Bree is feeling fine today. Thanks be to God for His mercy, and care He has for His children. Sister Jennie Catalano.

A LETTER FROM TUI OAGUIOMAN ABIA, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

July 31, 1953

Dear Brother Cadman, I have just received the Gospel News yesterday afternoon and I am very happy to receive it. I am very interested to read and hear the best literature that the Church publish, in which many brothers and sisters write. I thank you very much for sending me the Gospel News, and I hope you will continue to send some. I would be very happy to receive it. I wish to hear further information about this, this is my first time to have this. I belong also in the Church of Christ. I am delighted that we have new paper and hope that you can continue to publish it. Hoping that the brothers and sisters will remember me in their prayers, for I shall pray for them also and our church. I remain Your Sister in Christ. Lydia Oam-ar. P.S. I will be pleased to hear from you again, Brother Cadman.

GREETINGS

Greetings: from the Bronx in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Altho' temperatures have soared well above the 90's in N.Y.C. for the past few weeks, we enjoyed the privilege of fellowship together with some of our brothers and sisters from New Jersey.

Assembled together with oneness of heart and spirit, singing and praising the Lord, we were not aware of the excessive heat outside. We were so thankful for their thoughtful visit at this time of

year, and we do appreciate it as I am writing you about it.

Bro. Lupo gave the pulpit over to our Elder brothers for the past three Sundays in August. We enjoyed their preaching, testimonies and hymn singing and a very good spirit prevailed among us. How good it is for brethren to meet together in the congregation of the saints, to give honor and glory to His high and holy name. May we all His praises sing, not for just a day, but for eternity.

Blessed be the day the Lord God called me out of darkness into this beautiful light of the latter days; and I can truly say:

My Jesus I love Thee,
I know Thou art mine;
My gracious Redeemer,
My Saviour art Thine.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all, Amen. Yours in Christ, Sister K. Henshaw.

MAZZEO-COPPA MARRIAGE

Sister Palma Mazzeo, daughter of Brother Gabriel and Sister Carmella Mazzeo, became the bride of Brother John Coppa, son of Brother Mario and Sister Lilly Coppa, on Saturday afternoon, August 8th, at 4 p.m. in the New Brunswick Branch.

Brother Frank Sirangelo of West Palm Beach, Florida, and grandfather of the bride, performed the ceremony.

Soloists were Sister Mary Feher who sang "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us" and Olga Ochek who sang "The Lord's Prayer."

Attending Sister Palma as Maid of Honor was Sister Susan Scalzone. Bridesmaids were Sister Nancy Benyola and Beverly Mallet. Mario Coppa, brother of the groom, was best man. Frank Mazzeo and Alexander Antunes ushered.

Brother John and Sister Palma are honeymooning on a tour of the New England States and Niagara Falls and upon their return will reside in New Brunswick.

We all wish the newlyweds good luck and God's blessings always.

DeLuca-Breshkyo Nuptials

Susan DeLuca, daughter of Brother and Sister Louis DeLuca, Division St., Aliquippa, became the bride of Michael Breshko, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Kozar, Kiehl St., Aliquippa, Saturday in the Church of Jesus Christ, West Aliquippa. Elder Thomas Ross, brother-in-law of the bride, officiated.

A garden reception at the home of the bride's parents followed the marriage ceremony. After a brief honeymoon, the couple will reside on Division St., Aliquippa, Pa.

Sister Libera Coppa Passes On

Sister Libera Coppa, born in Ponzana, Italy on January 24, 1865, died in Detroit on June 1st, 1953 making her past 88 years old at time of death.

She came to America in 1927, and was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ in 1928 and has been a faithful member until death. To mourn her departure, she leaves four sons, one daughter, thirty grandchildren, and twenty-eight great-grandchildren, one Sister, and many other relatives. To those who may not know Sister Coppa, she is the mother of brother Michale Coppa of Detroit, also of brother Mario of New Brunswick, N. J. Services were attended to by Elders Fred D'Amico and Silver Criscuolo. Interment in Gethsemane Cemetery. Sister Coppa has toiled for many years in this world, may she now find a resting place in the Paradise of God.

Sister Minnie M. Ashton Passes On

Sister Ashton, the wife of Bro. Charles Ashton, of Coal Valley, Pa., died at her home on Wednesday morning, August 12 after a long siege of illness, much of it being spent in the hospital.

She was born on July 23, 1886, at Freed, Pa., and was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ at Glassport, Pa., and was very active in the affairs of the Church when in health and strength. Possibly the last 18 or 20 months of her life were spent in bed, but she was always very patient in her suffering. She had always borne a good testimony of the gospel, and had a hope of a bright home beyond the veil. May the Lord care for her soul until that great day, and, throughout eternity.

To mourn her passing, she leaves her husband, our brother Charles Ashton, one daughter Mrs. Irene Merkle of Pittsburgh, Pa., and one son Charles. The services were in charge of Bro. Teman Cherry of Monongahela, Pa., at the Finney-Bekavac Funeral Home in Clairton, Pa. Interment took place in the Jefferson Memorial Park on August 15th.—I am sure that Brother Ashton will have the sympathy of all his brothers and sisters in Christ. Sincerely.

Ovidio Pomponio Passes On

(Copied)

Ovidio Pomponio, 72, died in his home on Osborne St., Fite Station. He was born in Perano, Italy on

Aug. 9, 1880 and had lived in the United States 43 years. He was an employee of the Glassport Steel Foundry, and was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Glassport.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Catherine E. Yibbet Pomponio, one stepson, W. M. Caruso of Sugar Grove, one son Richard at home, one stepdaughter, Mrs. Albert Werry of New Brighton.

Friends will be received at the Hunter-Edmundson Striffler Funeral Home beginning tomorrow at 6 p.m. The Rev. Anthony DiBattista will conduct service there on Monday at 2 p.m. and interment will be in Versailles Cemetery.

Jesse Nolify Passes On

Brother Jesse Nolify died on September 1, 1953 at his home in Glassport, Pa. He was born in Italy August 31, 1888.

He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ at Glassport, and was employed at the U. S. Steel Co. at Clairton, Pa.

He is survived by his widow, Sister Carmella Nolify, two sons, Alfred of Duquesne, Pa., and Alma at home; two daughters, Frances of Glassport, and Mrs. Norma Wirbici of Glassport, and seven grandchildren. Services were conducted by Elder DiBattista at the church in Glassport on Sept. 4th., Brother W. H. Cadman leading in prayer. Interment in Versailles Cemetery, McKeesport.

Brother Nolify had suffered with his affliction for a long time. May his soul now find rest in the paradise of God.

Sister LaCivita Passes On Youngstown, Ohio

Sister Nancy LaCivita, a faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ, died on Feb. 16, 1953, at the age of sixty. She was baptized in the Church on Feb. 3, 1929. She leaves her husband, Bro. LaCivita, two sons, and three daughters, to mourn her loss. Bro. A. A. Corrado and Bro. Travis Perry officiated at the Funeral Services on Feb. 20, 1953.

Sister Wooley Passes On Youngstown, Ohio

Sister Jessie Wooley, born Dec. 1890, died on May 6, 1953. She was a faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ. She leaves her husband, Bro. Frank Wooley, two sons, and five daughters, to mourn her loss. Bro. A. A. Corrado and Bro. Timothy Dom Buccci officiated at the Funeral Services on May 9, 1953.

Sister Frances Passes On, Belated Sympathy

On May 30th our beloved Sister Frances Scala of Metuchen, N. J. passed away from this life very suddenly, without any illness. Our Sister had a very large funeral and services were conducted Thursday afternoon, June 4th, in the Metuchen Mission by Brother Paul Benyola and Brother Eugene Perri.

Sister Scala is survived by her husband, Brother Dominick Scala, nine daughters and two sons. We extend our deepest sympathy and regret to the family for this loss.

Sproul and Knapp Nuptials

Patricia Ann Sproul, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sproul of Greenville, Pa. became the bride of Lloyd Thomas Knapp, son of Mrs. Marie Knapp of Stoneboro, Pa., at a lovely wedding Aug. 27 at seven o'clock in the home of the bride's aunt, Sister Martha Kelly.

Brother Travis Perry officiated at the double ring service.

Mrs. Donald Kather, sister of the bride was matron of honor.

Carl Slater, nephew of the groom, served as best man.

Twenty-five members of the immediate families were present for the ceremony and reception which followed on the lawn of the Kelly home.

The bride is a granddaughter of brother and sister Alma Cadman of Monongahela, Pa.

Rev. A. A. Dick,
Holiness Christian Church,
NTO Akpan Centre,
Abak Post Office, Nigeria,
B. West Africa

Dear Brother in Christ,

Peace, Mercy, Grace and joy to you all and Glory to God the Loving Father—Amen. I am thankful to the Lord God of all mankind who bring us together in His service. I am a General Superintendent as well as a member in the Executive Mission Board and a President in the Board of Trustees. I am also managing 52 Churches, four schools, and one Bible College. We believe in the New Testament method and we are also new testament believers. We believe in Immersion Baptism for the redemption of our sins we conceive, that the Lord Jesus Christ is our Saviour.

The above Church was established in the year of our Lord Jesus Christ 1932 by brother R. U. Rob-

erts who went to be with the Lord on July 5th, 1948. I am writing you on behalf of the above churches, that we want to affiliate with your church and we wish you to send us the teaching of your Church. And also we beg you to send us a Missionary. I sincerely believe that your Church will admit us in the fellowship and grant all our needs.

I beg to hear from you. May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and His Glory be with each and everyone of you.—Amen.

Yours Sincerely, A. A. Dick
General Superintendent

P.S. Enclosed in Mr. Dick's letter are a list of Articles of their Faith, 13 in number, which are identical with the faith of The Church of Jesus Christ, with the exception there is no reference made to the Book of Mormon. They believe in the Bible in as much as it is translated correctly. They believe in the composition of the Church, with Apostles, Prophets, Pastors, Teachers, etc., even as we, and in the literal gathering of Israel, and in the restoration of the ten tribes, that Christ will reign personally upon the earth and that the earth will be renewed and receive its paradisaical glory.—To me, Brother W. H. Cadman, this is a very remarkable letter, and to come from so far away. I am sending the Gospel News much over the World.

A Prophecy By Bro. Benjamin Meadowcroft

Dated November 9, 1862
(Recorded in the Church History,
page 36)

In a meeting the word of the Lord came unto Elder Meadowcroft, saying: "Son of Man, prophesy and say: Thus saith the Lord God unto my people and to my Servants: 'fear ye not, neither be ye troubled, for I have chosen you out of the Sons of Men to be my servants and to administer my word to the people of the Nations of the earth; and they shall write to you from the East and from the West and from the North and from the South to know the truth and the way of Salvation, for I have given that knowledge unto you, and all the world shall know that I have loved you saith the Lord God of Hosts. For the spirit of Elijah is in your midst and you shall go forth endowed with power from on high; therefore, straighten up the things that remain and I will make

bare my Holy Arm, and I will keep you in such a way and manner as I never kept a people before, and all the world shall know that I the Lord resteth in the camp of Israel by my power that I will manifest through you, my people, and the demand by the word of the Holy ones to the intent that the living may know that the Most High hast established His Kingdom amongst the Sons of Men and given it to whomsoever He will, and setteth up the basest of men; and now if you will keep my words I will bend the Heavens and shake the earth for your sakes.'"

A PLEA: FORGIVE

It is not always easy to forgive, but it always pays.

To harbor a grievance is human; to forget it is divine.

The more we allow unkind thoughts concerning others to control us, the more are we ourselves affected, and as a matter of fact, we suffer more than they of whom we may think unkindly.

It is well to remember that most grievances are imaginary, not real; that not infrequently they are due to misunderstandings; that sometimes they are caused by a third party.

Life is too short to have a feeling of unkindness for any living person.

We should practice forgiveness for the following reasons:

1. An unforgiving spirit is unmanly.

2. It always affects our disposition, and we suffer in almost every way as a result of it.

3. It seriously disturbs those who are around us. Households have been affected, friends of years have been distressed, and consequences too serious to delineate have come as a result of an unforgiving spirit.

4. To be unforgiving not infrequently does an injustice to the ones against whom we have a grievance. If given an opportunity, they might explain.

One of the best texts of scripture is this: "Be ye tender-hearted, forgiving one another even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."

If God were as unforgiving as we are, we should still be living in despair and without hope—Gust Lilja.

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LET US GIVE THANKS!

Dear Lord, how can we thank
Thee half enough
For all Thy gifts to us this fruit-
ful year!
For spring's bright promise glori-
ously fulfilled
This harvest-time; for these that
are more dear
Than bread assured: all the sweet
joys of life—
Home, work, love, friends—that
gild the passing days;
And children's laughter on the
evening air—
For all, dear Lord, we give Thee
grateful praise.

But most of all, O God, we thank
Thee for
Our cherished heritage of freedom.
Here
Where men walk safely, surely;
speak and pray
As each one wills, and freely, with-
out fear,
Lord make us strong to hold and
spread this boon!
From our abundance help the weak
to raise
Their hearts and come to share
our brotherhood,
And join with us in songs of
thanks and praise!

Maureen Murdoch.

THANKSGIVING DAY

By Mable Bickerton

"I will praise the name of God
with a song and will magnify Him
with Thanksgiving." Psalm 69.

Thanksgiving Day is one of the
first legal holidays to be observed
in our nation. In 1621 after the
first harvest of the New England
colonists, Governor Bradford made
provisions for the rejoicing of the
people by setting apart a day for
prayer and praise, which was re-
peated often during the following
years. This little group of people
known as the Pilgrims were from
England and left their homeland
and went to Holland. They left
England because they could not
worship God as they desired. In
Holland they found religious free-
dom but became alarmed when
their children began to speak the
Dutch language and accept the
customs of the Dutch children.
They left Holland in a ship known
as the Mayflower and started on

a long journey across the Atlantic
Ocean. In December 1620, they
landed in Plymouth Rock, Massa-
chusetts after a very stormy voy-
age. During this winter they en-
dured many hardships in building
log houses, hunting food, caring
for the aged and sick. In the
spring they planted plenty of corn.
God blessed them and when
autumn came, the harvest was
great. They had not forgotten God
during these trials and disappoint-
ments and He did not forget them.
They invited their Indian friends
to join them in prayer and feast-
ing on this first Thanksgiving
Day held in their crude surround-
ings.

Thanksgiving Day of 1953 is
quite different from this one of
1621. We are blessed with every-
thing our hearts desire, but do we
appreciate it or give God our
thanks? Many have only gratitude
for material blessings such as
homes, food, clothing and luxur-
ies but we who have obeyed the
Gospel of Jesus Christ should for-
ever sing His praises. Through
the Pilgrim fathers seeking reli-
gious freedom it has provided a
haven here for many European
nations to come and join with us
in offering our thanks to our Cre-
ator. David states in the Psalms,
"Praise the Lord all ye Nations:
Praise Him all ye people—Let
everything that hath breath praise
the Lord."

WHAT GOD HATH PROMISED

God hath not promised—Skies
always blue, Flower-strewn path-
ways—All your lives through, God
hath not promised—Sun without
rain, Joy without sorrow—Peace
without pain. God hath not prom-
ised—We shall not know—Toil and
temptation—Trouble and woe; He
hath not told us—We shall not
bear Many a burden,—Many a care.
But God hath promised—Strength
for the day, Rest for the Labor—
Light for the way, Grace for the
trials—Help from above, Unfailing
sympathy—Undying love.—Selected

First Kings 8-56 "Blessed be the
Lord, that hath given rest unto
his people Israel, according to all
that he promised; there hath not
failed one word of all his good
promise, which he promised by
the hand of Moses his servant."

THE DAY IS PAST

By BIRDIE M. FURNIER

This poem was taught me by
my mother when I was a small
child.

The day has passed the sun has
set,
Bright stars are in the sky;
The long grass with the dew is
wet,
And through the air the bats
now fly.
The lambs have now lain down
to sleep—
The birds have long since sought
their nests,
The air is still and dark and
deep
And on the hillside the old woods
rest.

Yet in the dark I have no fear,
But feel as safe as when its
light;

For I know God is with me
there

And he will guard me through
the night.

For he is with me when I pray
And when I close my eyes to
sleep,

I know that he will with me
stay

And will all night watch by me
keep.

For he who rules the stars and
seas

Who makes the grass and trees
to grow,

Will look on a poor child like
me,

When on my knees I to him
bow.

He holds all things in his right
hand.

The rich, the poor, the great
the small;

And when we sleep or sit or
stand

He's with us, for he loves us
all.

WHY WE SHOULD SERVE THE LORD

The Lord is our God. He has
given us our all. Everything we
have in life, has come from Him.
Everything we ever hope to at-
tain, we can in no wise get, but
through His great love and mer-
cy. We are His children; the sheep
of His pasture. Who can we turn
to in times of need? The sheep
turns to the shepherd; children to
their parents, and we, to our God.

He has helped us in times past, and can help us in the future. He has protected us from sicknesses, dangers, trials and unnecessary troubles by showing us an easier more pleasant way to live, when we put our trust in Him. He has protected us as a Shepherd would protect his sheep. When we fell along the wayside, He helped us up. Who are we to forsake Him when all is well, and life is rosy? When we turn our back on His great mercy, we are as unfaithful and unprofitable children.

When He comes to us with outstretched arms, ought we to reject him and turn from His abounding love and mercy? Who are we to turn from a love such as this.

Yes, 'twas well spoken, "Such love and mercy no man hath shown, to lay down his life for another." The gospel is full of love such as this. 'Tis true, once Christ has come into your hearts and minds, we can in nowise turn from it, for were we to turn from this great "love and mercy," we would be as the most miserable among men. I truly know, that no man wants to be found at variance with God. That is, were that person to have any amount of religious understanding and intelligence; or let us say, the man that rejects God, is as a soul tormented by the strongest of evil forces. Satan has fought hard to thwart the plan of God, but we know from our earthly experiences, the lesser must concede to the greater. This also holds true for the spiritual. If a man is firmly planted in the true gospel, he cannot fail. For truly 'tis written, "He will not allow you to be tested or tempted beyond your means." Let us therefore, hold fast to that which is true. The times for darkness to wage the last great battle for supremacy is drawing nigh. Already the rumblings of unrest can be both seen and heard, and they are ample proof of a great dispensation of time. Perhaps they will usher in an even greater time, but whatsoever, there is much unrest. "This," as Christ speaks, must come to pass before the great day of the Lord. Amen.

By Bro. August D'Orazio
Korea.

CONFERENCE AT HOPELAWN, N. J.

Our semi-annual Conference met in our Church at Hopelawn, New Jersey on October 3rd at 10:30 a.

m. with quite a large delegation from various places throughout the states. There was some present from as far away as California, Kansas, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Ontario, Canada, and many places throughout New Jersey, and also Brother Todaro who has been spending sometime in Italy, arrived back in this country by plane, the day before Conference. And everybody seemed glad to see one another again.

President W. H. Cadman along with First Counsellor Ashton, and Second Counsellor Furnier, presided over the conference. There was a number of the Apostles, Evangelists and Elders present, and the usual order of business was carried on. The morning and afternoon sessions were for the Ministry of the Church only, while the doors were open for all the members to the evening session.

Reports from the various Branches and Missions of the Church were given with interest. A letter from Italy was read concerning their progress over there. On a very recent date, they baptized 18 converts. No doubt this was very encouraging for our brethren in Italy. May the Lord continue to bless their efforts. Brothers Cadman and Furnier made a report of their trip to South Dakota, along with Bro. Bittinger with his tent, where they held a series of meetings for ten nights among the Sioux Indians, baptizing four converts, and giving an interesting account of their labors with those people. They report the Indians to be a poor people, but were very attentive in their services and also were treated very kindly by them. May the Lord bless the efforts of our brethren with an abundance of fruit from their labors. And may the day not be far distant, when Israel's blessings will be enjoyed abundantly by Joseph's seed — the Indian people who are a remnant of Israel.

It was brought out in our business transactions, that some of our people are in need of houses to worship in. This of course, involves expense, and the high cost of building today is a serious question. We were cautioned in this conference to be careful of our ventures. It is easy to create debt, but it sometimes proves a very hard matter getting out of debt. All branches of the Church

should bear the responsibilities of their ventures, and then the General Church lend a helping hand, and not get the matter in reverse. All members of the Church are requested to turn into the Church Treasure, at least ten dollars a year, so as to take care of Missionary Work, and help those who are so badly in need of a House in which to worship. The appointing of Presiding Elders took place in the night session. I believe all were very well satisfied with our business sessions. One thing I wish to mention is, that while we were in session, a telegram was received from a religious body of people in Africa, requesting this Church to send a representative to them. Brother Cadman had previously answered a communication from Africa wanting us to send a Missionary over there. The matter was left in the hands of President Cadman for further consideration. Brother Cadman also reported of receiving a letter from Philippine Islands from one who had received a copy of the Gospel News. The little paper was well received over there by the recipient.

Our business sessions closed at about 10:30 on Saturday evening. I must not forget to say, that the saints thus far, had done well in caring for the visiting saints, both with sleeping quarters, and plenty to eat. May the Lord bless them.

On Sunday morning, as anticipated, our Church was not large enough to accommodate the crowd. So the meeting was held in the Auditorium of the Hopelawn School Building. If I understood right, the School Board allowed us the use of the Auditorium free-gratis. May the Lord bless them and their School.

In the beginning, or rather before the meeting was opened, the young people from our different Churches in New Jersey entertained us with some good singing for about a half hour. We have a nice group of young people in that part of the Vineyard of the Lord. May the Lord continue to bless them.

The service was opened by Bro. Ciaravino of Detroit, Michigan. He introduced a very good theme in our meeting, and after giving us all a very good discourse, he was followed by several other speakers until about 12:30 p.m. The audience was very attentive, and the various discourses delivered by the various brethren were well received and enjoyed. Broth-

er w. H. Cadman delivered the closing remarks and Bro. Corrado of Youngstown, Ohio offered up the closing prayer. There was possibly 400 people seated in the audience. There was not any service in the afternoon.

In the evening we gathered in the Hopelawn Church where our young people from our various Churches in New Jersey were in charge. Brother Nicholas Perscio took the lead in the service, and a very nice service was enjoyed by all present. The singing was very good, and each one taking part in the speaking and reading played their part well. I think we should feel proud of our young folks there.

After they were through with their part of the service, Bros. Furnier and Cadman told of a visit they had made to Oakland, Pa., formerly known as Harmony, Pa., where Joseph Smith met and married Emma Hale, and where he lived from 1825 till 1829, and where he translated part of the plates, now known as the Book of Mormon. They gave an interesting account of their visit. Before closing the meeting, Bro. Burgess of Windsor, Canada sang a solo, and sister Norma Kennedy, of Los Angeles, Calif. gave a short talk, giving us some account of her experiences in the Church out there. Norma is but a young girl, and we were glad to see her with us in this Conference. Our meeting then adjourned.

In behalf of all the visiting saints, I extend our appreciation to our brothers and sisters in New Jersey, for the hospitality extended towards us. May the Lord bless you all.

A TRIP WEST

By W. H. CADMAN

(Continued from last issue)

On leaving Salt Lake City, Mr. Olson the Church Librarian, suggested that we go via Immigrant Canyon, the route that Brigham Young and his followers arrived there in 1847. How they ever got through with, the roads and the facilities of better than 100 years ago, is beyond my imagination. For old men and old women, and of course people of all ages, weak and strong, and babes born along the way, surely must of been cared for by a higher power, than the mere strength of mortal man. As to their faith, courage and their accomplishments, they are second to none among the many pioneers who wended their way

across the mountains, vales, the streams, and the desert plains, being exposed to dangers of all kinds on the way. In the developing of the western country, much, and very much credit is due to what are known as the Mormon people in the State of Utah.

On this route we ascended what is known as Big Mountain. A very winding road to the top thereof. Wild deer seemed to be plentiful on this mountain, though there was very little in the way of "growth" to shelter them. We did not go so very far on the other side of the mountain, until we found the road was closed and we had to turn back a few miles and take another road, and we arrived at Rawlins, Wyoming about 7:30 p.m. where we put up for the night.

In passing through the state of Wyoming, we found it to be very much a barren country. Mostly all big ranch country, hardly any farming, very little habitation to be seen, even trees were very scarce. Arriving in Casper we found it to be a thriving and busy place. We ate our dinner at this place, and I purchased some batteries for my Hearing Aid. On leaving there, we headed for Rapid City in the Black Hills country of South Dakota. We arrived there about eight o'clock in the evening, and all restaurants were closed. We were obliged to return back along the highway in order to find a place to eat.

In passing through the Black Hills, which is wonderful scenery, we ascended Mount Rushmore, and had a close-up view of the faces of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, and Theodore Roosevelt which are carved in the rock on the mountain top. A wonderful piece of work. One must see it to fully appreciate the work of the sculptor, who did his work sitting in a swing suspended from the rocks above. The highway, one way up, and another way down is really a spiral; tunnels cut through the solid rock, just wide enough for one car. You cross a bridge, and the next thing you know, you are going under the same bridge. I have often said, that it looks as though the engineers of our day, have forgotten that there is such a word as CAN'T in the English language—it seems as though they stop for nothing anymore.

After leaving Rapid City having a nights rest, we went through the

Bad Lands of S. Dakota. If I remember right, there is better than 125,000 thousand acres of surface, that is not worth two cents other than sight-seeing. The government has a highway built through it, and you must go through it to realize what it looks like. Peaks, that look like yellow clay stand hundreds of feet high, and then you look down into the gulleys hundreds of feet deep. The signs that are placed there by the government, say it took millions of years to effect that condition. How true that is I do not know.

We headed on to the Cheyenne Reservation in S. Dakota, arriving there about 4 p.m. on Saturday. We found Mr. Lowdog whom along with other of the Indian folks visited at my home a few months previous. After having a visit we drove to Gettysburg 18 miles east of the Missouri River, and got sleeping quarters for the night. The next day we returned to the Reservation and held a meeting in the home of a Mr. King. We had a very nice meeting, and had a very nice crowd present. We returned back to Gettysburg again for the night, and in the morning we returned to the Reservation, and Mr. Lowdog got in our car and took us out to visit among the Indian people. We were almost up to the North Dakota line. Met lots of nice Indian people. One place we stopped at a small village and their Church door was open. We went in to see, soon there was a number of the Indians folks gathered in. We sang a hymn or two with them, and had prayer before leaving. We had a very nice day, arriving back at our starting place in time to hold a night meeting in the home of Mr. King. On this occasion our crowd was larger than before. We had an exceptionally good meeting that evening. The Indian people by their own request, sang a closing hymn for us, The Day Is Passed and Gone, The Evening Shades Appear. At the close of this meeting, we returned to Gettysburg again for the night. But I will say that we enjoyed our short visit with our new friends. They have very poor homes, and their condition in general is not to be envied. It is our hope, that there is a better day not in the too far distant future for these neglected people, and may God bless them is my prayer, Amen.

We started homeward from Gettysburg on the Morning of May
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EDITORIAL

The United States Government is not slow in upbraiding Russia and other nations who disregard their 'treaties' one with another, and I do not see anything wrong in any nation or nations, demanding that their word and signatures be respected. The United States in its dealings with our neighbors on the north of us, and the many nations south of the Rio Grande, acts with dignity and with all due respect towards them, and especially in regards to treaty rights. And no doubt all honorable citizens of any country, will take pride in their own nations, being law-abiding with others. It is one principle which is necessary to the peace of the world—abiding by our word and law with one another, irrespective as to whether the nation be large or small.

The United States Government is a large and powerful nation, and has dealt with the Indians within its domain as it has with other peoples, yet this powerful American State, has been accused time and time again of disregarding its treaties with the Indian race. At this time, this Government has let contracts for the erecting a large dam in the Columbia river, known as the Dalles Dam, in the state of Oregon, which violates the treaty signed by President James Buchanan in 1855. I read that in October of 1951, President Truman signed the bill granting money to start the construction of the dam, but the tribes of Indians that will be effected by its construction, were not even consulted. And as one writer likens it to putting a gun to the Indians back. The Government will compensate them of course, but why is it that we are so critical of other powers breaking their word, and at the same time disregard the rights of a minority people—a defenseless people as the American Indian Race.

This nation of people like all others, shall reap that which it has sown. The Little Stone — the power of the Kingdom of Jesus

Christ, will yet smite the Image on its feet, which are composed of clay and iron, and no doubt refers to this great nation of ours with its elements of protestantism and the Roman Spirit, which is so dominate today in the land of the free. The prophet says they will mix, but they shall not cleave together. The Jewish people—and may I add, have been a minority people, and have been persecuted and driven by professed Christian nations for centuries. The prophets fore-saw that they would be, because of their rejection of the Son of God; but now we see the favor of heaven is beginning to dawn upon them once more — and while their persecution is not yet over, for the prophet does show that nations will yet battle with them at Jerusalem—and that Him who was wounded on Calvary's Cross, will yet appear on the Mount of Olives and fight their battle for them. Yea, it shall be a day of mourning and lamentation for the Jewish people, they shall then realize that their fathers slew their Messiah in their blindness, but the prophet says that Living Waters shall yet go forth out from Jerusalem—and the Lord shall be King over all the earth. May the Lord hasten that day.

The Book of Mormon, is a book which the Church of Jesus Christ places on a par with the Bible as far as truth and veracity is concerned—and when the Saviour visited His other sheep (John 10-16) which were on this land now known to us as America; He taught His people, a remnant of Israel, now known to us as Indians, that if this Gentile nation did not repent after they have scattered them; He, the Lord would suffer them to go in among them (the Gentiles) and tread them down, and none can deliver them. Yea, I firmly believe that this great nation of ours, will yet pay the penalty for their treatment of the American Indian, and for their own iniquity and corruption which is so rampant today, unless they repent and make amends for their wrong doings.

I say to the down-trodden Indian people of today, if possible, be patient in the treatment afforded you by the pale-face people or this nation. Come and obey the Restored Gospel, yea the same Gospel that your fore-fathers once obeyed, and let the Lord God, who is mighty above all, fight your battles for you.

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26th. And everything went well for us. While driving through Iowa, we stopped at an Indian Village near Tama and got acquainted with some Indian people there. They belong to the Sac Fox Indians. It is not a Reservation, they bought land of their own as I understood to be saved from being moved by the government to some other place. They have about 5000 acres, and they number about 600 people. We were glad to make their acquaintance, and we are now mailing some copies of the Gospel News among them. Leaving there on May 27th, we arrived at our home here in Monongahela at 10:30 p.m. on May 28th. This ended our trip to California. A trip that we will not soon forget. We were treated well by every body we met. And a world full of appreciation to you all, from Brother and Sister Joseph Bittinger, and Brother and Sister W. H. Cadman. Sincerely,

SACRIFICE

By Bro. Clarence Griffith

The key to Salvation: The most important, greatest soul stirring sacrifice of all time, was the giving of Gods Son to die on the Cross, that all may be saved, and not just YOU and I. John 3-16.

I believe God is giving this Church a great awakening as to our duty to the Seed of Joseph, and showing us there is a quick need for the spread of this Gospel everywhere. Let us all praise God because He still believes us worthy of spreading His plan of Redemption. He has shown us by His example that we too, must sacrifice for others, even to giving our lives if we would follow Him.

Now since there are many of us who have not given our life that others might live eternally, let us give at least a tenth of our income or increase, that God has given us. If this proves to be a sacrifice to us, happy are we, and great will be our reward, because of the great need in every Country in the world for the Gospel. Now, letters are being sent to this Church, begging that Missionaries be sent to them, even from far-off-Africa. Brothers and Sisters, this is a great opportunity for us to prove to God, that we will pay a part of this great debt we owe, because Jesus died for us, and by His Spirit. He has drawn us into this glorious gospel,

and others are begging for the Gospel that we have, but the Church is unable to send it, because of the great need of money to support the Missionaries and their families. Let us all pour at least a tenth of all incomes into the Church treasury, and we will see that little stone roll until it fills the whole earth. Then will our greater blessings begin. Mark 16-15 says — go ye into the world and preach the gospel to every creature. Let's make this possible.

Brothers and Sisters let us make this possible, that we may be able to say: That thousands are being added to the Church daily along with God's power, and allow people even to be healed by moving into the shadow of the Holy men of this day. The harvest of the souls of men will be just as great as our efforts.—Sow a little, and reap a little—Sow much and great will the harvest be, even by thousands daily. Acts. 21-13.

The Apostle Paul was not only ready to be bound, but also to die for the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, that the harvest of souls would go on. Hymn No. 316 reads: "Saviour Thy dying love Thou gavest me, Nor should I aught withhold, Dear Lord from Thee. In love my soul would bow, My heart fulfill it's vow, Some offering bring Thee now—Something for Thee.

Let us give Him something, at least a tenth of our increase to the Lord. Hymn No. 274 says: "Who can tell all the love He will send from above, And how happy our hearts will be made. Of the fellowship sweet we shall share at His feet, When our all on the Altar is laid." — If 500 wage earners in the Church earning an average of \$300.00 dollars monthly, would give a tenth or \$30.00 each month, the total would be \$15,000 dollars going into the Church treasury every month.

When we think of His life of sorrow, the thorns, the nails, and the agony of death on the Cross which caused the very earth to shake; can we truthfully look up to Him and say, it is too much to give? — To God from a thankful heart, I pledge my tenth to my dying day.—Is it not time that we are about our Fathers business? Lord let us find no rest until we have accomplished Thy will.

P. S. Genesis 28-22, "And this stone, which I have set for a pil-

lar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee." To me, it is very gratifying to see some of our brethren being moved upon even as was Jacob of old, to give a tenth of their earnings to the cause of the Lord, of their own free-will. Under the Law of Moses, such became compulsory. Under the dispensation of the Risen Lord, I read: "But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he has purposed in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly or of necessity: for God loveth a CHEERFUL GIVER." The words of Bro. Griffith along with the spirit of his writings, are certainly in accord with that which is written in the word of God. (WHC).

SAN DIEGO, CALIF.

Sept., 1953

Dear Bro. and Sis. Cadman, and Brothers and Sisters Everywhere,

At this time, we are visiting at the home of our aged Brother Turano, for the purpose of writing this letter to you all. For a long time we have had this desire in our hearts, and finally, today, I have had this opportunity to visit in the home of our Brother and Sister Turano, together with Sister Josephine Breci.

First of all, we, the saints of San Diego, wish to express our thankfulness and happiness that we had the wonderful privilege of having our dear Brother and Sister Cadman, and Brother and Sister Bittinger, here with us for a few days on their trip to the West. Our hearts cannot express our feelings, because truly we all had a great desire to see Brother and Sister Cadman, but because of the conditions and afflictions, we sometimes had little hope of seeing them again. However, nothing is impossible with God, who made it possible for them to travel such a great distance safely, bringing them to meet us all, together with our Brother and Sister Bittinger, whom we also least expected to see again, enjoying their company so much. We sincerely say that we enjoyed our meetings together, every one, and every time we saw Brother Cadman preach to us, we could hardly believe it was he, for most of us knew him a great many years ago. (In fact, I was confirmed by Brother Cad-

man 21 years ago, when I was baptized by Brother Anthony Di Battista, in Youngstown, Ohio.) Yet, there were some of our new brothers and sisters baptized here, who had never seen Brother Cadman, and knowing that he is President of the Church, cannot be expressed by them. May the Lord continue to bless our Brother and Sister every day of their lives here on earth, and also Brother and Sister Bittinger, for the wonderful desire they had to drive out here and assist Brother and Sister Cadman all along the way. We often desire that all the saints everywhere could meet and be together, but we know that for the present time, our main concern must be to be faithful to God, so that if we cannot meet here on earth, we will have a wonderful privilege of being together in God's kingdom forever.

All the saints here are fairly well, with the exception of a few, including our Brother Turano. Most of our brothers and sisters receiving the Gospel News, will remember reading some of our Brother Turano's wonderful experiences at the time we were building our Church here. Many times he was visited by a messenger from God, giving him instructions of what to do and where to go, which instructions he was told to obey, so that he could find, or receive money, in various different ways. This same brother was the victim of a terrible accident on March 4th, in which he was hit and knocked down by a hit and run driver of an automobile going very fast. This happened in front of his home, which is next to our Church, in late evening, about 9:30 p.m., on a Wednesday evening, Brother and Sister Turano had been visiting at the home of Brother and Sister Breci. At the end of their visit, Brother and Sister Breci drove them home, as they usually did. Other times, when they had reached Brother Turano's home, they would drive up the street and always turn the car around, leaving Brother and Sister Turano off at their door, but this time, Brother Turano said to Brother Breci,—"Just let us off here, across from the house, so you won't have to turn the car around." Brother Breci obeyed. They all bid each other "Good-night," and parted, never dreaming what would happen. Brother and Sister Breci had just reached home, when they received a telephone call from one of Brother

Turano's neighbor's, because when Brother and Sister Turano started to cross the street to go to their home, Sister Turano heard a great noise, but did not know that a car had hit her husband. That's how fast it happened. When she looked to see if Brother Turano was with her, she could not find him, for the car had dragged him 27 feet farther up the street, in front of our Church. She was frightened and called for help. Then the neighbor came out and called Brother Breci's home. You can imagine how they felt to hear it. They immediately went to the home of Brother Turano. In the meantime the neighbor had called the police, and an ambulance came to take Brother Turano to the hospital. Brother and Sister Breci, with Sister Turano, followed. On reaching the hospital, the doctors, when they saw Brother Turano's condition, immediately gave him a blood transfusion, for both his legs, and one arm were broken, the other arm was pulled out of place, the skin of his legs was lacerated and bleeding badly, also his head. Brother and Sister Breci, and Sister Turano, were waiting to see how Brother Turano was, and the woman who was in charge of the accident and emergency cases, after talking to the doctors, came to Sister Breci and told her that there was no use of their staying any longer, but that it would be better if they would go home and offer prayer to God, for only God could help, as there was no hope for Brother Turano's life. That same night, the doctors took X-rays, and found both legs broken badly. When they were going to apply the casts on Brother Turano's legs, he asked them if they could please wait a minute, as he would like to pray and ask God to help them to apply the casts correctly. They were kind enough to wait until our brother offered prayer, and also marveled, asking our brother which Church he belonged to. The following night, Brother Turano had a dream, in which the same messenger that always appears to him, came to him and told him that God would put all the broken bones in place. Later that same night, he had another dream, in which he saw himself dead, at his own funeral. Then he saw Satan and an angel, and the angel was rebuking Satan in this manner, saying, "You have touched his body, as you tormented Job many times, but do not touch his spirit," and

then Satan disappeared. In the same dream, a voice spoke, and said to those who were there, to look to heaven. Heaven was open and Brother Turano saw two personages. One of the personages turned to the other and said, "For your sake, I will not allow him to die in front of Your Church." Brother Turano is 74 years of age, and the doctors thought he would have to stay in the hospital for a long, long, time, but now we can thank God, that after only three months in the hospital, to the amazement of the doctors, our brother was able to return home, and we can surely thank God for what He has done for our aged brother. Now he is able to walk with the aid of crutches and a cane, and we are truly happy to see him in our meetings again. It is wonderful what God can do. Brother Turano desires to send love in Christ to you all, and thanks the saints for praying for him. There is much more in the way of experiences our Brother Turano has had that he would like for me to write, but we must do it next time. We hope we can, in the near future, so that all the saints may rejoice, and know that God is the same—yesterday, today and forever, and the age of miracles is not past, as many of the people in the world today believe.

I would also like to add that we have been having wonderful meetings and blessings from the Lord, especially in the last few weeks. Our Elder brothers have been reading to us the scriptures in the Book of Mormon, when Jesus appeared to the few remaining more righteous people on the land of America, after His crucifixion—(commencing with the 8th Chapter of Third Nephi on) —and the Lord has blessed us all wonderfully. Truly the understanding and blessing of this Gospel cannot be had anywhere else in the world, and words cannot express our thankfulness to God for His grace and mercy toward us, in calling us into His Church, for Christ tells us that only through Him can anyone go to the Father. I am also very happy to say that we have had five more souls render obedience to the Lord since the month of June, two of whom are my dearest Grandmother, baptized by Brother Breci July 5th aged 89 years, whom we four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren, had the wonderful privilege of meeting for the first time on her visit here from Pennsyl-

vania, for she has been in America only one and one-half years; the other is our dear future daughter-in-law, Marcia, whom the Lord called on July 12th, a week after our Grandmother was baptized. I want to ask all the saints to pray for our son, who is in the Air Force, that the Lord may be his company always, and some day call him into the Gospel, also, for then he will be safe forevermore. It is my constant prayer to God in his behalf, and not only he, but all our children everywhere, for there is nothing in this life that can ever compare with the "Pearl of Great Price" the Lord has given us to cherish until the time He will reward us with great joy and eternal life.

Now I must shorten this writing, because it will take too much space, for, dear brothers and sisters, there is so much more I could write concerning the love of God towards us, but I'm sure that all the children of God know and understand His love. I want to ask you all to remember us here in this part of our great country, that we, with the help of God, can hold fast to the rod of iron Lehi and Nephi saw, and we will do the same for all of you, everywhere. May the Lord always forgive our shortcomings, for our deepest desires, above everything else, are to love and serve Him better every day, for the day of His great work will soon commence, and I am sure that we, all the true saints representing Jesus Christ here below, want to do what little we can to help establish His kingdom of peace and love, if He sees fit to use us.

I will close with the love of Christ from all of us here, to all of you everywhere.

Sister Lena Liberto
P. S. May I ask you all not to write your letters quite so long, but do not stop writing, but send me your news. (Editor).

CLEVELAND, SEPT. 17, 1953

Dear Brother Editor:

As soon as I have received word from my brother Emidio and from brother Giuseppe Buonofiglio, I hasten with this letter to let you know our brethern, with God's help, have performed a wonderful work for the greater glory of God in the town of S. Gregorio Magna, Salerno, where they have baptized fifteen souls on Sunday, August 30th; and three other souls on Tuesday, September 1st. In all, a number of 18 new converts. This

work was done thru much sacrifice on the part of our brethren Elders and much so, when we consider the distance they had to travel and the amount of trips made by them back and forth, in order to make possible such a sacred work. There's no words that could sufficiently praise our afore-mentioned brothers, and also brother Nick Iorio, who have so diligently and faithfully labored towards the accomplishment of the same. So to us this, without any shadow of doubts, is a true confirmation that "Whatever God ordains is blest." It is indeed encouraging to know that at last the fruits of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is now beginning to spread throughout the world. And to further confirm that it is God who calls men and women to His fold, it suffices for me to point out that the above mentioned work was practically done without either the material or the moral assistance of the Mother Church which, to my knowledge, indeed tends to cast aside all doubts, as to the real intentions and determination of our faithful brethren in Italy; and mind you, notwithstanding the severe obstacles they are faced with with the "Mother of Harlots And Abomination Of The Earth."

The news that you also have baptized 4 Indian people in S. Dakota, has rejoiced me greatly. Brother Cadman, May God bless you for the splendid work you're doing both with your Gospel News—a connecting link between our churches—and with your efficient leadership in the Church of Jesus Christ.

Over a year ago, when you paid a visit to the Cleveland Branch, I remember how you impressed me with your preaching. Yea, I was truly deeply impressed inasmuch as your discourse was fundamentally good. In fact I remember very distinctly how you did solemnly warn us to be on the constant watch for we, said you, are now living in extremely perilous times when the code of morals have become lax; and the Saints too, have become lax in their duties. Yes, brother, How true it is that we have become indifferent with our duties in the church. Especially after I got through reading the inspiring article reported in the Sept. issue of the Gospel News, on page five, titled: "Does This Interest You?" May God bless the heart and soul of the brother who had the sincere courage to come forth with it. I

would suggest: all the readers of the Gospel News should read it over; and pause lengthly at the following paragraph: "There was on my part, two points which I wanted to see clearly. First: I was very much interested in seeing a large fund set up, for the Indian Mission work, that through this fund, several of our Elders could spend full time in the Indian Mission work. And that sufficient funds would be available to encourage them to leave their present jobs if necessary, to do Indian Mission work in the field. And to continue and follow up this work. Second: I was very much interested to see just how much interest there is among our people to do the work, that we have for many years preached."

Indeed, my brother, it is high time we awake ourselves to a greater sense of responsibility; for the responsibility of preaching this Gospel rests with each and every-one of us members of the Church of Jesus Christ and, to prove that what I am saying is true, I will turn your attention to the following experience given to our faithful sister Marietta Ruzzi in the year 1951, it says: A man came to my door at 7:30 in the morning which I took to be a census taker. We sat down and talked for a while and I told him that I could call my daughter Marion, but he said no, let Marion sleep; I'd like to talk to you alone. He told me to come and look out the living room window. As I looked, I saw a great ocean and near this ocean there appeared a great camp with a crowd of brothers and sisters. On this ocean there was a huge and beautiful ship. The outside of this ship was all white and the inside was all gold. The splendor of this ship is beyond description. Around this ship there appeared more than a hundred small boats which were attached to the ship and suspended in the air. In this ship appeared the captain and he had a list of names of the brothers in the Ministry including the name of the brothers in Italy. The captain began calling all the brothers in the ministry by their names. As he was calling, a man standing near the gangplank, told the brother that the captain was calling them and to hurry and go. As the brother came near the ship, there was a gold chain attached to the ship and a rod of iron for the brothers to grip on to. The Captain of this ship then told the brothers for all

to put their hands on the rod and push the ship into deeper water. He told them that "the ship was moving too slow" but if they would all put their hands to the rod it would move faster. As the brothers put their hands to the rod, the ship began to move; the more strength the rod it would move faster. As the brothers put forth the faster the ship moved. The Captain started to shout for the brothers to put a little more effort in pushing the ship. Among the brothers were some who didn't want to push much and didn't seem to be interested in moving the ship. The Captain weepingly told the brothers to put all their efforts in pushing the ship. He told them that the sooner we put all our efforts together in pushing this ship the sooner we will get to that beautiful palace and city where we will have no more sorrows or tears and where every-one will come to meet us. He then turned to the brothers and said, "Is that not true?"

When the brothers started to put forth more effort in pushing the ship the Captain became very, very happy and then told the brothers that he had a reward for them and as he said this, he pulled a lever on the ship and all the little ships were lowered into the water. The brothers of the ministry got into them two by two and as the brothers left they began to sing Hymns. The Captain was also singing with them and motioning farewell with his arms. It was indeed a beautiful sight to see him wave farewell to the brothers. One hymn I recall them singing: "God Be With You; Till We Meet Again." The moral: Let us all put our shoulder to the wheel and know that with us Saints it is an obligation of faith and duty.

Mario Milano

ROSALIE DALEO PASSES ON

Sister Daleo departed this life on Sept. 15, 1953 after an illness of several months. She was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ, Sept. 10, 1929. She leaves to mourn her passing, one son, one daughter, three brothers, two sisters, seven grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

She was laid away to rest on Sept. 17, 1953. The funeral services were conducted by Fred D'Amico who was assisted by others. Sympathy is extended to the bereaved ones.

LABORERS TOGETHER WITH GOD

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28: 19 R.S.V.) Read Matthew 28: 16, 20.

It was Easter on the Pacific Ocean. We were headed home. After the service, a woman said to the minister, "I've just talked with a man who claims to be a member of the Church, but he said, 'I wouldn't give a cent of my money to missions,' "She asked, "How can a man be a Christian and talk like that?"

How would you have answered that question? Our Scripture reading for today gives the answer.

The late Rabbi Stephen S. Wise studied the terrible breakdown in Europe after World War I. He once described to us —hundreds of Christians gathered to hear him —what he had seen. Then he said: "This never would have happened if you Christians had been true to the teachings of the great Nazarene."

Years ago the late Bishop James M. Thoburn, missionary to India, wrote: "The great, glaring denial of faith and duty which stands out before the world today, so clearly that it cannot be concealed, is the refusal of those who bear the name of Christ to execute the great commission which their Master has given them." from "The Upper Room" (Copyrighted) Used by permission.

DIVORCE LAWS BLAMED

Editor, the Post-Gazette:

All of the trouble about juvenile delinquency can be laid largely to lack of parental discipline and guidance. And a great deal of discipline shortage is found in broken homes. This can be traced to the laxity of Pennsylvania divorce laws. So the lawmakers who grant free and easy divorces get their reward in juvenile delinquents.

And why broken homes? If the divorce laws were stricter, parents, instead of chasing and hunting another mate, would be obliged to put in their time concentrating on the moral and physical training on the offspring, which responsibility they took when they married. Neither parents, step or otherwise, or their children, can have enough respect for law and order to want to do right, when laws are so lax and indulgent.

Parents' healthy respect for laws would induce a healthier respect in the children for parental law. Lax laws yield lax parents, Lax parents raise delinquents.

LOUISE PATTERSON
HELMSTADTER

McKeesport, Pa.

NEWS ITEM

Brother Furnier and Sister Furnier, Brother and Sister Cossetti, and Brother and Sister DiPiero of Youngstown, Ohio, and Brother and Sister DiBattista of the Glassport Branch all were at our meeting here on Sunday evening Sept. 20th. We had a very nice meeting, and we were very glad to have our brothers and sisters present with us. Come again.

In a letter of recent date from Brother and Sister Breci of San Diego, Calif. they say that Sister Ford of Windsor, Ont., had been visiting them and while there, they visited an Indian Reservation near-by and talked to some of the Indians about the gospel of Jesus —and says that their faces did light up to hear about the gospel. Sister Ford has been active among the Indian people in Canada, and no doubt she would feel at home in talking to them in California.

LAND AT 3c ACRE UNDER PROBE

Indian Claims
Date Back to 1795

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Sept. 24 (UP) — Indiana anthropologists have been given an official job to help the Government determine whether three cents an acre was enough to pay the Indians for their land.

Indiana University said its anthropology department has a contract with the U. S. Department of Justice to investigate claims against the Government involving more than 200,000,000 acres of land in the Midwest.

Nearly 400 suits are pending in which the Indians claim additional compensation for lands acquired by the whites in treaties dating back to 1795.

The land in contest includes the entire States of Indiana, Ohio, Michigan and Wisconsin, most of Illinois and parts of Minnesota and Iowa.

Treaties show the Indians got as little as three cents an acre. The suits say \$10 would have been

about right. If the claims are allowed, the Government might have to pay billions of dollars to the Indians.

U. S. STILL AT ODDS WITH INDIAN TRIBES

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18 — (UP)

—The United States was still at odds with the Sac and Fox Indian tribes 121 years after it fought them in the Blackhawk War.

The Indians claim the United States started the war. The United States says the Indians did.

The question is now before the Indian Claims Committee, which opened hearings on it Wednesday.

The commission's decision will be a vital factor in the suit of the two Wisconsin tribes which have demanded compensation for land they claim was illegally taken over by the government after the war in 1831-32.

The government claims the tribes forfeited all rights to any lands after they were defeated in the war. However, the Indians claim in their suit their leaders who signed the treaty providing this forfeiture were not authorized to do so.

SPIRITUAL GLEANINGS

Let us not praise God just at this autumn season, our harvest time, but offer our thanks to this Great Giver every day. "Bless the Lord, O my soul and forget not all His benefits." — Psalms 103.

CAMP LEJUENE, N. C.

Oct. 21, 1953

Dear Brother Cadman:

First of all, we wish to thank God that He has been our company these past two years while we were in the service, He being with us where ever we went, holding us under His wings of protection —keeping us from evil, and temptations of this life.

We also thank you and the M. B. A. of New Jersey for sending us the Gospel News. It has been wonderful to receive this Church paper while we have been away from the Church, and the brothers and sisters. It has blessed us many times when we were low in Spirit.

We are being released in November, and again we thank God for being with us. Our sincere prayer is, that God will bless all the brothers and sisters of the Church. Your brothers in Christ, Carol Huttenberger and Joseph Arcuri.

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CHRISTMAS DAY

Christmas day is coming,
The day of fun and joys,
The day when Santa Clauses
Will visit girls and boys.
And if they've been behaving,
(At least, so they've been told,)
He'll bring them many presents
And happiness, untold.

Christmas day is coming,
With Christmas trees galore,
All trimmed with colored baubles,

That weigh it to the floor.
And underneath the branches
Are gifts for everyone,
Some sure to bring you comfort,
And some, to bring you fun.

Christmas day is coming,
The day of revelry,
With tables, heavy laden
With foods for you and me;
Delicious pie and puddings,
And drinks, both hot and iced,
Yes, ... Christmas day is coming,

But not much time for Christ.
Catherine Poma

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

In the world today, we celebrate the birthdays of many famous people, all of whom have given us inspirations and ideals to follow. But on December 25, we celebrate the greatest birthday of all. This birthday, we all know to be Jesus's, who was born one night so many hundreds of years ago. He has taught us to love one another and died for us on the cross that we might gain eternal life.

The story of the first Christmas never loses its charm, and we never tire of hearing it year after year. We love to sing the old Christmas carols, and read in our Sunday-School lessons the story of the birth of the little babe in the manger. We are all so fortunate that our Heavenly Father saw fit to send His Son into the world, that through his teachings and love for us we might gain salvation for our souls.

Think how the shepherds felt at the strange appearance of the Angel that night. The Angel calmed them with the good tidings that the Saviour had been born. He told them they would find Him in David's village lying in a manger.

The Shepherds found Him in the stable of a village inn, with Mary and Joseph.

Such a great honor was bestowed upon Mary to be chosen of all the women of that time to be the Mother of Christ. The Angel expressed it this way: "Thou art highly favoured the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women."

So, it came to pass that the Son of the God who created all things, was born in such a humble way and found by shepherds lying in a manger.

We should not only give gifts to our relatives and friends, but should give praise and worship Him as best we can all the days of our lives.

By Sister Irene Bickerton

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON IS HERE AGAIN

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL

Isaiah 9:6 "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

Matthew 1:18, and 25 inclusive. "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. — Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily.—But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. — And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins. — Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet saying, — Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is God with us. — Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him,

and took unto him his wife: — And knew her not till she had brought forth her first born son: and he called his name Jesus."

Luke, 2: "And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. — And, lo, the angel of the Lord said unto them, fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of joy, which shall be to all people. — For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. — And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly 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. — And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. — And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. — And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. — And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. — But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. — And the shepherds returned, glorifying God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them."

The prophecy of Samuel in the Book of Mormon, Helaman 14:2 and 6 inclusive. "And behold he said unto them; Behold I give unto you a sign; for five years more cometh, and behold, then cometh the Son of God to redeem all those who shall believe on his name. And, behold this will I give unto you for a sign at the time of his coming; for behold, there shall be great lights in heaven, insomuch that in the night before he cometh there shall be no darkness, insomuch that it shall appear unto man as if it was day. Therefore, there shall be one day and a night and a day, as if it were one day and there were no night; and

this shall be unto you for a sign; for ye shall know of the rising of the sun and also of its setting; therefore they shall know of a surety that there shall be two days and a night; nevertheless the night shall not be darkened; and it shall be the night before he is born.—And behold, there shall a new star arise, such as one as ye never have beheld; and this also shall be a sign unto you.—And behold this is not all, there shall be many signs and wonders in heaven.”

The Book of Mormon records the following: Third Nephi 1:12 and 15 inclusive. “And it came to pass that he (Nephi) cried mightily unto the Lord, all the day; and behold, the voice of the Lord came unto him, saying;—Lift up your head and be of good cheer; for behold, the time is at hand, and on this night shall the sign be given, and on the morrow come I unto the world, to show unto the world that I will fulfill all that which I have caused to be spoken by the mouth of my holy prophets. — Behold, I come unto my own, to fulfill all things which I have made known unto the children of men from the foundation of the world, and to do the will, both of the Father and the Son—of the Father because of me, and of the Son because of my flesh. And behold, the time is at hand, and this night shall the sign be given.—And it came to pass that the words which came unto Nephi were fulfilled, according as they had been spoken; for behold, at the going down of the sun there was no darkness; and the people began to be astonished because there was no darkness when the night came.” — Yea, such was the sign given to the people on this western hemisphere when Jesus was born in Bethlehem as recorded in the Book of Mormon a book that has been, and still is, scorned by the Christian world of today. The book gives an account of the former inhabitants of this land, of whom the American Indians are their descendants. Yea, it is as the prophet says in chapter 29-4 “And thou shalt be brought down, and shalt speak out of the ground, and thy speech shall be low out of the dust, and thy voice shall be, as of one that hath a familiar spirit, out of the ground, and thy speech shall whisper out of the dust. “And then in verse 11 and the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed etc. This

scripture was literally fulfilled in the coming forth of the Book of Mormon. (W.H.C.)

A TRIP TO SOUTH DAKOTA

On Oct. 12th Brother and Sister Joseph Shazer, Mary Fleming of the Vanderbilt Branch of the Church, and Bro. W. H. Cadman of Monongahela, left their homes for a missionary visit among the Sioux Indians of South Dakota.

We had fine weather for driving, could not ask for better, and too, we had a driver who certainly has learned the “knack” of stepping on the gas. After driving for three days, we arrived at Gettysburg, S. D. where we stayed for the night. We were then within twenty miles of the Cheyenne Reservation, to which we continued the next morning, Oct. 15th.

Our Indian friends were all glad to see us again. We arranged for meeting in the Community Bldg, (a log structure) of the Indians. Then Mr. Lowdog got in our car, and went with us for a drive to the Moreau river district, a distance of about 45 miles, and visited some Indian people, some we had met before, and some we had never met. On our way, and as the dinner hour drew near, we stopped in an Indian home, had them to light a fire in their stove and then our women folks cooked us all some dinner. Before leaving the home, we sang a hymn or two and had prayer with them, and thanked them for their hospitality towards us. We then continued on our journey and visited a number of homes including the home of Mrs. Amy Sands, to whom some of you have sent clothing to. We returned back to the little village near Cheyenne Agency and held our meeting in the Community Bldg. as planned. We had very nice attendance, and especially for such short notice to have a meeting. There were some present from Wakpala, possibly 75 miles of a drive for them. After the meeting, we returned to Gettysburg for a place to stay all night—a distance of about 22 miles. We arranged to go to Wakpala the next morning. Mr. Lowdog went with us and we held a meeting in an Indian home about 5 miles out from the little town. The meeting was arranged on short notice but we had about 25 Indian people gather together to hear us. We had a very nice meeting, and they wanted us to stay longer, but we were obliged

to return to Cheyenne agency to fulfill another engagement in the Community Bldg. that evening. We arrived back in time and had another nice meeting.

We promised the folks at Wakpala that we would return on the next Tuesday and spend the day with them. We held another meeting Saturday afternoon in the Community Bldg., also on Sunday afternoon, and the Indian people held a service on Sunday night, and after they were through, they turned the time over to us, which we appreciated very much. We held another meeting in this same place on Monday night.

Our sleeping quarters were in Gettysburg, so the next morning which was Tuesday, Oct. 20th we started off for Wakpala according to our promise. On arriving there between 40 and 50 Indian people gathered at the same home as on our previous trip. We had one very long meeting with attentive listeners. At the close of this meeting we retired to Grand River and baptized a man and his wife. Returning back to the home, we held another meeting and confirmed them and ask the blessing of God on three of their children. In one of these meetings, a man got up and expressed himself, he had heard of the meeting, and he walked between 6 and 7 miles to be present. When he heard of the Book of Mormon as it was preached that day, he said it brought back to his memory, things he had heard his father speak of 35 years ago. An Indian lady was present at the meeting, of whom we were told had walked and carried a child in her arms for three miles to be present. Surely God will bless people who exercise themselves so much to be present in the House of God. We appointed a meeting again for the next day, and our nearest town to get a place to sleep was 22 miles away, known as McLaughlin, S. D. We got good beds for the night, but the next morning it was raining hard, and was getting cold. It being only a few miles from the northern border of the State, we drove in a heavy rain across the state line up into North Dakota, the first time for any of us to be in that state.

We returned to Wakpala for our afternoon meeting, this was on Oct. 21st. We had a nice crowd out at the meeting, every body glad to have us back. We done

lots of preaching while there. We made good use of our time. One old man got up in our meeting, and his talk was interpreted by the brother we baptized the day previous—among the things he said was: "I would like to join your church, but I have been a Catholic so long, that he could not leave them, it was bred into him, but I will give you land to build a Church on." May the Lord bless his soul. At the close of this meeting we returned to Gettysburg for the night. It had rained much this day, the results were the roads were very bad, and we had only gotten about a mile away from our meeting place when all four wheels of our car mired deep into the mud, and it looked as though we were there to stay for awhile, when a horse drawn vehicle with Indians who had been at our meeting, drew up behind us and we all got out and pushed, and it was a relief to me to get the car out of the mud.

On the next day, Oct. 22nd we met again in the Community Bldg. near Cheyenne Agency, also again on Friday night Oct. 23rd. It was so cold that night, I preached with my over-coat on. On this occasion, there were people present from near Eagle Butte, where Brother Useful Heart lives, which is about 75 miles away. Since he was baptized on our last trip, he has been visiting among his people, talking to them concerning the Restored Gospel, so three of his kinsfolks were baptized the next day, a mother and two daughters. Brother Shazer attended to the baptizing on this trip. This was a very bad day, raining, and very bad under foot. The rain had swelled the Missouri River considerably, however all went off very well, and on the next day, Sunday, the three converts were confirmed and sacraments was administered at our meeting.

We were wanted over at a place called Green Grass, not to far from Eagle Butte to hold meeting in a School house, but it was a bad place to get too with a car, and the weather was getting bad, so we did not make the venture to go there on this trip. We returned to Gettysburg, and on the next morning, Oct. 26th, we started for home, calling on our way at Nauvoo, Ill. and at the old Jail in Carthage, Ill. where Joseph Smith and his brother Hyrum was shot dead by a mob in 1844. From

there we headed to Highland, Ind. and had a visit with Bro. Herman Kennedy and his sister Mrs. Flossie Molinatto. We ate a meal with them. They were very glad to see us. We then drove to South Bend, Ind. and spent the night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reilly, sister Reilly is the daughter of brother and sister Milton Barnhart of East Millsboro, Pa. They were very glad to have us call on them. The next morning, Oct. 29th. we started for home, arriving at my home about 10:00 p.m., and I will add that Kaiser cars will go without wings, when Brother Joe Shazer is behind the wheel. But, with it all, we had a very nice trip together and we feel that some good has been done towards the furthering the Kingdom of God among the Covenant People of the Lord. Sincerely Brother W. H. Cadman.

LOUIS GILBERT PASSES ON

Bro. Louis Gilbert, 59, of 1104 Melrose St., East McKeesport, Pa., died yesterday in the National Tube Co. Emergency Hospital.

He was born in Camden on Sept. 25, 1894, a son of the late Bro. and Sister James and Mary Abbott Gilbert. He was employed by the National Tube Co. and was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ in Glassport. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Sarah Gilbert, two sons, one daughter, and one brother Edward of Greensburg. The services were attended to by Bro. Charles Ashton in the Check Funeral Home, interment in Richland Cemetery, Dravosburg.

THIS IS MY TESTIMONY

By Betty Griffith

I have been awful lonely,
When thinking and thinking of home.

I only wish it weren't necessary
To be this far from home.

I only pray it to be possible,
To spend every Sunday with you.
You'd never guess how much happier I'd be,
And my dear Lord knows it to be true.

I like the friends I've found up here,
These certain ones, I've got,
But spending my time with you,
Would mean an awful lot.

I sure pray the time will come
When this my Lord will say,

Come my child — Come with Me,
We're going home today.

Going to my heavenly home
Would mean the world to me.
But I am not worthy to have this chance,
The Lord can easily satisfy me.

Understand me, brothers and sisters,
It is sort of hard to do,
No one should ever neglect the Lord,
But this of myself 'tis true.

I've often been so down-hearted,
When knowing I've failed to do right,
But please, dear brothers and sisters
Please pray for me tonight.

Praying don't always answer,
If you don't do the rest
I mean "change your life completely,"
And really do your best.

A TRIP TO OAKLAND, PA. FORMERLY HARMONY, PA.

By Thurman S. Furnier
Brother Wm. H. Cadman, myself and wife left Monongahela, Pa. Sept. 19th. 1953 enroute to Hopelawn, N. J., for conference. We stopped at Scranton, Pa., a distance of 319 miles from Monongahela, Pa. Brother Cadman called on a business concern there and arranged for a price on six seats, to match the ones which had been purchased previously for the Monongahela church building. We spent about an hour there, leaving at 4:00 p.m. Having some difficulty locating a place to stop over night,, we found it necessary to drive until 7:00 p.m. before we found lodging at a tourist home, near Carbondale, Pa. The following morning we left for Oakland, Pa. arriving there about 9:00 a.m., a distance of 30 miles from Carbondale, Pa. Oakland is located across the river from Susquehanna, Pa., along the Susquehanna river. A quiet little village in a mountainous country. We obtained some helpful information from the proprietor of a garage, in locating some places of interest. No doubt by this time the reader may be wondering what the attraction was at Oakland, Pa. I will endeavor to give some light on the subject at hand by refer-

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EDITORIAL

A warning to this great nation of people. The Book of Mormon speaks.

"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 (things in the Book of Mormon) 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, to your overthrow and destruction if ye shall suffer these things to be. — Wherefore, the Lord commandeth you, when ye shall see these things come among you that ye shall awake to a sense of your awful situation, because of this secret combinations which shall be among you; or wo be unto it, because of the blood of them who have been slain; for they cry from the dust for vengeance upon it, and also upon those who built it up. — For it cometh to pass that who 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 hath 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."

Corruption is certainly abounding in this nation of people, and wickedness will make an "apparent strong nation" weak, yea very weak, indeed.

The headlines in this morning paper (Nov. 13) to me are alarming, and while Senator McCarthy is condemned by some, he is also hailed by others as doing a good job, and while his tactics may not be justifiable, yet it does seem that communism has gained much ground in this country, filtering into high places in government and private institutions alike. One of our most prominent columnists, David Lawrence, has his article headed in this morning's paper, "Truman and Ike Both Open To Criticism in White Case."

It is to be hoped that both president Eisenhower, and ex-president Truman, after allowing them their full constitutional rights, will be able to convince the American public, that they have been faithful to their trust in endeavoring to sustain that which our forefathers bled and died for. Well has it been said, "Pride goest before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall."

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ring to the following account, or historical record with reference to the "Golden Plates, which were delivered to Joseph Smith, and events which happened before and after he received them. Said "Golden Plates" containing an account of the former inhabitants of the Western hemisphere, and God's work among them. I now quote from historical record. QUOTE: "In the month of Oct. 1825, Joseph Smith hired with an old gentleman by the name of Josiah Staal, who lived in Chanango Co., state of N.-Y. Mr. Staal had heard something of a silver mine having been opened by the Spaniards in Harmony, Susquehanna Co., Pa.; and had previous to the hiring of Joseph Smith, been digging, in order, if possible, to discover the mine. After Joseph went to live with him, he took him, with the rest of the hands, to dig for the silver mine at which they continued to work for nearly a month, without success in their undertaking, and finally he prevailed with the old gentleman to cease digging after it. Hence arose the very prevalent story of Joseph Smith having been a money digger. During the time that he was thus employed, he was put to board with a Mr. Hale, of that place; it was there he first saw his wife, (Mr. Isaac Hale's daughter,) Emma Hale. On the 18th. of Jan. 1827 they were married, while he was

yet employed in the service of Mr. Staal. He continued to assert that he had seen a vision, persecution still followed him, and his wife's father's family were very much opposed to their being married. He was therefore under the necessity of taking her elsewhere; so they went and were married at the house of Squire Tarbill, in South Bainbridge, Chanango Co., N. Y. Immediately after his marriage, he left Mr. Staal's and went to his father's, and farmed with him that season. At length the time arrived for obtaining the plates, the Urim and Thummim, and the breastplate. On the 22nd. day of Sept. 1827. (He would be 22 years old the winter of 1827) having gone as usual at the end of each year to the place where they were deposited, the same heavenly messenger delivered them up to him with this charge; that he should be responsible for them; that if he should let them go carelessly, or through any neglect of his own, he should be cut off; but that if he would use all his endeavors to preserve them, until he, the messenger, should call for them, they should be protected. He soon found out the reason why he had received such strict charges to keep them safe, and why it was that the messenger had said that when he had done what was required at his hand, he (the messenger) would call for them. For no sooner was it known that he had them, than the most strenuous exertions were used to get them from him. The persecution became more bitter and severe than before, and multitudes were on the alert continually to get them from him if possible. But by the wisdom of God they remained safe in his hands, until he had accomplished by them what was required at his hand. The excitement, however still continued, and rumor with her thousand tongues was all the time employed in circulating falsehoods about his father's family, and about himself. The persecution, however became so intolerable that he was under the necessity of leaving Manchester, N. Y. and going with his wife to Susquehanna Co., Pa. While preparing to start, being poor, and the persecution so heavy upon them that there was no probability that they would ever be otherwise, in the midst of their afflictions they found a friend in a gentleman by the name of Martin Harris, who came to them and

gave them fifty dollars to assist them on their journey. Mr. Harris was a resident of Palmyra township, Wayne Co., N. Y. and a farmer of respectability. He put the plates into a barrel of beans, and proceeded upon his journey. He had not gone far before he was over taken by an officer with a search warrant, who flattered himself with the idea that he should surely obtain the plates; after searching very diligently, he was sadly disappointed at not finding them. Joseph Smith then drove on; but before he got to his journey's end, he was again over taken by an officer on the same business, and, after ransacking the wagon very carefully he went his way, as much chagrined as the first at not being able to discover the object of his research. By Mr. Martin Harris timely aid he was enabled to reach the place of his destination in Penna. near the Susquehanna river, in which part his father-in-law resided; and immediately after his arrival there he commenced copying the characters off the plates. He copied a considerable number of them, and by means of the Urim and Thummin he translated some of them, which he did between the time he arrived at the house of his wife's father, in the month of Dec. 1827, and the Feb. 1828 following. Sometime in the month of Feb. 1828, Mr. Martin Harris came to Joseph Smith's place, got the characters which Joseph Smith had drawn off the plates, and started with them to the city of New York. For what took place relative to him and the characters, Joseph Smith refers to Martin Harris own account of the circumstances, as he related them to him after his return, which was as follows: I (Martin Harris) went to the city of New York and presented the characters which had been translated, with the translation thereof, to Professor Chas. Anthon, a gentleman celebrated for his literary attainments. Professor Anthon stated that the translation was correct, more so than any he had before seen translated from the Egyptian. I then showed him those which were not translated, and he said that they were Egyptian, Chaldaic, Assyriac, and Arabic; and he said they were true characters. He gave me a certificate certifying to the people of Palmyra that they were true characters, and that the translation was also correct. I took the certificate and

put it into my pocket, and was just leaving the house, when Mr. Anthon called me back, and asked me how the young man found out that there were gold plates in the place where he found them. I answered that an angel of God had revealed it unto him. He then said to me, 'Let me see that certificate.' I accordingly took it out of my pocket and gave it to him, when he took it and tore it to pieces, saying that there was no such thing now as ministering angels, and that if I would bring the plates to him, he would translate them. I informed him that part of the plates were sealed, and that I was forbidden to bring them. He replied, 'I cannot read a sealed book.' I left him and went to Dr. Mitchell, who sanctioned what Professor Anthon had said respecting both characters and the translation. On the 5th. day of April, 1829, Oliver Cowdery came to Joseph Smith's house, until which time he had never seen him. He stated to Joseph Smith that having been teaching school in the neighborhood where his father resided, and Joseph Smith's father being one of those who sent to the school, he went to board for a season at his house, and while there the family related to him the circumstances of him having received the plates, and accordingly he had come to make inquiries of him. Two days after the arrival of Mr. Cowdery, (being the 7th. day of April 1829, Joseph Smith commenced to translate the plates, and Oliver Cowdery began to write for him."

I have had a desire to visit Harmony, Pa. for many years, but not being able to locate it on the map. In conversation with brother Wm. H. Cadman, I learned that the name of the place had been changed to Oakland, Pa. He too expressed a desire to visit the place, so we decided to go there since we were going to Scranton, Pa. and would be within 45 miles of the place. We crossed the Susquehanna river bridge at Susquehanna, Pa. entering into Oakland, Pa. (Harmony, Pa.) Having obtained form the afore mentioned proprietor of a garage, the address of Miss Ione Ball, and her step-father. (I have completely forgotten his name) we continued on route No. 70 about one half mile, he acting as our guide. By the road side at a cemetery, a State marker reads: J O S E P H SMITH. The founder of Mormon-

ism lived in this vicinity about 1825-29 His, infant son is buried in this cemetery. Much of the translation of the "Golden Plates" for the Book of Mormon was done at a home nearby.

Our guide soon located the grave stone which reads: In memory of an infant son of Joseph and Emma Smith, June 13th, 1828. The guide took us to the foundation of the Joseph Smith house, near by, the house having been torn down. Miss Ball furnished us two photographs from the negative of the Joseph Smith property, which she had in her possession for some time. Near by, across the highway, our guide also pointed out to us the foundation of Isaac Hale's house. The house having been torn down recently. We were told that the Church of Jesus Christ of L.D.S., of Salt Lake City, Utah, had purchased 23 acres of land, which includes the foundation of the Isaac Hale property. North East of Oakland, Pa. about 27 miles, there is a town named Afton, N. Y. Near the town of Afton, N. Y. at or near the Fair Grounds, the house where Joseph Smith and Emma Hale were married, still stands.

We did not go there, but would like very much to do so some time in the future.

We then bent our course South Eastward to Hopelawn, N. J. a distance of 185 miles from Oakland, Pa. A beautiful country indeed, especially at this time of the year, when the changing of the seasons, and the nature of God have smiled upon the trees, vines, bushes etc., causing many different colors and shades, red, green, and gold predominating.

A poem at this time may be in place: The hill side with its vines and bushes, start to lose their beauty once displayed, along with the zinnias, roses, and daisies, all will sleep 'till they wake next May. The garden mourns over its great loss, all real victims of the winter frost, but soon the Lord will send sunshine and rain, and we will welcome them all back again. As they lift their head from winter doom, and all come forth with their lovely bloom, Autumn dead will seem a living thing, when they all come forth in the early spring.

You will note that I have furnished a mileage table from place to place, for the benefit of those whom may want to visit these

places of interest. To all those whom are interested in the early history of the Restoration of the Gospel, it will be a blessing to you when you visit the afore mentioned places.

A Trip East Attending Conference

My Wife and I left Detroit by train Thursday October 1st arriving at Hopelawn, N. J. Friday about noon. Before long we were directed to Bro. Joe Benyola's home at 80 New Brunswick Ave. where we were cordially received and made quite welcome. We found Bro. Martin Michalko, of Corapolis, Pa. painting at Bro. Benyola's. Later Bro. Wm. H. Cadman and Bro. Fernandez Valentine from Glassport were in our midst; we were quite pleased to see these brothers and enjoyed talking with them. Bro. Michalko gave Bro. Valentine, my wife and I a ride in his car to Montclair, N. J. to visit my brother, which we appreciated immensely. We arrived back in Hopelawn a little late for the night's service. When we went in, Bro. Alma Cadman was speaking. His talk was so touching, Bro. T. S. Furnier rose to his feet and sang in the spirit. At the close of the service, my wife and I were invited to Bro. Paul Benyola's home, where we stayed until Wednesday and enjoyed ourselves so much, even as a foretaste of Heaven.

Saturday entailed the business of Conference, the most important item in my estimation being all the calls the church is getting to preach the Gospel almost everywhere including taking over 52 churches in B. W. Africa.

Sunday morning Bro. Gorie Ciarravino opened the service, speaking on a subject found in Luke 10th Chapter, 25 to 4 verse, bringing in the good Samaritan. Several brothers spoke, and a good time was enjoyed by all.

Sunday afternoon, several brothers and sisters met at Bro. and Sister Patsy Rogolino's home in Stelton, where we were very liberally treated with fruits and cake. We had a lucrative meeting, the topic being, The Apostle Paul's preaching, where he says, though it being not excellency of speech, yet far excellet the wisdom of the world and human sense. Everyone present seemed overjoyed and wonderfully blessed.

Sunday night the Hopelawn Branch, accompanied by New Brunswick and surrounding Mis-

sions, gave a wonderful program, with the delightful singing and artistic design on Sunday morning, and the program itself, we did not miss Heaven very far.

Monday night we met at Bro. Joe Benyola's home, where a number of brothers and sisters were present, asking and answering questions. We had Brothers Charles Ashton and Oran Thomas in our midst and enjoyed a wonderful evening.

Tuesday night we met in Hopelawn branch with a goodly number of brothers and sisters. I opened the service with a topic found in 1st Corinthian 1st Chapter 10th verse which reads as follows: Now I beseech you, bretheren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgement. My talk was on the sacredness of the tie, that holds believers hearts in one. Bro. Chas. Ashton followed with the theme of the Heavenly Union and had such a blessing to accompany him that the building really resounded with the peace and the love of God, and all brothers and sisters went home feeling that it was indeed good for us to be there.

Wednesday Brother and Sister Joe Benyola, baby, Bro. Fernandez Valentine, my wife and I started from Hopelawn at 11 a.m. Went over the outer bridge to Staten Island. Travelled 16 miles lengthwise to St. George then we took the New York Ferry and New York Harbor to Manhattan Island, which is New York City, while crossing the Harbor by boat we had a very good view of New York Sky-line, which means the tops of all the tall buildings in New York City. In the background stood the Empire State Building, highest of them all, which is 102 stories high. The next two tallest buildings in the world, The Chrysler Building, 92 stories high and the R. C. A. Building, 80 stories high, which are more in the foreground. We also had a very good view of the Statue of Liberty, the sun was shining brightly, which gave us a very nice view of it. When we reached New York, we travelled on the East River Drive, which runs along the East River; we drove under the Brooklyn Bridge, Queensborough Bridge, Manhattan Bridge, Williamsburg Bridge, and we also had a close

view of the Empire State Building. We also saw the United Nations Building, which we understand cost millions of dollars, and has the best communication system of any other building known, that is, where ever a delegate may be in the building he can hear what the speaker on the floor is saying. We endeavored to contact Bro. Vincent Lupo, but he was not at home, so we continued our journey through New York to the home of some Puerto Rican friends, where we were greeted very cordially, they manifested great interest in the Gospel. We also visited the home of a Puerto Rican brother and sister where we left Bro. Fernandez Valentine to speak words of encouragement unto them. We continued our trip to the Bronx at East 217th St. At our arrival we were well accepted by Bro. Lupo, the Presiding Officer of the Bronx Mission, and also all brothers and sisters. We spent a very enjoyable evening preaching the word of God unto them, about exhorting all to remain faithful, so that we may gain the crown in the end, if we be not weary in well doing. The Puerto Rican, friends that we visited, along with their children, a Puerto Rican brother and his wife from Hopelawn and a friend from Perth-Amboy also visited with us and enjoyed our service immensely. After the meeting, as per usual, the Bronx Mission invited everyone to have cake and coffee in the Dining Hall at the rear of the Church.

We returned home by the way of George Washington Bridge, over the Palisades of New Jersey and the New Jersey Turn Pike, witnessing a beautiful night.

Thursday night we met in Metuchen, spoke on the rich young ruler, and the two Apostles who wanted to sit on the right and left hand of our Saviour and dismissed with everyone having a good time in Christ. Friday Night was also spent similarly. Saturday morning we met in prayer and fasting and had a very good impression toward the objective of the Church in endeavouring to find out what the will of God is towards these Churches in B. W. Africa, requesting to be affiliated with us. Saturday night a number of young people, brothers, sisters and friends, met at Bro. Joe Benyola's where a number of experiences were told and a young man in our midst promised faithfully to make a real investigation of our Church. Sunday was spent in New Brunswick,

where we had such a wonderful blessing, it was indeed a continuation of our Conference. From Wednesday night through Saturday night we stayed at Bro. Joe Benyola's; here and throughout New Jersey where ever we were invited we were royally treated, and beg to tender our thanks and great appreciation to all the Saints for their wonderful liberality. My brother and his family met us in New Brunswick and drove us through to his home in Montclair, where we met many relatives and friends who also were indeed wonderful to us, and after enjoying the time of our lives we returned to Detroit on Friday, feeling wonderfully blessed that God was so good to us to have permitted us to enjoy such ardent blessings.

Matthew Miller

MOORE-BUFFINGTON WEDDING

Arlene L. Moore, daughter of Brother and Sister James Moore became the bride of Robert J. Buffington, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin R. Buffington of Imperial, Pa., Saturday, October 17, 1953, in the church building in McKees Rocks, Pa., in a very plain but yet pleasant ceremony. Elder Russell Cadman officiated. Erma and Betty Ann Casasanta rendered both vocal and instrumental selections for the occasion. Reception followed in the church basement.

The couple plan to reside in their newly bought trailer at Clinton, Pa. We all wish the newlyweds smooth sailing, accompanied with many of God's blessings.

ROMANO-PASTORELLI NUPTIALS

Dorothy Romano, daughter of Bro. and Sister Carl Romano, became the bride of Victor Pastorelli, son of Bro. and Sister Pastorelli on Saturday Nov. 7, 1953, with Bro. Alfred D'Amico receiving the exchange of vows, at Detroit, Mich. Branch of the Church No. 3.

The soloist was Jean Smith, accompanied at the piano by Sister Lena Pontillo. Lillian Jane Martyn served as maid of honor. Best man Alexander Dungjen.

The reception took place in the Veteran Hall. After two weeks tour through West Virginia, the newlyweds will reside at the home of the brides parents.

DeLUCA-PALMIER NUPTIALS

Philomena Palmier, daughter of brother and sister Anthony Pal-

mier of Pine Drive, Aliquippa, Pa., became the bride of David DeLuca, the son of brother and sister Louis DeLuca of Division and Extension Strs., Aliquippa, at a double ring ceremony performed on September 26, 1953 in the Church of Jesus Christ in West Aliquippa. Elder Thomas Ross officiated. May God bless you, Signed Bro. Tamburrino.

WHY I KNOW THE RESTORED GOSPEL IS TRUE

When I first came in the Church of Jesus Christ, I did not have any understanding of the Book of Mormon. I had been satisfied that what they taught and believed was of God. — and the plan of salvation was true as taught by our Saviour when He was here upon this earth. But the Restored Gospel was new to me. And while being so satisfied in obeying it, yet, I did not understand why it was necessary to have the Book of Mormon and the Bible. So I became interested to know for myself. I had studied the Bible and when I heard the Elders preach, I wondered why they spoke so much about the house of Israel. I had never noticed anything in particular about them more than any one else; but I began to search their beginning, and the promise made first to Abraham.

In Genesis 12th chapter 1-3 verses, also 17 chapter verse 7, we find God chooses Abraham and blesses him and said: "in thee shall all the families be blessed." Then after the birth of his son Isaac, the Lord appeared to Isaac and renewed this promise to him—Genesis 26 chapt. 24th verse. Isaac had two sons, Esau and Jacob, (read the scripture in Romans 10-13, also Malachi 1-2-3. Of these two sons God chose Jacob to receive this blessing or the promise which was to follow his descendants—so we find in Genesis 28-3,4 that Isaac blessed Jacob with the same promise that had been laid on him. and the Lord promised the same promise to Jacob in that wonderful experience found Genesis 28th Chapter. Jacob had twelve sons, and God appeared unto Jacob there and changed his name to Israel, therefore, Jacob is called Israel—twelve sons in his house are called the House of Israel. If we follow the descendants of Jacob, we find them as told to Abraham and Jacob that they would be taken to a strange land for 430 years, Exodus 12-40,41 verses. If you follow the lives of the children

of Israel, they were in bondage in Egypt until the Lord raised up Moses to deliver them. Following on in their lives we find them given a portion of land in Canaan, the land Abraham was promised; But after forgetting God and His commandments they lost their inheritance and were scattered by the different nations and taken captive by them. During a dispute among the tribes of Israel, ten of the tribes revolted, I Kings 12-19.

They, according to the scriptures went to themselves, while Judah, one of the sons (or we call them tribes) and some of the individuals of the different tribes remained with Judah, which of course left them numbered with those who remained. But soon they were taken by the Chaldeans, and only the poor were left to take care of the land. This is found in 39th Chapter of Jeremish 9 and ten verses, But they were promised to return in 70 years, which they did, but under another government. Israel has never been a nation since that time in Jerusalem, but God sent them prophets warning them continually. Even Jeremiah was one of the greatest prophets, and was taken in bondage by another nation of people.

During this scattered condition in the days of Jeremiah, we read in Jeremiah 25th chapter how he warned them who remained of their destruction, read the 25th chapter of Jeremiah. Now turn to your Bible—look up at the top of your Bible, you will see it marked in the year 610 B. C. in Second Chronicles 36th chapter and then read the first 22 verses—this was in Zedekiah's regin—you will read of the condition in Jerusalem also how God sent His prophets to warn them of the destruction. Now turn to the first chapter of First Nephi verse 4, in the Book of Mormon, you will read that it was in the first year of the reign of Zedekiah that these prophets came warning the people of the destruction of Jerusalem—Jeremiah was one of those prophets, and the father of this first writer in the Book of Mormon, was one of the prophets who had to flee for his life, chapter 1-18,19,20. Then if you read on you will understand how the Lord visited him and brought him to this land of America 600 years before Christ was born. He also was told that in 600 years the Messiah would be born. As I examined the Bible I looked up the time of the reign of Zedekiah and read the prophesy concern-

ing those prophets and how they tallied up, my mind became blessed and I began to read the Book of Mormon or the record of these people who left Jerusalem kept, and the wonderful experience they had. Then later on I read in the Second Kings concerning this Zedekiah and his family, but in reading I find where one of his sons came here with another group of people, so he must have been among those who escaped. Second Kings verse 4. How wonderful those things convinced me of the truth of the record of these people who were found on this land by Columbus. In reading in First Nephi 3rd chapter, the Lord spoke to Lehi, the father, to return to Jerusalem and get the record of history of his people there—so after a great struggle, his sons obtained the record. When they brought them to Lehi he found that he was a descendant of Joseph who was sold into Egypt many years ago. Now Joseph was one of the sons of Jacob—of the House of Israel—Lehi was perhaps among those who stayed with Judah in Jerusalem, but at the time of Zedekiah's reign was one of the prophets who was sent to warn the people as in the scripture already referred to. God led Lehi and others to this land that He might preserve a remnant of Joseph—But a remnant of Judah has always remained in Jerusalem. Lehi received many revelations and prophecies concerning his children and their future condition. He too was commanded to keep a record of his life, and he commanded his children to keep the record after him, which they did for many hundred years, handing it down from one to another until wickedness became so great with wars, and destruction that one of the prophets was commanded by the Lord to hide the plates which the history was kept on in the ground. These plates contain the appearing of the Messiah on this land, during the 40 days after the resurrection.

His visits and teachings are wonderful. During His life He set up His Church in Jerusalem, also when He visited here on the land He did the same thing—taught the same Gospel and the same plan of Salvation. But after many years we read of the death of the Apostles and His followers, and in the writings of Paul and others, they

tell of the falling-away, or the Church drifting away from the true Gospel that Christ had set up. Paul says that grievous wolves would enter in among them hardly sparing the flock. Now can we see that the Church which Jesus set up, did not remain the same through these years? Did not man change the ordinances that Jesus gave? He said: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved but he that believeth not shall be damned." For how many years do we read in history that the plan of salvation was kept? It was not very long until the baptism of infants was practiced. Can infants believe? Are they capable of repenting and believing the words spoken by the Saviour?

Now Israel was scattered all over the world—Judah's remnant in Palestine, Joseph's on this continent. The ten tribes lost or unknown to man. But John the apostle of Jesus was cast on the isle of Patmos for the testimony of Jesus, and he was shown the present and the future of time. In Revelations he sees the condition of the churches and their future, also he sees an angel flying through the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to them who dwell on the earth—read Revelations 14-6, 7. If the everlasting Gospel still remained on the earth, why would an angel have to come?—Until 1823 had any one ever experienced the visit of the angel as described by John? But an angel did appear to Joseph Smith and reveal to him where the Lord had the prophet on his land hide the records. The angel showed him where to find them and we have the proof of this finding, in what is called the Book of Mormon, or the history of the ancient inhabitants on the land. This angel restored the true gospel and gave the authority to administer in the ordinances of the gospel, even as Jesus taught them while on the earth. This angel was the prophet who had hid up the records—and the angels appearance was witnessed by three witnesses who bore testimony to it. We have the testimony of these three men and we know they are true. Since Israel was, and is the covenant people of God or the ones to whom God made the promises, have been scattered after they rejected the Messiah, and His teach-

ings; He again has set His hand to restore them. In what way can He bring them into His favor again? Only by them accepting His Gospel. Did He accept the gospels as preached down through these years? If so, why have they not enlightened the House of Israel concerning their gathering? Therefore, the scripture says that Ephraim will be the first born. Ephraim was the second son of Joseph. And his descendants on this land are of Joseph. That is why we are interested in the Indian people on this land. The restored gospel—the true plan of salvation is the only way to enlighten their minds as to who they are, and this record brought forth reveals to them the great work of God in gathering of the house of Israel in these the last days. To me, the gathering of Israel is a wonderful work, and as Gentiles, we have been favored by the Lord to live in this age when the gospel was restored by the Angel of God, and we were given the privilege to obey it. Now we understand the Bible to be the stick of Judah, and the Book of Mormon to be the stick of Ephraim, which are spoken of in the 37th chapter of Ezekiel 16 and 17th verses.

To me, this has been a wonderful blessing to understand as much as I do of the great work of these last days, and to know why we need not only the Bible but also the Book of Mormon.

I hope through my experience in searching out these things, and by writing them may help some one else to understand, and search them out for themselves, and if they do, I know they will be able to say they too know that the Restored Gospel is true.

Sadie B. Cadman

NOTE: Bro. W. H. Cadman has been delegated to go to Nigeria, Africa due to a request of a group of 52 churches, who wish to become affiliated with this church. At this date, Nov. 26th, we are making preparations to go. Bro. Cadman made a choice of one of two brothers to go with him, Bro. Paul D'Amico or Bro. J. Bittinger. Bro. Bittinger has decided to go. Bro. J. Shazer volunteered to go should neither of these brethren be able to go. Either one of these three is very agreeable to me. Bro. Cadman.