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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-